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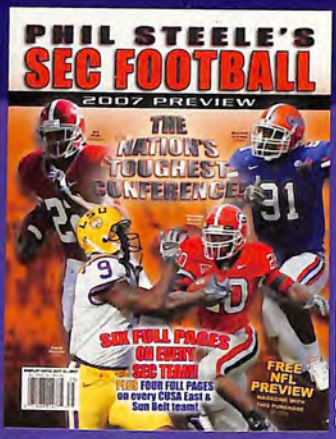
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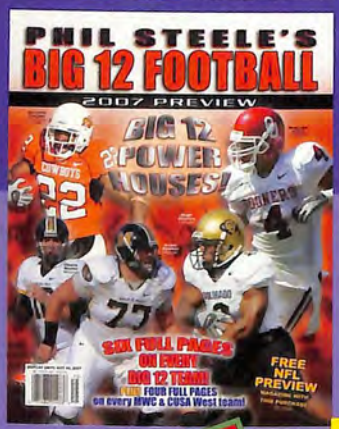
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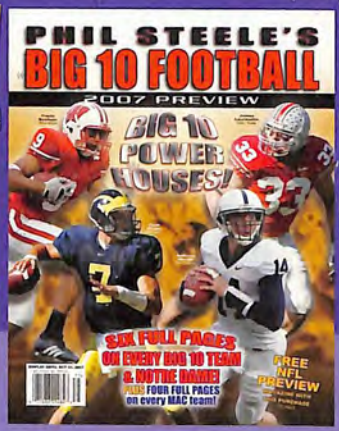
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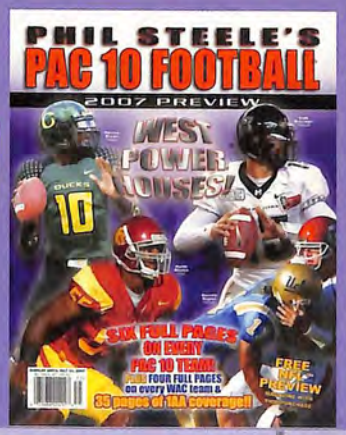
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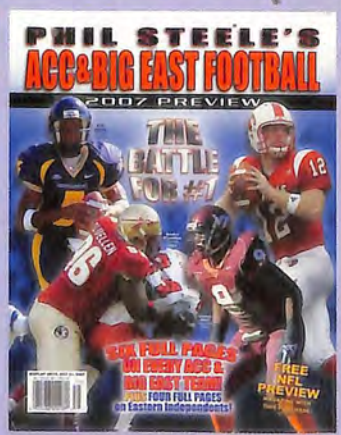
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THE MOST COMPLETE COLLEGE PREVIEW I KNOW YOU WILL AGREE!

Welcome to the 14th edition of my College Football Preview. In the back of the magazine I have the questionnaire form and each year I read through each one of the thousands that are sent back. I want to thank everyone who returned one and really would like to thank everyone for their very nice comments. Those comments keep me going during the long hours of "magazine season" from January through May. I keep adding features thanks, in part, to the questionnaires that YOU have filled out.

In 2004 I added the Power Poll and Top 119 ratings after reading the questionnaires. Also due to your requests I have added jersey numbers for players in the Projected Starting Lineups and have included each school's career passing, rushing and receiving leaders. The last 2 years we added how each team ranked during the season the last 5 years when the teams met. This year we added some new things including the attendance for all of last year's games. The magazine has come a long way from the one page on each team provided in the 1st edition!

In 2006 we added the website www.philsteele.com. Last year we improved it tenfold (and increased it even more this year) and if there is any type of football information you would like to see updated during the year, let us know and we will try to have it up there! After I write the magazine in May there are always numerous players who get injured, suspended or quit over the summer. I will have a complete list of those players online as well so you can update your magazine (I circle the players that are gone in mine). My magazine has limited pages but the website is unlimited and I want to make it similar to having 120 different FBS (IA) media guides rolled into one, PLUS information on the FCS (IAA) and NFL!

There are some fine preseason magazines out there, like The Sporting News, Athlon, Lindy's, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan and ESPN. Magazines in this class usually use numerous writers from around the country to analyze each school or conference. As always, I have written EVERY single team preview myself. I do not know of any other magazine that has as MUCH information as my College Football Preview. Please check out the two full pages crammed with information on each team and see if you agree.

I am very pleased to report that we are the most accurate magazine over the past 9 years (see page 306). This is now the 4th year since I started the Regional magazines and now have five: SEC, Big XII, Big Ten, Pac-10 and the ACC/Big East Conferences (see pg 26). The Regional Magazines have SIX FULL pages for each team in the conference and each contains a non-BCS conference i.e. Pac-10 (WAC), Big Ten (MAC), etc. The Pac-10 also contains a FCS (IAA) guide which we have expanded again this year to a HALF PAGE on each team! Make sure to check out page 325 for details on how you can receive my Pro Football Preview Magazine ABSOLUTELY FREE!!

You will notice there is a lot of small type and abbreviations in the write-ups. This is done so I can put as much information in this magazine as possible. Refer to the glossary on page 3 if you need assistance with some of the abbreviations. We also have an index on page 3, so you can find your favorite team quickly. In each conference the teams are listed in projected order of finish.

I would like to thank my dad, Hank, who passed away in 1989. He instilled in me a hard work ethic and a passion for football, which will always be my favorite sport. He is a true inspiration. Also I want to thank my mother, Mary, who has invested many hours and prayers into the business.

In closing, I hope you are as excited about this magazine as I am. I want the 2009 version to be even better. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how I can improve this magazine, please fill out the questionnaire on page 326. I will try to incorporate all of your good ideas into next year's magazine. You can order the 2009 version early, directly through our office or online at www.philsteele.com. The Preview will sell for $8.95 and if you order before March 1, 2009, I will pick up the cost of the shipping. Call us at 1-866-918-7711 to order today.

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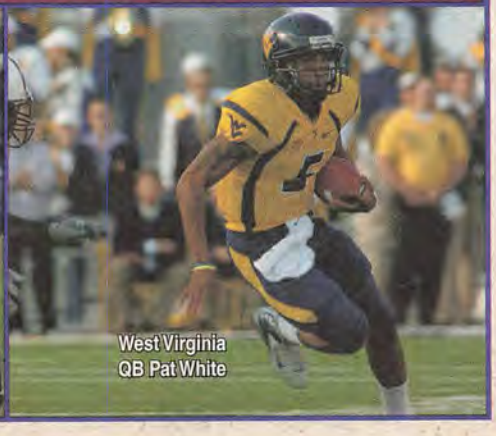
QB Tim Tebow

Ohio St
RB Beanie Wells



West Virginia
QB Pat White

2008 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

For more Projected Bowl Matchups check out page 16.

BCS NATIONAL TITLE

Dolphin Stadium
Miami, FL
January 8, 2009
Ohio St vs Florida

BCS NATIONAL TITLE LAST 2 YEARS

2007 LSU 38 Ohio St 24
2006 Florida 41 Ohio St 14

FIESTA BOWL

University of Phoenix Stadium
Glendale, AZ
January 5, 2009
Oklahoma vs USF

FIESTA BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 West Virginia 48 Oklahoma 28
2006 Boise St 43 Oklahoma 42 (OT)
2005 Ohio St 34 Notre Dame 20
2004 Utah 35 Pittsburgh 7
2003 Ohio St 35 Kansas St 28
2002 Ohio St 31 Miami, Fl 24 (2OT)

GATOR BOWL

Jacksonville Municipal Stadium
Jacksonville, FL
January 1, 2009
Notre Dame vs Florida St

GATOR BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Texas Tech 31 Virginia 28
2006 West Virginia 38 Georiga Tech 35
2005 Virginia Tech 35 Louisville 24
2004 Florida St 30 West Virginia 18
2003 Maryland 41 West Virginia 7
2002 NC State 28 Notre Dame 6

INSIGHT BOWL

Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, AZ
December 31, 2008
Oklahoma St vs Northwestern

INSIGHT BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Oklahoma St 49 Indiana 33
2006 Texas Tech 44 Minnesota 41 (OT)
2005 Arizona St 45 Rutgers 40
2004 Oregon St 38 Notre Dame 21
2003 California 52 Virginia Tech 49
2002 Pittsburgh 38 Oregon St 13

SUN BOWL

Sun Bowl Stadium
El Paso, TX
December 31, 2008
Kansas vs Oregon

SUN BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Oregon 56 USF 21
2006 Oregon St 39 Missouri 38
2005 UCLA 50 Northwestern 38
2004 Arizona St 27 Purdue 23
2003 Minnesota 31 Oregon 30
2002 Purdue 34 Washington 24

MUSIC CITY BOWL

LP Field
Nashville, TN
December 31, 2008
Miami, FL vs Mississippi

MUSIC CITY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Kentucky 35 Florida St 28
2006 Kentucky 28 Clemson 20
2005 Virginia 34 Minnesota 31
2004 Minnesota 20 Alabama 16
2003 Auburn 28 Wisconsin 14
2002 Minnesota 29 Arkansas 14

ROSE BOWL

Rose Bowl
Pasadena, CA
January 1, 2009
USC vs Penn St

ROSE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 USC 49 Illinois 17
2006 USC 32 Michigan 18
2005 Texas 41 USC 38
2004 Texas 38 Michigan 37
2003 USC 28 Michigan 14
2002 Oklahoma 34 Washington St 14

SUGAR BOWL

Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, LA
January 2, 2009
Georgia vs West Virginia

SUGAR BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Georgia 41 Hawaii 10
2006 LSU 41 Notre Dame 14
2005 West Virginia 38 Georgia 35
2004 Auburn 16 Virginia Tech 13
2003 LSU 21 Oklahoma 14
2002 Georgia 26 Florida St 13

COTTON BOWL

Cotton Bowl
Dallas, TX
January 2, 2009
Texas Tech vs LSU

COTTON BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Missouri 38 Arkansas 7
2006 Auburn 17 Nebraska 14
2005 Alabama 13 Texas Tech 10
2004 Tennessee 38 Texas A&M 7
2003 Mississippi 31 Oklahoma St 28
2002 Texas 35 LSU 20

CHICK-fil-A BOWL

Georgia Dome
Atlanta, GA
December 31, 2008
Virginia Tech vs Alabama

FORMER PEACH BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Auburn 23 Clemson 20 (OT)
2006 Georgia 31 Virginia Tech 24
2005 LSU 40 Miami, Fl 3
2004 Miami, Fl 27 Florida 10
2003 Clemson 27 Tennessee 14
2002 Maryland 30 Tennessee 3

HOLIDAY BOWL

Qualcomm Stadium
San Diego, CA
December 30, 2008
California vs Texas

HOLIDAY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Texas 52 Arizona St 34
2006 California 45 Texas A&M 10
2005 Oklahoma 17 Oregon 14
2004 Texas Tech 45 California 31
2003 Washington St 28 Texas 20
2002 Kansas St 34 Arizona St 27

MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL

Bank of America Stadium
Charlotte, NC
December 27, 2008
Louisville vs Wake Forest

MEINEKE CARE CARE BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2007 Wake Forest 24 Connecticut 10
2006 Boston College 25 Navy 24
2005 NC State 14 USF 0
2004 Boston College 37 North Carolina 24
2003 Virginia 23 Pittsburgh 16

ORANGE BOWL

Dolphin Stadium
Miami, FL
January 1, 2009
Clemson vs Missouri

ORANGE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Kansas 24 Virginia Tech 21
2006 Louisville 24 Wake Forest 13
2005 Penn St 26 Florida St 23 (3OT)
2004 USC 55 Oklahoma 19
2003 Miami, Fl 16 Florida St 14
2002 USC 38 Iowa 17

CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, FL
January 1, 2009
Wisconsin vs Auburn

CAPITAL ONE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Michigan 41 Florida 35
2006 Wisconsin 17 Arkansas 14
2005 Wisconsin 24 Auburn 10
2004 Iowa 30 LSU 25
2003 Georgia 34 Purdue 27 (OT)
2002 Auburn 13 Penn St 9

OUTBACK BOWL

Raymond James Stadium
Tampa, FL
January 1, 2009
Iowa vs South Carolina

OUTBACK BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Tennessee 21 Wisconsin 17
2006 Penn St 20 Tennessee 10
2005 Florida 31 Iowa 24
2004 Georgia 24 Wisconsin 21
2003 Iowa 37 Florida 17
2002 Michigan 38 Florida 30

LIBERTY BOWL

Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium
Memphis, TN
January 2, 2009
Tulsa vs Tennessee

LIBERTY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Mississippi St 10 UCF 3
2006 South Carolina 44 Houston 36
2005 Tulsa 31 Fresno St 24
2004 Louisville 44 Boise St 40
2003 Utah 17 Southern Miss 0
2002 TCU 17 Colorado St 3

ALAMO BOWL

Alamodome
San Antonio, TX
December 29, 2008
Michigan vs Nebraska

ALAMO BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Penn St 24 Texas A&M 17
2006 Texas 26 Iowa 24
2005 Nebraska 32 Michigan 28
2004 Ohio St 33 Oklahoma St 7
2003 Nebraska 17 Michigan St 3
2002 Wisconsin 31 Colorado 28

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, FL
December 27, 2008
North Carolina vs Illinois

CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Boston College 24 Michigan St 21
2006 Maryland 24 Purdue 7
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2002 Texas Tech 55 Clemson 15

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AA	All American	FD	First Down	JC	Junior College	OC	Offensive Coordinator	RG	Road Game(s)	TOP	Time of Possession
AC	All Conference	FF	Forced Fumble	JR	Junior	OG	Offensive Guard	ROV	Rover	TO	Turnovers
ACL	Anterior Cruciate Ligament	FG	Field Goal	JUCO	Junior College Transfer	OL	Offensive Line/O-Line	RS	Return Specialist	TO	Timeout
AD	Athletic Director	FHG	Final Home Game	JV	Junior Varsity	OLB	Outside Linebacker	RS	Redshirt Frosh	TPG	Tackles Per Game
AG	Away Game	FL	Flanker	KD	Knockdown for an OL	OOB	Out of Bounds	RT	Right Tackle	TRANS	Transfer
AVG	Average	FMBL	Fumble	K/P	Kicker/Punter	OT	OffensiveTackle	RZ	Red Zone	TRUE	True Frosh
B2B	Back-to-Back	FR	Freshman/Fumble Rec	KO	Kickoff	OT	Overtime	S	Safety	TTL	Total
BAN	Bandit	FS	Free Safety	KO'd	Knocked-Out	PBU	Passes Broken Up	SB	Slotback	TY	This Year
BF	Body Fat	GL	Goal Line	KR	Kick Return	PD	Passes Defended (pbu+int)	SE	Split End	UFA	Undrafted Free Agent
C	Center	GS	Grayshirt	L	1L,2L,3L,4L (letters earned)	PEN	Penalty	SK	Sack/SKS-Sacks	VHT	Very Highly Touted (Top Recruit)
CB	Cornerback	GTD	Game Time Decision	LB	Linebacker	POG	Player of the Game	SO	Sophomore	VL	Vertical Leap
CCH	Coach	GW	Game-Winning	LS	Long Snapper	POW	Player of the Week	SOD	Stopped on Downs	WR	Wide Receiver
CONV	Conversion	HB	Halfback/H-Back	LT	Left Tackle	POY	Player of the Year	SPD	Speed	XP	Extra Point
DC	Draft Choice	HC	Homecoming	LW	Last Week	PPG	Points Per Game	SPG	Spring	XPNG	Extra Point No Good
DC	Def Coordinator	HC	Head Coach	LY	Last Year	PQ	Partial Qualifier	SR	Senior	YD	Yard/YDS-Yards
DD	Double Digit	HG	Home Game	MCL	Medial Collateral Ligament	PR	Punt Return	SS	Strong Safety	YPC	Yards per Carry/Catch
DE	Defensive End	HM	Honorable Mention	Med RS	Medical Redshirt	PS#	Phil's ranking out of HS	SSN	Season	YPG	Yards per Game
DL	Defensive Line/D-Line	HS	High School	MLB	Middle Linebacker	PSL	Projected Starting Lineup	ST	Special Teams	YPP	Yards per Point/Punt
DNL	Did Not Letter	HT	Highly Touted Athlete	MIP	Most Improved Player	PT	Playing time	ST/ST'R	Starts/Starters	YPR	Yards per Return
DNP	Did Not Play	ILB	Inside Linebacker	MOV	Margin Of Victory	QB	Quarterback	SU	Straight Up	1H	1st Half, (2H) 2nd Half
DNQ	Did Not Qualify	INC	Incomplete	NB	Nickel Back	QBH	Quarterback hurries	TB	Tailback/Touchback	1Q	1st Quarter (2Q, 3Q, 4Q)
DS	Deep Snapper	INCL	Including	NG	Nose Guard	RB	Running Back	TD	Touchdown	2PT	2 point conversion
DT	Defensive Tackle	INEL	Ineligible	NL	No Line	REC	Receiver/Reception(s)	TE	Tight End	2PTNG	2 point conversion no good
EZ	End Zone	INT	Interception	NOR	Not on roster	RET	Return	TFL	Tackle For Loss	†	Neutral Site
FB	Fullback	IB	I-back (running back)	NT	Nose Tackle	RFR	Redshirt Frosh	TKL	Tackles	'	Half

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 PRESEASON OFFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
QB	Tim Tebow, Florida	Pat White, West Virginia	Curtis Painter, Purdue	Chase Daniel, Missouri
RB	Beanie Wells, Ohio St	James Davis, Clemson	Marlon Lucky, Nebraska	Javarris James, Miami,Fl
RB	Knowshon Moreno, Georgia	Ian Johnson, Boise St	Javon Ringer, Michigan St	Arian Foster, Tennessee
WR	Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech	Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St	Aaron Kelly, Clemson	Patrick Turner, USC
WR	Darrius Heyward-Bey, Maryland	Demetrius Byrd, LSU	Brandon Gibson, Wash St	Brian Robiskie, Ohio St
WR	Percy Harvin, Florida	Greg Carr, Florida St	Jaison Williams, Oregon	Jarett Dillard, Rice
TE	Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma	Travis Beckum, Wisconsin	Chase Coffman, Missouri	Cornelius Ingram, Florida
C	Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas	Max Unger, Oregon	Alex Mack, California	Eric Wood, Louisville
G	Duke Robinson, Oklahoma	Anthony Parker, Tennessee	Steve Rehring, Ohio St	Sergio Render, Virginia Tech
G	Herman Johnson, LSU	Louis Vasquez, Texas Tech	Jeremy Perry, Oregon St	Kraig Urbik, Wisconsin
T	Alex Boone, Ohio St	Phil Loadholt, Oklahoma	Ciron Black, LSU	Sean Sester, Purdue
T	Andre Smith, Alabama	Michael Oher, Mississippi	Sam Young, Notre Dame	Dallas Reynolds, BYU
K	Jose Martinez, UTEP	Sam Swank, Wake Forest	Thomas Weber, Arizona St	Kai Forbath, UCLA
KR	Marcus Herford, Kansas	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	AJ Wallace, Penn St	Max Suter, Syracuse

PHIL'S TOP 62 QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Tim Tebow	Florida	Jr	6-3	232
2.	Curtis Painter	Purdue	Sr	6-4	230
3.	Chase Daniel	Missouri	Sr	6-0	225
4.	Cullen Harper	Clemson	Sr	6-4	220
5.	Graham Harrell	Texas Tech	Sr	6-3	203
6.	Matthew Stafford	Georgia	Jr	6-3	237
7.	Todd Boeckman	Ohio State	Sr	6-4	244
8.	Sam Bradford	Oklahoma	So	6-5	213
9.	Rudy Carpenter	Arizona St	Sr	6-2	202
10.	Chase Holbrook	N Mexico St	Sr	6-5	240
11.	Dan LeFevour	C Michigan	Jr	6-3	226
12.	Hunter Cantwell	Louisville	Sr	6-5	236
13.	Pat White	W Virginia	Sr	6-2	185
14.	Nate Davis	Ball St	Jr	6-2	217
15.	Colt McCoy	Texas	Jr	6-3	210
16.	Willie Tuitama	Arizona	Sr	6-3	220
17.	Mark Sanchez	USC	Jr	6-3	225
18.	Rusty Smith	Florida Atl	Jr	6-5	212
19.	Jake Locker	Washington	So	6-3	225
20.	Max Hall	BYU	Jr	6-1	201
21.	Drew Weatherford	Florida St	Sr	6-3	216
22.	Tom Brandstater	Fresno St	Sr	6-5	220
23.	Kevin Riley	California	So	6-2	224
24.	Nate Longshore	California	Sr	6-5	233
25.	Kellen Lewis	Indiana	Jr	6-1	185
26.	Jimmy Clausen	Notre Dame	So	6-3	207
27.	Ben Olson	UCLA	Sr	6-4	235
28.	John Parker Wilson	Alabama	Sr	6-2	213
29.	Jonathan Crompton	Tennessee	Jr	6-4	220
30.	Colin Kaepernick	Nevada	So	6-6	215
31.	Stephen McGee	Texas A&M	Sr	6-3	207
32.	Mitch Mustain	USC	So	6-3	205
33.	Juice Williams	Illinois	Jr	6-2	233
34.	Matt Grothe	USF	Jr	6-0	213
35.	Sean Glennon	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-4	223
36.	Mike Teel	Rutgers	Sr	6-4	220
37.	Josh Freeman	Kansas St	Jr	6-6	250
38.	Tyler Sheehan	Bowling Green	Jr	6-4	227
39.	Jarrett Brown	W Virginia	Jr	6-4	220
40.	Todd Reesing	Kansas	Jr	5-11	200
41.	Zac Robinson	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-3	205
42.	Chase Clement	Rice	Sr	6-1	208
43.	Trevor Vittatoe	UTEP	So	6-2	215
44.	Justin Willis	SMU	Jr	6-1	210
45.	Tim Hiller	W Michigan	Jr	6-5	228
46.	Brian Johnson	Utah	Sr	6-1	205
47.	Donovan Porterie	New Mexico	Jr	6-3	206
48.	Brian Hoyer	Michigan St	Sr	6-3	212
49.	Riley Skinner	Wake Forest	Jr	6-1	200
50.	Adam Weber	Minnesota	So	6-3	220
51.	Casey Dick	Arkansas	Sr	6-2	215
52.	Tyler Lorenzen	Connecticut	Sr	6-5	222
53.	Pat Bostick	Pittsburgh	So	6-3	200
54.	Tyrod Taylor	Virginia Tech	So	6-1	213
55.	Jevan Snead	Mississippi	So	6-3	215
56.	CJ Bacher	Northwestern	Sr	6-2	210
57.	Josh Portis	Maryland	Jr	6-4	210
58.	Thaddeus Lewis	Duke	Jr	6-2	190
59.	Jake Christensen	Iowa	Jr	6-1	215
60.	Drew Willy	Buffalo	Sr	6-3	209
61.	Kyle Reed	San Jose St	Jr	6-3	215
62.	Andy Schmitt	E Michigan	Jr	6-4	238

PHIL'S TOP 66 RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Beanie Wells	Ohio St	Jr	6-1	237
2.	Knowshon Moreno	Georgia	So	5-11	207
3.	James Davis	Clemson	Sr	5-11	210
4.	Ian Johnson	Boise St	Sr	5-11	195
5.	Marlon Lucky	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	215
6.	Javon Ringer	Michigan St	Sr	5-9	200
7.	Javarris James	Miami, FL	Jr	6-0	214
8.	Arian Foster	Tennessee	Sr	6-1	215
9.	CJ Spiller	Clemson	Jr	5-11	190
10.	DeMarco Murray	Oklahoma	So	6-0	191
11.	LeSean McCoy	Pittsburgh	So	5-11	210
12.	PJ Hill	Wisconsin	Jr	5-11	228
13.	Stafon Johnson	USC	Jr	6-0	210
14.	Emmanuel Moody	Florida	So	5-11	206
15.	Keegan Herring	Arizona St	Sr	5-10	195
16.	Mike Goodson	Texas A&M	Jr	6-0	196
17.	Tyrell Sutton	Northwestern	Sr	5-9	200
18.	Antone Smith	Florida St	Sr	5-9	190
19.	Ben Tate	Auburn	Jr	5-11	215
20.	Keiland Williams	LSU	Jr	5-11	223
21.	Damion Fletcher	S Miss	Jr	5-10	175
22.	Jorvorskie Lane	Texas A&M	Sr	6-0	285
23.	CJ Gable	USC	So	6-1	195
24.	Andre Brown	NC St	Sr	6-0	228
25.	Tarrion Adams	Tulsa	Sr	6-1	200
26.	Harvey Unga	BYU	So	6-0	243
27.	Darrell Mack	Utah	Sr	6-0	219
28.	Rodney Ferguson	New Mexico	Sr	6-0	229
29.	Terry Grant	Alabama	So	5-10	188
30.	James Aldridge	Notre Dame	Jr	6-0	222
31.	Tyrell Fenroy	UL-Lafayette	Sr	5-9	186
32.	Kory Sheets	Purdue	Sr	6-0	206
33.	Eugene Jarvis	Kent St	Jr	5-5	170
34.	Brad Lester	Auburn	Sr	5-11	198
35.	Noel Devine	W Virginia	So	5-8	170
36.	Mike Ford	USF	So	6-2	225
37.	Josh Adams	Wake Forest	So	6-0	180
38.	Cedric Peerman	Virginia	Sr	5-10	208
39.	Jeremiah Johnson	Oregon	Sr	5-10	205
40.	Luke Lippincott	Nevada	Sr	6-2	215
41.	Andre Dixon	Connecticut	Jr	6-1	202
42.	Anthony Dixon	Miss St	Jr	6-1	240
43.	Aaron Brown	TCU	Sr	6-1	196
44.	Evan Royster	Penn St	So	6-1	212
45.	Marcus Thigpen	Indiana	Sr	5-9	199
46.	Reggie Arnold	Arkansas St	Jr	5-9	220
47.	Toney Baker	N Carolina St	Jr	5-10	225
48.	Patrick Jackson	LA Tech	Sr	5-10	193
49.	Carlos Brown	Michigan	Jr	6-0	213
50.	Brandon Minor	Michigan	Jr	6-1	214
51.	Joe McKnight	USC	So	6-0	180
52.	Jake Sharp	Kansas	Jr	5-10	190
53.	Jahvid Best	California	So	5-10	193
54.	Justin Anderson	N Illinois	Jr	5-11	222
55.	Donald Brown	Connecticut	Jr	5-10	208
56.	Kevin Grady	Michigan	Jr	5-9	228
57.	Anthony Turner	Bowling Green	Sr	6-2	227
58.	James Starks	Buffalo	Jr	6-2	210
59.	Justin Hoskins	C Michigan	Sr	5-10	195
60.	Dwight Tardy	Washington St	Jr	5-10	200
61.	Mikell Simpson	Virginia	Jr	6-1	200
62.	Kahlil Bell	UCLA	Sr	6-0	206
63.	Ontario Sneed	C Michigan	Sr	5-11	203
64.	Marcus Sims	Florida St	Jr	6-0	230
65.	Ryan Mathews	Fresno St	So	5-11	205
66.	Charles Scott	LSU	Jr	5-11	221

Georgia
RB Knowshon Moreno

Purdue
QB Curtis Painter

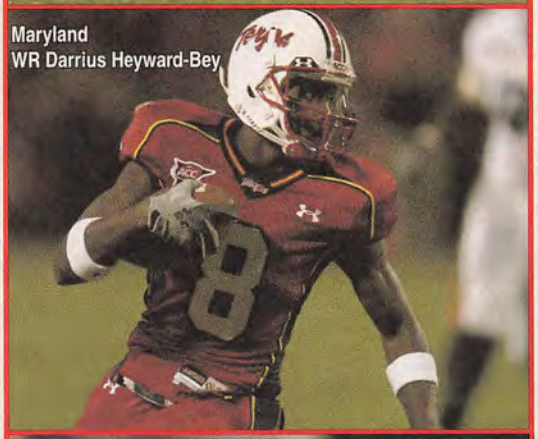
Clemson
QB Cullen Harper

Nebraska
RB Marlon Lucky

Missouri
QB Chase Daniel

Boise St
RB Ian Johnson

Florida
TE Cornelius Ingram

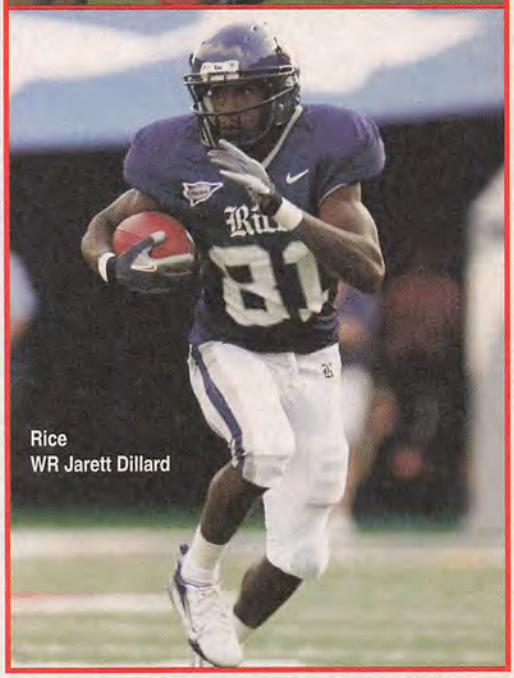

Maryland
WR Darrius Heyward-Bey

Louisville
FB Brock Bolen

PHIL'S TOP 67 WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Michael Crabtree	Texas Tech	So	6-3	208
2.	Darrius Heyward-Bey	Maryland	Jr	6-2	206
3.	Percy Harvin	Florida	Jr	5-11	178
4.	Demetrius Byrd	LSU	Sr	6-2	195
5.	Sammie Stroughter	Oregon St	Sr	6-0	188
6.	Greg Carr	Florida St	Sr	6-6	210
7.	Aaron Kelly	Clemson	Sr	6-5	190
8.	Brandon Gibson	Wash St	Sr	6-1	202
9.	Jaison Williams	Oregon	Sr	6-5	240
10.	Patrick Turner	USC	Sr	6-5	220
11.	Brian Robiskie	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	199
12.	Jeremy Maclin	Missouri	So	6-1	200
13.	Juaquin Iglesias	Oklahoma	Sr	6-1	201
14.	Kenny Britt	Rutgers	Jr	6-4	205
15.	Kenny McKinley	S Carolina	Sr	6-0	182
16.	Brandon LaFell	LSU	Jr	6-3	194
17.	Derrick Williams	Penn St	Sr	6-0	194
18.	Mike Thomas	Arizona	Sr	5-8	195
19.	Jarett Dillard	Rice	Sr	5-11	185
20.	Derek Kinder	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-1	210
21.	Vidal Hazelton	USC	Jr	6-3	210
22.	Greg Mathews	Michigan	Jr	6-3	207
23.	Mike Williams	Syracuse	Jr	6-2	204
24.	Bryan Anderson	C Michigan	Jr	6-5	205
25.	Tiquan Underwood	Rutgers	Sr	6-2	180
26.	Hakeem Nicks	N Carolina	Jr	6-1	210
27.	Greg Orton	Purdue	Sr	6-3	199
28.	Michael Jones	Arizona St	Sr	6-4	203
29.	Preston Parker	Florida St	Jr	6-0	190
30.	Jeremy Childs	Boise St	Jr	6-0	196
31.	Oderick Turner	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-3	200
32.	Eric Decker	Minnesota	Jr	6-2	215
33.	Arrelious Benn	Illinois	So	6-2	214
34.	Mohamed Massaquoi	Georgia	Sr	6-2	198
35.	Quan Cosby	Texas	Sr	5-11	205
36.	Jordan Shipley	Texas	Sr	6-0	195
37.	Brennan Marion	Tulsa	Sr	6-1	185
38.	Emmanuel Sanders	SMU	Jr	6-1	175
39.	Eron Riley	Duke	Sr	6-3	200
40.	Demaryius Thomas	Georgia Tech	So	6-3	229
41.	Brandon Robinson	Boston College	Sr	5-10	194
42.	Duke Calhoun	Memphis	Jr	6-4	195
43.	Lucas Taylor	Tennessee	Sr	6-0	185
44.	Deon Butler	Penn St	Sr	5-10	168
45.	Dante Love	Ball St	Sr	5-10	179
46.	Sam Shields	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-0	180
47.	Dicky Lyons	Kentucky	Sr	5-11	190
48.	Andy Brodell	Iowa	Sr	6-3	200
49.	Chris Williams	N Mexico St	Sr	5-8	157
50.	Ray Small	Ohio St	Jr	5-11	180
51.	Brian Hartline	Ohio St	Jr	6-2	186
52.	Jamar Bryant	E Carolina	Jr	6-2	208
53.	Darius Passmore	Marshall	Sr	6-3	186
54.	Jamarko Simmons	W Michigan	Sr	6-2	234
55.	Carlos Singleton	Memphis	Jr	6-8	215
56.	Marko Mitchell	Nevada	Sr	6-4	200
57.	Ryan Wolfe	UNLV	Jr	6-1	205
58.	David Ausberry	USC	So	6-4	225
59.	Kyle Jefferson	Wisconsin	So	6-5	176
60.	Freddie Barnes	Bowling Green	Jr	6-0	210
61.	Damian Williams	USC	So	6-1	190
62.	Dominick Goodman	Cincinnati	Sr	6-1	218
63.	Dez Bryant	Oklahoma St	So	6-2	210
64.	Duval Kamara	Notre Dame	So	6-5	222
65.	Jordan Norwood	Penn St	Sr	5-11	171
66.	Mike Wallace	Mississippi	Sr	6-0	180
67.	Rodgerigus Smith	Auburn	Sr	6-0	196

Wisconsin
TE Travis Beckum


Rice
WR Jarett Dillard

PHIL'S TOP 41 TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Jermaine Gresham	Oklahoma	Jr	6-6	250
2.	Travis Beckum	Wisconsin	Sr	6-4	223
3.	Chase Coffman	Missouri	Sr	6-6	245
4.	Cornelius Ingram	Florida	Sr	6-4	223
5.	Ryan Purvis	Boston College	Sr	6-4	258
6.	Cody Slate	Marshall	Jr	6-4	220
7.	Darius Hill	Ball St	Sr	6-6	236
8.	Andrew Quarless	Penn St	Jr	6-5	250
9.	Brandon Pettigrew	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-6	260
10.	Rob Gronkowski	Arizona	So	6-6	260
11.	Dennis Pitta	BYU	Jr	6-5	250
12.	Kory Sperry	Colorado St	Sr	6-6	254
13.	Shawn Nelson	Southern Miss	Sr	6-5	240
14.	Anthony Hill	NC State	Sr	6-6	265
15.	Richard Dickson	LSU	Jr	6-3	237
16.	Bear Pascoe	Fresno St	Sr	6-5	260
17.	Tony Moeaki	Iowa	Sr	6-4	255
18.	Ed Dickson	Oregon	Jr	6-5	240
19.	Nate Byham	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-3	245
20.	Tripp Chandler	Georgia	Sr	6-6	263
21.	Logan Paulsen	UCLA	Sr	6-6	252
22.	Mike Ragone	Notre Dame	So	6-5	230
23.	Jared Cook	S Carolina	Jr	6-5	242
24.	Garrett Graham	Wisconsin	Jr	6-4	241
25.	Sam Wheeler	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	269
26.	James Casey	Rice	So	6-4	245
27.	Jeff Cumberland	Illinois	Jr	6-5	247
28.	Jeron Mastrud	Kansas St	Jr	6-6	259
29.	Branden Ledbetter	W Michigan	Sr	6-5	230
30.	Nick Walker	Alabama	Sr	6-5	255
31.	Jason Harmon	Florida Atlantic	Sr	6-3	210
32.	Riar Geer	Colorado	Jr	6-4	250
33.	Zeek Zacharie	ULM	Sr	6-3	240
34.	Tommy Trott	Auburn	Jr	6-5	251
35.	Aaron Hernandez	Florida	So	6-3	250
36.	Jim Dray	Stanford	Jr	6-5	255
37.	Shae Reagan	TCU	Sr	6-4	261
38.	Jake Ballard	Ohio St	Jr	6-6	256
39.	Steve Brouse	Connecticut	Sr	6-4	252
40.	Rory Nicol	Ohio St	Sr	6-5	252
41.	Jack Simmons	Minnesota	Sr	6-4	240

PHIL'S TOP 25 FULLBACKS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Conredge Collins	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-0	230
2.	Chris Pressley	Wisconsin	Sr	6-1	259
3.	Stanley Havili	USC	So	6-1	225
4.	Brock Bolen	Louisville	Sr	6-0	238
5.	Fui Vakapuna	BYU	Sr	6-1	245
6.	Brannan Southerland	Georgia	Sr	6-0	240
7.	Charles Clay	Tulsa	So	6-3	222
8.	Asaph Schwapp	Notre Dame	Jr	6-0	261
9.	Chane Moline	UCLA	Jr	6-1	236
10.	Rich Belton	Wake Forest	Sr	6-1	259
11.	Cory Jackson	Maryland	Jr	6-1	245
12.	Eric Kettani	Navy	Sr	6-1	233
13.	Cordera Eason	Mississippi	Jr	5-10	224
14.	Brody Eldridge	Oklahoma	Jr	6-5	258
15.	Matt Quillen	New Mexico	Sr	6-0	250
16.	Rashawn Jackson	Virginia	Jr	6-1	253
17.	Dan Lawlor	Penn St	Sr	6-2	244
18.	Seddrick Holloway	Florida St	Jr	5-10	247
19.	Luke Schmidt	Notre Dame	So	6-4	248
20.	Jason Cook	Mississippi	Sr	5-11	248
21.	Tielor Robinson	Duke	Sr	5-11	245
22.	Brandon King	Duke	Jr	6-2	260
23.	Will Ta'ufo'ou	California	Sr	5-11	253
24.	Earl Mitchell	Arizona	Jr	6-2	280
25.	Chris Smith	TCU	Jr	5-11	231

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The Heisman is frequently awarded to a running back or a quarterback and very few players have won the trophy playing at a different position. Charles Woodson is the only primarily defensive player to win the award, doing so as a defensive back for Michigan in 1997. No interior lineman on either side of the ball has ever won the award, although offensive guard Tom Brown of Minnesota and offensive tackle John Hicks of Ohio State placed second in 1960 and 1973, respectively, and defensive end Hugh Green of Pittsburgh finished second in 1980.

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1988	RB	Barry Sanders	JR	Oklahoma State
1989	QB	Andre Ware	JR	Houston
1990	QB	Ty Detmer	JR	Brigham Young
1991	WR	Desmond Howard	JR	Michigan
1992	QB	Gino Torretta	SR	Miami (Fla)
1993	QB	Charlie Ward	SR	Florida State
1994	RB	Rashaan Salaam	JR	Colorado
1995	RB	Eddie George	SR	Ohio State
1996	QB	Danny Wuerffel	SR	Florida
1997	CB	Charles Woodson	JR	Michigan
1998	RB	Ricky Williams	SR	Texas
1999	RB	Ron Dayne	SR	Wisconsin
2000	QB	Chris Weinke	SR	Florida State
2001	QB	Eric Crouch	SR	Nebraska
2002	QB	Carson Palmer	SR	USC
2003	QB	Jason White	JR	Oklahoma
2004	QB	Matt Leinart	JR	USC
2005	RB	Reggie Bush	JR	USC
2006	QB	Troy Smith	SR	Ohio State

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1973	John Hicks	Ohio State	1992	Marvin Jones	Florida State
1974	Randy White	Maryland	1993	Aaron Taylor	Notre Dame
1975	Lee Roy Selmon	Oklahoma	1994	Warren Sapp	Miami, FL
1976	Wilson Whitley	Houston	1995	Orlando Pace	Ohio State
1977	Ross Browner	Notre Dame	1996	Orlando Pace	Ohio State
1978	Bruce Clark	Penn State	1997	Grant Wistrom	Nebraska
1979	Brad Budde	USC	1998	Dat Nguyen	Texas A&M
1980	Hugh Green	Pittsburgh	1999	Corey Moore	Virginia Tech
1981	Kenneth Sims	Texas	2000	Jamal Reynolds	Florida State
1982	Dave Rimington	Nebraska	2001	Julius Peppers	North Carolina
1983	Dean Steinkuhler	Nebraska	2002	Terrell Suggs	Arizona State
1984	Tony Degrate	Texas	2003	Tommie Harris	Oklahoma
1985	Tony Casillas	Oklahoma	2004	David Pollack	Georgia
1986	Cornelius Bennett	Alabama	2005	A.J. Hawk	Ohio State
1987	Chris Spielman	Ohio State	2006	LaMarr Woodley	Michigan
1988	Tracy Rocker	Auburn			

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PHIL'S TOP 40 CENTERS

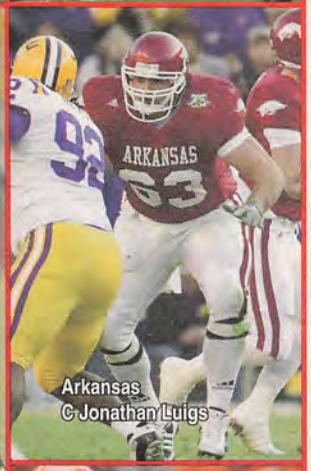
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Jonathan Luigs	Arkansas	Sr	6-4	314
2.	Max Unger	Oregon	Sr	6-5	300
3.	Alex Mack	California	Sr	6-5	316
4.	Eric Wood	Louisville	Sr	6-4	309
5.	Antoine Caldwell	Alabama	Sr	6-3	292
6.	Josh McNeil	Tennessee	Jr	6-4	280
7.	AQ Shipley	Penn St	Sr	6-1	297
8.	Brett Helms	LSU	Sr	6-2	283
9.	Edwin Williams	Maryland	Sr	6-3	315
10.	Thomas Austin	Clemson	Jr	6-3	315
11.	Ryan McDonald	Illinois	Sr	6-5	296
12.	Alex Fletcher	Stanford	Sr	6-3	298
13.	David Washington	Oklahoma St	Sr	6-3	305
14.	Rafael Eubanks	Iowa	Jr	6-3	285
15.	Jim Cordle	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	297
16.	John Estes	Hawaii	Jr	6-2	290
17.	Ryan McMahon	Florida St	So	6-3	274
18.	Kristofer O'Dowd	USC	So	6-5	300
19.	Jon Cooper	Oklahoma	Sr	6-2	285
20.	Robby Felix	UTEP	Sr	6-3	295
21.	Matt Tennant	Boston College	Jr	6-4	284
22.	Chris Hall	Texas	Jr	6-4	300
23.	Maurkice Pouncey	Florida	So	6-5	312
24.	Blake Schlueter	TCU	Sr	6-3	272
25.	Alex Derenthal	Temple	Sr	6-4	294
26.	Juan Garcia	Washington	Sr	6-3	315
27.	Daniel Sanders	Colorado	Sr	6-3	325
28.	John Moffitt	Wisconsin	So	6-4	317
29.	Tom Sorensen	BYU	Jr	6-5	306
30.	Kenny Alfred	Wash St	Jr	6-2	300
31.	Shawn Byrnes	Texas Tech	Jr	6-4	303
32.	Dan Wenger	Notre Dame	So	6-4	287
33.	Dominic Green	Nevada	Sr	6-3	295
34.	Blake Kerley	Arizona	Jr	6-2	285
35.	Mike Dent	W Virginia	Sr	6-4	285
36.	Austin Wilkinson	Rice	Sr	6-2	275
37.	Ryan Blaszczyk	Rutgers	Jr	6-4	285
38.	Ryan Shuman	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-3	313
39.	Jody Whaley	Tulsa	Jr	6-3	311
40.	Dan Gerberry	Ball St	Sr	6-3	292

PHIL'S TOP 23 KICKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Jose Martinez	UTEP	Sr	5-10	200
2.	Sam Swank	Wake Forest	Sr	6-2	206
3.	Thomas Weber	Arizona St	So	6-1	205
4.	Kai Forbath	UCLA	So	6-0	197
5.	Swayze Waters	UAB	Sr	6-0	170
6.	Austin Starr	Indiana	Sr	6-3	204
7.	Louie Sakoda	Utah	Sr	5-10	178
8.	Leigh Tiffin	Alabama	Jr	6-1	198
9.	Jeff Wolfert	Missouri	Sr	6-2	185
10.	Ryan Succop	S Carolina	Sr	6-3	224
11.	Ryan Harrison	Air Force	Sr	6-1	180
12.	Tony Ciaravino	Connecticut	Sr	6-2	225
13.	David Buehler	USC	Sr	6-2	225
14.	Ryan Bailey	Texas	Sr	6-2	205
15.	Kevin Kelly	Penn St	Sr	5-7	164
16.	Daniel Lincoln	Tennessee	So	6-0	204
17.	Jason Bondzio	Arizona	Sr	5-9	165
18.	Colt David	LSU	Sr	5-9	175
19.	Dan Kelly	Hawaii	Sr	6-3	210
20.	Ryan Pretorius	Ohio State	Sr	5-9	169
21.	Jarod Tracy	Tulsa	Sr	6-0	165
22.	Nate Reed	Kent St	Jr	5-8	178
23.	Patrick Shadle	Syracuse	Sr	5-8	209

PHIL'S TOP 60 GUARDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Duke Robinson	Oklahoma	Sr	6-5	330
2.	Herman Johnson	LSU	Sr	6-7	351
3.	Anthony Parker	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	300
4.	Louis Vasquez	Texas Tech	Sr	6-6	335
5.	Steve Rehring	Ohio St	Sr	6-7	335
6.	Jeremy Perry	Oregon St	Sr	6-2	334
7.	Kraig Urbik	Wisconsin	Sr	6-6	328
8.	Sergio Render	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-4	324
9.	John Jerry	Mississippi	Jr	6-5	350
10.	Cedric Dockery	Texas	Sr	6-4	320
11.	Matt Slauson	Nebraska	Sr	6-5	325
12.	Jim Tartt	Florida	Sr	6-3	300
13.	Roland Martin	Michigan St	Sr	6-5	325
14.	Greg Isdaner	W Virginia	Jr	6-4	315
15.	Nick Marshman	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-5	357
16.	Curtis Crouch	NC State	Sr	6-5	324
17.	Paul Fanaika	Arizona St	Sr	6-6	354
18.	Jeff Byers	USC	Sr	6-4	285
19.	Andy Kemp	Wisconsin	Sr	6-6	316
20.	Seth Olsen	Iowa	Sr	6-5	305
21.	Jacques McClendon	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	320
22.	Dan Doering	Iowa	Jr	6-6	300
23.	Rich Ohrnberger	Penn St	Sr	6-2	291
24.	Ryan Schmidt	USF	Sr	6-5	327
25.	Cole Popovich	Fresno St	Sr	6-6	265
26.	Ben Person	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	323
27.	Mitch Petrus	Arkansas	Sr	6-4	305
28.	Ray Feinga	BYU	Sr	6-5	331
29.	Jaimie Thomas	Maryland	Sr	6-4	330
30.	Brandon Carter	Texas Tech	Jr	6-7	374
31.	CJ Davis	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-3	315
32.	Chaz Ramsey	Auburn	So	6-4	290
33.	Calvin Darity	N Carolina	Sr	6-3	310
34.	Brandon Walker	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	306
35.	Trevor Canfield	Cincinnati	Sr	6-5	295
36.	Ryan Durand	Syracuse	Sr	6-5	303
37.	Orlando Franklin	Miami, Fl	So	6-7	345
38.	Andrew Woodruff	Boise St	Sr	6-3	336
39.	AJ Trump	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-3	308
40.	Clint Boling	Georgia	So	6-5	290
41.	Craig Jenkins	Miss St	Jr	6-4	315
42.	Aaron Schutz	ULM	Sr	6-3	310
43.	Reggie Stephens	Iowa St	Jr	6-3	331
44.	Eric Olsen	Notre Dame	Jr	6-4	303
45.	Colin Baxter	Arizona	So	6-4	295
46.	Michael Turkovich	Notre Dame	Sr	6-6	301
47.	Robert Conley	Utah	Sr	6-1	316
48.	Casey Bulyca	Washington	Sr	6-6	340
49.	Thomas Herring	USC	Jr	6-6	300
50.	Mike Iupati	Idaho	Sr	6-6	330
51.	Buck Burnette	Texas	So	6-3	320
52.	Pete Saxon	Indiana	Jr	6-6	320
53.	David Berken	Rice	Sr	6-4	295
54.	Travis Bright	BYU	Sr	6-5	329
55.	Jamarcus Grant	Clemson	Jr	6-4	315
56.	DJ Burris	Minnesota	So	6-2	280
57.	Chris Stewart	Notre Dame	So	6-5	339
58.	Nedward Tavale	Minnesota	Jr	6-2	320
59.	Wesley Potter	Troy	Sr	6-5	339
60.	Barry Humphries	Clemson	Jr	6-3	295



PHIL'S TOP 60 TACKLES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Alex Boone	Ohio St	Sr	6-8	312
2.	Andre Smith	Alabama	Jr	6-5	340
3.	Phil Loadholt	Oklahoma	Sr	6-8	350
4.	Micheal Oher	Mississippi	Sr	6-5	318
5.	Ciron Black	LSU	Jr	6-5	314
6.	Sam Young	Notre Dame	Jr	6-8	310
7.	Sean Sester	Purdue	Sr	6-7	325
8.	Dallas Reynolds	BYU	Sr	6-5	332
9.	Eugene Monroe	Virginia	Sr	6-6	315
10.	Eben Britton	Arizona	Jr	6-6	310
11.	Anthony Davis	Rutgers	So	6-6	325
12.	Andrew Gardner	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-6	297
13.	Lee Ziemba	Auburn	So	6-8	297
14.	Ramon Foster	Tennessee	Sr	6-6	325
15.	Eric Vanden Heuvel	Wisconsin	Sr	6-7	321
16.	Adam Ulatoski	Texas	Jr	6-8	310
17.	Stephen Schilling	Michigan	So	6-5	295
18.	Rylan Reed	Texas Tech	Sr	6-7	314
19.	Ryan Stanchek	W Virginia	Sr	6-4	300
20.	Will Barker	Virginia	Jr	6-7	315
21.	Lydon Murtha	Nebraska	Sr	6-7	315
22.	Fenuki Tupou	Oregon	Sr	6-6	322
23.	Reggie Youngblood	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-5	312
24.	Andy Levitre	Oregon St	Sr	6-3	324
25.	J'Marcus Webb	Arizona	Jr	6-7	310
26.	Gabe Carimi	Wisconsin	So	6-8	299
27.	George Bussey	Louisville	Sr	6-4	306
28.	Trent Williams	Oklahoma	Jr	6-5	321
29.	Garrett Reynolds	N Carolina	Sr	6-7	310
30.	Chris Scott	Tennessee	Jr	6-5	310
31.	Garry Williams	Kentucky	Sr	6-3	300
32.	John Bender	Nevada	So	6-8	325
33.	Rodney Hudson	Florida St	So	6-2	283
34.	Calvin Wilson	S Mississippi	Jr	6-6	352
35.	Jason Fox	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-6	306
36.	Vaughn Lesuma	Washington St	Sr	6-5	329
37.	Robert Brewster	Ball St	Sr	6-5	310
38.	Russell Okung	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-5	300
39.	Michael Shumard	Texas A&M	Jr	6-5	301
40.	Ryan Miller	Colorado	So	6-7	315
41.	Phil Trautwein	Florida	Sr	6-6	301
42.	Andrew Hartline	C Michigan	Sr	6-5	297
43.	Dace Richardson	Iowa	Sr	6-6	305
44.	Augustus Parrish	Kent St	Sr	6-5	305
45.	Jon Brost	N Illinois	Sr	6-6	304
46.	Jason Pinkston	Pittsburgh	So	6-4	300
47.	Carl Johnson	Florida	So	6-5	343
48.	SirVincent Rogers	Houston	Sr	6-4	315
49.	Patrick Brown	UCF	Sr	6-5	292
50.	Joe Thomas	Pittsburgh	Jr	6-5	300
51.	Kyle Howard	Wyoming	Sr	6-7	312
52.	Zane Beadles	Utah	Jr	6-4	312
53.	Butch Lewis	USC	So	6-5	280
54.	Chris Marinelli	Stanford	Jr	6-7	302
55.	Xavier Fulton	Illinois	Sr	6-5	295
56.	Rodrick Thomas	Tulsa	Sr	6-5	355
57.	Micah Kia	UCLA	Jr	6-6	298
58.	Scott Burley	Maryland	Sr	6-5	335
59.	Ian Symonette	Miami, Fl	So	6-9	364
60.	Jason Watkins	Florida	Sr	6-6	298

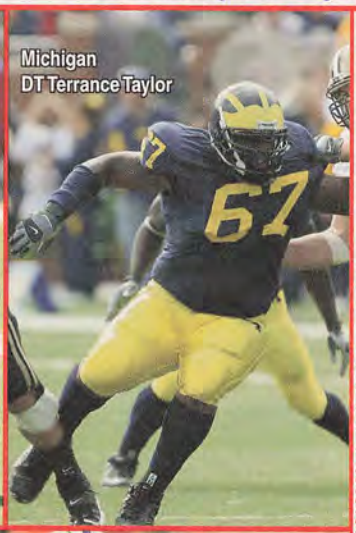
PHIL STEELE'S 2008 PRESEASON DEFENSIVE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

	1ST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	2ND TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN	4TH TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
DE	Tyson Jackson, LSU	Maurice Evans, Penn St	Greg Middleton, Indiana	Matt Shaughnessy, Wisconsin
DT	Fili Moala, USC	DeMarcus Granger, Oklahoma	Terrance Taylor, Michigan	Peria Jerry, Mississippi
DT	Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU	Vince Oghobaase, Duke	Geno Atkins, Georgia	Jeff Owens, Georgia
DE	George Selvie, USF	Michael Johnson, GA Tech	Greg Hardy, Mississippi	Ricky Sapp, Clemson
OLB	Brian Cushing, USC	Brian Toal, Boston College	Rico McCoy, Tennessee	Clinton Snyder, Stanford
ILB	James Laurinaitis, Ohio St	Brandon Spikes, Florida	Dave Philistin, Maryland	Worrell Williams, California
ILB	Rey Maualuga, USC	Gerald McRath, S Mississippi	Darry Beckwith, LSU	Jasper Brinkley, S Carolina
OLB	Marcus Freeman, Ohio St	Aaron Curry, Wake Forest	Anthony Heygood, Purdue	Tyrone McKenzie, USF
CB	Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St	Victor "Macho" Harris, Virginia Tech	Walter Thurmond, Oregon	Trevard Lindley, Kentucky
CB	Vontae Davis, Illinois	Jairus Byrd, Oregon	Mike Mickens, Cincinnati	Joe Burnett, UCF
SS	Nic Harris, Oklahoma	Michael Hamlin, Clemson	Patrick Chung, Oregon	Myron Rolle, Florida St
FS	Taylor Mays, USC	William Moore, Missouri	Courtney Greene, Rutgers	Derek Pegues, Mississippi St
P	Kevin Huber, Cincinnati	Louie Sakoda, Utah	Keenyn Crier, Arizona	Aaron Perez, UCLA
PR	Deon Murphy, Kansas St	Brandon James, Florida	Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St	David Gilreath, Wisconsin

PHIL'S TOP 60 DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Tyson Jackson	LSU	Sr	6-5	292
2.	George Selvie	USF	Jr	6-4	242
3.	Maurice Evans	Penn St	Jr	6-2	264
4.	Michael Johnson	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-7	247
5.	Greg Middleton	Indiana	Jr	6-3	275
6.	Greg Hardy	Mississippi	Jr	6-4	265
7.	Matt Shaughnessy	Wisconsin	Sr	6-5	253
8.	Ricky Sapp	Clemson	Jr	6-4	240
9.	Everette Brown	Florida St	Jr	6-4	246
10.	Tim Jamison	Michigan	Sr	6-3	263
11.	Antonio Coleman	Auburn	Jr	6-2	250
12.	Antwain Robinson	Arkansas	Sr	6-2	258
13.	Auston English	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	257
14.	Ian Campbell	Kansas St	Sr	6-5	249
15.	Brian Orakpo	Texas	Sr	6-4	260
16.	Kyle Moore	USC	Sr	6-6	275
17.	Lawrence Wilson	Ohio St	Jr	6-4	274
18.	Everson Griffen	USC	So	6-3	265
19.	Nick Reed	Oregon	Sr	6-2	255
20.	Jamaal Westerman	Rutgers	Sr	6-3	260
21.	Jermaine Cunningham	Florida	Jr	6-3	241
22.	Albert McClellan	Marshall	Jr	6-2	259
23.	Willie Young	N Carolina St	Jr	6-4	230
24.	Kirston Pittman	LSU	Sr	6-4	254
25.	Brandon Graham	Michigan	Jr	6-2	270
26.	Larry English	N Illinois	Sr	6-3	254
27.	Marcus Hands	E Carolina	Sr	6-5	281
28.	Dexter Davis	Arizona St	Jr	6-2	252
29.	Jeff Schweiger	San Jose St	Sr	6-5	255
30.	Stryker Sulak	Missouri	Sr	6-5	250
31.	Jake Ratliff	Texas Tech	Sr	6-7	247
32.	Eric Moncur	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-2	250
33.	Jan Jorgenson	BYU	Jr	6-3	256
34.	Pannel Egboh	Stanford	Sr	6-6	270
35.	Corey Wootton	Northwestern	Jr	6-7	270
36.	Carlos Dunlap	Florida	So	6-6	290
37.	Will Davis	Illinois	Sr	6-3	268
38.	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	Washington	Jr	6-4	260
39.	Willie VanDeSteeg	Minnesota	Sr	6-4	255
40.	Zach Potter	Nebraska	Sr	6-7	280
41.	Jeremy Jarmon	Kentucky	Jr	6-3	285
42.	Barry Turner	Nebraska	Sr	6-3	260
43.	David Veikune	Hawaii	Sr	6-3	250
44.	Rhyan Anderson	N Mexico St	Sr	6-4	280
45.	Greg Romeus	Pittsburgh	So	6-5	250
46.	Chris Strong	Mississippi	So	6-2	280
47.	Paul Kruger	Utah	So	6-5	255
48.	Eddie Jones	Texas	So	6-3	260
49.	Cody Brown	Connecticut	Sr	6-3	246
50.	Rob Rose	Ohio St	Jr	6-5	285
51.	Aaron Lewis	Texas	Sr	6-4	265
52.	Cameron Heyward	Ohio St	So	6-6	287
53.	Marcus Tillman	Mississippi	Jr	6-4	260
54.	Clifton Geathers	S Carolina	So	6-7	290
55.	Orion Martin	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-2	252
56.	Trey Covington	Maryland	Sr	6-3	240
57.	Henry Melton	Texas	Sr	6-3	265
58.	Alex Albright	Boston Coll	Jr	6-5	235
59.	Neefy Moffett	Florida St	Sr	6-1	255
60.	Derek Walker	Illinois	Sr	6-4	270

Indiana
DE Greg Middleton


Michigan
DT Terrance Taylor

Duke
DT Vince Oghobaase

Mississippi
DE Greg Hardy

USF
DE George Selvie

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	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Fili Moala	USC	Sr	6-5	295
2.	Ricky Jean-Francois	LSU	Jr	6-3	281
3.	DeMarcus Granger	Oklahoma	Jr	6-3	300
4.	Vince Oghobaase	Duke	Jr	6-6	310
5.	Terrance Taylor	Michigan	Sr	6-0	319
6.	Geno Atkins	Georgia	Jr	6-1	290
7.	Peria Jerry	Mississippi	Sr	6-2	290
8.	Jeff Owens	Georgia	Sr	6-3	298
9.	Mitch King	Iowa	Sr	6-3	264
10.	George Hypolite	Colorado	Sr	6-1	285
11.	Vance Walker	Georgia Tech	Jr	6-2	293
12.	Roy Miller	Texas	Sr	6-2	300
13.	Demonte Bolden	Tennessee	Sr	6-5	290
14.	Ekom Udofia	Stanford	Jr	6-2	310
15.	Terrill Byrd	Cincinnati	Sr	6-0	271
16.	Dorell Scott	Clemson	Sr	6-4	320
17.	Marvin Austin	N Carolina	So	6-3	305
18.	Sen'Derrick Marks	Auburn	Jr	6-1	288
19.	John Gill	Northwestern	Sr	6-3	290
20.	Gerald McCoy	Oklahoma	So	6-4	289
21.	Al Woods	LSU	Jr	6-4	314
22.	Marlon Favorite	LSU	Sr	6-1	295
23.	Arthur Jones	Syracuse	Jr	6-4	291
24.	Darryl Richard	Georgia Tech	Sr	6-4	290
25.	BJ Raji	Boston Coll	Sr	6-1	325
26.	Brandon Nicolas	Colorado	Sr	6-3	290
27.	Lamarr Houston	Texas	Jr	6-2	275
28.	Ziggy Hood	Missouri	Sr	6-4	295
29.	Ndamukong Suh	Nebraska	Jr	6-4	300
30.	Kellen Heard	Texas A&M	Jr	6-6	345
31.	Ernest Mitchell	Arkansas	Sr	6-2	305
32.	Matt Kroul	Iowa	Sr	6-3	277
33.	Kenrick Ellis	S Carolina	So	6-5	253
34.	Doug Worthington	Ohio St	Jr	6-6	276
35.	Will Johnson	Michigan	Sr	6-5	285
36.	Phillip Taylor	Penn St	Jr	6-4	335
37.	Myron Pryor	Kentucky	Sr	6-1	310
38.	Kade Weston	Georgia	Jr	6-5	316
39.	Phillip Hunt	Houston	Sr	6-2	260
40.	Adrian Grady	Louisville	Sr	6-2	305
41.	Greg Brown	Indiana	Sr	6-2	300
42.	Dexter Larimore	Ohio St	So	6-2	300
43.	Jervonte Jackson	Florida Atl	Sr	6-3	280
44.	Jason Chapman	Wisconsin	Sr	6-4	285
45.	Torrey Davis	Florida	So	6-3	298
46.	D'Angelo McCray	Illinois	rFr	6-4	333
47.	Clinton McDonald	Memphis	Sr	6-3	265
48.	Averell Spicer	USC	Jr	6-2	290
49.	Ell Ash	Houston	Sr	6-5	275
50.	Earl Heyman	Louisville	Sr	6-3	285
51.	Ron Brace	Boston Coll	Sr	6-3	325
52.	Jeremy Navarre	Maryland	Sr	6-3	270
53.	Ben Alexander	Texas	Jr	6-0	310
54.	Brigham Harwell	UCLA	Sr	6-2	292
55.	Jared Odrick	Penn St	Jr	6-5	308
56.	Chris Baker	Penn St	Jr	6-2	298
57.	Fevaea'i Ahmu	Wash St	Sr	6-0	292
58.	Ian Williams	Notre Dame	So	6-2	300
59.	Dan Williams	Tennessee	Jr	6-3	310
60.	John Fletcher	Wyoming	Jr	6-6	280

PHIL'S TOP 55 INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	James Laurinaitis	Ohio St	Sr	6-3	240
2.	Rey Maualuga	USC	Sr	6-3	250
3.	Brandon Spikes	Florida	Jr	6-3	245
4.	Gerald McRath	S Mississippi	Jr	6-3	220
5.	Dave Philistin	Maryland	Sr	6-2	231
6.	Darry Beckwith	LSU	Sr	6-1	232
7.	Worrell Williams	California	Sr	6-0	250
8.	Jasper Brinkley	S Carolina	Sr	6-2	275
9.	Derek Nicholson	Florida St	Sr	6-2	234
10.	Antonio Appleby	Virginia	Sr	6-4	250
11.	Maurice Crum	Notre Dame	Sr	6-0	230
12.	Mike Rivera	Kansas	Sr	6-3	255
13.	Obi Ezeh	Michigan	So	6-2	247
14.	Russell Allen	San Diego St	Sr	6-3	235
15.	Dannell Ellerbe	Georgia	Sr	6-1	232
16.	Ronnie Palmer	Arizona	Sr	6-3	245
17.	Joe Pawelek	Baylor	Jr	6-3	233
18.	Daniel Holtzclaw	E Michigan	Sr	6-1	246
19.	Scott McKillop	Pittsburgh	Sr	6-2	240
20.	Jamar Chaney	Mississippi St	Sr	6-1	236
21.	Prince Hall	Alabama	Jr	5-11	235
22.	Tray Blackmon	Auburn	Jr	6-0	220
23.	Mark Herzlich	Boston College	Jr	6-4	238
24.	Micah Johnson	Kentucky	Jr	6-2	242
25.	Mike Tauiliili	Duke	Sr	5-11	235
26.	Darryl Sharpton	Miami, Fl	Jr	5-11	232
27.	Rolando McClain	Alabama	So	6-4	255
28.	Jared Norton	Texas	Jr	6-3	242
29.	Pat Maynor	Stanford	Sr	6-2	220
30.	Rashad Bobino	Texas	Sr	5-11	238
31.	Reed Williams	W Virginia	Sr	6-2	225
32.	Joey Hudson	Miami Oh	Sr	6-2	232
33.	Phillip Dillard	Nebraska	Jr	6-1	238
34.	Jason Phillips	TCU	Sr	6-1	234
35.	Jon Copper	Virginia	Sr	6-0	230
36.	Antonio Clay	Clemson	Sr	6-0	230
37.	Elijah Hodge	Wisconsin	Jr	6-1	226
38.	Chris Colasanti	Penn St	So	6-2	232
39.	Greg Trent	Wash St	Sr	5-11	220
40.	Adam Vincent	UTEP	Sr	6-3	240
41.	Brian Raines	Rice	Sr	6-1	222
42.	Glenn Cook	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	235
43.	Joshua Mauga	Nevada	Sr	6-2	245
44.	Tim McCarthy	N Illinois	Sr	6-0	232
45.	Quan Sturdivant	N Carolina	So	6-2	230
46.	James Bryant	Louisville	Sr	6-3	257
47.	Jeff Horinek	Colorado St	Sr	6-3	234
48.	Boris Lee	Troy	Jr	6-0	212
49.	Kerry Neal	Notre Dame	So	6-2	245
50.	Pierre Bell	E Carolina	Sr	6-2	231
51.	Kevin Grant	Akron	Sr	6-2	245
52.	Anthony Lewis	Texas A&M	Jr	6-2	254
53.	Luke Laolagi	San Diego St	Jr	6-1	230
54.	Frantz Joseph	Florida Atl	Sr	6-1	229
55.	Luther Brown	USC	Jr	6-3	230

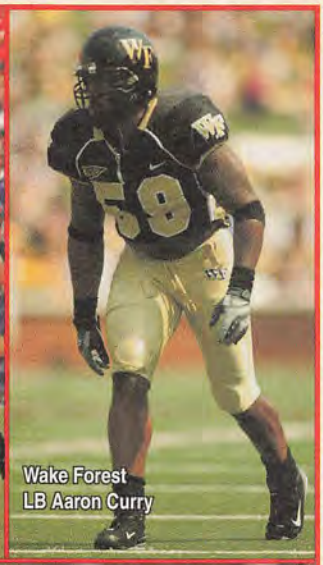
PHIL'S TOP 22 PUNTERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Kevin Huber	Cincinnati	Sr	6-2	224
2.	Louie Sakoda	Utah	Sr	5-10	178
3.	Keenyn Crier	Arizona	So	6-1	200
4.	Aaron Perez	UCLA	Sr	6-4	229
5.	Justin Brantly	Texas A&M	Sr	6-3	241
6.	Britton Colquitt	Tennessee	Sr	6-3	205
7.	Ryan Shoemaker	Auburn	So	6-0	192
8.	Zach Johnson	E Michigan	Jr	6-0	185
9.	Chris Miller	Ball St	Sr	6-2	211
10.	Jeremy Boone	Penn St	Jr	5-8	184
11.	Sam Swank	Wake Forest	Sr	6-2	206
12.	AJ Trapasso	Ohio St	Sr	6-0	229
13.	Thomas Morstead	SMU	Sr	6-5	233
14.	Brent Bowden	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	206
15.	Ryan Donahue	Iowa	So	6-3	175
16.	Dan Titchener	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	200
17.	Matthew DiLallo	Colorado	Jr	6-1	190
18.	Scott Love	ULM	Jr	6-0	190
19.	Graham Gano	Florida St	Sr	6-1	197
20.	Britt Barefoot	S Mississippi	Sr	6-0	181
21.	Jacob Richardson	Miami, Oh	Sr	6-1	208
22.	Chas Henry	Florida	So	6-4	204

PHIL'S TOP 20 KICK RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Marcus Herford	Kansas	Sr	6-3	208
2.	Jeremy Maclin	Missouri	So	6-1	200
3.	AJ Wallace	Penn St	Jr	6-1	188
4.	Max Suter	Syracuse	So	5-11	190
5.	CJ Spiller	Clemson	Jr	5-9	190
6.	Brandon James	Florida	Jr	5-6	179
7.	DeMarco Murray	Oklahoma	So	6-0	191
8.	Jahvid Best	California	So	5-10	193
9.	Jessie Henderson	SMU	Sr	5-9	169
10.	Darius Marshall	Marshall	So	5-10	193
11.	Austin Collie	BYU	Jr	6-2	206
12.	Travis Shelton	Temple	Sr	5-11	185
13.	Dion Morton	Colorado St	Jr	5-10	162
14.	Quan Cosby	Texas	Sr	5-11	205
15.	AJ Jefferson	Fresno St	Jr	6-0	180
16.	Jacoby Ford	Clemson	Jr	5-10	185
17.	Arrelious Benn	Illinois	So	6-2	214
18.	Armando Allen	Notre Dame	So	5-10	190
19.	Ronald Johnson	USC	So	6-1	190
20.	Marcus Thigpen	Indiana	Sr	5-9	199

Ohio St
LB James Laurinaitis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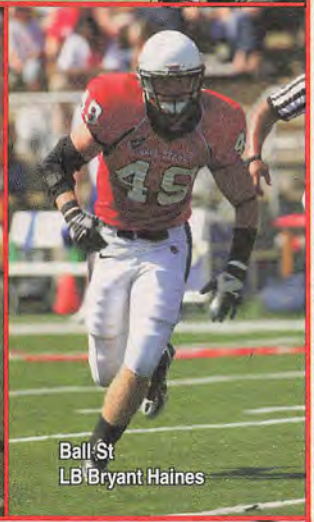
LB Aaron Curry

California
LB Zack Follett

USC
LB Rey Maualuga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Missouri
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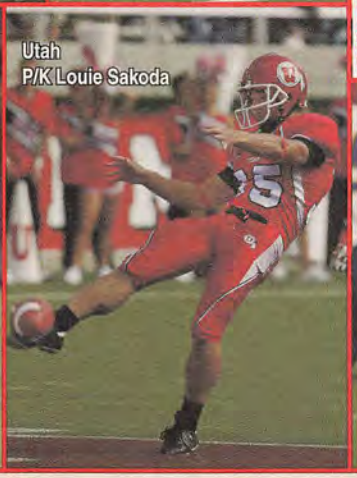
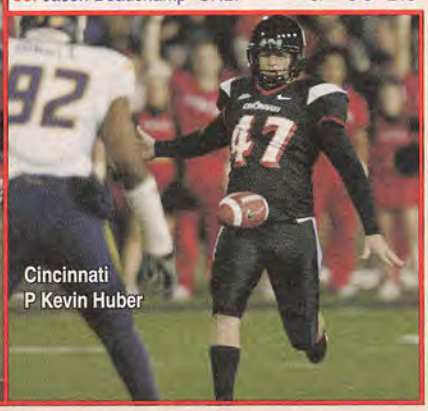

Utah
P/K Louie Sakoda

PHIL'S TOP 66 OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Brian Cushing	USC	Sr	6-4	240
2.	Marcus Freeman	Ohio St	Sr	6-1	239
3.	Brian Toal	Boston College	Sr	6-0	252
4.	Aaron Curry	Wake Forest	Sr	6-3	240
5.	Rico McCoy	Tennessee	Jr	6-1	215
6.	Anthony Heygood	Purdue	Sr	6-2	230
7.	Clinton Snyder	Stanford	Jr	6-4	231
8.	Sean Lee	Penn St	Sr	6-2	234
9.	Tyrone McKenzie	USF	Sr	6-2	235
10.	Ryan Reynolds	Oklahoma	Jr	6-1	237
11.	Clint Sintim	Virginia	Sr	6-3	254
12.	Eric Norwood	S Carolina	Jr	6-1	270
13.	Solomon Elimimian	Hawaii	Sr	6-0	220
14.	Reggie Carter	UCLA	Jr	6-1	221
15.	Sean Weatherspoon	Missouri	Jr	6-1	235
16.	Andre Sexton	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-1	210
17.	Zack Follett	California	Sr	6-1	238
18.	EJ Savannah	Washington	Jr	6-2	228
19.	Patrick Lavine	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-3	225
20.	DeAndre Levy	Wisconsin	Sr	6-3	234
21.	Anthony Felder	California	Sr	6-3	235
22.	Bryant Haines	Ball St	Sr	6-5	223
23.	Sergio Kindle	Texas	Jr	6-4	239
24.	Jonathan Casillas	Wisconsin	Sr	6-2	220
25.	Steve Davis	Minnesota	Sr	6-2	225
26.	Ross Homan	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	229
27.	Joe Mortensen	Kansas	Sr	6-1	250
28.	Adam Leonard	Hawaii	Sr	6-0	235
29.	Roddrick Muckelroy	Texas	Jr	6-2	230
30.	Martez Wilson	Illinois	So	6-4	246
31.	Scott Lutrus	Connecticut	So	6-3	228
32.	Will Patterson	Indiana	Jr	6-1	235
33.	Eric Gordon	Michigan St	So	6-0	220
34.	Freddie Fairchild	Arkansas	Jr	6-3	210
35.	AJ Edds	Iowa	Jr	6-4	244
36.	Robert Henson	TCU	Sr	6-1	228
37.	Tyrell Sales	Penn St	Sr	6-2	233
38.	Brian Duncan	Texas Tech	So	6-1	239
39.	John Ryan	Notre Dame	Jr	6-5	253
40.	Greg Jones	Michigan St	So	6-1	222
41.	Cam Martin	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-1	204
42.	Dustin Doe	Florida	Jr	6-0	211
43.	Clayton Mullins	Miami, Oh	Sr	6-2	241
44.	Corey Smith	Cincinnati	Sr	6-1	213
45.	Jerome Boyd	Oregon	Sr	6-2	220
46.	Vincent Rey	Duke	Jr	6-0	255
47.	Caleb Bostic	Miami, Oh	Jr	6-3	225
48.	Jonas Mouton	Michigan	So	6-2	230
49.	Quin Harris	LA Tech	Sr	6-2	221
50.	Rennie Curran	Georgia	So	5-11	220
51.	Mortty Ivy	W Virginia	Sr	6-3	235
52.	Lorenzo Edwards	Florida	So	6-2	234
53.	Travis Goethel	Arizona St	Jr	6-3	233
54.	Colin McCarthy	Miami, Fl	Jr	6-3	230
55.	Adrian Moten	Maryland	So	6-2	221
56.	Olu Hall	Kansas St	Jr	6-3	232
57.	Spencer Adkins	Miami, Fl	Sr	5-11	230
58.	Keenan Clayton	Oklahoma	Jr	6-1	210
59.	Wesley Flagg	N Carolina	Jr	6-0	240
60.	Cardia Jackson	ULM	Jr	6-2	228
61.	Jake Hutton	Utah St	Sr	6-0	231
62.	Dekoda Watson	Florida St	Jr	6-2	222
63.	Kaluka Maiava	USC	Sr	6-0	225
64.	Ward Dobbs	Wyoming	Sr	6-0	230
65.	Joe Henderson	UAB	Sr	6-2	220
66.	Jason Beauchamp	UNLV	Jr	6-3	215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PHIL'S TOP 65 CORNERBACKS

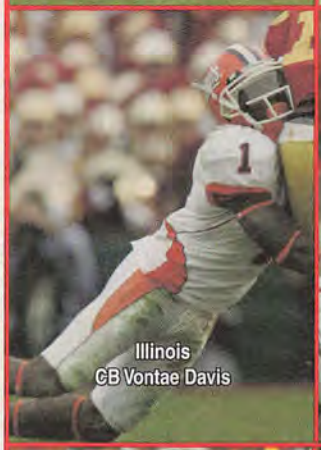
	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Malcolm Jenkins	Ohio St	Sr	6-1	201
2.	Vontae Davis	Illinois	Jr	6-0	204
3.	Victor Harris	Virginia Tech	Sr	6-0	192
4.	Jairus Byrd	Oregon	Jr	6-0	208
5.	Walter Thurmond	Oregon	Jr	6-0	185
6.	Mike Mickens	Cincinnati	Sr	6-0	170
7.	Trevard Lindley	Kentucky	Jr	6-0	175
8.	Joe Burnett	UCF	Sr	5-11	185
9.	Alphonso Smith	Wake Forest	Sr	5-9	191
10.	Patrick Robinson	Florida St	Jr	5-11	189
11.	AJ Wallace	Penn St	Jr	6-1	188
12.	Alterraun Verner	UCLA	Jr	5-11	176
13.	Asher Allen	Georgia	Jr	5-10	198
14.	Perrish Cox	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-1	190
15.	Darrin Walls	Notre Dame	Jr	6-0	180
16.	Cary Harris	USC	Sr	6-0	180
17.	Donald Washington	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	194
18.	Tony Carter	Florida St	Sr	5-9	166
19.	DeAngelo Smith	Cincinnati	Sr	6-0	191
20.	Josh Pinkard	USC	Sr	6-1	215
21.	DJ Moore	Vanderbilt	Jr	5-10	182
22.	Captain Munnerlyn	South Carolina	Jr	5-9	185
23.	Aairon Savage	Auburn	Jr	5-11	190
24.	Sean Smith	Utah	Jr	6-3	217
25.	Donovan Warren	Michigan	So	6-0	180
26.	Christopher Owens	San Jose St	Sr	5-10	170
27.	DeAndre Wright	New Mexico	Sr	5-11	193
28.	Londen Fryar	W Michigan	Sr	5-11	192
29.	Woodny Turenne	Louisville	Sr	6-1	182
30.	Kevin Thomas	USC	Jr	6-1	185
31.	Syd'Quan Thompson	California	Jr	5-9	184
32.	Kevin Barnes	Maryland	Sr	6-1	188
33.	Jamar Wall	Texas Tech	Jr	5-10	195
34.	Morgan Trent	Michigan	Sr	6-1	188
35.	Sherrick McManis	Northwestern	Jr	6-1	190
36.	Terrail Lambert	Notre Dame	Sr	5-11	191
37.	Lendy Holmes	Oklahoma	Sr	6-1	196
38.	Brice McCain	Utah	Sr	5-9	189
39.	Joe Haden	Florida	So	5-11	180
40.	Allen Langford	Wisconsin	Sr	5-11	188
41.	Kareem Jackson	Alabama	So	5-11	185
42.	Chris Chancellor	Clemson	Jr	5-10	170
43.	Jerell Norton	Arkansas	Jr	6-0	190
44.	Chimdi Chekwa	Ohio St	So	6-0	188
45.	Coye Francies	San Jose St	Sr	6-1	185
46.	Bryan McCann	SMU	Jr	6-0	176
47.	Jordan Pugh	Texas A&M	Jr	5-11	191
48.	Darius Butler	Connecticut	Sr	5-11	181
49.	Tavious Polo	Florida Atl	So	5-10	160
50.	Ryan Palmer	Texas	Sr	5-10	190
51.	Deon Beasley	Texas	Jr	5-10	175
52.	Kyle Wilson	Boise St	Jr	5-10	190
53.	Allen Bell	Iowa St	Jr	6-0	181
54.	Brandon Hughes	Oregon St	Sr	5-11	182
55.	Armando Murillo	Nebraska	Sr	6-0	190
56.	Crezdon Butler	Clemson	Jr	6-0	185
57.	Mark Parson	Ohio	Sr	5-10	192
58.	Raeshon McNeil	Notre Dame	Jr	6-0	187
59.	Anthony Johnson	Mississippi St	Jr	5-10	194
60.	Corey Small	Florida Atl	Sr	5-10	170
61.	Chima Nwachukwu	Wash St	So	5-11	189
62.	Aaron Berry	Pittsburgh	Jr	5-11	175
63.	Trevor Ford	Troy	Sr	6-0	183
64.	Michael Ray Garvin	Florida St	Sr	5-8	185
65.	Keenan Lewis	Oregon St	Sr	6-1	197

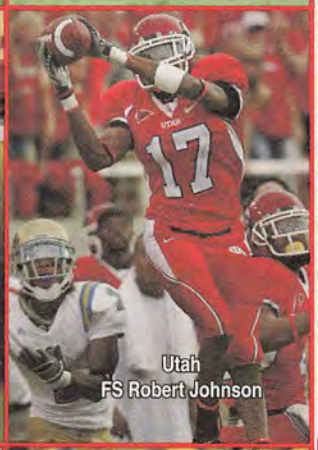
PHIL'S TOP 21 PUNT RETURNERS

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Deon Murphy	Kansas St	Sr	5-10	170
2.	Brandon James	Florida	Jr	5-6	179
3.	Sammie Stroughter	Oregon St	Sr	6-0	188
4.	David Gilreath	Wisconsin	So	5-11	154
5.	Derrick Williams	Penn St	Sr	6-0	194
6.	Javier Arenas	Alabama	Jr	5-9	193
7.	Jacoby Ford	Clemson	Jr	5-10	185
8.	Jeremy Maclin	Missouri	So	6-1	200
9.	Derek Pegues	Mississippi St	Sr	5-10	196
10.	Perrish Cox	Oklahoma St	Jr	6-1	190
11.	Joe Burnett	UCF	Sr	5-11	185
12.	Terrence Austin	UCLA	Jr	5-10	160
13.	Andy Brodell	Iowa	Sr	6-3	200
14.	Preston Parker	Florida St	Jr	6-0	190
15.	Kyle Williams	Arizona St	Jr	5-10	185
16.	Aaron Berry	Pittsburgh	Jr	5-11	175
17.	Andre Jones	Akron	Sr	5-11	185
18.	Joe McKnight	USC	So	6-0	180
19.	Philip Beck	LA Tech	Sr	5-10	177
20.	Vic Hall	Virginia	Jr	5-9	190
21.	Chris Garrett	Ohio	Jr	5-8	178

Ohio St
CB Malcolm Jenkins

Missouri
FS William Moore


Illinois
CB Vontae Davis


Utah
FS Robert Johnson

Florida
PR Brandon James

Georgia Tech
SS Morgan Burnett

Oregon St
PR Sammie Stroughter

Oklahoma
SS Nic Harris

PHIL'S TOP 44 FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Taylor Mays	USC	Jr	6-4	225
2.	William Moore	Missouri	Sr	6-1	230
3.	Courtney Greene	Rutgers	Sr	6-2	210
4.	Derek Pegues	Mississippi St	Sr	5-10	196
5.	Troy Nolan	Arizona St	Sr	6-2	207
6.	Anderson Russell	Ohio St	Jr	6-0	205
7.	Shane Carter	Wisconsin	Jr	6-2	202
8.	Chris Clemons	Clemson	Sr	6-1	210
9.	Antwine Perez	Maryland	So	6-1	200
10.	Nate Allen	USF	Jr	6-2	200
11.	Rashad Johnson	Alabama	Sr	6-0	187
12.	Kam Chancellor	Virginia Tech	Jr	6-3	225
13.	Reshad Jones	Georgia	So	6-2	203
14.	Curtis Taylor	LSU	Sr	6-3	204
15.	Will Dunbar	UAB	Sr	6-1	195
16.	Bo McNally	Stanford	Jr	6-0	208
17.	Jordan Lake	Baylor	Jr	6-2	203
18.	Danny McCray	LSU	Jr	6-1	205
19.	David Bruton	Notre Dame	Sr	6-2	207
20.	Ryan Walters	Colorado	Sr	6-0	200
21.	CJ Spillman	Marshall	Sr	6-0	193
22.	Louis Delmas	W Michigan	Sr	6-0	196
23.	Andrew Sendejo	Rice	Jr	6-1	213
24.	Deunta Williams	N Carolina	So	6-2	205
25.	Randy Phillips	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	208
26.	Stevie Brown	Michigan	Jr	6-0	209
27.	Marcus McClinton	Kentucky	Sr	6-1	210
28.	Major Wright	Florida	So	6-0	194
29.	Mike McNeil	Auburn	So	6-2	201
30.	Robert Vaughn	Connecticut	Jr	6-0	192
31.	Latarrius Thomas	Louisville	So	6-2	206
32.	Van Eskridge	E Carolina	Jr	6-0	200
33.	Chykie Brown	Texas	So	6-1	185
34.	Nate Ness	Arizona	Sr	6-1	190
35.	Aaron Ware	UCLA	Jr	6-0	193
36.	Robert Johnson	Utah	Jr	6-3	190
37.	Klint Kubiak	Colorado St	Jr	6-0	197
38.	Antonio Baker	LA Tech	Jr	5-11	200
39.	Nick Polk	Indiana	Jr	6-0	215
40.	Eric Thatcher	Pittsburgh	Sr	5-9	195
41.	Greg James	ULM	Jr	6-1	195
42.	Sherrod Martin	Troy	Sr	6-1	193
43.	Braxton Amy	UTEP	Jr	6-0	195
44.	Darcel McBath	Texas Tech	Sr	6-1	196

PHIL'S TOP 44 STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	HT	WT
1.	Nic Harris	Oklahoma	Sr	6-3	226
2.	Michael Hamlin	Clemson	Sr	6-3	205
3.	Patrick Chung	Oregon	Sr	6-0	210
4.	Myron Rolle	Florida St	Jr	6-2	218
5.	Kevin Ellison	USC	Sr	6-1	225
6.	Eric Berry	Tennessee	So	5-11	195
7.	Barry Church	Toledo	Jr	6-2	212
8.	Anthony Scirrotto	Penn St	Sr	6-0	192
9.	Emanuel Cook	S Carolina	Jr	5-10	214
10.	Quinton Andrews	W Virginia	Jr	6-0	210
11.	Reshard Langford	Vanderbilt	Sr	6-2	208
12.	Chad Jones	LSU	So	6-3	222
13.	Larry Asante	Nebraska	Jr	6-1	210
14.	Carlton Williams	USF	Sr	6-4	214
15.	Sha'Reff Rashad	UCF	Sr	6-0	198
16.	Davonte Shannon	Buffalo	So	6-1	180
17.	Kurt Coleman	Ohio St	Jr	5-11	188
18.	Chip Vaughn	Wake Forest	Sr	6-2	220
19.	Trimane Goddard	N Carolina	Sr	5-11	195
20.	Lovon Ponder	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	219
21.	CJ Byrd	Georgia	Sr	6-2	193
22.	Jamarca Sanford	Mississippi	Sr	5-10	200
23.	Anthony Reddick	Miami, Fl	Sr	6-0	208
24.	James Truxillo	ULM	Jr	6-1	190
25.	Devin Gregg	Texas A&M	Sr	6-0	190
26.	Shiloh Keo	Idaho	Jr	5-10	175
27.	Daniel Dykes	Colorado	Sr	6-2	210
28.	PJ Mahone	Bowling Green	Jr	5-11	195
29.	Stephen Hodge	TCU	Sr	6-0	212
30.	Austin Thomas	Indiana	Jr	6-2	200
31.	Otis Wiley	Michigan St	Sr	6-2	210
32.	Ras-I Dowling	Virginia	So	6-2	200
33.	Torri Williams	Purdue	Sr	6-2	217
34.	Alex Kube	N Illinois	So	6-1	203
35.	Zac Etheridge	Auburn	So	5-11	206
36.	Alton Dixon	Texas A&M	Sr	5-11	197
37.	Morgan Burnett	GA Tech	So	6-1	198
38.	Uche Anyanwu	Nevada	Sr	6-4	220
39.	Al Afalava	Oregon St	Sr	5-11	215
40.	Jeremy Payton	Arizona St	Sr	6-1	207
41.	Tony Bell	Memphis	Sr	6-2	215
42.	Cam Nelson	Arizona	Jr	6-1	200
43.	Kenneth Fontenette	Houston	Sr	6-0	185
44.	Justin Woodall	Alabama	Jr	6-2	224

Division IAA (FCS) Guide

By Phil Steele

At the end of 2006 the NCAA changed its' terminology and began referring to IAA teams as FCS teams which stands for Football Championship Subdivision. They are calling IA teams, FBS teams which stands for Football Bowl Subdivision. Now, I study college football 365 days a year and here it is early May a year later, and I still can't get those initials embedded into my head. I have the feeling that you are in the same boat as we have referred to them as IA and IAA for too many years. There are some spots in the magazine where I call them IAA teams and other spots where I use the politically correct term of FCS. If you see FCS that of course refers to IAA. You can let me know how you feel about using these new initials when you fill in the questionnaire on page 326.

This article is about my ever-expanding IAA coverage. There are 125 teams in the FCS which is even more than the 120 currently in IA (aka FBS). While these teams have less scholarships to give out, the numbers vary. Some leagues do not offer football scholarships at all, while some have up to 60, while still others have a set number that may be divided between players as needed. The attendance of most programs pale in comparison to most of the IA teams (avg attendance listed on the team's right-hand page), but a team like Montana which averaged 23,239 would rank above 33 FBS teams. The bottom line is these schools do play solid football and I enjoy watching IAA games whenever they are on. Since IA teams voted to expand their schedules to 12 games there have been many more matchups between these divisions and "upsets" like last year's mind boggling Appalachian St win over Michigan have become more common.

If you are a IAA (FCS) fan that is frustrated by the fact that no magazine really gives top-notch coverage on your school then I am willing to lend a hand. My National Magazine has ZERO coverage on IAA teams. Checking last year's National Magazines *The Sporting News* also had zero coverage and *Lindy's* National Magazine had 4 pages total on IAA.

As my staff grows, and since we concentrate on nothing but football year round, we are expanding IAA coverage this year but how much it is expanded in future years depends on what you want to see (page 326).

Let me give you a quick history on how my magazine has expanded its coverage of IA (FBS) teams through the years. I started the magazine in 1995 and it had 88 IA teams in it with no coverage of the MAC or smaller southern independents (now the Sun Belt) at all! In the 4th year I gave three pages total to the 24 teams that played IA that were not in the main magazine. Those 3 pages were a sheet of schedules for the 24 teams, last year's results and one page of conference forecasts, so each of the 24 teams were allotted just one paragraph on that page! In 1999 I gave the 25 smaller IA teams their own page and the coverage on the MAC and Sun Belt teams increased to 28 pages for the 25 teams! I gave them the same amount of coverage in 2000. In 2001 I welcomed the MAC to the big leagues with TWO FULL PAGES on every MAC team, the same amount of coverage the SEC, Big Ten and other BCS conferences received. Finally in 2002 I upgraded it to two full pages for EVERY IA team.

Now let's look at my IAA coverage over the years. Naturally when the minor IA teams were getting very little coverage I had ZERO IAA information in the National Magazine. In 2003 I dipped my toe into the water and had a member of my staff who followed IAA closely write a 1 page article on IAA football with a Preseason Top 25. I did not get a lot of feedback on my questionnaires and with that person moving on in 2004 I went back to zero coverage. In 2005 we put out three Regional Magazines for the Big Ten, SEC and Big XII. I wanted to put a couple of pages on regionally significant IAA teams in those magazines. For many years we have kept track of all IAA statistics so we know how good those teams are when they face IA foes. Jim Seman, a longtime member of my staff who works until 6:00 AM on Sunday mornings during football season making sure all of the stats for both IA and IAA are entered into our computer system, is our resident IAA expert. He wrote two pages with a Top 25 forecast in the 2005 Regionals. When I read thru the questionnaires (yes, I read every one!) that summer there was growing interest in an expanded IAA coverage. In 2006 I went wild. I had Jim, with the help of Josh Buchanan, write up a full-length paragraph on each IAA team and we expanded to 27 pages in my Pac-10 Regional Magazine.

Last year I expanded again to one quarter of a page on each team.This year I have DOUBLED IT TO ONE HALF PAGE PER TEAM!! I've included one at the bottom of this page as an example of our coverage for 3-time defending IAA Champ, Appalachian St. This year we are going to start using some of the same computer formulas and systems that I use for IA forecasts for the IAA teams. These include my 8 sets of power ratings, applying those ratings to the upcoming schedule, Turnovers=Turnaround and all of the various forecast articles such as YPP, Lettermen Lost, Starts Lost to injury, etc. My goal is to have it be BY FAR the most in-depth IAA preseason magazine and like the IA version also the most accurate.

This year once again my IAA guide will be found in the Pac-10 Regional Magazine. It will be AT LEAST SEVENTY pages. To my knowledge *Street and Smith* is the only other national magazine which gives at least a paragraph on each IAA team but they scaled back their coverage this year. I would love to increase the coverage a full page in upcoming years. If that happens the FCS could have its own complete magazine. As always, it will happen if the demand is high enough so you, the reader, holds the key. If you are passionate about IAA football then head out to any newsstand in the West where the Pac-10 Regional is sold and pick one up this year. If you are not out West you can order the magazine at www.philsteele.com or by calling 1-866-918-7711. I will even split the cost of postage with you. If you want the Pac-10 Regional ($6.99) it costs two bucks to ship it via regular mail but I will knock $1 off. It can be yours for $7.99 regular mail or $8.99 priority mail (please mention this article). Finally IAA (FCS) fans have increased coverage and if the reader speaks out it could just be the tip of the iceberg!

APPALACHIAN ST

BOONE, NC

HC: JERRY MOORE (167-70)

APPALACHIAN ST STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK

OFFENSE – LAST 4 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TTL OFF	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	TOTAL TURN		RECORD	RET STS	DEF PTS	TTL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %
7*	42.7	488	287	5.7	201	65.5	+5	2007	13-2	6	26.7	380	193	4.6	187	53.4
7	35.2	418	241	5.5	176	58.8	-1	2006	14-1	7	14.9	277	108	3.1	169	51.1
6	30.3	423	194	4.9	229	62.2	+8	2005	12-3	9	18.8	331	167	3.7	164	55.5
–	33.3	426	103	3.0	323	65.7	-3	2004	6-5	–	32.5	401	195	4.1	206	57.4

QUARTERBACKS - Armanti Edwards (6'0" 177 Jr, PS#111) is one of the most exciting QB's in the country including IA! Tim Tebow won the Heisman becoming the first QB to have 20 TD's both rushing and passing in the same season. Edwards rushed for 1,588 net yards (6.7!) and 21 TD's and passed for 1,948 (66.7%) with a 17-7 ratio. As a true frosh in 2006 he rushed for 1,258 (6.7) and 15 TD's while passing for 2,251 (60.9%) with a 15-10 ratio. His two year backup, Trey Elder departs after throwing for 2,404 yards in 4 years and rushing for 985. Hunter Stewart (6'0" 185 Jr) figures to be the backup and has 2 career passes with most of his action as a holder on FG's. CoCo Hillary (PS#230QB) who moved to WR last year also worked at QB in the spring. As long as Edwards stays healthy, this is the top QB unit in the FCS.

RUNNING BACKS - This is one of my biggest question on the 2008 squad as they lose their career all time-leading rusher Kevin Richardson who rushed for 1,433 (5.4) in '05, 1,676 (5.5) in '06 and 1,348 (5.2) in 2007. The top candidate to replace him is Devon Moore (5'9" 200 Jr) who has 774 (5.0) in 2 years. Also competing are Josh Jackson (5'10" 205 Jr) who had 131 (5.7) and Robert Welton (5'11" 210 So) who had 19 yards LY. WR James Hill is one of the fastest and transferred in from Rhode Island last year. He had 44 yards rush and just 8 yds rec. Walk-on Cedric Baker had a solid spring. Kevin's cousin, Donovan Richardson (5'10" 170 rFr, PS#259), will be a factor as will true frosh Rod Chisholm (PS#202).

RECEIVERS - LY ASU had 4 of their top 6 back but this year lose their top 3 including Dexter Jackson (#2DC TB). CoCo Hillary (5'10" 190 So) is the top returnee and Josh Johnson has 332 yards (9.8) in 2 years. With the loss of their top 3 this unit looks weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Coach Moore is happy with his starters this year but a little concerned about the depth. While two starters are back, they lose THREE All-American OL's in Kerry Brown (Jacob's Trophy winner), John Holt and Scott Suttle. Mario Acitelli (6'2" 275 Jr) is now an experienced starter but this unit is weaker.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This should be one of the top D-lines in FCS. Quavian Lewis is a Vandy transfer (PS#256), Tim Washington (6'3" 265 Sr) is a rare VHT (PS#16) that originally at LSU. Malcolm Bennett is PS#285JC. Washington had 10 tfl in his first year. They also return Gary Tharrington (13 sacks!) and Daniel Finnerty (7.5 sks) from '07.

LINEBACKERS - Another strong unit as the top 3 LB tacklers from last year in Jacque Roman, DJ Smith and Pierre Banks all return.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - This unit is a big concern as they lose ALL FOUR starters and 3 of them were THREE year starters. HC Moore says they are not starting from scratch and is not as concerned as I am.

SPECIAL TEAMS - They do lose K Julian Rauch who is the all-time leading scorer and top PR Jackson but everyone else is back and look for a bigger impact from WR James Hill.

COACHES - Jerry Moore probably could head to IA but stuck around and won his 3rd consecutive FCS Coach of the Year Award last year. He is 167-70 in his 19 seasons here. Moore was also the HC at Texas Tech and North Texas for 7 years prior to his arrival (1979-'85).

PHIL'S FORECAST - Everyone knows that Appalachian St beat Michigan LY and most know that they won their 3rd straight title. They did lose two players to the NFL draft including #2DC Dexter Jackson. With QB Edwards back they will be solid on offense but probably won't match last years 42.7 ppg. I like the front 7 on D but teams will definitely have more success passing on them. These guys put the FCS on everyone's tongue in September and despite some large graduation losses and not being quite as experienced as last year's team, they are capable of getting a fourth straight title. It is the battle of National Champs in the opener when they play LSU. Can they stun the world again?

2008 SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	at	LSU
Sep. 6		Jacksonville
Sep. 20	at	J Madison
Sep. 27		Presbyterian
Oct. 4		The Citadel
Oct. 11	at	Samford
Oct. 18	at	Georgia Southern
Oct. 25		Furman
Oct. 31		Wofford
Nov. 8	at	Chattanooga
Nov. 15		Elon
Nov. 22	at	W Carolina

Last 10 IAA Playoff Games

YEAR	GAME	OPPONENT	SCORE
2005	SF	Furman	29-23
2005	CH	Northern Iowa	21-16
2006	FR	Coastal Carolina	45-28
2006	QF	Montana St	38-17
2006	SF	Youngstown St	49-24
2006	CH	Massachusetts	27-17
2007	FR	James Madison	28-27
2007	QF	E Washington	38-35
2007	SF	Richmond	55-35
2007	CH	Delaware	49-21

RETURNING STARTERS:

OFFENSE: 5

DEFENSE: 7

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2005 RESULTS (12-3)

	OPPONENT	SCORE
at	Eastern Kentucky	24-16
at	Kansas	8-36
	Coastal Carolina	30-3
at	The Citadel	45-13
at	Furman	31-34
	Georgia Southern	24-7
at	Wofford	49-17
	Chattanooga	35-25
at	LSU	0-24
	Western Carolina	35-7
at	Elon	52-14

2006 RESULTS (14-1)

	OPPONENT	SCORE
at	NC State	10-23
	James Madison	21-10
	Mars Hill	41-0
at	Gardner-Webb	45-21
	Elon	45-21
at	Chattanooga	56-21
	Wofford	14-7
at	Georgia Southern (2OT)	27-20
	Furman	40-7
	The Citadel	42-13
at	Western Carolina	31-9

2007 RESULTS (13-2)

	OPPONENT	SCORE
at	Michigan	34-32
	Lenoir-Rhyne	48-7
	Northern Arizona	34-21
at	Wofford	31-42
at	Elon	49-32
	Gardner-Webb	45-7
	Georgia Southern	35-38
at	Furman	34-27
at	The Citadel	45-24
	Western Carolina	79-35
	Chattanooga	37-17

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Armanti Edwards	237	1727	139	1588	21	6.7
Kevin Richardson	258	1394	46	1348	16	5.2
Trey Elder	74	546	45	501	6	6.8
Devon Moore	95	480	21	459	7	4.8
Josh Jackson	23	135	4	131	1	5.7
CoCo Hillary	22	111	19	92	0	4.2
Dexter Jackson	5	74	0	74	1	14.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Armanti Edwards	222	148	66.7	1948	17	7
Trey Elder	103	65	63.1	993	8	3
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Hans Batichon	58	819	14.1	7	67	
Dexter Jackson	30	688	22.9	8	68	
Kevin Richardson	34	339	10.0	5	47	
CoCo Hillary	23	339	14.7	0	41	
Josh Johnson	17	197	11.6	2	24	
Devon Moore	14	171	12.2	0	25	
TJ Courman	18	166	9.2	0	31	
Nic Cardwell	7	111	15.9	3	33	
Tavaris Washington	5	84	16.8	1	42	
Matt Cline	4	61	15.2	0	28	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**NET**	**In20**	
Neil Young	52	1963	37.8	34.6(t)	16	
KICKING	**XP**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**	
Julian Rauch	76-81	5-7	0-2	17-21	49	

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jacque Roman	127	0	5.5	1	0
DJ Smith	121	0.5	5	11	2
Corey Lynch	111	0	3	11	6
Pierre Banks	108	2.5	4.5	6	1
Gary Tharrington	84	5	13	1	0
Anthony Williams	74	5	6	2	0
Justin Woazeah	69	0	2	20	1
Titus Howard	68	1	3	12	2
Tony Robertson	62	5.5	10	1	1
Cam Speer	44	0	3.5	2	0
Jerome Touchstone	39	0	1.5	4	1
Tim Washington	37	5.5	4.5	1	0
Daniel Finnerty	31	1.5	7.5	2	0
Cortez Gilbert	27	0	1.5	1	1
Bobby Bozzo	20	0	0.5	0	0
Mark LeGree	20	0	0	0	0
Leonard Love	19	0	0	1	1
Chris Johnson	19	0	1	1	0
Jabari Fletcher	18	0.5	4	0	0
Travis Dowda	16	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dexter Jackson	34	223	6.6	0	
Coco Hillary	3	55	18.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
CoCo Hillary	43	1030	24.0	1	

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

QUARTERBACKS 2008's Top QB Units

1. **Florida** – Tim Tebow won the Heisman Trophy last year and was the first player in NCAA history to have 20 TD's BOTH rushing and passing. He set the SEC record for total TD's and was #2 in the NCAA in pass efficiency. Cameron Newton (PS#21) is a solid runner and John Brantley (PS#4) is the best passer of this talented Gator unit.
2. **Texas Tech** – Mike Leach's QB's have always put up great numbers in his pass happy offense but they usually have been lightly recruited. Prospects spend years learning the Raiders' offense on the scout team until they get their chance to shine. This year he has a VHT in Graham Harrell (PS#16) who has thrown for over 10,000 career yards in his 2 years as a starter! Backup Taylor Potts (PS#19) threw for 409 last year and is 6'5" 221.
3. **West Virginia** – Pat White may have won a Heisman already if he wasn't banged up the last two years. He is the most explosive running QB in the game (1,335 net rush yds '07) and last year completed 67% with a 14-4 ratio. Jarrett Brown (PS#30) is a great backup, as he has played in 16 games the L2Y and has thrown for 725 yards and rushed for 567.
4. **Missouri** – I had Chase Daniel on my Heisman ballot last year as he threw for 4,306 yards hitting 68.2% with a 33-11 ratio and rushed for 471 gross yds. Had Missouri beaten Oklahoma in the Big XII Title game he might have won the award! Chase Patton (PS#12) only has 13 career pass att but is in his 4th year in the system and knows it well.
5. **Oklahoma** – Sam Bradford led the NCAA in pass efficiency as a rFr! Had he not gotten injured vs TTech (OU led at the time) the Sooners might have been in the BCS Title game. He hit 69.5% with a super 36-8 ratio. Joey Halzile (6'3" 208) is a capable backup who threw for 454 (59%) with a 3-1 ratio as the backup in '07. Hopefully there will not be a sophmore jinx for Bradford.
6. **Central Michigan** – You can call Dan LeFevour "Tim Tebow lite". While not playing at the same level of competition as Tebow, his stats are nearly equal. He was the MAC Frosh of the Year in '06 and MAC Player of the Year in '07. He threw for 366 yards more than Tebow in '07 and rushed for 227 more. He was ONE TD away from the 20/20 TD club. Backup Brian Brunner opened '06 as the starter.
7. **New Mexico St** – Chase Holbrook was #2 in the NCAA in passing yards in '06 with 4,619 (70%) and a 34-9 ratio. His stats were down some last year as he was banged up and missed some time. JJ McDermott did well in his place as a true frosh (430, 61%).
8. **Texas** – Colt McCoy suffered from the dreaded sophmore jinx last year. As a rFr in '06 he hit 68.2% with a 29-7 ratio. The numbers dropped last year but I look for him to return to form. Some Horn fans would not mind seeing the exciting John Chiles (PS#8) take over as he is a mobile QB in the Vince Young mold. He led 2 TD drives in the bowl as a true frosh.
9. **Georgia** – Matthew Stafford took over the starting job in mid 2006 and is now 17-4 as a starter. He struggled early in his first year but showed improvement almost every week. His backups are Joe Cox (PS#8) and Logan Gray (PS#19). Gray figures to be inserted at times as a running QB.

Texas Tech
QB Graham Harrell

10. **Kansas** – NFL scouts looking for a QB won't be hanging around the KU sidelines as Todd Reesing is just 5'11" and does not even have the strongest arm on his team. Reesing took the starting job last year and threw for 3,486 (62%) with a 33-7 ratio and led his upstart Jayhawks to an Orange Bowl win! Last year's backup and ex-starter Kerry Meier (PS#34QB) was moved to WR.
11. **Purdue** – Curtis Painter is now in the 5th year of the Purdue system and his 4th as a starter. If he throws for 3,030 yards this season he will be the Big Ten's all-time leading passer. His completion % has gone from 52.4 to 59.4 to 62.6 and should continue to improve. He set a school record with 546 yards in the bowl and Joey Elliott (PS#27) enters his 3rd year as backup.
12. **Ohio St** – Todd Boeckman was voted 1st team Big Ten last year, throwing for 2,379 (63.9%) with a 25-14 ratio . He should improve in his 2nd year as a starter and you might have heard that the Buckeyes won the Terrelle Pryor (PS#1) sweepstakes. Pryor will be used in specific offensive packages like Tim Tebow was as a true frosh.
13. **Clemson** – Cullen Harper was a first time starter in '07 and threw for 2,991 (65.1%) with a 27-6 ratio. He is back for his senior year and the Tigers managed to redshirt Willy Korn (PS#2) who played in 2 games as a true.
14. **Arizona St** – Rudy Carpenter had a 17-2 ratio and led the NCAA in pass effiiciency as a rFr. He has been injury plagued the last 2 years but still threw for 3,202 in '07 and has 7,998 career yards.
15. **Washington** – PS#8 Jake Locker's highly anticipated debut was in '07 and he threw for 2,062 yards and rushed for 986 net. He improved his accuracy this spring and should improve in his sophomore season.

Central Michigan
QB Dan LeFevour

The rest of the Top 32:

16. BYU
17. Rice
18. Indiana
19. Virginia Tech
20. Ball State
21. USF
22. Florida Atlantic
23. Utah
24. Minnesota
25. Oklahoma St
26. Arizona
27. California
28. USC
29. Illinois
30. Louisville
31. Nevada
32. Fresno St

RUNNING BACKS 2008's Top RB Units

1. **Ohio St** – Chris "Beanie" Wells was PS#1 and rushed for 1,609 (5.9) with 15 TD's, despite being banged up all '07. Brandon Saine was PS#2 and rushed for 267 as a true frosh. PS#11 Maurice Wells (no relation) would start for many schools and has 737 rush yards in 3 years. Tressell says that rFr Dan "Boom" Herron (PS#44) is going to be a special back.
2. **Georgia** – Knowshon Moreno (PS#14) did not start until the 2H of his rFr season but he rushed for 1334 (5.4) and was the key to the Dogs dominating finish. Caleb King (PS#7) redshirted last year and will form a fine duo with Moreno. FB Brannan Southerland turned down a shot at the NFL and is underrated. They also add in 3 VHT true frosh with Carlton Thomas (PS#35), Richard Samuel (PS#10) and Dontavious Jackson (PS#22) and the latter two were in for spring.
3. **Pittsburgh** – LeSean McCoy (PS#8) burst onto the scene as a frosh with 1,328 (4.8) despite only starting nine. Like Darren McFadden he ran the ball out of the QB slot as well. His backup LaRod Stephens-Howling was the #1 rusher in '06 and has 1,647 (4.7) and 41 rec in 3 years. FB Conredge Collins (PS#20) is one of NCAA's top rated FB prospects for the NFL.
4. **Clemson** – The Thunder and Lightning combo of James Davis (PS#21) and CJ Spiller (PS#10) enter their third and final year together and both are near the top of the charts as NFL prospects. Davis has rushed for 3,130 (5.4) career yards and Spiller for 1,706 (6.2). They also add in a pair of VHT true frosh RB's who are probably their next super duo.
5. **USC** – Pete Carroll only recruits players who are not afraid of competition. Last year they had 11 VHT's battling for time including 10 TB's. This year I "only" count eight VHT RB's on the roster including last year's PS#1 Marc Tyler. FB Stanley Havili is one of the best in the country.
6. **Wisconsin** – PJ Hill has 2781 (5.1) yards in two injury-plagued seasons and hopes to be 100% healthy this year. John Clay (PS#3) was not cleared til late Aug '07 and Lance Smith avg 6.0 ypc in '07 only playing in half of their games. Zach Brown had 4 starts and rushed for 250 vs Minny and 108 vs Michigan. FB Chris Pressley drew comparisons to Ron Dayne out of HS, and holds nearly every UW weightlifting record.
7. **Boise State** – Ian Johnson rushed for 1,713 (6.2) in '06 including his big Fiesta Bowl game vs Oklahoma. He missed a few games last year with injuries but still topped 1,000. In one of the games he missed, freshmen Jeremy Avery and DJ Harper EACH topped 100 yards.
8. **Tulsa** – Oklahoma transfer Courtney Tennial (PS#40) only had 5 starts in '06 but led the team with 845 (4.9). He was preseason All-CUSA in '07 but was injured and RS. Tarrion Adams stepped in and rushed for 1,225 (5.6) in just 6 starts. FB Charles Clay had 1,024 yards receiving and another 304 rushing as a true frosh! All 3 return.

Pittsburgh
RB LeSean McCoy

9. **Oklahoma** – DeMarco Murray (PS#5) is explosive and rushed for 764 (6.0) last year before being lost to injury. Chris Brown (PS#35) has filled in for both Murray and Adrian Peterson when they were injured and has 954 (4.2) in 2 years. They add in true frosh Jermie Calhoun (PS#2) and Justin Johnson (PS#12), so despite the loss of a 1,000 yard rusher they are stronger.
10. **Texas A&M** – The Aggies also have a Thunder and LIghtning combo in Mike Goodson (PS#4) who has 1,558 (5.6) and 53 career rec and Jorvorskie Lane (PS#14) who is around 280 lbs and has 2,100 (4.6) career rush yards. They add in rFr Bradley Stephens (PS#12) and true frosh Cyrus Gray (PS#13).
11. **West Virginia** – Noel Devine (PS#2) was the Mountaineers most explosive back in '07 and avg an amazing 8.6 ypc with 627 yards. With defenses keying on QB Pat White, he should have a big year. They add in a JUCO in Zach Hulse and true frosh Terence Kerns.
12. **Nebraska** – Marlon Lucky (PS#3) has 1,876 (4.8) yards rushing and 1,091 receiving in three years. Quentin Castille (PS#43) was productive when called upon as a true frosh. Marcus Mendoza (PS#41) is the fastest RB and they add in a VHT true frosh.
13. **Florida St** – Antone Smith (PS#4) is an ACC track champ and was headed for a 1,000 yard season last year until he was injured. FB's Seddrick Holloway and Marcus Sims (PS#13) are solid. They add in 3 VHT's in JC Tavares Pressley (PS#27), rFr Brandon Paul (PS#28) and true frosh AJ Alexander (PS#20).
14. **Miami, Florida** – Javarris "Baby J" James led UM in rushing in '06 but was not 100% last year. They added in the top prep prospect LY in Graig Cooper and he led with 682(5.5). Shawnbrey McNeal (PS#39) has 4.26 speed and Derron Thomas (PS#51) has 509 yards in the last 3 years.
15. **Florida** – Kestahn Moore (PS#35) had 580 (5.6) to lead the Gator RB's last year. RFr Chris Rainey (PS#15) may have started but was injured and RS, as did Mon Williams (PS#23). They add in USC transfer Emmanuel Moody (PS#6) who had 459 (5.8) as a true in the Trojans deep backfield.

The rest of the Top 29:

16. Auburn
17. NC State
18. Tennessee
19. Northwestern
20. LSU
21. Michigan St
22. Utah
23. Notre Dame
24. Oregon
25. Michigan
26. BYU
27. Kent St
28. TCU
29. Navy

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

RECEIVERS 2008's Top Receiving Units

1. **Florida** – The Gators lose their #3 all-time career leading receiver but still rate #1. Versatile Percy Harvin is one of NCAA's most exciting players and last year had 858 yds rec and 764 yds rush. Louis Murphy has 4.25 spd and had 548 rec yds in '07. TE Cornelius Ingram was a projected #3 DC but opted to return for his senior year. Aaron Hernandez is PS#1TE and played last year as a true. They add in rFr Deonte Thompson (PS#4WR) and Carl Moore (PS#1JC), a WR who was in for the spring.
2. **Texas Tech** – The Red Raiders WR's will ALWAYS catch a lot of passes but Leach just keeps upgrading the unit's talent. Michael Crabtree won the Biletnikoff Award last year after leading the NCAA with 1,962 yards and 22 TD's. He was just a frosh! This is the most experienced WR corps TT has had in recent years and perhaps the most talented.
3. **Missouri** – Jeremy Maclin was 1st Tm Frosh AA with over 1,000 yards receiving and over 1,300 yds in returns (3 TD) as well. He has blazing speed and is a threat to score every time he touches the ball, which is often (375 yd rush). TE Chase Coffman (157 career rec) is one of the preseason favorites for the Mackey Award.
4. **Tulsa** – The Hurricane had THREE 1,000 yard receivers last year but one was a FB. They return both of their 1,000 yard WR's and should get the ball into Brennan Marion's hands more often, as he averaged an NCAA record 31.9 ypc! Not only are the top 4 back from '07, but they add in a rare (for here) VHT Slick Shelley (PS#9!).
5. **Florida St** – Greg Carr is 6'6" and is tough to defend around the goal line (25 TD's in 3 years). Preston Parker was leading the team in rec's but was moved to RB late in the year and finished as the #2 rusher with 270 (5.2). TE Jonathan Hannah (PS#4) missed last year and they add in WR Corey Surrency (PS#14JC) this year.
6. **Ohio St** – The Bucks had to replace two 1st round DC's in 2006 but this year have everyone back. Brian Hartline is 6'2" and Brian Robiskie is 6'3" and they combined for 1,629 yards in '07. Three true frosh played last year and they add 3 VHT true frosh this year (PS#4, PS#9RB and PS#4TE!). They also have 2 TE's returning that are VHT's.
7. **Tennessee** – The Vols had very little experience at WR in '07 but the top 3, Lucas Taylor (PS#21), Josh Briscoe (PS#26) and Austin Rogers (PS#54) combined for 2,181 rec yards and all 3 are now experienced. Look for a bigger year from TE Jeff Cottam (PS#7).
8. **Memphis** – This group passes the eyeball test as the Tigers may have the tallest group of WR's in the country. The top 4 WR's avg 6'5" and combined for 2,773 yards in '07 and they actually have their top 7 rec's returning. TE Brett Russell was HM CUSA, showing they're not just a bunch of lanky WR's.
9. **Oklahoma** – The Sooners have one of the top TE's in the country in Jermaine Gresham (PS#3) who had 518 yards as a backup last year. The other TE Brody Eldridge was 1st Tm Big XII as a FB in '07. Two of their top 3 WR's are back and there are 7 VHT WR's in the group.
10. **Arizona** – Mike Thomas had 1,038 yards in '07 and is back for his senior year. In fact the top 4 rec's are back and they combined for 2,556 yds. TE Rob Gronkowski (PS#4) is one of those 4 and had 525 in '07, despite packing 260 lbs.
11. **LSU** – Naturally, LSU's receiving corps is LOADED wall-to-wall with VHT's. They have 5 VHT TE's, including starter Richard Dickson (PS#10). WR Demetrius Byrd (PS#30JC) avg'd 17.7 ypc here in '07. Look for a bigger year from Terrance Toliver (PS#2) who avg'd 24.9 as a true frosh. Seven out of the top 8 are back.
12. **USC** – The Trojans have always had great size and have produced their share of NFL WR's under Carroll. This year he may have one of his fastest sets of WR's. Their top 3 WR's are not only all back but they are all VHT's in Patrick Turner (PS#3), Vidal Hazelton (PS#6) and David Ausberry (PS#2) and they add in Arkansas transfer Damian Williams (PS#11, 19 rec as true at Arkansas in '06).
13. **New Mexico St** – Chris Williams is one of the best WR's you've never heard of. Williams led the NCAA in ypg in '06 (117.9, 1,415 yds) but last year he had 772 yards and 11 TD's in only 7 full games as his season was cut short due to injury. AJ Harris had 611 yards and is back and they add in a solid JUCO WR in Marcus Anderson (PS#126JC).
14. **Maryland** – One of the most underrated players in the country is Darrius Heyward-Bey. He is the Terps' top offensive player with 4.23 speed and is a threat to score on every touch. Most of last year's group is back and they add in PS#8TE, PS#15WR and PS#24WR to the unit.
15. **USF** – While just missing out on the tallest WR corps title (Memphis), this is a big unit with plenty of game breaking speed. They have not put up great numbers with QB Grothe running more than passing, but I am very impressed with the unit's athletic ability.

Texas Tech
WR Michael Crabtree

The rest of the Top 30:

16. Boston College
17. Penn St
18. Pittsburgh
19. Rutgers
20. Oregon
21. Wisconsin
22. San Jose St
23. Ball St
24. South Carolina
25. Marshall
26. BYU
27. Rice
28. Clemson
29. W Michigan
30. Oregon St

OFFENSIVE LINE 2008's Top OL Units

1. **Oklahoma** – The Sooners are huge up front, averaging 6'5" 317. Last year they opened holes for 191 ypg rush (4.7) and allowed just 14 sacks (3.5%). Four players started at least 13 gms last year and two others split the other spot (7 starts each). This year ALL 6 return as does another player with starting experience and their combined 130 career starts are the most in the NCAA.
2. **Ohio St** – OSU has the 7th biggest O-line in the country avg a 6'5" 318. Last year they paved the way for 4.6 ypc rush and allowed just 5.8% sacks. This year they have 4 starters returning including my 1st Tm AA OT Alex Boone and add in 3 of my top 10 true frosh OL this year, all of whom were in for the spring.
3. **Tennessee** – The Vols O-line had an absolutely amazing stat from last year. They allowed just 4 sacks on 534 pass att's (less than 1%!). Second Tm AA LG Anthony Parker turned down an early shot at the NFL which means that four potential All-SEC players return this year. Their 62 starts returning from last year are the 4th highest in the NCAA.
4. **West Virginia** – Last year WV had to replace two starters and also their OL coach who left for Florida St. The O-line did pretty well without him as they avg 297 ypg rush (6.2) and only allowed 13 sacks (4.9%). This year not only do all 5 starters return but they add in John Hafferty who started 13 games at Kansas St and true frosh Josh Jenkins (PS#2).
5. **LSU** – Last year the Tigers O-line opened holes for 214 ypg rush (4.9), which was the school's best totals since 1997, while allowing 6.8% sacks. This year 4 starters return and the entire two deep consists of VHT's including PS#5DL Joseph Barksdale who played in 11 as a true frosh. Their 96 career starts are the NCAA's 11th highest.
6. **Wisconsin** – The Badgers O-line was banged up last year and by year's end two rFr were starting on the left side of the line. This year they only lose 1 starter and have 5 back who had 6 or more starts last year due to the injuries. Wisconsin avg'd 201 ypg rush with their 4.4 ypc (best since 1999). While they did allow 9.5% sacks, 10 came vs Ohio St when the O-line was its most banged up.
7. **BYU** – This group has two of the best OG's in the country in Travis Bright and Ray Feinga. They have 9 of the top 10 back and add in a pair of VHT JUCO's and a PS#5 rFr! They avg 326 lbs, making them the 2nd biggest line in IA. They only allowed 4.0% sacks in 2007 and should improve upon 2007's 3.8 ypc rush.
8. **Texas Tech** – These guys could block out the sun with an average size of 6'6" 331 which is larger than all but one NFL team last year! Most years their 2.4% sacks allowed would have led the NCAA but it was #2 in '07 (see Tennessee). Surprisingly, the unit only opened holes for 59 ypg rush and 3.1 ypc but with the entire two deep back they will easily improve their running game.
9. **Texas** – The Horns avg'd 208 ypg rush last year (5.0) and allowed just 5.7% sacks despite losing one starter in week 10 and another the next week. Those two are this year's only losses so the entire two deep from the last 2 games is back and they had 474 yards, including 300 rush (5.6) vs Arizona St in the Holiday bowl.
10. **Penn St** – The Lions avg'd 194 ypg rush and allowed just 4.8% sacks despite having a virtually immobile QB last year. This year basically all 5 starters are back and they move back to the spread offense which they ran in 2005 (213 ypg, 5.1). Look for them to be near the top statistically this year in both categories and they rank #5 in the NCAA in terms of 2007 starts returning.
11. **Florida** – While a mobile QB like Tim Tebow aides the stats I associate with an O-line, I was impressed with this unit last year. Thanks to Tebow, they avg'd 5.3 ypc rush and allowed just 3.6% sacks. They have 76 career starts returning and good size with a 6'5" 304 lb avg.
12. **Iowa** – Coach Ferentz always puts an emphasis on this group and in 2002 they had arguably the top O-line in the country. Last year the group was very young (basically just 1 starter back) and was very banged up. UI avg'd just 3.5 ypc and allowed 46 sacks, which is atypical of a Ferentz team. This year the entire two deep returns and surprisingly they are #4 in my ratings in terms of recruits, so Ferentz has a talented, experienced group to mold.
13. **Oregon** – A mobile QB like Dennis Dixon helps the O-line stats and with untested QB's in two late games they allowed 9 of the team's 24 sacks. The RB's avg 5.6 ypc rush. This year they have 3 starters back from one of the Pac-10's top O-lines.
14. **California** – C Alex Mack led a group that allowed just 2.5% sacks in '07 and opened holes for 166 ypg (4.9) rush. Mack and two other starters are back and this group's 24 sacks allowed over the last two years are 3rd lowest total in the country in that span.
15. **Mississippi** – Mark Markuson molded some great O-lines at Arkansas winning 5 SEC rushing titles in the last 6 years. He made the move here along with HC Houston Nutt and inherits a large group averaging 6'4" 324 lbs (#4 NCAA) that is experienced as their 99 career starts rank #9. They also have 3 VHT starters, including LT Michael Oher who is on my AA team.

BYU
OL Dallas Reynolds

The rest of the Top 30:

16. Nebraska
17. Alabama
18. Kansas St
19. Georgia
20. USC
21. Auburn
22. Oklahoma St
23. Illinois
24. Maryland
25. Troy
26. Missouri
27. USF
28. Fresno St
29. Virginia Tech
30. Arkansas

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE LINE 2008's Top DL Units

1. **LSU** - The Tigers lose their superstar DT Glenn Dorsey who won many national awards but they still have the top D-line in the country. Nine of the top 10 from their top-notch unit remain and the 3rd string is comprised of VHT's. Dorsey wasn't 100% in 5 games LY and DT/DE Ricky Jean-Francois was the MVP of the BCS National Championship game, one of only 2 games he played in LY (susp 12 gms reg ssn).
2. **Penn State** - The Lions allowed just 94 ypg rush last year and 2.7 ypc with the D recording 46 sacks. Two DL's were suspended for the spring but both were re-instated meaning, the front wall is back intact and includes 1st team Big Ten DE Maurice Evans who had 12.5 sacks. They have SEVEN back with starting experience and average well over 300 lbs in the middle.
3. **Ohio State** - Just like LSU the Buckeyes lose their star in DE Vernon Gholston but have 7 of the top 8 back and get back DE Lawrence Wilson who missed last year. OSU had an inexperienced D-Line last year yet only allowed 83 ypg (2.5) with 43 sacks.
4. **Oklahoma** - The Sooners starting DT's are both PS#1's with Gerald McCoy earning Big XII Frosh of the Year honors in '07 and DeMarcus Granger (2nd Tm Big XII) entering his 3rd year. DE Auston English had 9.5 sacks and was 1st Team Big XII. EIGHT players are back with starting experience.
5. **Texas** - The last two years the Horns have allowed just 61 and 93 ypg rush. They do lose two starters this year but have 3 back with 7 or more starts and, naturally, the unit is loaded with VHT's including 2 HM Big XII players Roy Miller (PS#6) and Lamarr Houston (PS#4LB).
6. **Clemson** - The Tigers had little depth on the D-line a few years ago but have been getting deeper each year. They allowed 3.4 ypc rush in '07 and have 8 of the top 9 back. They add PS#1 Da'Quan Bowers, who was in for the spring, and Jarrett Crittenton (PS#48JC). DE Ricky Sapp (PS#5) had 5 sacks and 22 qbh in '07.
7. **Florida St** - The Seminoles allowed just 117 ypg rush (3.3) with the D having 29 sacks last year. They have 7 DL's back with starting experience and plenty of VHT's. Bowden said the difference between their dominating D-lines of years past and the last few years was the lack of a great pass rushing DE. He brings in Markus White (PS#3JC) who had 24.5 sacks at JC LY.
8. **Michigan** - Michigan had one of the top D-lines in the NCAA in 2006 but last year they had an inexperienced unit and the numbers slipped. This year they have the entire two deep back, good size in the middle, and they go almost 3 deep in VHT's.
9. **USC** - Pete Carroll recruits talent on top of talent. Last year the Trojans allowed 2.5 ypc rush and the D had 45 sacks. They do lose TWO AA's from the unit but filling their shoes are PS#1 DE Everson Griffen who was a Frosh AA and numerous other VHT's, including three true frosh who are among the Top 20 DL this year. DT Fili Moala (PS#59) and DE Kyle Moore (PS#12) are solid.
10. **Boston College** - BC lost 2nd Tm ACC DT BJ Raji prior to 2007 but still allowed just 76 ypg rush (2.4) and the D had 34 sacks. This year they lose two starters but get Raji back and DE Jim Ramella was not 100% after a 2006 injury but started the last 3 and should be 100% healthy this year. DT Ron Brace and Raji are both 325 lbs and DE Alex Albright had 8.5 sks in 12 games last year
11. **Miami, Fl** - Miami usually fields a top-notch front but last year the group was hit hard by injuries. At one point the top 4 DT's were all out. They do lose a couple of highly productive players (28 combined starts) but have 4 back with starting experience that are loaded with good size and speed plus add true frosh Marcus Forston (PS#2), who was in for the spring.
12. **Florida** - The Gators had their least experienced D-line in a long time last year and had to replace FOUR draft picks from their National Title team. The unit still put up great numbers as they allowed just 103 ypg rush (3.0). This year they lose two starters but are much more experienced after having VHT frosh and soph filling most of the two deep last year.
13. **Oregon** - The Ducks were decent up front last year allowing 3.6 ypc rush and will be stronger in '08. They do lose two starters but have good size in the middle and add two top notch JUCO's there. On the outside, Nick Reed had 12 sacks and 10.5 tfl and Will Tukuafu had 4.5 sacks in his first year and will be stronger. Kenny Rowe (PS#19) was a backup as a true frosh.
14. **BYU** - BYU usually has veteran units due to missions but in 2006 they had 3 true frosh in the rotation. They allowed just 114 ypg rush (3.6) and improved to 97 (3.0) in '07, despite losing starting DT Russell Tialavea prior to the year. This year they only lose one starter, get Tialavea back and also add PS#9 JC Bernard Afutiti.
15. **Arizona St** - ASU has been tough up front the last 2 years and allowed just 116 ypg rush (3.7) in '07. PS#2 JC Luis Vasquez had 13 starts and 11.5 tfl and DE Dexter Davis had 10.5 sacks LY. Only one starter departs and they add PS#12OL Lawrence Guy.

LSU
DE Kirston Pittman

The rest of the Top 30:

16. Georgia
17. Georgia Tech
18. Illinois
19. Iowa
20. Mississippi
21. USF
22. TCU
23. Wyoming
24. Auburn
25. UCLA
26. Pittsburgh
27. Alabama
28. South Carolina
29. Arkansas
30. Tennessee

LINEBACKERS 2008's Top LB Units

1. **Ohio State** - James Laurinaitis won the Butkus Award and then turned down the NFL to return for his senior year. Marcus Freeman (PS#8) was 2nd Tm Big Ten and had 109 tackles. They have 5 of the top 6 back from last year's outstanding defense and even add true frosh PS#7 Etienne Sabino and PS#13 Andrew Sweat.
2. **USC** - Rey Maualuga (PS#1) has been 1st Tm Pac-10 in each of the last two years. Brian Cushing (PS#5) missed most of 5 games with injury but was 2nd Tm Pac-10 as a DE in '06 and returns to complete health. Seven of the top 9 LB's are VHT's.
3. **South Carolina** - SC looked to be in great shape at LB last year but one starter was forced to move to DL due to injuries and they then lost star MLB Jasper Brinkley after 4 starts. They held 3 SEC bowl teams incl National Champ LSU to 322 ypg early. Six of the top 8 from last year return and Brinkley (PS#49JC, 1st Tm SEC '06) is back from injury. They have 4 full-time starters for 3 positions.
4. **Florida St** - Florida St normally loses multiple LB's to the draft but this year 5 of the top 6 return including Derek Nicholson (PS#7) who led in tackles (99). They have 10 VHT's in the unit including true frosh Nigel Bradham (PS#4) who was in for the spring.
5. **Kansas** - This is an outstanding blue collar group. You will not find any VHT's in the unit but they have some outstanding veteran LB's that return for basically their 3rd year together. They were one of the main reasons for the Jayhawks' resurgence in '07. Joe Mortensen was 1st Tm Big XII in '07 and Mike Rivera and James Holt had 96 and 99 tackles respectively and both were HM Big XII.
6. **California** - Cal returns all 3 starting LB's from '07 and two of them topped 100 tackles and both of them are VHT's! Five of the top 7 are back and the 3 returning starters all top 235 lbs, so they have good size and speed. This is the still only the #2 LB corps in the Pac-10.
7. **Florida** - Last year the Gators LB unit had talent (loaded with VHT's) but was young having to replace all 3 starters and the new starters had 37 combined career tackles. Brandon Spikes (PS#6) earned 1st TM SEC honors with 131 tackles and 16 tfl, while Dustin Doe had 85 tackles. The unit of 3 soph and 3 frosh returns intact with a years of experience under their belts and they add 2 frosh (PS#3 and PS#17).
8. **Boston College** - Last year BC had an experienced unit, even though one of their top LB's Brian Toal (PS#4) had to RS due to injury. This year they do lose two starters but return 2 of their top 3 LB tacklers including Mark Herzlich who had 97 tackles and 12 tfl in his first year as a full-time starter. They also get Toal back and the backups are very experienced.
9. **USF** - Tyrone McKenzie had 129 tackles and 9.5 tfl at Iowa St in '06 and transferred here in 2007. He played immediately and led USF in tackles with 121 and added 7.5 tfl (benches 225 lbs 27x) while Brouce Mompremier (PS#46) had 83 tackles. They do lose one starter but Kion Wilson (PS#22JC) is ready to step in.
10. **TCU** - The Frogs run a 4-2-5 D but I include their SS with the LB's. Last year Stephen Hodge only started the last 5 at SS but was #2 on the team with 8 sacks and was 2nd Tm MWC. Robert Henson has just 3 career starts but has earned HM MWC all 3 years and has 199 career tackles. MLB Jason Phillips was 2nd Tm MWC in '07. As usual, the tough Frogs D has a solid LB corps.
11. **Miami, Fl** - Last year was a very un-Miami-like year in many ways. Miami allowed 26.0 ppg on D after avg 15.4 ppg the previous 8 years. Two starters were lost to injury early in '07. This year they lose 1 starter but have 4 back with 9 or more career starts and another player is back with 5 starts from LY. They also add 5 true frosh LB's who were all PS#35 or better.
12. **Texas** - The Horns split time among their top 6 last year, so the two starters they lost had a combined 125 tackles and the two that take their place had 120. Those two "new starters" are Jared Norton (PS#19) and Roddrick Muckelroy (PS#30), and they add true frosh Dravannti Johnson (PS#11) who was in for the spring, rFr Keenan Robinson (PS#4) and Sergio Kindle (PS#1) is a junior.
13. **Auburn** - The Tigers had an inexperienced unit last year but have the unit back intact this year, including 5 with starting experience and the unit has excellent speed. Tray Blackmon (PS#3) missed 4 LY and Merrill Johnson also missed 4 and both should be 100%.
14. **Georgia** - The Bulldogs had to replace all 3 starters last year and while 20.2 ppg allowed is solid, it was the most allowed here this decade. Four are back with starting experience and they have 6 VHT's in the unit. Dannell Ellerbe is nicknamed "Phenom" and turned down an early shot at the NFL (2nd Tm SEC) and Akeem Hebron (PS#7) returns from a 1 year suspension.
15. **Missouri** - The top 6 LB's return from '07. Sean Weatherspoon was 1st Tm Big XII and had 130 tackles and Brock Christopher had 106 tackles and 7.5 tfl. This is a very experienced group.

The rest of the Top 32:

16. West Virginia
17. Pittsburgh
18. LSU
19. Mississippi
20. Wisconsin
21. Kansas St
22. Maryland
23. Oklahoma
24. Wake Forest
25. Arizona St
26. Miami, Oh
27. Penn State
28. Virginia
29. Hawaii
30. Tennessee
31. Virginia Tech
32. S Mississippi

Florida St
LB Derek Nicholson

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 TOP INDIVIDUAL UNITS

DEFENSIVE BACKS 2008's Top DB Units

1. **Oregon** – The Ducks have had 4 straight top 20 finishes in my Pass D rankings, including last year when they were #8, snagging 20 interceptions. Their excellent CB combo of Walter Thurmond III and Jairus Byrd both return and they combined for 12 int and 33 pbu last year, while 1st Team Pac-10 ROV Patrick Chung led the team in tackles.
2. **Ohio St** – The Bucks had to replace 3 NFL DC's in '06 but finished #12 and they were #13 last year, so they are always near the top. This year the unit returns intact and their top 4 CB's are all 6' or taller with Malcolm Jenkins earning 2nd Tm AA honors. FS Anderson Russell has worked on his hands after unofficially leading the Big Ten in dropped interceptions last year and SS Kurt Coleman (PS#17) was 1 of 3 soph starters last year.
3. **Clemson** – The Tigers have 4 straight top 25 pass D finishes and this year return their top 7 DB's from '07. SS Michael Hamlin was the MVP of the defense last year and FS Chris Clemons has 196 tackles in 2 years. Their CB's are solid in Chris Chancellor (PS#35) and Crezdon Butler and their backups are two VHT's who combined for 44 tackles as frosh last year.
4. **USC** – USC has had FIVE straight top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings. They not only have 3 starters back from '07, including 1st Tm Pac-10 SS Kevin Ellison and 3rd Tm AA FS Taylor Mays and Cary Harris (PS#25) but they also get back CB Josh Pinkard who started 7 in '05 but was injured and missed last year. Also back is CB Kevin Thomas (PS#23), who opened up '06 as a starter but was injured and then RS'd last year. Pete Carroll says it may be the best secondary he has fielded, 'nuff said.
5. **Georgia** – Last year the Dogs had only one player reclaim his starting role in the secondary but still finished #17 in my pass D rankings with a 12-15 ratio. They basically have 3 starters back this year in CB's Prince Miller (PS#22), Asher Allen (PS#23) and SS CJ Byrd (PS#10). The open FS slot is filled by Reshad Jones (PS#6) who had 57 tackles and two starts as a rFr.
6. **Oregon St** – OSU has had FIVE top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 6 years. Last year they were #10 with a 20-22 ratio and only lose one starter and one backup who combined for 2 int. CB Brandon Hughes was 2nd Tm Pac-10 (12 pbu) and CB Keenan Lewis is 6'1" and had 3 int LY. SS Al Afalava is the hardest hitter on the team. FS Bryan Payton (PS#25) is the new starter, but has 6 starts and 73 tackles of experience.
7. **Wake Forest** – The Demon Deacons DB's scored more TD's than some WR's last year! CB Alphonso Smith had 8 ints and took 3 of them to the house. He combined with CB Brandon Ghee for 20 pbu. SS Chip Vaughn led the team in tackles and had 14 pbu. Seven of the top 8 are back from last year's #21 pass D.
8. **Florida St** – FSU had 4 top TWO finishes in my pass D rankings but have slipped the past couple of years, including down to #50 last year. Three of 4 starters return, including their top cover CB Tony Carter (PS#3). SS Myron Rolle (PS#2) was 1st Tm Frosh AA in '06.
9. **Virginia Tech** – It does not seem to matter how many returning starters VT has as Bud Foster's unit is always at the top and has two #2 finishes in my pass D rankings in the past three years including 2007. CB Victor "Macho" Harris (PS#5) was 1st Tm ACC with 5 int in '07 and FS Kam Chancellor had 79 tackles and both are back.
10. **UCF** – This is the most experienced secondary in the country, as all 4 starters have started at least 6 games in EACH of the last 3 years with the unit having a combined 135 career starts and 35 int. They were #14 in my pass D rankings in '07 and CB Joe Burnett was 1st Tm CUSA last year while SS Sha'reff Rashad was 2nd Tm.
11. **Utah** – The Utes had an inexperienced secondary in 2007 but still finished #4 in my pass D rankings. They do lose their leading tackler from last year but 9 of the top 10 are back including a pair of solid CB's in Brice McCain and Sean Smith. Three safety's do have a combined 14 starts from last year.
12. **Mississippi St** – This is Sylvester Croom's most experienced secondary with 7 players back with starting experience. The unit finished #30 last year. FS Derek Pegues was 1st Tm SEC.
13. **Michigan** – UM usually finishes at the top of my pass D rankings but had one of their lower finishes last year at #27. This year they lose both starting S's but have 3 back with 10 or more starts last year and 6 of the top 7 are VHT's. The CB's are PS#9, PS#19 and also have a PS#19 as backup.
14. **Notre Dame** – The Irish did not have a good year last season but it was not the DB's fault, as they were #26 in my pass D rankings allowing just 162 ypg and 52.6% completions. Three starters are back and 2 are VHT's.
15. **Tennessee** – Is that a typo? Did the Vols really finish #78 in my pass D rankings last year? Yes, they allowed 239 ypg (59%) and 25 TD's. Last year's unit was very inexperienced and this year is the polar opposite with 3 starters back, including SS Eric Berry (PS#1) who was 1st Tm Frosh AA and is on this year's Lott Trophy watch list.

Oregon St
S Al Afalava

The rest of the Top 31:

16. Penn St
17. LSU
18. W Michigan
19. South Carolina
20. Auburn
21. Oklahoma
22. Miami, Fl
23. Cincinnati
24. Rutgers
25. Vanderbilt
26. North Carolina
27. Kentucky
28. Florida
29. Arizona St
30. Kansas
31. USF

SPECIAL TEAMS 2008's Top ST Units

1. **Florida** – Urban Meyer got his start as Notre Dame's ST coach and puts a high priority on this unit. While he loses his K, true frosh Caleb Sturgis (PS#6) hit a 60 yd FG in the spring, showing his leg. P Chas Henry has great hang time on his punts and they allowed just 22 TOTAL PR yards in '07 (net 38.7). UF has blocked 11 punts in Meyer's 3 years! Oh, I forgot to mention the return game (but opposing coaches won't) as Brandon James was #17 in the NCAA in KR's (28.0) and #2 in PR's with a 18.1 avg. LS James Smith is back and earned an Iron Gator award.
2. **Penn St** – P Jeremy Boone had a super 39.4 net (#3 NCAA) in his first year as a starter. K Kevin Kelly (PS#6) already has 58 career FG's and last year hit 20 of 26 with a long of 53 and 2 of his misses were from 50+. PR Derrick Williams (PS#1) has had a PR TD in each of the last two years. AJ Wallace (PS#4) avg 26.4 on KR's in '07 and everyone returns.
3. **Utah** – Not too many players handle both kicking chores and none of them do it as effectively as Louie Sakoda. In 2006 he led the NCAA in NET punting (41.4!) and in two years he has hit 35 of 42 FG's with a long of 51. Ben Vroman has a big leg and had 17 TB's on 71 KO's. Brice McCain has 4.32 speed and led the MWC in KR's in '06. Only a new PR must be found this year.
4. **Air Force** – Ryan Harrison has the misfortune of playing in the same conference as Utah's Sakoda. He also handles P and K duties nearly as well. Last year he hit 19 of 27 FG's, including a long of 57 and three from 50+. He also had a 36.4 net punting avg. AF does lose their outstanding PR and KR in Chad Hall but usually finds good replacements.
5. **Ohio St** – Jim Tressel calls the punt the most important play in football and they were #1 in my ST rankings in 2004. Their return game was below avg LY but they have a ton of VHTs and will return to form. They have TWO strong legged K's who have hit a combined 27 of 36 with a long of 52 the last 2 years. P AJ Trapasso is in his 4th year and had a 37.6 net in '05.
6. **Alabama** – K Leigh Tiffin lost his job as a frosh but got it back last year hitting 25 of 34 FG's with a long of 51 which set the school record for FG's in a season. P PJ Fitzgerald made the SEC Frosh team in '06 but only had a 33.5 net in '07. He will battle PS#9K Corey Smith who was in for the spring. Javier Arenas is a dangerous returnman and he avg 15.4 on PR's in '07
7. **UAB** – Swayze Waters is the top dual kicker in the country outside of the MWC. Despite playing on a poor and rebuilding UAB team with a ST unit loaded with frosh, he hit 22 of 28 FG's with 3 from 50+. He avg 41.4 on punts with 22 inside the 20 and had a net of 35.6. Kevin Sanders and Rashad Slaughter combined to avg 11.5 on PR's and the top KR's are all back as well.
8. **Kansas St** – Ron Prince enters his third year and you can tell he cares about this unit as he has #1 and #3 ST finishes in his first 2 years! They do suffer two significant losses in PR Jordy Nelson (2 ret TD's) and P Tim Reyer (38.9 net). Nelson only had 5 returns, however, and the new P is JC AA George Pierson. K Brooks Rossman is back and hit 22 of 28 with a long of 52 in '07.
9. **SMU** – Not much went right for the Mustangs last year and their ST unit went from #30 to #53, despite having everyone back. This year the unit returns intact and should return to form. P Thomas Morstead was #4 in the NCAA with a super 39.3 net last year.
10. **Oklahoma** – Stoops has fashioned six top 13 finishes in my ST rankings in his 9 years leading the Sooners. While they must break in a new P this year, the previous "worst" net was 35.0 and 7 times it has been 37.1 or higher. New P Knall did take over the job late in '07, anyway. New K Jimmy Stevens was PS#3 and will team with true frosh Tress Way who has a big leg. The Sooners led the NCAA in KR's in '07 and have both Juaquin Iglesias (28.5) and DeMarco Murray (29.3) back.
11. **Syracuse** – This one surprises me but my projected computer rankings have these guys just outside the top 10. Their highest finish under Robinson was last year's #51. Max Suter set an NCAA record for KR yards in a season with 1299 (25.5). P Rob Long was 2nd Tm Big East as a true frosh. K Patrick Shadle (PS#14) hit 10 of 14 FG's with a long of 50. Ryan Howard avg 18.1 on PR's at JUCO in '06 and 10.7 here in '07.
12. **UCLA** – The Bruins are the only team that has finished in the top 10 of my ST rankings in EACH of the last 4 years. While they go through a coaching change they bring in Frank Gansz Jr (solid hire) as ST coach. P Aaron Perez had a 37.7 net and K Kai Forbath hit 25 of 30 FG's, including 5-5 from 50+ as a rFr! They do lose KR Matt Slater (29.0) who had 3 TD's.
13. **South Carolina** – Steve Spurrier brings in one of the top ST coordinator's out there in Ray Rychalski. His units did not allow a blocked punt in SEVEN years at Maryland. Ryan Succop hit 13 of 17 FG's and avg 41.6 on punts last year and all the top KR's and PR's return as well.
14. **Auburn** – Last year the Tigers had new players at all of the key spots and slipped from their normal perch near the top to just #56. This year the unit is back intact and their K and P both did well as frosh in '07.
15. **Virginia Tech** – Have you ever read a Phil Steele magazine that did not have Frank Beamer's ST unit listed among the top in the country? I did not think so. OK they lose their top K, KR, PR and LS but they were #1 in the rankings last year and will be near the top again.

The rest of the Top 30:

16. Tennessee
17. Hawaii
18. Arizona
19. Ohio
20. Clemson
21. Akron
22. Idaho
23. Fresno St
24. Missouri
25. UTEP
26. UCF
27. Texas
28. Cincinnati
29. Boise St
30. W Michigan

UTEP
K Jose Martinez

2008 PROJECTED BOWL MATCHUPS

Here are Phil Steele's PROJECTED bowl matchups for 2008. (Remaining Bowls On Page 2.)

POINSETTIA BOWL

Qualcomm Stadium
San Diego, CA
December 23, 2008
UCLA vs BYU

POINSETTIA BOWL LAST 3 YEARS

2007 Utah 35 Navy 32
2006 TCU 37 Northern Illinois 7
2005 Navy 51 Colorado St 30

INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Independence Stadium
Shreveport, LA
December 28, 2008
Kansas St vs Mississippi St

INDEPENDENCE BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Alabama 30 Colorado 24
2006 Oklahoma St 34 Alabama 31
2005 Missouri 38 South Carolina 31
2004 Iowa St 17 Miami, Oh 13
2003 Arkansas 27 Missouri 14
2002 Mississippi 27 Nebraska 23

LAS VEGAS BOWL

Sam Boyd Stadium
Las Vegas, NV
December 20, 2008
Utah vs Arizona St

LAS VEGAS BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 BYU 17 UCLA 16
2006 BYU 38 Oregon 8
2005 California 35 BYU 28
2004 Wyoming 24 UCLA 21
2003 Oregon St 55 New Mexico 14
2002 UCLA 27 New Mexico 13

MOTOR CITY BOWL

Ford Field
Detroit, MI
December 26, 2008
Michigan St vs Central Michigan

MOTOR CITY BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Purdue 51 Central Michigan 48
2006 Central Michigan 31 Middle Tennessee 14
2005 Memphis 38 Akron 31
2004 Connecticut 39 Toledo 10
2003 Bowling Green 28 Northwestern 24
2002 Boston College 51 Toledo 25

NEW MEXICO BOWL

University Stadium
Albuquerque, NM
December 20, 2008
UNLV vs Fresno St

NEW MEXICO BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2007 New Mexico 23 Nevada 0
2006 San Jose St 20 New Mexico 12

INTERNATIONAL BOWL

Rogers Centre
Toronto, Canada
January 3, 2009
Cincinnati vs Bowling Green

INTERNATIONAL BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2007 Rutgers 52 Ball St 30
2006 Cincinnati 27 Western Michigan 24

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL

Legion Field
Birmingham, AL
December 29, 2008
Kentucky vs Pittsburgh

PAPAJOHNS.COM BOWL LAST 2 YEARS

2007 Cincinnati 31 S Mississippi 21
2006 USF 24 East Carolina 7

GMAC BOWL

Ladd-Peebles Stadium
Mobile, AL
January 6, 2009
Western Michigan vs East Carolina

GMAC BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Tulsa 63 Bowling Green 7
2006 S Mississippi 28 Ohio 7
2005 Toledo 45 UTEP 13
2004 Bowling Green 52 Memphis 35
2003 Miami, Oh 49 Louisville 28
2002 Marshall 38 Louisville 15

HUMANITARIAN BOWL

Bronco Stadium
Boise, ID
December 30, 2008
Boise St vs Boston College

HUMANITARIAN BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Fresno St 40 Georgia Tech 28
2006 Miami, Fl 21 Nevada 20
2005 Boston College 27 Boise St 21
2004 Fresno St 37 Virginia 34 (OT)
2003 Georgia Tech 52 Tulsa 10
2002 Boise St 34 Iowa St 16

TEXAS BOWL

Reliant Stadium
Houston, TX
December 30, 2008
Texas A&M vs SMU

FORMER HOUSTON BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2007 TCU 20 Houston 13
2006 Rutgers 37 Kansas St 10
2005 TCU 27 Iowa St 24
2004 Colorado 33 UTEP 28
2003 Texas Tech 38 Navy 14

ST. PETERSBURG BOWL

Tropicana Field
St. Petersburg, FL
December 21, 2008
Rutgers vs UCF

CONGRESSIONAL BOWL

Nationals Park - OR - RFK Stadium
Washington, DC
December 20, 2008
Navy vs Maryland

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2008's Projected Games:

Big XII Oklahoma vs Missouri
MAC Central Michigan vs Bowling Green
SEC Florida vs Auburn
ACC Virginia Tech vs Clemson
CUSA Tulsa vs East Carolina

Past Championship Games:

2007 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC Virginia Tech 30 Boston College 16
Big XII Oklahoma 38 Missouri 17
MAC Central Michigan 35 Miami 10
SEC LSU 21 Tennessee 14
CUSA UCF 44 Tulsa 25

EMERALD BOWL

AT&T Park
San Francisco, CA
December 27, 2008
Arizona vs Georgia Tech

EMERALD BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Oregon St 21 Maryland 14
2006 Florida St 44 UCLA 27
2005 Utah 38 Georgia Tech 10
2004 Navy 34 New Mexico 19
2003 Boston College 35 Colorado St 21
2002 Virginia Tech 20 Air Force 13

HAWAII BOWL

Aloha Stadium
Honolulu, HI
December 24, 2008
Hawaii vs Oregon St

HAWAII BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 East Carolina 41 Boise St 38
2006 Hawaii 41 Arizona St 24
2005 Nevada 49 UCF 48 (OT)
2004 Hawaii 59 UAB 40
2003 Hawaii 54 Houston 48 (3OT)
2002 Tulane 36 Hawaii 28

ARMED FORCES BOWL

Amon G. Carter Stadium
Fort Worth, TX
December 31, 2008
UTEP vs TCU

FORMER FORT WORTH BOWL LAST 5 YEARS

2007 California 42 Air Force 36
2006 Utah 25 Tulsa 13
2005 Kansas 42 Houston 13
2004 Cincinnati 32 Marshall 14
2003 Boise St 34 TCU 31

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans, LA
December 21, 2008
Florida Atlantic vs Marshall

NEW ORLEANS BOWL LAST 6 YEARS

2007 Florida Atlantic 44 Memphis 27
2006 Troy 41 Rice 17
2005 Southern Miss 31 Arkansas St 19
2004 Southern Miss 31 North Texas 10
2003 Memphis 27 North Texas 17
2002 North Texas 24 Cincinnati 19

2006 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC Wake Forest 9 Georgia Tech 6
Big XII Oklahoma 21 Nebraska 7
MAC Central Michigan 31 Ohio 10
SEC Florida 38 Arkansas 28
CUSA Houston 34 Southern Miss 20

2005 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

ACC Florida St 27 Virginia Tech 22
Big XII Texas 70 Colorado 3
MAC Akron 31 Northern Illinois 30
SEC Georgia 34 LSU 14
CUSA Tulsa 44 UCF 27

2004 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Big XII Oklahoma 42 Colorado 3
MAC Toledo 35 Miami 27
SEC Auburn 38 Tennessee 28

2003 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES:

Big XII Kansas St 35 Oklahoma 7
MAC Miami 49 Bowling Green 27
SEC LSU 34 Georgia 13

FOOTBALL 365 DAYS A YEAR

What you see in the picture above is what I used to look at for 12 hours on Saturday and from 1-7 pm EST on Sunday. I have a great satellite setup which allows me to watch almost every college and NFL game. I used to have just 9 TV's in front of my desk but added 3 more in 2004 and the picture above (from 11/12/05 is my actual setup). Many people ask me how you can watch 12 games at one time? When the photographer was shooting the photo, it took him about 20 minutes to actually capture game footage on all 12 TV's with no commercials. As you can see by this particular moment, there are 4 plays in progress and the rest are not. Keep in mind the average play takes 4 to 6 seconds and then there are usually 35 seconds between plays. Throughout the office one of my staff members is "charting" one of these games, or doing the play-by-play and taking notes on the game. We also utilize Sirius radio and TRZ for the untelevised games so we can listen to them and write down the play-by-play. The person charting focuses on one game and if there is something they think I should know about in a particular game, they let me know afterwards. I usually focus on the 4 TV's directly in front of my desk. At the moment of this picture, the key games for me were Mich St-Minnesota, Michigan-Indiana, Oklahoma-Texas A&M and Maryland-North Carolina. The TV I look at the least is the one in the upper left-hand corner. That game at the time was Army-UMass which turned out to be a better game than expected. Obviously, I am a huge college football fan and those are my team helmets in their different conferences in front of the TV's. We have upgraded to flat screens recently and didn't have time to update the picture due to the time spent on the 2008 magazine.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I go through the play-by-play of each game that took place the previous weekend to make sure I did not miss anything. My staff has interesting notes on each game, and of course, I watched the majority of them. I then write the Past Histories (which is my recap of the games) and those are the same Past Histories that you will find in my Regional Magazines. I refer to these often during the offseason to get the true feel of the game as final scores can sometimes be misleading.

I mentioned my staff "charting" the games. I have assigned different members of my staff to cover different conferences and they get the articles from the local papers and the Internet and underline all of the interesting information that could affect a team's performance, or have to do with injuries, etc. All the underlined information is then typed into a file for each team. These team reports are anywhere from 35 to 200 pages by the end of the year (there are a lot more articles on Ohio St than Buffalo). I do not have time to read all the information during each week so I read through these reports every year during the months of December, January and February.

Football is what I do for a living seven days a week, 365 days a year. As you can tell by the sheer volume of information, I write each of the 120 team previews which basically puts me on the magazine "deadline" from the end of December through the middle of May.

During the months of January and February, I read through the mountains of information that was underlined and begin to write the teams for the magazine. I give myself about 4 hours to read about just one team and that team is all I focus on. I find it interesting when a writer in the 2nd week is calling for a QB to be benched but then is talking about what a great QB he is at the end of the year after a big game. It really gives me a feel for what went on with the team last year. During the 4 hours I allot for each team, I read everything from the year and take notes. I also write the QB, RB, receivers and Special Teams portions for that team at the time for the magazine. I write these this early because they are the easiest to analyze and have the fewest position changes during the spring. Many times DB's move to LB's, LB's to DL or OL and DL's switch sides. For those positions I wait until spring starts before doing my writing.

During March, April and May it is time to get all the latest info

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WHICH IS THE TOUGHEST CONFERENCE?

BY PHIL STEELE

Let me help clarify the great debate on which conference is the toughest. One of the most exciting things about NCAA Football is that the toughest conference changes on a yearly basis. I remember back in the late 1960's, when it could have been argued that the SWC was the top conference in the country with powerhouses like Texas and Arkansas battling it out for #1. Joe Paterno is still not too pleased with President Nixon's proclamation that Texas was #1 after they beat Arkansas in 1969 when his undefeated Penn St team finished #2. In later years, it was the Big 8 with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating the landscape. The SEC, of course, is usually at the top, as is the Big Ten. Both conferences have had their powerhouse years, with Bear Bryant's Crimson Tide and the rivalry between Woody Hayes (Ohio St) and Bo Schembechler (Michigan). They, of course, have also had some off-years. There have been a lot of conference changes recently which have created some major shifts of power.

Another interesting point is that there is not an exact science for picking the toughest conference. You cannot rely strictly on how many bowl wins a conference racks up during the post season, or on its overall record in non-conference play. Let's face it, some leagues' non-conf slates are much tougher than others. Conferences can play non-conf games vs IAA or BCS opponents and if you go strictly on overall records, the wins and losses count the same.

Before I take a look at 2007's results, let's look at the results for the previous five years for a historical perspective. **In 2002 the Big Ten made a big comeback and was the Top Conference.** Not only did they produce the National Champion in Ohio St but they had the best record of any conference in bowl games at 5-2. The Big Ten also had the best record vs teams from other BCS conferences during the regular season. They were 8-5 (ACC #2 at 10-7). They narrowly edged out the Big XII for my Toughest Conference honors, with the remainder of the order being: #3 Pac-10,#4 SEC, #5 Big East and #6 ACC.

In 2003, I put together all the factors (non-conf record, record vs BCS conf, average power ratings and bowl records) and rated the conferences with the **SEC narrowly earning the title of 2003's Toughest Conference** with the Big Ten and Big XII finishing very close behind. The ACC, which only ranked #4 or lower in the other ratings, had the best bowl record at 5-1 and outscored opponents by an average of 21.3 pts!!! The SEC was #2 in the bowls with a 5-2 mark, while the Pac-10 was #3 at 4-2.

For 2004, I eliminated wins vs IAA schools but did include losses vs IAA schools. USC had tremendous power rating numbers which are also a part of my equation. During the season the Big XII had the best non-conf record and a slight lead but USC's demolition of Oklahoma in the Title game had me awarding the **Pac-10 its first-ever Toughest Conference Title.** The #2 conference was the Big XII, #3 SEC, #4 ACC and the Big Ten was #5.

In 2005, the best non-conf record went to the Big XII at 23-5 (82%), followed by the Big Ten at 26-6 (81%), the ACC at 24-9 (73%), the Pac-10 at 18-8 (69%) and the SEC at 20-9 (69%). Against BCS schools the Big Ten was #1 with a 6-4 mark, with the only other leagues over .500 being the Pac-10 & Big XII at 4-3 each and the ACC at 9-7. The MWC (5-7) actually had a better record in the category than the Big East (4-9). Only 3 leagues had winning records in bowl games with the Big XII at 5-3, the Pac-10 at 3-2 and the ACC at 5-3. Then I looked at the power ratings. I took the top 3 teams of each league and got a combined power rating and the best trifecta was from the Big Ten (Ohio St, Penn St, Michigan) followed by the Big XII (Oklahoma, Texas, Texas Tech) and then the SEC (Auburn, LSU, Georgia). The SEC led with 3 teams in the Top 10, with the Big Ten & Big XII having 2. After taking in all of the above information, **here is how I ranked the 2005 conferences: #1 SEC, #2 ACC, #3 Big Ten, #4 Big XII, #5 Pac-10 and #6 Big East.**

In 2006, it appeared late in the year that the Big Ten was the toughest league with Ohio St and Michigan #1 and #2 and Wisconsin not far behind. The Big Ten got blown up in the bowls with the consensus #1 team, Ohio St, being dominated by Florida and the league went just 2-5. That dropped them to #3 in my rankings. **The SEC was the CLEAR #1 conference.** They led in the amount of bowl teams with 9, followed by 8 for both the Big XII and the ACC. The best conference record during the regular season vs IA teams was the SEC at 32-8 (80%) followed by the surprising Big East at 27-7 (79.4%) and then the Big Ten at 68.4%. The lowest mark among the BCS conferences was the ACC at 20-17 (54.1%). The best record for a conference vs BCS foes went to the Big East at 12-6, while the SEC was #2 at 9-6. The ACC was just 4-11 (27%) and the Big XII was a lowly 3-8 (27.3%). Both the MAC and CUSA posted more wins (5) in non-conf BCS games than the Big XII or ACC!! The SEC led with 41 players drafted followed by the Big Ten (32), ACC (31), Pac-10 and Big XII (28 each). The Big East only had 16, which was actually 1 behind the WAC! The SEC and Big Ten each had THREE Top 10 teams with the Big East being third with 2. The SEC was 6-3 in the bowls with 4 wins over ranked teams, which led all conferences. The Big East was 5-0 but had only ONE win over a ranked foe. **All of the factors above were tossed into my computer and the result was #1 SEC, #2 Big East, #3 Big Ten, #4 Pac-10, #5 ACC, #6 Big XII.**

Last year was another finish at the wire with the Big XII making a huge rebound to #2. The SEC led in the amount of bowl teams with 9, followed by 8 for the Big XII, Big Ten and the ACC. The best non-conference record during the regular season vs IA teams was the Big Ten at 29-7 (80.6%) followed by the Big XII 29-11 (72.5%) and then the Big East at 67.6%. The lowest mark among the BCS conferences was shockingly the SEC at 20-19 (51.3%). The best record for a conference vs BCS foes went to the Pac-10 at 5-3, 62.5% while the Big Ten was 5-4, followed by the SEC (7-7) and the ACC (9-10). The bottom BCS conference was the Big XII at 5-6 (improved from 2006's 3-8 record). The MWC posted more wins (7) in non-conf BCS games than did the Big Ten, Pac-10 or Big XII!! The SEC led the way with 35 players drafted, followed by the Pac-10 (34) and the ACC (33). They were followed by the Big XII (29), Big Ten (28) and Big East (19). The Big XII led with FOUR Top 10 teams with the SEC having 2. The SEC and the Big XII each had 5 Top 25 teams, followed by the Big Ten and Pac-10 (4). The conference with the best bowl record was surprisingly the MWC with a 4-1 record! The SEC was 7-2 with 4 wins over ranked teams in bowls, which tied them with the Big XII for the lead (MWC 0). **All of the factors above were tossed into my computer and the result was a nail-biting close-win for the SEC.** The Big XII was a hair behind at #2. A big surprise this year is that the MAC dropped to the bottom.

2007 FINAL CONFERENCE RANKINGS

1. SEC	7. MWC
2. Big XII	8. CUSA
3. Pac-10	9. Independent
4. Big Ten	10. WAC
5. ACC	11. Sun Belt
6. Big East	12. MAC

Now let's take a look at which conference will be the toughest in 2008. First let me explain how I derive the results. I complete 8 primary sets of power ratings at the start of the year. First is a pure power rating. I rank the positions (QB, RB, WR, etc.) from 4 to 10 points with 10 points being the highest. I then add up all of the positions, factor in coaching and special teams, and derive my Power Rating for each team.

The second Power Rating is based on my Power Plays Ratings (see page 305). These take into account the production of the team not only in terms of points, but yards gained and allowed. I compile a lengthy list of areas of improvement and spots that are weaker and either upgrade or downgrade each team's Power Plays numbers. I then add up all the different numbers and get my Preseason Power Play number for each team.

Three other sets are based on last year's final numbers. I grade every position for each team (QB, RB, WR, OL, DL, LB, DB) on their scale of improvement from one year to the next. The scale ranges from +6 points to -6 points for each position. I take the total team number and factor it into last year's 3 final sets of Power Ratings. This gives me 3 very different ways of gauging the strength of the teams.

The question is, how do I add up the points? Conferences all have a different number of teams. If I ranked the teams by the average of the entire conference, that would give a good indication of the average rating of all the teams. But the bigger the conference the weaker the grade could possibly be. I did use that as one factor. I added a second factor and that was an average grade of just the Top 5 teams. This would give me an even comparison of all the conferences. The only thing this rating does not show, of course, is the depth of the conference. For example, let's say one conference had 9 bowl caliber teams and 1 non-bowl team and another conference had 5 bowl caliber teams and 5 non-bowl teams. The thinner conference would be rated higher if the Top 5 teams had a higher average, even though the deeper conference was probably tougher. I also rate leagues by the Top 3 and the Top 8. By merging the 4 ratings, I get a fairly accurate assessment of the strength of the conferences.

Basically, after all of that is done, I have 4 different sets of rankings. They break down the conferences based upon the strength of the Top 3 teams in each conference, the Top 5 teams, the Top 8 teams and then the overall strength of the whole conference. Last year the Big XII was #1 in the Top 5 teams and that proved true at the end of the year with 4 in the Top 10!

Here are my preseason rankings for this year's Toughest Conferences and also 2007's final polls. This year, the SEC has two teams that will be in everyone's Top 5 in Georgia and Florida and also has the defending National Champ LSU. They rate #1 in Top 3, Top 5, Top 8 and overall and are my #1 rated conference of 2008. The MAC goes from the basement to #9 which is ahead of CUSA in my preseason ratings. Here is how my computer ranks the conferences for the 2008 season.

TOUGHEST CONFERENCES FOR 2008

1. SEC	7. MWC
2. Big XII	8. WAC
3. Big Ten	9. MAC
4. Pac-10	10. CUSA
5. ACC	11. Independent
6. Big East	12. Sun Belt

ESPN/USA TODAY 2007 COACHES' POLL

1. **LSU**	13. Arizona St
2. USC	14. Auburn
3. Georgia	14. BYU
4. Ohio St	16. Florida
5. Missouri	17. Hawaii
6. West Virginia	18. Illinois
7. Kansas	19. Michigan
8. Oklahoma	20. Cincinnati
9. Virginia Tech	21. Wisconsin
10. Texas	22. Clemson
11. Boston College	23. Texas Tech
12. Tennessee	24. Oregon
	25. Penn St

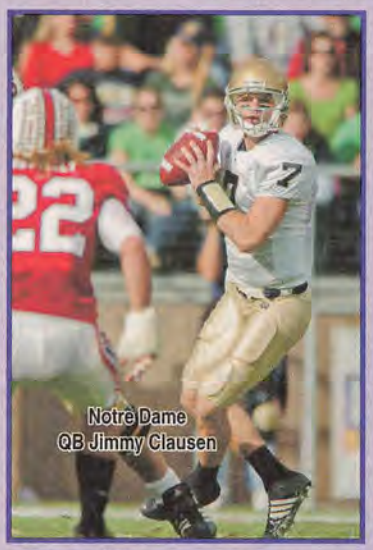
THE 2007 ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

1. **LSU**	13. Florida
2. Georgia	14. BYU
3. USC	15. Auburn
4. Missouri	16. Arizona St
5. Ohio St	17. Cincinnati
6. West Virginia	18. Michigan
7. Kansas	19. Hawaii
8. Oklahoma	20. Illinois
9. Virginia Tech	21. Clemson
10. Texas	22. Texas Tech
11. Boston College	23. Oregon
12. Tennessee	24. Wisconsin
	25. Oregon St

2008's MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

BY PHIL STEELE

Making my Most Improved list has generally been a blessing for teams, as they usually make big turnarounds. **In 1999, the #1 most improved team in my Preseason Rankings was Hawaii and they simply had the NCAA's largest turnaround on record,** going from a winless season in 1998 (0-12) to a 9-4 record and a bowl victory one year later!!!


Notre Dame
QB Jimmy Clausen

The year 2000 was a VERY successful season as well for my Most Improved Teams. **Of the Top 14 Most Improved Teams that year, TEN went from a losing season to being bowl eligible!!!!** South Carolina was my #6 Most Improved Team and they went from 0-11 in 1999 to beating Ohio St in a Jan 1 bowl game and finished with an 8-4 record. Northwestern was #4 and after a poor 3-8 season, they rolled to become co-Big Ten Champions! My top two both went from losing seasons to bowl eligibility.

In 2001 and 2002, nine of the 20 teams on my MIP list each year went from having a non-winning season to making a bowl. Colorado went from 3-8 to just missing out on the National Title game in 2001. Wash St was picked last in the Pac-10 preseason media poll after their 4-7 season in 2000, but made my Most Improved list and went 10-2 and just missed out on a Pac-10 Title. In 2002 USC went from 6-6 to finishing 11-2 and #4 in the final polls after an Orange Bowl win.

In 2003, 4 of my Top 8 Most Improved Teams went from a losing season to being bowl eligible and 8 of the top 20 went from .500 or losing seasons to being bowl eligible. Rutgers, which went from 1-11 to 5-7, just missed out. The biggest turnaround was with Memphis, which was my #8 Most Improved Team and the Tigers went from 3-9 to a super 9-4!!!!!

In 2004, there were a total of TEN teams that did not have winning records in 2003 and improved to a winning record in '04. Nine of them were on my list! My #1 Most Improved Team, Texas A&M, went from 4-8 to the Cotton Bowl. **My #3 Most Improved Team, UTEP went from 2-11 to a super 8-4!!** Iowa St made the list and went from 2-10 to 7-5 tying for the Big XII North Title!! **Not only did 12 of the 21 go from a non-winning season to a bowl game, but only TWO had more losses than the previous year.**

In 2005, my Top 16 Most Improved Teams made incredible strides. This is despite the fact that one of the 16 teams was Tulane, whose season was disrupted by Hurricane Katrina and played 11 games in 11 different venues. **The Top 16 Most Improved Teams on my list in 2005 had a combined record of 66-111 (37%) in 2004 and improved to 102-84 (55%) in 2005 and, if you take Tulane out of the equation, the record jumps to 100-75 (57%)!! Penn State went from 4-7 to the #3 team in the country and nearly played in the National Title game. Oregon went from 5-6 to #6 after the regular season, finishing at 10-2!! W Michigan went from 1-10 to 7-4, a huge turnaround. None of my Top 16 teams in 2005 had winning records in 2004 but ELEVEN were bowl eligible in 2005.**

South Carolina
CB Captain Munnerlyn

2006 was another great year for this list. **My #1 Most Improved Team in 2006 was Arkansas which went from 4-7 to SEC West Champs and rose as high as #5 in the polls!! Wake Forest went from 4-7 to 11-3 and ACC Champs. Houston went from 6-6 to CUSA Champs! Ohio went from 4-7 to MAC East Champs! Troy went from 4-7 to Sun Belt Champs!** Kentucky went from 3-8 to 8-5, including their Music City Bowl win over Clemson. Hawaii went from 5-7 to a super 11-3. Tennessee went from 5-6 to 9-4 and could have been the SEC East Champs had they not let 4Q leads vs LSU and Florida slip away. Kent St went from 1-10 to a bowl-eligible 6-6. **The Top 10 teams on 2006's finished list were a combined 71-57 (55.5%) in 2006 after being 33-79 (29.5%) in 2005.** Of the 22 teams, only 2 won less games than they did in 2005 (Mich St, San Diego St).

Last year was another terrific year! The 22 teams on my list had a combined record of 92-177 (34.2%) in 2006 but were 145-134 (52%) in 2007. Of the 22 teams on the list only THREE had more losses than 2006. Twenty of the 22 teams were coming off losing seasons and of those 20, THIRTEEN ended the regular season bowl eligible!! **MY #2 SURPRISE TEAM IN 2007 WAS ILLINOIS AND THEY WENT FROM 2-10 TO THE ROSE BOWL!!! Memphis (#1 on list) went from 2-10 to a bowl and UCF went from a 4-8 season to CUSA Champs! Ten of the top 14 went from a losing year to bowl eligibility after the regular season!!**

With this type of success through the years, you might think that it is very easy to pick teams that had losing records the previous year and have them become bowl eligible the next season. I went back to 1992 and took a look at all of the teams that finished with losing records in a season. In that span, there have been 815 teams that finished with a record below .500. Of those 815 teams, only 230 of them managed to finish ABOVE .500 the next year which comes out to just 28.2%. Teams now play a 12 game regular season so a 6-6 record equals bowl eligibility. To be fair, out of the 815 teams an additional 44 earned a .500 mark the next year. So, of the 815 teams, 274 or 33.6% managed to go from a losing record to at least .500 the next year.

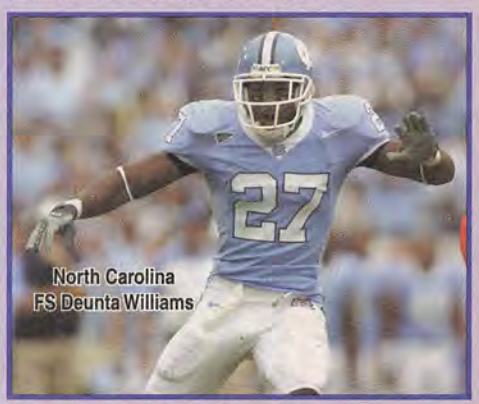
The combined record of all teams that had a losing record from 1992-2006 was 2462-4480 or just 35.5%. The next year those same teams showed a slight overall improvement in their records to 3060-4103 or 42.7%. **So on the average, a team that had a losing season in that span improved by 7.2% over the previous year's record. Naturally, the teams I feel are the most improved are in my Top 10. My Top Ten Most Improved Teams over the last 6 years had a combined record of 236-466 (33.6%) the previous year and improved to 384-353 (52.1%) the next year. That is 18.5% better than the previous year and almost TRIPLE the normal improvement for teams with losing records.**

In the last 6 years I have had a total of 126 teams on my Most Improved List. I have picked 14 that have had .500 or above records the previous year and of those 14, ten improved their record, including USC in 2002 which went from 6-6 to 11-2. **Of the 126 teams that made my Most Improved List in the last 6 years, 107 (85%) have won at least the same amount of games as the previous year or have improved their win total.**

In the last 6 years, I have listed 113 teams on my MIP list that did not have a winning season the previous year. Of those 113 teams, almost all improved their record the next year, but even more impressively, 68 of the 113 teams were bowl eligible the next year which is 60%!

Taking a closer look at the last 6 years, I found that 321 teams had losing records from 2001-2006, and of those 321 teams, just 80 or 24.9% managed to have a winning record the next year. Of those 80 teams, 46 of them were on my Most Improved List or 58%!!! Close to 60% of the teams that have gone from a losing season to a winning season have been on my list!

Looking for some major turnaround teams this year that will surprise? Here is my much anticipated "Most Improved Teams" List and the team I list at the top is Notre Dame which should go from 3-9 to a possible BCS bowl berth! You can expect a high % of these teams to go from a losing record (or not going to a bowl) to bowl eligibility and over half will make the postseason!


North Carolina
FS Deunta Williams

2008 MOST IMPROVED TEAMS

1. Notre Dame
2. North Carolina
3. Northern Illinois
4. Pittsburgh
5. South Carolina
6. SMU
7. Miami, Fl
8. Western Michigan
9. Mississippi
10. Maryland
11. Minnesota
12. Nebraska
13. Arizona
14. Kent St
15. Northwestern
16. Marshall
17. Louisville
18. Nevada
19. New Mexico St
20. Miami, Oh
21. Iowa
22. Wyoming
23. San Jose St

WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S SURPRISE TEAM?

By Phil Steele

Let's pretend you are in Shreveport, Louisiana on December 31, 1999. You've just watched Oklahoma lose 27-25 to an average Mississippi team to finish the season 7-5. Despite this bowl loss, it was a good year for the Sooners, especially after coming off of four consecutive non-winning years. Your friend says to you, "I guarantee you Oklahoma will win the National Championship next year." Your first thought is that your friend has "over-celebrated" New Year's Eve. Next year Oklahoma would have just 13 returning starters and face a schedule that included the 3 powerhouses of the Big XII in Nebraska, Kansas St and Texas, with all 3 of those games away from home (Texas is a neutral site game).

The Sooners entered the year as a 50-1 shot to win the National Title and were not even ranked in the Preseason Top 20. When the dust cleared they simply stood at the top of the heap over all of the other 115 Division IA teams and were the only undefeated team. Impressive indeed! They did have some solid factors going for them in 2000 like exceptionally good health (0 starters missed a game due to injury), a solid QB and a super defense. Your first reaction was that this Cinderella story is a one-time thing. However, teams have reached the top and been big surprises almost every year, and yes, sometimes they bag the National Title despite not being one of the top-ranked teams coming into the year.

Texas Tech LB Brian Duncan

Oklahoma was not the only surprise team of 2000. Oregon St was unranked coming into the season, but much like the Sooners, stayed remarkably injury free. They also benefitted from +18 turnovers to finish #4 in the country with a super 11-1 season including a blowout win over Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. Health and turnovers had a big impact that year, but there have been plenty of surprise teams through the years.

In 2002 it was yet another surprise team taking home the National Title. Ohio St was not even ranked in the preseason Top 10. In fact, only three magazines even picked them to win the Big Ten conference, let alone contend for a National Title. Of the Big 9 magazines, only three had them in their Top 10. I am pleased to report that I had them at #7, which was higher than anyone else had them pegged coming into the year. I pointed out that 3 sets of my Power Ratings called for Ohio St to have a perfect season. The Buckeyes were coming off a 7-5 season and had only 12 starters back. They had the NCAA's 4th most losses to the NFL draft and did not even have a returning starter at QB. When the smoke cleared, they had beaten Miami, Fl in the Fiesta Bowl and took home the National Title.

In 2003 there was another surprise champ and that was LSU. **If you read my 2003 College Football Preview, you know that I had LSU pegged as my #2 surprise team in the country saying they had a great shot at going undefeated and attaining the National Title.** They were a 40-1 shot in Las Vegas to win the title coming off an 8-5 season including a 35-20 Cotton Bowl loss to Texas. I pointed out that they had a great schedule and would have finished stronger in 2002, had their QB not been injured. At the start of the year, not only did 8 of the Big 9 magazines NOT have LSU as a National Title contender, but NONE of them even had LSU winning the SEC WEST. That year LSU simply won the SEC outright and shared the National Title!! **The other half of the National Title went to USC who I had listed as my #5 surprise team** despite the fact that they had to replace their Heisman Trophy winning QB Carson Palmer.

In '04 almost everyone including myself pegged USC and Oklahoma to play in the Orange Bowl game so there was no surprise team in the title game BUT Auburn made no major publication's Top 10 and almost got to the big game with their unbeaten season. **I had Auburn listed as my #7 surprise team in '04.**

In 2005 the #1 and #2 preseason teams met in the title game so there was no big surprise team. Penn St was not ranked in the preseason and did finish #3 in the final polls after having a losing season in 2004. While they did not make my Surprise List, they were my #3 Most Improved team (see page 19).

2006 was a VERY GOOD year for my surprise teams and almost a GREAT YEAR! In my round of summer radio shows I got a lot of chuckles with my pick of Boise St to get to a BCS bowl. Only one non-BCS team in history had done so and Boise St was not only unranked to start the year but NOT A SINGLE PUBLICATION IN THE COUNTRY HAD BOISE ST IN THE TOP 20! Well of course I had them in the Top 20, so I should say, not a single magazine other than mine. Boise St, as you all know, was a great story especially with their dramatic win in the Fiesta Bowl and they finished #5 in the polls. I say almost a GREAT year because my #1 surprise team was Louisville and they came within inches of playing for the National Title. When I wrote the magazine I had expected the "Derby City Duo" of RB Michael Bush and QB Brian Brohm to be one of the top QB/RB combos in the country. Bush was lost in the 3Q of the opening game and Brohm was injured a few games later. Brohm was only a few games back from injury when the #3 Cards blew a 25-7 3Q lead and lost to Rutgers on a FG on the last play (which was a 2nd chance FG after the first one was missed but the Cardinals were penalized for being offsides). Had they held on and won they would have been #2 in the BCS poll and we would have had a pair of unbeatens meet for the title. As we saw, the Buckeyes were greatly affected by their 51 day layoff and were a vulnerable team. That could have been my fourth team to merit National Championship discussion for one of my Top 10 surprise teams in FIVE YEARS. That is a pretty good record considering I do not pick any of the projected preseason Top 10 teams and in 2006, National Champ (Florida) fell into that category along with the other top teams in the mix (Ohio St, Michigan and USC).

Last year I had Ohio St listed as my #4 surprise team and they entered the season #11 but played in the National Title game. I had USF (unranked preseason) as my #5 surprise team and they got as high as #2 in the polls. **I had Georgia (#13 AP) as my #6 surprise team and they finished #2 in the polls and almost played in the title game. I had Oregon my #10 surprise team and they were #2 in the country when QB Dennis Dixon was injured. Had he not been injured, they likely would have been in the title game. I had Missouri my #9 surprise team and despite being UNRANKED in the AP preaseason poll, they were #1 in the country when they faced Oklahoma in the Big XII title game and finished #4! I also had Hawaii going unbeaten in the regular season and playing in the Sugar Bowl which is where they ended up!**

Do you think it is easy picking a National Champ prior to the year? Since 1994, only 3 times has the preseason #1 team gone on to win the National Title. Last year NO Magazine had LSU or Ohio St #1 (USC was the consensus #1). **In 2006 National Champ Florida was not picked #1 by ANY magazine and they were picked anywhere from #4 (Joe Del Popolo of GamePlan had them rated the highest of any magazine) down to #20. They were #7 in the preseason AP Poll and #8 in the Coaches Poll.** Only in 1999 and 2001 did any of the Big 9 preseason magazines correctly pick the National Champ until 2004 when almost everyone had USC. In 2005 everyone had USC again and no one had the actual Champ, Texas. The Big 9 magazines that I am referring to are Athlon, Lindy's, The Sporting News, Street and Smith, Sports Illustrated, Game Plan, Preview Sports, Jim Feist's and Phil Steele's (ESPN Magazine only came out recently). In 2001, two magazines (Preview Sports and Street and Smith's) pegged Miami, Fl as #1 and they were correct. It used to be the usual suspects like Florida St, Miami, Fl and Nebraska that were pegged to win it all almost every year. Throughout the years, however, there have been some other big surprises.

All of this information that I have provided for you was obtained from a great website, www.stassen.com, which has information on final polls, magazine rankings and some records that date back to 1989. So, what have we learned from all this information? Clearly, every year there has been an unexpected Top 10 team and some years there are big surprises like Oklahoma, Ohio St and LSU who all took home the title after a 5-loss season (Auburn also had 5 losses in 2003 before going unbeaten in 2004). Now comes the question "Who will be this year's Surprise Team?"

As I write this magazine, it is unknown where the other magazines will have the teams ranked or what the preseason polls will look like. I can definitely peg some teams that won't rank in the Preseason Top 10 (and some not even in the Top 20) that could turn out to be big surprise teams this year. Keep in mind no one can forecast injuries and turnovers and those have been important factors for teams who have climbed to the top in recent years.

In 2001's magazine I listed 9 teams. LSU was a team that was not ranked in the Preseason Top 10, but did earn its way into a BCS bowl by winning the SEC. The other team that almost got there was Colorado and they nearly played in the National Title game. I picked Colorado for this article, despite the fact that they were 3-8 the previous season!! They missed out on the National Title game by a couple of percentage points in the BCS rankings.

In 2002, my #1 surprise team in this article was OHIO ST and the Buckeyes shocked the nation by winning the National Title!! Some other teams mentioned in the article were Penn St, Kansas St, USC and Arkansas. Penn St ended up playing in a Jan 1 bowl game after two straight losing seasons and had 3 very close losses during the regular season. At the end of 2002 you could have made an argument that Kansas St and USC were the two hottest teams in the country. Kansas St outscored their opponents on the year by 33 ppg and USC crushed UCLA, ND and Iowa in their final 3 games by a 134-51 margin. Arkansas was the surprise winner of the SEC West.

In 2003, I had LSU listed as my #2 surprise team in the country and they split the National Title with USC. I had USC listed as my #5 surprise team as they were not highly ranked at the start of the year. They had to replace Heisman Winner Carson Palmer but I noted that 2 of my sets of Power Ratings called them the BEST in the country prior to the season and they claimed the other half of the National Title!!!! My #1 surprise team in 2003 was Pitt and they had a shot at the Orange Bowl and a Big East Title but could not beat Miami, Fl in their season finale in chilly Heinz Field. In 2003, I listed a couple of non-BCS teams that could factor into the equation and my #1 team was TCU, a team that was ranked #6 in the BCS poll late in the year and almost made it into a BCS bowl before losing late at S Miss.

In 2004 as usual, I eliminated what early polls showed would be Top 10 teams. As I mentioned **I had Auburn as my #7 surprise team and they almost played in the National Title game. I had Cal as my #2 surprise team and they had a 424-205 yard edge vs USC and just missed winning that game. Had they won, they would have been in the National Title game!** I listed Utah and Boise St among 5 non-BCS surprise teams and both went undefeated in the regular season (Boise lost bowl to finish 11-1).

In 2005 Oregon and Alabama, two teams that were not even ranked in the preseason, made my surprise list. The Tide was 9-0 and was #4 in the country until injuries derailed them but they still finished #8 in the final poll. Oregon went 10-1 and was #6 at the end of the regular season, almost making a BCS bowl. Georgia also made my surprise list and while they were an almost unanimous preseason pick for #3 in the SEC East, they were my pick for the SEC Title and they of course won it.

In 2006 only 4 teams who were not in the AP Top 10 at the start of the year finished in the Top 10 and those teams were Louisville, Boise St, Michigan and Wisconsin. As mentioned, Louisville was my #1 surprise team and Boise was my #1 non-BCS team and I projected them to get to a BCS bowl. I had Michigan on my anticipated Top 10 list so they were unpickable. Wisconsin meanwhile surprised even me.

Something I have noticed the last couple of years is a REBOUND surprise team. In 2003 Auburn was thinking undefeated season and National Title. They were picked in the Top 10 by EVERY magazine (except mine, #15) including #1 by a major magazine. They were tremendously disappointing, finishing just 7-5 in the regular season. In 2004 they were no longer the popular pick and few had them in the Top 10 (they were my #7 Surprise Team). With lower expectations they rebounded to go 13-0 and almost played for the National Title. In that 2004 season West Virginia was a popular surprise pick as they had the schedule to run the table. I tabbed WV as my #1 Surprise Team and they did rise to #6 in the polls but injuries and some close losses saw them stumble to an 8-4 record. In 2005 the Mountaineer bandwagon emptied fast and no magazine (including mine) had them in the Top 25. WV rebounded with an almost perfect year going 11-1, beating Georgia in the Sugar Bowl and finishing #5 in the polls. In 2006 Louisville fit that category after having high expectations in 2005 but coming out of the season with 3 unexpected losses. I mentioned earlier how they were inches away from playing in the National Title game. Last year My #4 suprise team was Ohio St and they made it to the National Title game. This year the team that best fits this description is USC but I cannot pick them because they will be in the top 5.

After I wrote my Top 40 I had my staff go on-line to find out what other sources (like The Sporting News, USA Today, Sports Illustrated) were picking for their Top 10's. Here is the rough list of the teams that will likely be ranked in this year's Top 10 and I put them in order of how many different sources picked them in their Top 10: **Georgia, Ohio St, USC, Oklahoma, Missouri, Florida, LSU, West Virginia, Texas, Kansas and Wisconsin. It's likely these 11 teams will make up the Top 10 this year, so I will NOT use any of them as a surprise teams.** Now let's take a look at this year's potential surprise teams.

This year my #1 surprise team is the USF Bulls! A quick check of other preseason polls in May shows that they may not even be ranked at the start of the year and who could blame the voters? AP voters drank the Kool Aid last year and put them #2 in the polls after 6 weeks and then watched the Bulls lose 3 in a row. While they rebounded to win the next 3, they were annihilated in the bowl by Oregon 56-21. That gives us a lot of value. This year they have 17 returning starters and hopefully QB Matt Grothe can remain healthy all year as they are more dangerous when he is mobile and on top of his game. He has tall, fast and athletically gifted WR's to throw to, a good set of RB's and an experienced O-line. The only question on D is at CB where they lose a pair of NFL CB's (#1 & #5 DC). The front 7 is nasty led by DE George Selvie (31.5 tfl) and LB Tyrone McKenzie. They play the defending CUSA champ UCF on the road early but the Knights lost their star RB Kevin Smith. They host a Top 10 team in Kansas and I think they will pull the upset there and get back in the rankings. Their other road trips are versus Florida Int'l, NC State, Louisville and Cincy and that should put them 11-0 when they travel to Morgantown in December. I think there is a good chance they could win that as they won their last trip there (2006) in a game that kept #7 WV from the National Title game. Also all THREE losses during the regular season last year were close and they were either done in by the weather or turnovers. USF will know how to handle the pressure this year as they rise in the polls.

My **#2 surprise team in 2008 is the Clemson Tigers.** The Tigers have been a tough team to predict under Tommy Bowden. They always drop games they should win but when there appears to be no hope, they pull out upsets of ranked teams to save his job. This year my talent rankings have them the #1 team in the ACC and they only play 5 games away from home as they play Alabama in Atlanta. I list both Boston College and Virginia as being in rebuilding seasons so they should win those. The toughest road tests are at suspension riddled Florida St and vs Wake Forest on Thursday night. They are loaded in the offensive backfield and have 8 starters back on a defense (16 ttl) that I rate 5th best in the country. They avoid Virginia Tech during the regular season and while they face South Carolina, they get them at home. Three of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to go 12-0 and this could be the year Clemson wins all of the games it should.

When you play in the Big XII South and your school's name is not Texas or Oklahoma, odds are you will not be in the Top 10 as you have to get through both of those teams. My **#3 surprise team is the Texas Tech Red Raiders** and this is by far the best team that Mike Leach has put on the field. He normally has an inexperienced QB at the start of the year, as he had a stretch of 4 straight years with a senior starter. None of his QB's prior to now were VHT's. Graham Harrell (PS#16) has stepped in and started the last two years and took home the Sammy Baugh Trophy in '07. He has perhaps the top WR in the country to throw to in Biletnikoff winner Michael Crabtree and all 5 starters are back on an offensive line that could block out the sun at an avg 331 lbs per man (allowed just 2.4% sacks last year). The D has 8 starters back including 7 of their top 9 tacklers. The special teams was Top 20 (#18) last year and should be close to that again in '08. They should win their first 4 games (look at team page for schedule) by 40 ppg and get some attention. I feel road games vs Kansas St, Texas A&M and Kansas are all in the winnable category. Besides their showdown with Texas (which is at home) they have to play Oklahoma on the road and they have beaten the Sooners two of the last 3 years. This team is capable of running the table and getting to the title game.

Last year I was in hot water with Auburn fans as I only had them ranked #41 coming into the year. I thought their O-line would be a major problem and it was, especialy early in the year. Auburn was outplayed by Kansas St in the opener but somehow pulled out the win. They were not so fortunate the next 2 weeks vs Miss St and USF and dropped to 1-2. Who would have thought they could win in the "Swamp" where they were 17 point underdogs but they pulled the big upset. They got a last second score to get past Arkansas. Later Georgia manhandled them 45-20 and they were fortunate to get past Clemson in the bowl in OT. Thanks to those close wins they finished #15 and I was WRONG not to have them in my Top 40. This year my **#4 Surprise Team is the Auburn Tigers!** That young O-line got better as the season went on and goes from a weakness to a strength. They lose QB Brandon Cox but he only had a 9-13 ratio (maybe due to shaky pass protection). They have a new spread offense that was already introduced in the bowl game under new OC Tony Franklin and QB Kodi Burns (PS#17) is a great fit for it and they have a deep stable of RB's. They have my #9 rated D heading into the year and my #14 ST unit. The road games are versus Miss St, Vandy, West Virginia, Ole Miss, and Alabama. The toughest road trip will be vs WV but they have a new HC while the Tigers have beaten Bama SIX straight years and have better depth. They do have to play Georgia but get them at home and avoid Florida (until the possible SEC Title game). Tommy Tuberville promised a National Title a few years back and his team went 13-0 in 2004, despite entering the year #17 in the polls. The Tigers will not be Top 10 to start the year but if everything falls their way, they could have a year like 2003 and if they go unbeaten they WOULD play in the title game unlike that year.

My **#5 Surprise Team is the Penn St Nittany Lions,** and they probably would have been higher on the list had they not lost their star LB Sean Lee to injury in the preseason. The Lions have 18 returning starters and while QB Anthony Morelli is gone, they now have moblie QB's and are going back to the spread offense. The one year they ran the spread they had Michael Robinson who had played RB/WR/QB and in his only full year as a starter he was the MVP of the Big Ten. The Lions strengths are in the line play and special teams which are units that the casual fan does not notice. I rate them my #10 O-line, #2 D-line and #2 ST's. Their young QB has a manageable slate of early games to grow into the offense. They do

Boise St
CB Kyle Wilson

have to play both Wisconsin and Ohio St on the road, which is why they appear in my surprise article instead of the national Top 10. Five of my 8 sets of power ratings have them winning in Madison but none of the 8 have them winning at Ohio St. Still that is why they play the game on the field and not on paper, so they have a shot at the upset and getting past that roadblock could have them a surprise team in the title game.

One team that makes this list almost any year they are not ranked in the preseason Top 10 is my **#6 surprise team the Virginia Tech Hokies.** VT has two capable QB's and despite some spring losses at RB will still have some quality backs. This is a team with just 10 returning starters and unlike the normal powerhouses, are not loaded with VHT's at every spot. So how can they make this list? The reason for this is Frank Beamer and Bud Foster who are two of the best at their trades in the country. Beamer is a top notch HC with the best weight training program in the country and coaches the special teams units himself. If you are an opposing offensive coordinator and have Fosters defense on your schedule, you lie awake nights over the summer worrying about it. VT does have to play 5 potential bowl teams on the road, including Florida St and Miami, Fl but his program has surpassed those two in recent years and they have won 5 of their last 6 on the road vs ranked teams.

In my #1 surprise team writeup I talk about a team that disappointed voters last year due to a poor finish and that is where my **#7 Surprise Team the South Carolina Gamecocks** come in. Last year I thought South Carolina could finally make the step to legitimate contender in the SEC East. Things looked good as they knocked off #11 Georgia (a team that went on to finish #2) on the road in week two. They did lose at #2 LSU but after beating #8 Kentucky moved to 6-1 and #6 in the polls. The rest of the season must be a blur to Steve Spurrier as they lost their final 5 and missed out on a bowl. They did play some of the best teams in the country down the stretch and had some tough losses like vs Tennesse when they had a 31-16 FD edge. I doubt they will even be ranked at the start of the year. One of the reasons to their decline were some key injuries on defense. This year they have 10 starters back on defense and get some of their injured players back, including Jasper Brinkley who was their TOP defensive player when injured in week 4. The only question mark on offense is QB and while that is a major question mark, Steve Spurrier knows a thing or two about producing top notch QB's and he has some talent to work with. Special teams was a weakness last year but not only do they have a much more veteran unit, Spurrier brings in Ray Rychalski who did great work coaching ST's at Maryland. They do play 3 of my top 10 teams this year but do get LSU and Georgia at home. Spurrier has shown his teams can win on the road as he won his last trip to Clemson (#24) and was a missed FG away from winning his last trip to the Swamp (Florida #6).

I mentioned above how the AP voters will sour on teams that disappointed them the previous year. I am human and my original take on my **#8 Surprise Team the Florida St Seminoles** is to take their projected schedule, and what my 8 sets of power ratings says about them and crinkle the sheet up, toss it in the trash can and light it on fire. I am always quick to point out my magazine's successes but I am also willing to take my medicine on forecasts that did not work out very well. Last year I had Florida St my #1 most improved team and they only went 7-6. They did show their potential at times like when they beat #2 Boston College on the road. They had close losses to Clemson and Wake Forest (games they could easily have won). They were beating Virginia Tech on the road when they lost their QB to injury. The experienced backup just happened to be suspended so they used a rFr with basically no game experience the entire 2H. In the bowl they had half a team playing with 24 suspended players, including many starters but still almost beat Kentucky. They do have more suspensions this year for the first 3 games and one of those is a key game against Wake Forest but if they survive that stretch and live up to thier talent level, you could list thier road slate of Miami Fl, NCSt, Georgia Tech and Maryland all as winable games. My heart tells me to put these guys 5th in their division and list them as perennial underachievers but the stats say they could be a big surprise.

USF
DE George Selvie

Last year my #9 surprise team was the Missouri Tigers and they went from unranked to #1 in the polls after the regular season!! This year my **#9 Surprise Team is the California Golden Bears.** I did not make Cal fans happy last year when I pegged them fifth in the Pac-10. They were the consensus #2 Pac-10 team and ranked #12 entering the season. I looked pretty dumb at mid year when they were 5-0 and #2 in the country after beating Oregon on the road. Cal then dropped 6 of their last 7 and barely won their bowl game (AF QB hurt) to finish #7 in the Pac-10 at 7-6. Part of the reason I was down on Cal was their tough road schedule and this year the road slate is MUCH more manageable. They do play Maryland, Arizona, USC, Oregon St and away from home but they do have solid QB depth and have my #14 rated O-line and #6 LB's. Two of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to go 11-1 with their only loss at USC. They have almost upset the Trojans in years past, even on the road. Since folks are disappointed with them from last year, they probably won't even make many Top 40's but I was not disappointed last year (record was what I expected) and I will make them a surprise team.

Last year my **#10 Surprise team the Oregon Ducks** were in this exact same spot. From the start of 1999 through midseason of 2002, they were 22-4 vs their Pac-10 foes and at that point were #6 in the country. USC's emergence has hurt as the Ducks are "just" 28-22 in Pac-10 play since then. They very nearly landed a BCS bowl berth just 3 years ago, going 10-1 in the regular season with their only loss to #1 USC. Had QB Dennis Dixon not gotten injured last year they would have played in the National Title Game! Oregon was #2 in the country and fresh off of wins vs #19 USC and #6 Arizona St. Unfortunately, Dixon was injured late vs Ariz St. They had 3 winnable games on deck and led Arizona 7-0 when Dixon was re-injured and knocked out for the year. With 3 different QB's taking snaps they dropped their last 3. They did rebound in the bowl to blast USF. They lose Dixon and star RB Jonathan Stewart and have to play USC, Ariz St and Cal on the road. My Power Poll has them in the top 20 and with a plethora of candidates at QB, they could overcome a QB injury this year. I was torn between Oregon and Wake Forest for the number 10 spot and went with the team rated higher in the Power Poll.

Roulette Chips. If you walk up to a roulette table and pick just one number you have a 38-1 shot (37-1 in the big money rooms with no 00) of having your number come in, so it is a long shot but still a possibility. Last year I listed two teams that had poor LOSING records from the previous year and said that if the stars align correctly, no injuries happen, and every bounce goes their way, they could be the first team in recent history to go from a losing record to a National Title. You might argue that you could say that about any of the 120 Division IA teams but that is not the case, as the odds of a Duke or Baylor walking away with the title are about the same as #78 coming up in roulette. One of two teams that I chose in 2005 was Alabama. They rose as high as #4 in polls at 9-0 and may just have gotten to the big game if not for key offensive injuries. Here are a couple of long shots that I felt compelled to include.

The **Pittsburgh Panthers** had a losing season last year but set the tone for 2008 with a huge upset over West Virgnia on the road which kept the Montaineers out of the title game. This year's Pitt squad is stronger with a top notch D and RB McCoy with their toughest road game at USF.

Last year was an obvious rebuilding year for the **Notre Dame Fighting Irish** and they went just 3-9. This year they are not only a much more veteran team, they have a much more manageable schedule. I'm just picking losing teams for a Roulette Chip and they are my Most Improved team this year.

These are the 10 teams that have a legitimate shot at stunning the NCAA much like Oklahoma did in 2000, Ohio St did in 2002, LSU did in 2003, Auburn almost did in 2004, Louisville almost did in 2006 and Ohio St almost did again last year. There are also two longshots that had losing records that could surprise. Also listed below are five more non-BCS teams who are longshots to make it to a BCS bowl, let alone a National Title game. **In 2006 my top non-BCS team was Boise St and I PROJECTED THEM INTO A BCS BOWL AND they went undefeated and got to a BCS bowl where they beat Oklahoma. LAST YEAR I called for Hawaii to go unbeaten in the regular season and grab a SUGAR BOWL BERTH and that is exactly what they did!** The NCAA mandated reduction of scholarships to 85 has created the opportunity for teams to rebound quickly and pull surprises. This should be another exciting year and certainly at least one team will surpass conventional expectations. This year I will call for the non-BCS teams to miss out on cracking into the BCS bowls. There are some good candidates this year and it would not surprise me to see one go unbeaten but I survived a LOT of close calls watching the Boise and Hawaii games the last two years and don't want to press my luck.

2008 Surprise Teams

1. USF Bulls
2. Clemson Tigers
3. Texas Tech Red Raiders
4. Auburn Tigers
5. Penn St Nittany Lions
6. Virginia Tech Hokies
7. S Carolina Gamecocks
8. Florida St Seminoles
9. California Golden Bears
10. Oregon Ducks

Roulette Chips (i.e. longshots)

11. Pittsburgh Panthers
12. Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Five non-BCS teams who could Surprise

1. Utah Utes
2. BYU Cougars
3. Tulsa Golden Hurricane
4. Boise St Broncos
5. W Michigan Broncos

Questions & Answers with Phil Steele

(or for my regular magazine readers "Q&A w/PS")

Q&A with PS was a new feature added to www.philsteele.com in 2007 and it will continue to expanded this year. Each week we post questions that are received from our readers with answers from Phil Steele himself. Would you like to submit your question? E-mail us at: questions@philsteele.com!!

Thank you very much for reading my 2008 College Football Preview and I look forward to chatting with you about college football either on one of my radio shows or online at www.philsteele.com. Each week I will go through the questions that are submitted and pick out several to answer for the week. Past week's answers are always available in case you missed any. For this year's magazine I decided to list some questions that were submitted last year so you could get an idea of what "Q&A w/PS" is about.

During the Summer of 2007

July 5th,

Q: I, like many other people, would like to point out that your hard work on this year's magazine has paid off and that it is by far the best college preview out there. Also I can't wait until this year's start because I'm so optimistic about my teams; especially Illinois to make the Insight Bowl this year, but could quiet Illinois even possibly win 7 games.. or more? I know I may seem a little too confident about our chances but with all these skill players (Williams, Mendenhall, Benn, Cumberland, Vontae Davis, J Leman) should I expect a run at 3rd place in the conference?

A: For all the reasons that I listed on page 70 of this year's magazine, I am VERY high on Illinois this year. They were much better than their 2-10 record indicates and in my July 10th column of "Phil's Weekly Notes" I lead off with a little more detail on that. I have them as my #2 Most Improved Team this year and they would have made #1 if not for the schedule. Ideally you like to play the premier teams in the league (in this case Ohio St, Michigan, and Penn St) on the road and have the more winnable games at home. Illinois draws Wisconsin, Penn St and Michigan at home making for a difficult schedule. They also have to play Iowa, Ohio St and Missouri away from home. It is a very difficult schedule but keep in mind they outplayed both Penn St and Wisconsin on the road last year. Arrelious Benn is my impact freshman of the year and with an upset or two 3rd place is possible even again with this schedule. I rate their defense #27 in the country and last year they allowed just 310 ypg and lose just FOUR lettermen from that side of the ball. Check out "Phil's Weekly Notes" on July 10th. Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

July 12th

Q: Hey Phil, I have a suggestion for future editions of your magazine that would be helpful. Could you start putting in your bowl projection page the conference tie-in spot for each bowl. Assuming the Big 6 conferences get the BCS bid and an at large for some of them, listing things like "Capital One Bowl, SEC #2 vs Big Ten #2" would be pretty helpful as people would know how the teams fit in. Thanks, Shane.

A: Shane, Thanks for the suggestion. Space is always limited in the magazine and while we will try to get the pairings into next year's magazine, I cannot promise it. What I can promise however is that on the Bowl Matchups section on philsteele.com we will list the pairings and update my picks for the bowls as the season goes along. We will also list the last 10 bowls for each and have the latest information up there on each bowl including how you can purchase tickets to the games. Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

July 19th:

Q: Phil, Thank you for your awesome coverage of college football. One of my favorite sections is where you list the depth charts. The guys that don't play as much if at all work just as hard as the starters and deserve recognition also. But the one thing I would like to comment on is the little coverage people give to the small division (Div II and III). I would someday love to see you have full coverage of those teams also. Those teams play with heart and for the love of the game and the only time they are on National TV is for their championship games. I did receive Regional magazine with your Div IAA forecast but I thought you would have the depth chart and full coverage in there too. Again I hope someday that you can come out with those magazines.

Thank You, Dion Rodriguez

A: Dion, First of all let me thank you for purchasing the Pac-10/IAA Regional magazine. That is the first step to bigger coverage for the small schools. I would love to devote the thousands of man hours it would take to give IAA (FCS) Division II and Division III schools added coverage and include depth charts on each. I can foresee a separate magazine with one full page for each IAA team and a quarter page each for the smaller schools. You did your part to make that happen by purchasing a magazine and if there is that type of interest (people buying the Pac 10 Regional) then I will invest the time and money into the added coverage Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

Q: Phil, I noticed on your 2007 Power Rankings that you have Oklahoma listed with the highest power rating in the Big XII. I was curious as to why? They will be fielding a new and inexperienced nucleus of offensive play makers. Obviously their defense will carry them through some of the season, but I don't really see them as the team to beat in the Big XII.

In the South, Texas A&M appears to have the pieces in place to make a run. I also look at Texas Tech as a sleeper, with as many starters as they have returning (even a returning QB!!). Texas will be good, like always, but without a leader like Young, I don't think they can win it all.

In the North, I have to pick Nebraska to repeat as champs. The offensive line is the best they've had since the mid 90's and they finally have a defensive backfield that is not made up of a converted special teamer and a running back. The linebacking core is also very good. The only question mark is the front four, which brings talent, if not experience to the table.

Missouri looks good on paper, but they are still Missouri. Even in years where teams have tried to hand them the title, they let it go. The rest of the north will be awful as usual. In watching the recruiting, it is scary to think how far K-State might fall. Other than Josh Freeman, what big name have they signed? I am anxious to see what kind of product they put on the field this year. Especially with Freeman showing up for camp all fat and slow. (I think Auburn may give us a good idea.

Anyway, I was just curious as to what you see in Oklahoma and I look forward to listening to you each week here in Houston on 790 The Sports Animal. Good luck this season. Brent Quinn Houston, TX

A: Brent, I have published your entire question but I believe there is just one question for me and that is Oklahoma winning the Big XII overall and #1 in my Big XII power ratings. I could go in depth on the individual team units but I will make it a simple answer. Last year Oklahoma WON the Big XII and was the best team statistically in the Big XII outgaining league foes by 98.7 ypg which was better than each of the other 11. This year Oklahoma has just 10 lettermen lost which is the FEWEST in the Big XII. They have 15 returning starters which ties them for most in the league! We have now established that the Sooners were the best team and return the most from last year.

They do have a question at QB but I project the starter to be rFr Sam Bradford and three things about that. Last year's starting QB Paul Thompson was playing WR in the spring and summer and did not move to QB until the fall. At least Bradford was playing QB this spring and summer. If you think a rFr QB cannot have success in the Big XII, look no further than Colt McCoy who as an untested rFr, hit 67% with a 29-7 ratio last year! Also Stoops' most successful teams have been with first year full-time starting QB's.

The schedule also helps out as I rank it #73 and they play just THREE Big XII road games with the Texas game at a neutral site. It would not surprise me to see the Sooners playing in the National Title game this year. Thanks for writing, Phil

This is a question that I get asked a lot:

Q: How can you possibly pick (fill in the blank) so low in the rankings this year?

A: First of all, if you read my College Football Preview Magazine, which is 328 pages and has at least TWICE the amount of information as any other college preview, you can tell I study college football 365 days of the year. Are my predictions flawless? Let's face it no one is perfect. I am pleased however to be rated the MOST ACCURATE COLLEGE football magazine over the last 9 years (preseason.stassen.com) and I put a GREAT DEAL of care into my selections. If you read my magazine you will see I usually give TONS of statistical reasons for ranking a team much lower or higher than the other magazines. Read the first question on this page to see some teams that had poor records one year and became national contenders the next. Now every year when I do my radio shows over the summer I get those calls from disgruntled fans whose teams I ranked too low. I could give you a hundred examples I've had over the years, but I will list just a few of my all-time favorites and the ones that were met with the most consternation:

In 1997, Wash St had a very impressive year as they rolled to a 10-1 regular season record, were Pac-10 champs, and appeared in the Rose Bowl. Cougar fans were awash with pride (and deservedly so). In my 1998 College Football Preview magazine I had the audacity to pick the defending Pac-10 Champs to finish TENTH!!! Now keep in mind at this time it was just the 4th year of my national magazine and I did not have as big a following or reputation that I have today. Frankly, I did not know that they had soooooo many sports radio stations up in Pullman, as I was a very popular guest there. All summer long I gave my reasoning for picking the Cougars so low and was called an idiot, told I knew NOTHING about football, and many times had listeners say they would NEVER purchase my magazine because it was distorted. When the 1998 season ended the DEFENDING PAC 10 CHAMPS FINISHED 10TH IN THE PAC 10 AT 0-8!!!

In 2000, I was VERY HIGH on the Northwestern Wildcats. They were coming off a 1-7 Big Ten season and I called them my #4 MOST IMPROVED TEAM in the NCAA. I picked them higher than every other preview in the preseason and gave them a good shot at getting to a bowl. Northwestern's 2000 squad did not disappoint as they actually TIED for the Big Ten Title at 6-2 and got to a bowl. The next year, in 2001, the Wildcats were the popular pick for #1 in the Big Ten with no fewer than 7 sources pegging them there. They were ranked at the start of the year but I had the audacity to pick them TIED for NINTH in the Big Ten!!! No other magazine or Internet source had them lower than 4th and as mentioned the majority had them first. The same Purple Faithful who I had made very happy the previous year were now very angry with me. "Phil Steele has lost his mind". They felt they had a national title contender and I picked them ninth in the Big Ten??!! Radio shows in the Chicago area called me brainless, ignorant and completely lacking knowledge of the college game. When the season ended I was indeed wrong on where the Cats would finish. I had them tied for 9th and they finished tied for tenth in the Big Ten with a 2-6 record!!!

In 2003, Nebraska finished 10-3 and Iowa St was a very poor 2-10 including a PERFECT 0-8 in the Big XII. In 2004 I actually picked Iowa St to finish ahead of Nebraska in the Big XII North!!!! Now you know how fervent the SEC football fans are, well I angered the BIG RED nation in the summer of 2004. I was a VERY popular guest on radio shows in Lincoln and you would have thought I changed my name to "Here is the guy who picked Iowa St ahead of Nebraska in the Big XII this year" as that is how I was introduced on most of those shows. Phone lines were lit up and boy was I ridiculed for not knowing football, being an idiot, etc. Once again, fortunately for me, Iowa St finished tied for 1st in the Big XII and came within a missed FG of winning it outright. Nebraska suffered their first losing season in 31 years!

In 2005, I did not make a lot of friends in Knoxville. Tennessee was regarded as a National Title contender and ranked #2 or #3 in the country by NINE of the 12 sources cited on the preseason.stassen.com site. They were the consensus pick for the SEC EAST title. I picked the Vols #3 in the EAST and actually called for GEORGIA to win the EAST while most others had the Bulldogs THIRD in the DIVISION. Tennessee was one of the states I did the most radio shows in that summer. Many callers questioned my sanity and knowledge among other things. How could I pick this National Title contender THIRD in the their own DIVISION. Fortunately for me Georgia not only won the SEC East but also the SEC Title game and Tennessee had a rare losing year. Another popular state for me last year was Iowa as I did not have the Hawks in my Top 10 and they were ranked as high as #2 and #3 in some preseason polls. Iowa fans love their football and were not too happy with me last year but Iowa actually finished the regular season unranked at 7-5.

Not all of my predictions work out but I am proud to be the most accurate preseason magazine over the past 9 years. Thanks for writing, Phil Steele

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DETERMINING THE NATIONAL CHAMP – BOWLS OR PLAYOFFS?

by Phil Steele

I must admit I am a little subdued about the BCS and my 4-team playoff format. For nearly a decade now I have been calling for a system that pits the #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 teams in the Jan 1 bowls and the addition of a Title game a week or two later which would give us a true National Champ every year. SEC Commissioner Mike Slive proposed this format to BCS officials this past April. It seemed like support would be strong for the plan which would have started in 2010 but it was shot down by the BCS Commission. Now it appears that the earliest a plus-one playoff could happen would be 2014. The main concern was it would lead to an 8 or 16-team playoff, which I am also vehemently against. The only other concern was that the Rose Bowl wants the Big Ten and Pac-10 every year and would have its tradition interrupted most years.

Last year was really the FIRST year the system would not have worked out but nothing could have saved last season. I feel USC should have been in the mix but they were number SEVEN in the BCS rankings. To try and build a system around fixing last year would be ridiculous. Let's face it, if a team lost TWO games during the season they don't deserve to argue that they belonged in the title game! Those years are rare. What is unjust is when you have 3 undefeated teams at the end of the year or 3 or 4 deserving teams and one of the two teams are not allowed to compete for the title. This happened to Ohio St in 1998, Nebraska in 1999, Washington and Miami in 2000, Oregon and Colorado in 2001, USC and LSU split the title in 2003, unbeaten SEC Champ Auburn in 2004 and Michigan fell to #3 without playing in 2003 -'06.

Ohio St RB Beanie Wells

Now let me go in depth on how my plan for a 4-team playoff which would have worked in 10 out of 11 years, while the current system has worked in 3 out of 11. **In 2006, it was business as usual as Michigan was #2 in the BCS rankings after losing to Ohio St but dropped to #3 without playing a game.** Florida got to the National Title game while Michigan, like most disappointed teams have done lately, lost its bowl game. **In my bowl system Michigan and Florida would have faced each other on the field for the right to play the winner of Ohio St vs LSU (who was #4 in the BCS rankings) and that would have been a pair of outstanding games.**

In 2005, the BCS method worked out perfectly. In the old system, USC would have faced Penn St in the Rose Bowl and Texas would have played in the Orange Bowl and we would have had two undefeated teams at the end of the year. **2003 and 2004 would have worked out PERFECTLY for my method EXCEPT that the NCAA did not allow the National Title Game that I called for, which would have pitted LSU vs USC in a one-game Title match after the bowls in 2003 and USC and Auburn in a one-game Title match in 2004.** This would have prevented the co-National Champs of 2003 and Auburn going undefeated and winning the SEC but not playing for a Title in 2004. The one-game playoff is the only plan to make the situation perfect, as an 8 or 16-team playoff would not solve anything. It would destroy the bowls and make the regular season meaningless. I am a traditionalist when it comes to college football. I love the rivalries and the tradition of the bowls. During the holidays, I am a bowl junkie and I find each bowl to be interesting. **I feel bowls provide teams with a reward for a successful season, both financially, as well as for recruitment purposes and should be kept intact.**

I know in college basketball, the NCAA tournament is a major success. TV ratings are high and almost everyone in the country participates in their office pools, predicting who will be the National Champ. Many have said that they would like to see such a tournament for NCAA football as well. I definitely disagree. Here's the main reason why: If you take a look at the NCAA hoops tournament and who is crowned champion, I think you will find that the most dominating team of the basketball season does not always win the championship. How can you say that a team like the 1985 Villanova squad, which finished the regular season 16-10, was the best team in the country simply because they won their last 6 games in the NCAA tournament? There were 10 teams during the regular season who were stronger than they were! To say at the end of the year that a team that lost 10 games was the strongest team in the NCAA was a joke and **meant the entire regular season was meaningless.** In 2005 it was more of the same with all four #1 seeds eliminated. The CHAMPIONSHIP game featured teams that were #7 and #11 in the polls during the regular season. Basically, the regular season meant nothing and if we went to a 16-game football format, would a battle between the #7 and #11 teams really be a title game?

The one thing I love about college football is of all the sports, college or pro, the REGULAR SEASON in college football is the one that MEANS THE MOST. You might be able to stay alive in the overall chase if you lose ONE regular season game, but two losses will most likely, and should, eliminate you. That means the games in September, October and November are just as critical as the bowl games if you want to have a shot at the National Title. No other sport with an expanded playoff system can say that. College basketball's regular season big games really mean ABSOLUTELY nothing, as it only matters what you do in the tournament for the last 6 games. If the #1 team loses in college basketball it means nothing, as they will still be in the NCAA Tournament at the end of the year and it only matters what you do in those final 6 games.

The current BCS bowl method of determining the National Champion also has its flaws. In 1998, my No. 1 team in the country in the preseason was Ohio St. There was no doubt in my mind Ohio St was the strongest and most complete team, but a late-season upset loss to Nick Saban's Michigan St team cost OSU a shot at appearing in the National Championship game. The BCS picked Florida St, a team with one loss that was starting a backup QB, to take on Tennessee in the bowl. The Volunteers won the National Championship. Tennessee was far from a perfect team that year and caught many fortunate breaks to remain undefeated. Had Ohio St played either Florida St or Utah in that year's Fiesta Bowl, the Buckeyes would have been the favorite to win. The Buckeyes had to settle for second place after they whipped Texas A&M in their bowl.

In my 1999 magazine, I called for Nebraska to finish No. 1 in the country. No one else had Nebraska listed in the Top 5. The Huskers had a dominating year but had one bad game vs Texas (in which Nebraska had a 429-275 yd edge) and could not overcome their 6 turnovers. They later avenged that loss to Texas big time in the Big XII Championship Game with a dominating 22-6 win, proving they were a stronger team than the Horns. Nebraska then dismantled Tennessee in the Fiesta Bowl, even more impressively than the 31-21 final indicated.

Florida St was a good team in 1999 but played its then-soft ACC schedule, and even then, had some close calls vs Georgia Tech, Clemson and Florida. Virginia Tech was a great story in 1999, going undefeated and getting to the National Title game. The Hokies benefitted from a soft schedule as well, not playing a team near the caliber of Nebraska. Once again, had Nebraska played either VT or Florida St in the National Title game, I feel they would have been a favorite to win. The Huskers probably would have defeated either of those two foes, as they had the best defense in the country but did not get to play for the Title.

In 2000, Florida St faced Oklahoma but both Miami, FL and Washington fans said they should have been the challenger to undefeated Oklahoma. Miami beat Florida St straight up, while Washington beat Miami straight up. They each had legitimate claims, as both faced tough schedules and had just one loss. Two other teams that finished 10-1 did not have legitimate claims. Oregon St only had one win over a final Top 25 team all year (Oregon). The same can be said for Virginia Tech, who did not defeat a single team ranked in the Top 25 and lost to Miami by 20.

In 2001, Nebraska suffered its first loss of the year at Colorado by a 62-36 margin in their season finale. Miami, FL went undefeated and indisputably deserved the Rose Bowl (title game) bid. After Florida, Tennessee and Texas all fell by the wayside, Nebraska (controversially, by the BCS formula) got the call to face Miami, while Oregon and Colorado complained loudly that they were the ones that deserved a shot. Had Nebraska defeated Miami, the AP voters would likely have voted the Oregon/Colorado Fiesta Bowl winner the National Champ, showing a great deal of sentiment that those two teams deserved a shot at the Title. My proposed system would have allowed both Oregon and Colorado to play for the Title, along with Nebraska and Miami.

In 2002, it was a dream come true for the BCS, as there were just two unbeaten teams at season's end and they met in the Fiesta Bowl to determine the true National Champion. Ohio St beat Miami in double overtime. No arguments from anybody for the first time in BCS history!!

The 2003 season would have been perfect for my system, but we ended up with a split National Title and the #1 team in both polls NOT playing in the National Title game. Three teams had legitimate claims to appear in the National Title game (once again showing that 8 or 16 teams is unnecessary) and Michigan made a nice pick for the #4 spot. Had my system been in place, the teams would have played just like they did in 2003, but one or two weeks later. LSU would have faced USC and it would have been a true National Title game with NO DISPUTES from anyone!!!!

Once again, in 2004, there were three teams that could have argued for a spot in the National Title game. Auburn is a team that plays in the rugged SEC, who not only went undefeated, but also won the SEC Title game and yet did not get a chance to play for the Title. There were a couple of other unbeaten teams at the end of the year, but about 15 teams in the country would have had unbeaten records playing their schedules, so they had no real argument. All teams with one loss had no real argument. The bottom line is, as long as the Top 3 got in, it did not matter who the #4 team would have been.

As you can tell, I feel the best team in the country did not win the National Title numerous times the last 11 years. The Title game foes were controversial in 9 of the 11 years with two split National Titles. I really think a BCS conference team that suffers just one tough loss, but is dominating in every other game vs a decent schedule, deserves a shot at the National Title game (unless there are two unbeaten teams remaining). I see a lot of proposals for 8 and 16-team matchups but I feel that is going too far. As I previously pointed out, there is no reason to include teams with numerous losses as if they were true National Championship contenders. If they were, they would have taken care of business during the regular season. **I also think by including teams with 2 or 3 losses in the National Championship picture you dilute the greatness of college football during the regular season. There ARE many games with National Championship implications during the regular season.** As an example, when Ohio St travels to USC this year, one may be eliminated from the championship race while the other could be the favorite. Why not let those games keep their "playoff-like" atmosphere, thus preserving their importance? If you expand the field to 16, you allow teams to be able to lose games like that and still look forward to the postseason and a shot at winning the Title. It would take a GREAT end of the season matchup like Ohio St and Michigan (#1 vs #2 in '06) and make it less relevant. Instead of it being an all-important, destiny-changing game if both teams are in the Top 10, they would probably make the 16-game playoff whether they win or lose to each other and may even rest players for the all-important playoffs. I do not want to dilute college football during the regular season and feel that only a select few who meet the challenges of the regular season deserve to be in the Title chase. **I feel college football regular season games are the most important games of any sport due to their impact on the Title chase.**

Here is my plan to determine the National Champ, and actually it is very close to what we have now. It should be feasible in the foreseeable future and I feel it would establish a true National Champ. This is the NINTH straight year I have called for it in my magazine. To determine the National Champ, I feel they should continue with the BCS rankings and include the Top FOUR teams in the BCS chase. The two semifinal games would be played on Jan 1 and rotate as the bowls do now between the Rose, Orange, Sugar and Fiesta. The Top 4 teams in the country, according to the BCS, would be invited. If you look at the last 10 years, this would have included No. 3 Ohio St in 1998, No. 3 Nebraska in 1999, BOTH Oregon and Colorado in 2001, #1 USC in 2003 AND undefeated SEC Champ Auburn in 2004 and Michigan in 2006. In this scenario, the teams decide who is the National Champ on the field. No. 1 would face No. 4 and No. 2 would face No. 3 in the January 1 bowls. After the first round matchups, the Championship game could be played during the bye week before the Super Bowl. This would allow the teams plenty of time for preparation and for fans to make travel arrangements, given the three to four week span. It also gives football fans something to look forward to during the week the NFL is off. It would also prevent a team like Ohio St from playing in a National Title game after not having played for 50+ days which has affected their performance the last 2 years.

In this format, there would be absolutely no question, it would be a true National Title game, as the Top 4 teams would be involved. Now, let's take a look at how this would have affected the races the last 11 years. In 1997, the "final four" would have been Michigan, Nebraska, Florida St and North Carolina. Michigan and Nebraska should have met in the Title game, with both teams going unbeaten. If the two had played, there would have been no split of the National Title and a true champion could have been crowned. The No. 5 (UCLA) and No. 6 (Florida) teams each had 2 losses and once again did NOT deserve a role in the Title game chase. The current BCS system, which was devised after the '97 season, would have also matched the two unbeaten teams. But I find fault with a system that would have given us a true Title game in only 3 out of the last 11 years.

In 1998, Ohio St would have faced Florida St in one of the semifinal matchups. With a backup QB, Florida St would have been no match for the Buckeyes' top-rated defense. Tennessee would have matched up with Kansas St. I feel Ohio St would have polished off whoever emerged from that game but, as you can see, I do not feel the best two teams participated in the "National Title" game the BCS presented. Team No. 5 was Arizona and No. 6 was UCLA and I do not feel either of those teams were National Title caliber. They simply achieved their records by playing in the Pac-10 (which was a weak conference that year) and really did not have defenses comparable to the Top 4 teams.

In 1999, Nebraska would have faced Virginia Tech in one of the semifinal games. Florida St would have faced whoever the BCS poll had rated in the No. 4 slot. Wisconsin was No. 4 in both polls and Alabama and Tennessee were No. 5 and No. 6, even though all three had 2 losses. Kansas St was No. 8 with only one loss. A strong case could be made AGAINST all 4 from having a shot at the National Title game but, since you have to pick one, let's say Wisconsin was chosen because they were #4. As you can see, in 1999 there would not have been any complaints of teams left out, as it was tough to find one that was at the level of the Top 3. Nebraska and Florida St, who were the top two teams in reality, would have likely met in the Title game, barring an upset.

In 2000, my system would have been a dream. With Oregon St and Virginia Tech dismissed due to strength of schedule (or lack thereof), Washington would have faced Oklahoma and Miami would have had a rematch with Florida St for the right to play in the Title game. There would be no complaints after the season and those teams left out would be forced to play stronger non-conf foes, making the regular season even more enjoyable.

The year 2001 was another season in which my system would have produced a ton of excitement and a great college football final four. No. 1 Miami, No. 2 Nebraska, No. 3 Colorado and No. 4 Oregon would have qualified. The Canes and the Ducks would have been a great game, in which Miami would have been favored, but it would have given Oregon a chance to earn the nation's respect. In the other game, Colorado would have had the chance to show its first matchup with Nebraska was no fluke. It would also have given the Buffaloes the chance to show that the BCS computer, which ranked them .05 behind the Huskers, had in fact slighted them. This scenario would have been fun to watch and would have eliminated any doubt as to the identity of the true National Champ.

The 2002 season was perfect for the BCS with the two unbeaten teams but, in this system, each would have had to play another game to get to the Title game. While arguably two of the top teams in the country at the end of the season were USC and Kansas St, each had lost 2 games during the year and would have been on the outside looking in. Once again this shows how important regular season games are in this system. The No. 3 and No. 4 teams (Iowa and Georgia) each had one loss and would have faced the top two in the semi's. I feel Ohio St would have beaten Iowa (which subsequently lost to USC in the Orange Bowl) and Miami would have beaten Georgia, and the battle of unbeatens still would have happened. The 2005 season would've been a similar scenario with just 2 unbeaten teams (USC & Texas).

I detailed how 2003 was a perfect scenario for my system, as well as 2004. In 2004, #1 USC would have battled the #4 team. It could have been Texas, California or Utah. The bottom line is, no matter who was left out, they would have had NO argument about the team that was picked, as they were simply lucky to be in it. If I was on the committee to choose, I would have made the simple argument that California (which lost during the regular season to USC) and Texas (which lost during the regular season to Oklahoma) ALREADY HAD their playoff games and lost them. I would have chosen Utah, which was unbeaten and played a much tougher schedule than Boise. That really shows the importance of regular season games. Utah would have been whipped by USC and Oklahoma probably would have lost to Auburn. Therefore, we would have had USC vs Auburn and EVERYONE would have acknowledged it as the true National Title game. My system would have produced the true National Title game in TEN out of TEN YEARS!!!

Here is a recap of the Top 5 teams in the country over the past 10 years showing how the 4-team format is clearly the best.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHUPS FROM 1997-2006 ACCORDING TO MY PLAYOFF SYSTEM:

1997	#1 Nebraska (12-0) vs #4 North Carolina (10-1) #2 Michigan (11-0) vs #3 Florida St (10-1) #5 UCLA (two losses during the regular season, did not deserve to be in).	1997
1998	#1 Tennessee (12-0) vs #4 Kansas St (11-1) #2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Ohio St (10-1) #5 Arizona (11-1) & #6 UCLA (10-1) had solid results but played in the weak Pac-10.	1998
1999	#1 Florida St (11-0) vs #4 Wisconsin (9-2) #2 Virginia Tech (11-0) vs #3 Nebraska (11-1) #5 Michigan (9-2) had two losses.	1999
2000	#1 Oklahoma (12-0) vs #4 Washington (10-1) #2 Florida St (11-1) vs #3 Miami, Fl (10-1) While Oregon St and Virginia Tech each had just one loss they combined to beat ONE Top 25 team all year.	2000
2001	#1 Miami, Fl (11-0) vs #4 Oregon (10-1) #2 Nebraska (11-1) vs #3 Colorado (10-2) #5 Texas lost to #4 Colorado in the Big XII Title game.	2001
2002	#1 Miami, Fl (12-0) vs #4 Georgia (11-1) #2 Ohio St (13-0) vs #3 Iowa (11-1) #5 USC and #6 Kansas St both had two losses.	2002
2003	#1 USC (11-1) vs #4 Michigan (10-2) #2 Oklahoma (12-1) vs #3 LSU (12-1) The #5 and #6 seeds were not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in.	2003
2004	#1 USC (11-0) vs #4 Utah (11-0) #2 Oklahoma (11-0) vs #3 Auburn (11-0) The #5 and #6 seeds were not worthy - only Top 3 NEEDED to be in.	2004
2005	#1 USC vs #4 Ohio St #2 Texas vs #3 Penn St #5 Oregon with backup QB's was not worthy and only Top 2 really NEEDED to be in.	2005
2006	#1 Ohio St vs #4 LSU #2 Florida vs #3 Michigan #5 USC lost to UCLA in their final game or the Trojans would have been #2.	2006

I already talked about how 2003 and 2004 were PERFECT for my system. It would have produced National Title games between LSU vs USC in 2003 and USC vs Auburn in 2004 that no one could argue about. I will add one more note about the playoff formats that are being tossed around. I am hearing talk that some would like to pick the Top 2 teams AFTER the bowls are over and let them play in the National Title game. This method (which would not be #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3) would lead to the same chaos that goes on at the end of the regular season. If the #1, #2 and #3 teams were all in different bowl games and #2 and #3 had impressive wins while #1 just barely won, then all 3 would be lobbying for a spot in the National Title game and someone would be left out again. You must play #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3 or else the process will remain chaotic and controversial and possibly leave some deserving teams out.

For those who complain about adding extra games, only 2 out of 120 teams would be "forced" to play in this big game and I'm sure those student-athletes would find a way to complete their studies. The 3 week layoff would probably allow enough time for any minor injuries from the January 1st bowl game to heal, yet not be as big of a layoff as the teams have now between the regular season and the bowls and it could lead to a more crisply played Title game. There would be plenty of interest in not just bowl games each year, but there would now be THREE games that would capture major ratings, as the two preliminary games would be rated higher than any current regular bowl. The other bowls would remain intact and would be a reward for teams after a solid season. We would crown a true National Champion every year and we would also insure that all of the major regular season games were played with the same importance that they are today, and the polls would stay a major interest all year.

Phil Steele's 2008 Regional Magazines

By Phil Steele

Every year I try to make my college football magazine bigger and better. We had very little advertising last year, far less than any of the competition and have even less advertising this year! This will be the fourth year of my Regional Magazines and each year I also try to make them bigger and better. This year you will also notice a vastly expanded website at www.philsteele.com.

Let's talk about the Regional Magazines and the additional information they contain. First of all, if you look at the back cover of this magazine you will see my regional COVERS. I am not talking about those magazines. Naturally, all college football magazines have regional covers so if you walk into a bookstore in Texas, you will see Texas players on the cover. That same cover would not grab as much attention in Big Ten country where you would likely see players from Michigan, Penn St or Ohio St on the cover. We produce 9 regional covers but the only thing different about those magazines is the COVER. The inside information is exactly the same and they are packed cover-to-cover with information.

My Regional Magazines are all different and give even more information on the teams than what is packed into the national version. Each BCS conference school is allotted SIX FULL PAGES as opposed to the two pages I put in the national edition. Of course, the two pages I have on each team in the National Magazine have at least TWICE the amount of information as any other magazine. My Regional Magazines go even further with at least double the amount of information on each team as even my own National Magazine!

One of your first questions would be, "Why publish a Regional Magazine when the National Magazine is so complete?" The answer, is because I compile sooo much information when writing my National Magazine (and though I squeeze a lot into the National Magazine), I am forced to leave many things out. For example, when I first published the National Magazine back in 1995, we had a full column on every left-hand page with the past history of each game from the previous year's matchup. I will expand on this later. The past histories were taken out after a few years to save space but now have found a home in the Regional Magazines. In my Projected Starting Lineups I could actually use 3 or 4 lines to give you the stats and history of each player and those lineups usually go 3 to 4 deep. Space does not allow me to do this in the National Magazine but with the Regional Magazines I have the available space. You get the idea now why I allot 6 pages for all the BCS teams.

What kind of extra information for BCS schools do you get in my Regional Magazines? The first of the six pages is the text taken from the National Magazine's position outlook. Now the main complaint I get on my National Magazine is "the type is too small." What we do on the regional page is pull off the projected starting lineup at the bottom of the page which makes the type size bigger and much easier to read.

The second page is the same as the right-hand page of my National Magazine. It is a little more pleasing to the eye as we take out the angles on each team and put in a graph showing the wins for each of the last 10 years so you can see how a team's win total has gone up and down at a glance. We also list the offensive and defensive coordinators for each team over the last 8 years. We list each team's last 6 conference titles, most recent national titles, where the teams finished in the conference standings and how they fared in ypg in conference play over the last 7 years.

The third page is a greatly expanded 2 deep which has much more room for the players' bios. We tell you where they ranked coming out of high school, if they bench 400 or have 4.3 speed and of course we tell you what they have done so far in college. Basically, we double the information in the Projected Starting Lineups from the National Magazine and also make the type size bigger, so it is much more readable. We also include players who did not fit into my National Magazine because now we have a whole page for the depth charts.

I find the fourth page very helpful. The first thing we give you is a complete alphabetical/numerical roster for each team which includes the players' year, height, weight, and hometowns. You can quickly see things like the amount of players from Alabama on the Southern Miss roster, etc. This is really nothing special in terms of Regional Magazines as most do list a roster, but it is there and when watching a game on TV you basically have a program for the game if you are wondering, "Who is #73?" We also give you complete bios for the assistant coaches. I find this helpful not only for the current team, but I like to see which current coordinators look like the best prospects for future head coaching jobs and also which current assistants are the best prospects for future coordinators. My favorite part of page 4 is the Game-by-Game Team Stats. For years I have read the *Pro Football Weekly* Preseason Magazine. I consider this to be one of the premier NFL preseason magazines out there. One feature they had that I really liked that no other magazine had was Game-by-Game stats for each player during the season. You can flip to that section and quickly scan across the line and see which team a player had their best games against and which teams they struggled against. You can see how many games a player missed with DNP (did not play) or INJ (injury) typed in. It also gives you easy to read team-by-team stats. While my National Magazine only has room for an overall turnover assessment of the game (example: +2 in turnovers), the Regional Magazines give you the amount of fumbles and the number of interceptions each team had in every game.

The fifth page on each team is something I find very valuable and that is the Past Histories for the LAST THREE YEARS. This is something we had in the original *Phil Steele's College Football Preview*, but had to take out due to space constraints. I try to give you the best brief summary of the game. If the game was played in heavy rain and high winds I mention it. When USF lost at Connecticut three years ago, you could not tell by looking at the final score that it was the coldest game (32°) that USF had ever played in which greatly affected the Florida players. There are some games where a team won by only 10 points and it was a dominant win. Perhaps a team led 31-7 with 7:00 to go and put the backups in and allowed two garbage TD's at the end of the game. There are also 10-point wins that are much closer than the final score indicates. Perhaps a team was up by 4 with 3:00 to go, had the ball was en route to a win. Say that team fumbles, it is returned for a TD and they are down by 3. Then in the last seconds a desperation pass is intercepted and returned for a TD and suddenly a probable win turns into a 10-point loss. Truly those are two different stories although each ended with a 10-pt margin of victory. You will know exactly what happened in all of the games in the last 3 years by reading these past histories. You will also be able to find out the misleading finals from the last 3 years. Perhaps a team had a 20-9 FD edge and 384-123 yard edge and dominated the game but lost by 3 due to 6 turnovers. You could go through the stats of each game to uncover them but my first sentence in the write-up for each of these type of games is generally, "This was a misleading final." With the Past Histories you can see who was up at the half and generally each quarter and get a true feel of how the game was played. We have had a lot of requests in the questionnaires that are sent back to us to put the Past Histories back in the main magazine, but space does not allow that, so here is where you can find them.

The sixth page is both about the past and the future. In the National Magazine I only have room to list the incoming freshmen (and JUCO's), name, height, weight, position and PS#. In the Regionals I give the newcomers their own section so I can write a mini-bio on each player. I give you their statistics from their senior and sometimes junior years in high school, so you get an idea of how productive they were. If they have an outstanding bench press or 40 speed time, I will put it in. These players will be the cornerstone of the team in the future and you get to find out more about them. It is like buying a recruiting magazine for a recap of the signing classes. Should you purchase all of my Regional Magazines, you would have accumulated 40 pages worth of freshman recruiting information so you basically get a recruiting magazine for free. Also on the 6th page is the Last 5 Bowl Games' Past Histories. This once again goes beyond the final score and gives you the flavor of the game. Remember in the 2005 Sun Bowl when Northwestern led UCLA 22-0 in the 1Q as the Bruins Drew Olsen, (who had a 31-3 ratio in the regular season), amazingly threw 3 int including 2 that were returned for TD's in the 1Q? UCLA climbed back to lead late in the 2Q and then returned not one but TWO onside kicks for TD's in the final minutes, including one with :24 left. You could not tell that however just looking at the final score (50-38 UCLA), which appears to be an easy bowl win. The other part of this page is the last ten years' draft history for each team. Some teams like USC are filled top to bottom with picks and others have very few. It also allows you to see a pattern of draft picks for a team, for example, if Boston College had yet another OL drafted or if a team like Penn St, which is known as "Linebacker U," is living up to its reputation. You can also see which years a team had heavy and light draft losses and see how it affected the following season's record. You can also see how many #1 DC's a team has had the last ten years or if most of their players picked were in the later rounds.

That is A LOT of information on each team and more than we could fit in the National Magazine. Each of the 120 teams get expanded coverage and this year the non-BCS schools all get FOUR FULL PAGES. We include some of these conferences in with their big brother BCS conference. I am running out of room so I won't go into everything on the 4 full pages, but instead of 3 years of Past Histories, you will have just the 2007 Past Histories for the non-BCS schools. That means you get almost all of the same info that you get on the BCS schools. Here is a breakdown of which teams are in which Regional Magazines:

Big Ten Regional: Big Ten, Notre Dame and MAC
Big XII Regional: Big XII, MWC and CUSA West
SEC Regional: SEC, Sun Belt and CUSA East
Pac-10 Regional: Pac-10, WAC and COMPLETE IAA (FCS) Coverage
ACC/Big East Regional: ACC, Big East and Army & Navy.

If you fill out the questionnaire on the page 326 of this magazine, I will give you a $5 discount on the purchase of all 5 Regionals. They sell for $6.99 and $2 shipping for each separately which would be $44.95 for all 5. Our package price for all 5 is just $29.95 and that includes shipping and handling and you can get all 5 for just $24.95 by filling out the questionnaire. I am very interested in reading your thoughts on this year's magazine.

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 PRESEASON TOP 40

Here is my 2008 Preseason Top 40. Two quick notes: First of all, my preseason rankings are **NOT** my Power Ratings. As an example- Utah is rated #23 in my Power Poll or overall talent rankings but due to a manageable schedule, I have them #14, as 4 of my eight sets of my ratings show them finishing with an unbeaten season. I have Texas rated #10 in my Power Poll which is where I would rank them talent-wise, but as you can read in my writeup at #15, they will probably not finish in the Top 10 due to a difficult schedule. My Top 25 is based on where I project the teams to finish in the final rankings & these Top 25's have always done quite well. In 2002, I had Ohio St rated higher than any other preseason magazine coming into the year and they won the National Title. In 2003, my magazine (and Lindy's) had LSU rated higher than any other preseason magazine and they won the BCS Title. In 2004, I was the only major magazine to have Cal (#4 in the final regular season polls) in the Preseason Top 10! In 2006, I had the only magazine to pick Boise St in the Top 20 (I had them going to a BCS bowl) and I also had Arkansas at #13 (they finished the regular season #12) when they entered the year unranked. Last year I had Georgia (finished #2) rated higher than any other magazine and I had Wisconsin rated lower than any other national magazine (#16, most had in Top 10).These rankings reflect not only talent, but the strength of schedule and how each team should finish the season. In 2007, I called for Hawaii to get to the Sugar Bowl. Of my Top 5 in '07, 4 won a January bowl game and Oklahoma lost to another Top 5 member in WV. Last year 43 of my top 46 were bowl eligible (93.5%)!

1. Florida Last year the Gators were the defending champs and came into the season ranked #6. My publication was one of the few that did not have them in their Top 10. I liked the talent level but they were very inexperienced with just 7 returning starters and 27 lettermen lost. The young team still almost beat eventual National Champ LSU in Death Valley. This year they have 16 returning starters including Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow and their skill positions and defense are loaded with speed. They have my #1 rated offense and #1 special teams. They should also have one of the most improved D's in the country as they were loaded with talented underclassmen in '07 who now have a year under their belts. This team is more talented than the 2006 team which survived a lot of close calls to get to the title game.

2. Ohio St The Buckeyes did not really expect to get to the title game last year where their young team lost to a veteran LSU squad which was playing in its own backyard. After two straight BCS Championship game losses, OSU could get their atonement this year. They have 19 starters back from 2007, the most of any team that finished in the Top 25. They have 5 potential first round picks and their defense has my #3DL, #1LB and #2DB units. The Buckeyes also have my #5 rated ST's. The running game is solid with my #2OL and the best RB in the country in Beanie Wells. They have an experienced QB and add in super true frosh QB Terrelle Pryor who will give the offense a different dimension. Their road trip Sept 13 to USC looks like a National Title semi-final game but they are talented enough to knock off the Trojans.

USC
LB Rey Maualuga

3. Oklahoma The Sooners are one of 3 teams that are ranked in all 8 of my position categories with Florida and Ohio St being the other 2. They have my #1 rated O-line, #4 DL and QB Sam Bradford was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency as a first time starter. They do not have a true road game vs a team that finished with more than 7 wins last year but do play a dangerous Texas team in Dallas. A case could have been made for them playing in the title game last year after they blew out Missouri for the Big XII Title but even after a disappointing bowl performance they could get back to the big show for the fourth time in eight years.

4. USC If I got to pick who would be in the title game at the end of the 2007 season, USC would have been one of my 2 choices (how were they rated #6?) The Trojans are the team which was hit hardest in the draft with 10 picks including 7 in the first two rounds. Pete Carroll has NFL-caliber talent stacked on top of NFL-caliber talent so they do not rebuild, they only reload. Despite the losses, all 7 of their units are ranked in my Top 30's with only the special teams out of the mix. The Pac-10 does not appear to have the elite challengers to USC that they had last year in Oregon and Arizona St. The big game for them comes early when they host a more experienced Ohio St squad. USC still has my #2 rated defense and if they beat the Buckeyes at home (USC is on a 38-1 run at home), then they are likely title game bound. They have a great chance at winning the title everyone thought they were destined for last year.

5. Clemson The Tigers are loaded this year with 16 returning starters including QB Cullen Harper who had a 27-6 ratio last year and their outstanding RB combo of James Davis and CJ Spiller. They also take on the #73 schedule which is the weakest of any team in the Top 10 of my Power Poll. Clemson usually loses a few games they should win each year but if they stop that nasty habit, this could finally be the season they live up to expectations.

6. West Virginia While the Mountaineers do face 2 of my Top 15 in the Power Poll (Auburn and USF), they get both of them at home where they are on a 26-4 run. They have a Heisman contender in Pat White, one of the Nations' top RB's in Noel Devine and my #4 rated O-line. They should be favored in all 12 games this year. My only concerns are the coaching change and subsequent tweaking of the offense.

7. Missouri The Tigers should have been in a BCS bowl game last year as they beat BOTH Illinois and Kansas, two teams that played in BCS games. Both losses last year were to Oklahoma and they do not play the Sooners in the regular season this year (should meet in Big XII Title game). Missouri does have to play Texas on the road and Kansas at a neutral site but with QB Daniel and WR Maclin they are explosive on offense and with 8 starters back they have their best D yet under Pinkel.

8. USF The Bulls have their best team yet under Leavitt with 17 returning starters from a team that rose as high as #2 in the polls last year. I give them a great shot at being 11-0 when they travel to chilly Morgantown Dec. 6 but keep in mind they have not played well in the cold in their history. USF did win at WV in the last game of the 2006 season however if QB Grothe remains healthy all year, the Bulls could sweep the board.

West Virginia
OL Ryan Stanchek

9. Georgia I had Georgia picked higher than any other magazine last year. Despite not getting to the SEC Title game, they tied for the East Title and when the smoke cleared they were #2 in the country! This year's edition is even more talented with QB Stafford and RB Moreno part of 8 returning starters on offense while 9 are back on the D. They do play the 3rd toughest schedule in the NCAA with Florida, LSU, Auburn and South Carolina, all in my Top 20, all away from home.

10. Penn St I doubt anyone else will have the Lions in their Top 10 but this is a talented team and I may have had them higher had their best defensive player (LB Sean Lee) not been lost in the spring. A return to the spread offense (like '05) should have them nearing that season's production (34.4). PSU has my #2 rated D-line and while they travel to both Ohio St and Wisconsin, they will be favored in the other 10.

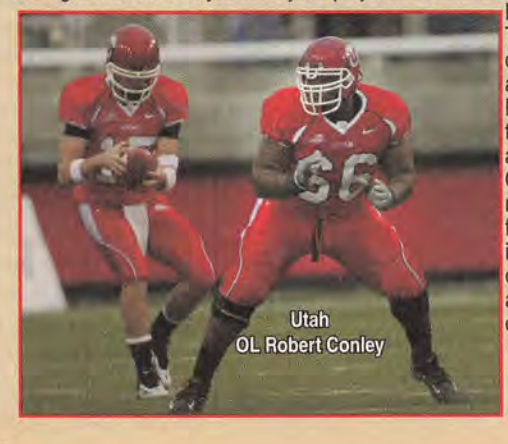
11. Texas Tech The Big XII had FOUR Top 10 teams at the end of last year and TTech was NOT one of them. This year Tech has their best team ever under Leach and should have their highest final ranking in his 9 years (previous high #18). Graham Harrell could have the best season yet for a Tech QB and that is saying a lot! They have 18 returning starters, get Texas at home and while Kansas and OU are on the road, it should still be a big year.

12. Auburn The Tigers got off to a slow start in '07 but got better as the O-line matured. This year they have 16 returning starters. AU does have to play the defending National Champ LSU and probable preseason #1 Georgia but get both at home. They also have to play West Virginia in Morgantown. If the Tigers get to the SEC Title game like I project, they would face my #1 team, Florida. Auburn could be a surprise team.

13. LSU The Tigers lost their projected QB this spring and suffered some big losses in the draft including DT Dorsey. LSU has done a great job compiling talent and my Power Poll rates them #9 talent-wise despite having just 12 returning starters. They do pull BOTH Florida and Georgia out of the East and have to travel to South Carolina and Auburn. A tougher schedule and 24 lettermen lost have me calling for a slight drop in the rankings.

14. Utah The Utes come up #23 in my Power Poll but have the schedule to run the table and be this year's non-BCS darling. Their toughest road games are at Michigan and New Mexico and both look to be in rebuilding years. Utah gets both TCU and BYU at home and QB Johnson is another year removed from injury and should return to 2005's form.

15. Texas The Horns are in the Top 10 of my Power Poll and could easily win the Big XII South this year. They do play Oklahoma in Dallas and must travel to Lubbock to face a loaded TTech team. Texas also draws BOTH Missouri and Kansas out of the North and both figure to be in the AP Top 10 at the start of the year! Of those teams I just mentioned, UT has the fewest amount of returning starters (11). They do have my #9OL, #5DL and a veteran QB and could surprise.


Utah
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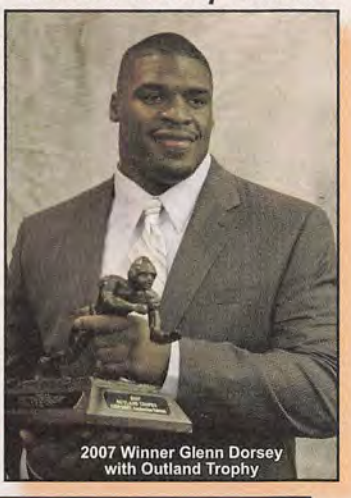

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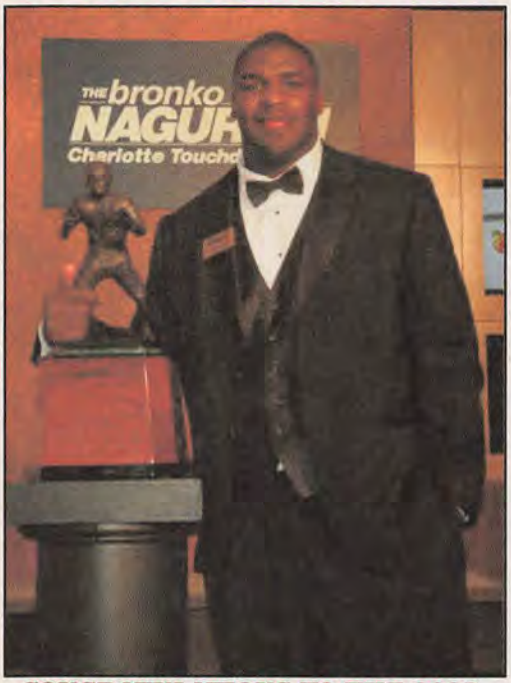

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2005 ELVIS DUMERVIL, LOUISVILLE
2006 JAMES LAURINAITIS, OHIO STATE

16. Virginia Tech The Hokies suffered some attrition in the spring at RB. They have just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest ACC) and lose their top 4 rec's and top 3 tacklers. Good thing Frank Beamer is on the sidelines as he is one of the best HC's in the NCAA and has built a team that reloads. I peg them to get to the ACC Title game.

17. BYU The Cougars have dominated the MWC the last 2 years going 16-0 and outgaining conf foes by 148 ypg. While they have just 3 starters back on D, they are more experienced than you would think. BYU does have to play TCU and Utah on the road but it would not surprise me if they are 11-0 heading into Salt Lake City on Nov 22.

18. South Carolina I thought SC could contend for the East Title last year and while they were 6-1 and #6 in the polls, they somehow lost their last 5 and did not go bowling. Injuries ravaged LY's team and they are actually even more experienced than their 17 returning starters show. The Gamecocks make both my Most Improved and Surprise Team lists.

19. Notre Dame Sorry Charlie, 2007 was a REBUILDING year. Even if you didn't want to use the word. This year the Irish get a couple of #1's that coaches want to have as they are my #1 MOST improved team! Their schedule is also #1 at being softer than 2007 and they return 16 starters (9 in '07). Those factors equal a possible BCS bowl.

20. California The Bears lose a 1,500 yard rusher and their top 4 WR's. They are #5 in most points lost in the draft and have just 12 starters returning from a 7-6 team. I see a team that underperformed last year, has a much more favorable schedule and returns to the rankings.

21. Wisconsin This could be the Badgers' best team yet under Bielema and his first two were both in Jan bowls. They have 17 returning starters, my #6 OL and a great stable of RB's (#6). Wisconsin plays four bowl-caliber teams on the road and have to host Ohio St but should make their FIFTH straight January bowl game.

22. Oregon Had Dennis Dixon not gotten injured last year, UO would have been in the title game. This year they lose Dixon and have to play 4 of the Top 6 Pac-10 contenders all on the road. Oregon still has five positions that rank in my Top 30's including my #1 secondary and have no shortage of quality candidates to take over at QB.

23. Tennessee The Vols are #16 in my Power Poll but have a brutal schedule. I rank 3 SEC East teams in my Top 20 and they also must travel to Auburn. The Vols have my #3 O-line and have SEVEN of their 8 units land in my Top 30 rankings which ties them for 5th highest. They may open 3-3 but will have a big finish.

24. Florida St FSU disappointed me last year as I had them higher than most buying into their 3 new quality asst coaches giving the program a spark. They could have won the ACC but suffered some big injuries and lost some close games. FSU hosts Clemson and could finish much higher but I am a little gun shy here.

25. Pittsburgh The Panthers have not produced like their fans expected when Wannstedt was hired. He is now in his 4th year with his system fully in place and last year's season-ending win at WV gives them a new attitude.

26. Alabama The Tide still does not have the depth that Saban desires but is a stronger team that is now in the 2nd year of his systems. They do play 4 of my Top 23 teams on the road but do avoid Florida and S Carolina in SEC play.

27. Wake Forest Jim Grobe is doing a great job and has a veteran unit to work with. Wake is 20-7 the last two years and has 14 returning starters including a 3rd year starting QB. They also have my #24 LB's and #7 DB's.

28. Tulsa The Hurricane have a lot of returning talent with a 1,000 yard rusher and three 1,000 yard rec's and should have an improved D. If a QB emerges that comes close to Paul Smith's great numbers, they could run the table as they play the NCAA's weakest schedule.

29. Arizona St The Sun Devils caught some breaks last year (3 net close wins) and were the 12th highest in points lost in the NFL Draft. They still have my #13 rated defense and despite playing both USC and Georgia could come close to last year's 10-win total.

30. Kansas The Jayhawks parlayed a soft schedule, a strong defense and solid QB play into a Jan bowl win! This year they have 15 returning starters and could be more talented than their 12-1 team of '07! How could I possibly pick them here? KU draws Texas, Oklahoma, Texas Tech, and USF after having not played any of those teams last year. They also must face rival Missouri at a neutral site. They were also #10 in points lost in the draft.

31. Boise State The Broncos always field a team capable of busting into a BCS bowl no matter how many players they lose. This year they have RB Ian Johnson back along with 7 starters on D. Boise also gets their toughest WAC foes at home.

32. TCU The Frogs have a top 20 defense and an improved offense. It would not surprise me to see them win the MWC and my Power Poll has them rated higher than #32. They do draw Oklahoma in non-conf play.

33. Maryland The Terps may have been the most banged up team in the country last year and that will benefit them this year as they are even more experienced than their 13 returning starters would suggest. They play a weaker schedule, had 3 net close losses in '07 and have 3 positions (WR, OL, LB) in my Top 25 of the unit rankings.

34. Iowa The Hawks were in 4 straight Jan bowl games from 2002-05 but are 12-13 the last two years. They have my #12 O-line in the country and #19 D-line. While not flashy at the skill spots, they do have a solid coach in Ferentz, a good fan following and will return to being a winning team with a blue collar work ethic.

35. Rutgers I would have had the Knights in the Top 15 if Ray Rice had returned as he was a huge part of their offense. With 15 starters back, Schiano should get them to their 4th straight bowl.

36. Oklahoma St The Cowboys play in the same division as 3 of my Top 15 teams. They also draw Missouri out of the North but have my #14 rated offense and will pull some upsets this year.

37. Florida Atlantic Crafty Howard Schnellenberger built his Florida Atlantic program from scratch and they became the NCAA's youngest team to go to a bowl and win it. Now he has 18 returning starters and only lose 12 lettermen so this is one of the most experienced teams in the country (see page 311). They have 3 BCS conf schools on their schedule this year and those schools should not take them lightly.

38. North Carolina The Heels have had two solid recruiting classes under Davis and were very young in his first year in '07. This year they have 18 returning starters, had 6 net close losses in '07 and now face a much easier schedule.

39. Arizona The Cats only have 3 returning starters on D but have 10 back on their ever improving offense. Their schedule got 52 spots easier (see page 318) and they are my #13 most improved team.

40. W Michigan Last year's non-conf slate had 3 BCS conf bowl teams including WVirg and Missouri who both finished in the Top 5. This year the schedule is more manageable as last year's slew of injuries makes them more experienced.

Here are some more teams which just missed the cut for the Top 40 but should be in the post season in 2008.

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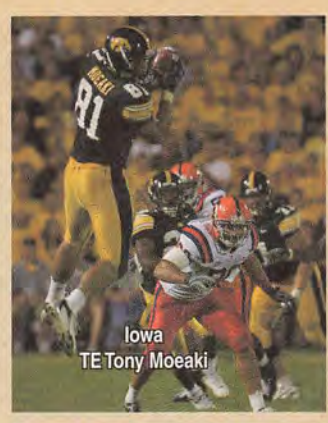
42. Mississippi
43. Nebraska
44. C Michigan
45. East Carolina
46. Ball St
47. Hawaii
48. Miami, Fl
49. Northwestern
50. Louisville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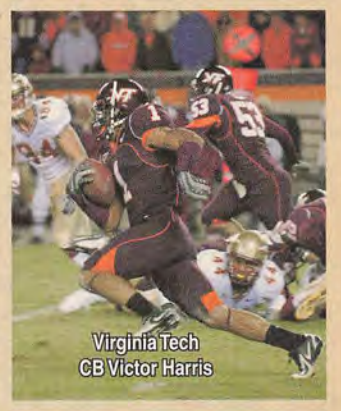
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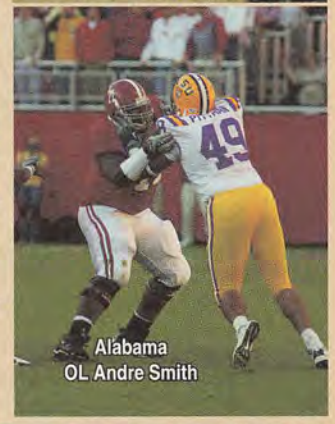
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SEC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 SEC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Tim Tebow, Florida	Matthew Stafford, Georgia	John Parker Wilson, Alabama	Jonathan Crompton, Tennessee
RB	Arian Foster, Tennessee	Enrique Davis, Mississippi	Keiland Williams, LSU	De'Anthony Curtis, Arkansas
RB	Knowshon Moreno, Georgia	Emmanuel Moody, Florida	Ben Tate, Auburn	Terry Grant, Alabama
WR	Percy Harvin, Florida	Mohamed Massaquoi, Georgia	Mike Wallace, Mississippi	Julio Jones, Alabama
WR	Demetrius Byrd, LSU	Brandon LaFell, LSU	Carl Moore, Florida	Rodgeriqus Smith, Auburn
WR	Kenny McKinley, S Carolina	Lucas Taylor, Tennessee	Dicky Lyons Jr, Kentucky	Louis Murphy, Florida
TE	Cornelius Ingram, Florida	Richard Dickson, LSU	Tripp Chandler, Georgia	Jared Cook, S Carolina
C	Jonathan Luigs, Arkansas	Antoine Caldwell, Alabama	Josh McNeil, Tennessee	Brett Helms, LSU
OG	Anthony Parker, Tennessee	Jim Tartt, Florida	Mitch Petrus, Arkansas	Clint Boling, Georgia
OG	Herman Johnson, LSU	John Jerry, Mississippi	Jacques McClendon, Tennessee	Chaz Ramsey, Auburn
OT	Andre Smith, Alabama	Lee Ziemba, Auburn	Ramon Foster, Tennessee	Phil Trautwein, Florida
OT	Michael Oher, Mississippi	Ciron Black, LSU	Garry Williams, Kentucky	Chris Scott, Tennessee
DE	Tyson Jackson, LSU	Antonio Coleman, Auburn	Kirston Pittman, LSU	Adrian Davis, Arkansas
DT	Geno Atkins, Georgia	Peria Jerry, Mississippi	Demonté Bolden, Tennessee	Marlon Favorite, LSU
DT	Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU	Jeff Owens, Georgia	Sen'Derrick Marks, Auburn	Ernest Mitchell, Arkansas
DE	Greg Hardy, Mississippi	Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky	Jermaine Cunningham, Florida	Carlos Dunlap, Florida
LB	Brandon Spikes, Florida	Jamar Chaney, Mississippi St	Dustin Doe, Florida	Freddie Fairchild, Arkansas
LB	Darry Beckwith, LSU	Jasper Brinkley, S Carolina	Rennie Curran, Georgia	Micah Johnson, Kentucky
LB	Rico McCoy, Tennessee	Dannell Ellerbe, Georgia	Ashlee Palmer, Mississippi	Braxton Kelley, Kentucky
LB	Rolando McClain, Alabama	Eric Norwood, S Carolina	Tray Blackmon, Auburn	Tony Fein, Mississippi
CB	Trevard Lindley, Kentucky	Asher Allen, Georgia	Aairon Savage, Auburn	Kareem Jackson, Alabama
CB	DJ Moore, Vanderbilt	Captain Munnerlyn, S Carolina	Joe Haden, Florida	Jerell Norton, Arkansas
SS	Eric Berry, Tennessee	Emanuel Cook, S Carolina	Reshard Langford, Vanderbilt	Chad Jones, LSU
FS	Derek Pegues, Mississippi St	Rashad Johnson, Alabama	Reshad Jones, Georgia	Major Wright, Florida
K	Leigh Tiffin, Alabama	Ryan Succop, S Carolina	Colt David, LSU	Daniel Lincoln, Tennessee
P	Ryan Shoemaker, Auburn	Brian Mimbs, Georgia	Chas Henry, Florida	Britton Colquitt, Tennessee
KR	Brandon James, Florida	Trindon Holliday, LSU	Dennis Rogan, Tennessee	Tristan Davis, Auburn
PR	Brandon James, Florida	Javier Arenas, Alabama	Derek Pegues, Mississippi St	Marshay Green, Mississippi

Tennessee
RB Arian Foster

Florida
LB Brandon Spikes

SEC NOTES: Steve Spurrier entered 2007 with the highest winningest % of any coach in SEC history in conf games, but after a second consecutive 3-5 record he dropped to #2 behind Tennessee's Robert Neyland. With LSU #1 and Georgia #2, the SEC became the first league since the Big 8 in 1971 to have the top two teams in the final AP poll. Georgia is tied with LSU for the best record in the SEC over the last six seasons (64-15 81%), but UGA is #1 over the the last 11 seasons (107-32 76.9%) with Tenn #2 (104-36 74.3%) and Florida #3 (103-36 74.1%). LSU has been picked to win the SEC West six times since the two SEC Div were formed in 1992 but they had never been picked by the media to win the conference overall until last year. The SEC remains the premier conference in football but it was actually close last year as the Big XII had 4 teams in the Top 10 at the end of 2007 while the SEC had just 2. The SEC finished #1 in overall draft picks (35) barely edging out the Pac-10 (34). League players won a NCAA record 12 national individual awards last year. There has been a shakeup among the league's coordinators. Of the 24 offensive and defensive coordinators from last year there are 11 new ones in 2008. Football is king in SEC country and the SEC remains the toughest conference in college football!

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 SEC FORECAST

SEC WEST

1. Auburn - Tommy Tuberville survived what could have been a rough season last year. Auburn had their most inexperienced O-line in his tenure and opened just 1-2 but pulled an upset of Florida on the road, got a last second win vs Arkansas and an OT win in the bowl to get 9 wins on the season. This year the team is in much better shape as they have 16 returning starters (2nd most in the league) and get key games vs LSU, Tenn and UGA all at home. They also avoid Florida out of the East. That is, until they get to the SEC Title game, where I project those two to meet this year.

2. LSU - LSU has now won 2 National Titles in the last five years. Last year they did not lose a single game in regulation (both OT losses). They have just 12 returning starters and benefitted from +20 in TO's but are loaded with talent again and it would not surprise me to see them on top of the West. However, they draw both Florida and Georgia out of the East and also have to play Auburn on the road.

3. Alabama - I feel Alabama underachieved last year, needing a bowl win to finish with a winning record. They do have just 13 returning starters which ranks in the bottom half of the league, and have to play league powers UGA, Tenn and LSU all on the road. Bama will top last year's 7-win total but is probably a year away from a SEC West Title.

4. Mississippi - The Rebels should be one of the most improved teams in the country as Houston Nutt steps into a great situation. Ed Orgeron was a top-notch recruiter and this team is loaded with NFL caliber talent. They will have a new attitude with a new coach and buy into his program with some early season wins. They were -10 in TO's and return their top 14 tacklers!

5. Mississippi St - Last year's squad was outgained by a league worst 73.4 ypg in SEC play and benefitted from 4 net close wins. This year they lose outstanding DC Ellis Johnson. With 14 starters back, this year's team is more talented than 2007. I don't see them matching last year's 8-win total, but I do give them a solid shot at being bowl eligible.

6. Arkansas - The Hogs have been to two straight New Year's Day bowl games but not only have just 11 starters returning, they lose the heart of their team in RB's McFadden, Jones and FB Hillis. They are also making a switch from a run-based offense to a pass attack, which is usually a 3 to 4 year process. The Hogs finished 1st & 3rd in the West the last two years but I'll call for them to drop to the basement in an obvious rebuilding year.

SEC EAST

1. Florida - The Gators took home a National Title in 2006 with a team that benefitted from a lot of close wins. Last year 47% of the starts came from underclassmen and they had just two starters back on D as they were one of the most inexperienced teams in the country. They still almost knocked off #1 LSU on the road. This year the Gators have just 3 true SEC road games and are a much more veteran squad with 16 returning starters. All 8 sets of my power ratings call for them to have an unbeaten regular season, which would put them in the SEC Title game.

2. Georgia - I had UGA picked higher than any other magazine last year in the SEC East and the Bulldogs finished #2 in the final polls, the only SEC East member to finish in the Top 10! This year's squad is even stronger than last years and has my top rated D in the SEC. Mark Richt is an amazing 25-4 in opponents' home stadiums including 9-2 vs ranked foes and the Bulldogs could open the season #1 in the country. Amazingly, I picked them 2nd in their own division as they do have to play Auburn, Florida, LSU and South Carolina on the road this year but they are a National Title contender.

3. South Carolina - The Gamecocks finished 2nd to last in the SEC East last season and have gone 3-5 in each of the last 2 years in SEC play. It may be tough to remember after their 6-6 season but at one point South Carolina was 6-1 and ranked #6 in the polls last year. This is Spurrier's best squad yet and provided they solve their QB questions, they will surprise a lot of folks this year.

4. Tennessee - Last year's Tenn team reminded me of 2004 when they, somehow, someway won the SEC East. Last year the Vols once again won the East despite being outgained by 32.7 ypg in conf play (3rd worst in the league). They had OT wins over S Carolina and UK, which they could have easily lost. This year they must replace QB Erik Ainge and while the overall squad may be stronger, I do not see the Vols matching their six SEC wins of '07, especially with Florida and UGA among the top 5 teams in the country.

5. Kentucky - The Cats have finished #3 and #4 in the toughest division in the NCAA, the SEC East the last two years. This year they lose NFL caliber QB André Woodson plus their top RB and 3 of their top 4 receivers. They have their best D yet under Brooks and while I pick them 5th, I'll bet that not a lot of teams in the country would be picked above 5th in the ever-so-tough SEC East.

6. Vanderbilt - Vanderbilt has had two legitimate shots at winning seasons the last three years, but this is clearly a rebuilding season as they have just 9 returning starters, fewest in the SEC. They also have their winnable conference games on the road. I'll call for VU to have their first 0-8 season in SEC play since Johnson's inaugural year here. They do have 32 juniors and just 9 seniors, so next year they will contend for that elusive bowl spot.

2007 SEC vs SEC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
1	Florida	38.1	1	436.5	1	186.1	3	4.85	2	250.4	3	66.5	1	11.4	2	12	5	9	3
9	LSU	37.3	2	409.1	3	210.5	2	4.72	3	198.6	7	53.8	7	11.0	1	8	1	16	7
16	Arkansas	34.3	3	432.1	2	282.4	1	6.02	1	149.8	12	56.7	5	12.6	4	12	5	6	2
22	Kentucky	31.1	4	404.6	4	116.3	11	3.20	10	288.4	1	59.6	3	13.0	6	20	12	27	12
26	Tennessee	30.4	5	375.9	5	127.6	8	3.90	5	248.3	4	61.8	2	12.4	3	11	2	2	1
39	Georgia	28.5	6	364.3	7	175.6	4	4.50	4	188.6	8	51.5	10	12.8	5	11	2	11	4
50	Alabama	26.5	7	351.4	8	131.6	7	3.50	9	219.8	5	52.5	8	13.3	7	12	5	19	9
53	S Carolina	25.6	8	371.9	6	94.5	12	3.01	12	277.4	2	56.4	6	14.5	8	16	9	24	11
77	Mississippi	16.4	12	339.4	9	125.0	9	3.86	7	214.4	6	50.6	11	20.7	12	18	10	23	10
80	Vanderbilt	18.5	11	296.5	11	145.1	6	3.63	8	151.4	11	52.2	9	16.0	10	11	2	14	5
90	Auburn	19.5	10	319.6	10	164.9	5	3.87	6	154.8	10	59.5	4	16.4	11	14	8	16	7
91	Mississippi St	19.6	9	287.0	12	116.6	10	3.15	11	170.4	9	48.2	12	14.6	9	18	10	14	5

2007 SEC vs SEC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
4	LSU	26.9	5	328.1	2	126.4	2	3.68	3	201.8	6	47.4	1	12.2	11	21	1	19	2
6	Auburn	17.3	1	282.8	1	126.8	3	3.69	4	156.0	1	51.7	3	16.4	1	11	10	13	8
14	Georgia	21.4	2	328.3	3	131.3	4	3.71	5	197.0	5	60.1	8	15.4	2	12	8	20	1
30	Alabama	23.8	3	351.6	4	139.6	5	3.91	7	212.0	8	52.0	4	14.8	3	16	3	13	8
37	Vanderbilt	25.4	4	360.8	6	143.9	7	4.16	8	216.9	9	60.5	11	14.2	4	11	10	19	2
41	Florida	28.0	7	371.1	7	114.6	1	3.32	1	256.5	11	60.2	9	13.3	8	13	6	15	5
43	Mississippi St	26.9	5	360.4	5	175.0	9	4.22	9	185.4	3	54.5	6	13.4	6	17	2	12	10
49	S Carolina	28.4	8	389.6	8	217.1	12	5.08	12	172.5	2	53.8	5	13.7	5	13	6	12	10
51	Arkansas	31.1	10	392.0	9	142.4	6	3.65	2	249.6	10	51.6	2	12.6	10	16	3	15	5
54	Tennessee	30.8	9	408.6	12	146.1	8	3.78	6	262.5	12	60.9	12	13.3	7	12	8	12	10
59	Kentucky	34.5	12	406.8	10	200.3	10	4.46	10	206.5	7	57.2	7	11.8	12	14	5	16	4
67	Mississippi	31.5	11	408.3	11	212.9	11	4.92	11	195.4	4	60.4	10	13.0	9	7	12	15	5

Auburn
DT Sen'Derrick Marks

Alabama
C Antoine Caldwell

2007 SEC STANDINGS

	Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2007	2006	2005
Tennessee	6	2	243	246	10	4	455	382	-32.7	-26.3	+28.9
Georgia	6	2	228	171	11	2	424	262	+36.0	+54.6	+54.8
Florida	5	3	305	224	9	4	552	331	+65.4	+42.5	+49.2
Kentucky	3	5	249	276	8	5	475	385	-2.2	-79.6	-142.4
S Carolina	3	5	205	227	6	6	313	282	-17.7	+6.6	-76.3
Vanderbilt	2	6	148	203	5	7	260	271	-64.3	-24.7	-30.1
WEST											
LSU	6	2	298	215	12	2	541	279	+81.0	+132.2	+93.8
Auburn	5	3	156	138	9	4	315	220	+36.8	-33.4	+118.6
Arkansas	4	4	274	249	8	5	485	345	+40.1	+54.9	+31.3
Mississippi St	4	4	157	215	8	5	279	301	-73.4	-51.9	-99.4
Alabama	4	4	212	190	7	6	352	286	-0.2	+32.3	+64.0
Mississippi	0	8	131	252	3	9	241	342	-68.9	-107.3	-92.3

Coach of the Year: Sylvester Croom, Mississippi St
SEC TITLE GAME: LSU 21 Tennessee 14

2006 SEC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Florida	7	1	178	126	13	1	416	189
Tennessee	5	3	212	172	9	4	362	254
Kentucky	4	4	163	207	8	5	347	369
Georgia	4	4	185	168	9	4	327	229
S Carolina	3	5	147	146	8	5	346	243
Vanderbilt	1	7	131	206	4	8	264	284
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Arkansas	7	1	221	134	10	4	404	256
Auburn	6	2	162	133	11	2	322	181
LSU	6	2	220	131	11	2	438	164
Alabama	2	6	133	175	6	7	298	250
Mississippi	2	6	123	182	4	8	188	275
Mississippi St	1	7	127	222	3	9	221	309

Coach of the Year: Houston Nutt, Arkansas
SEC TITLE GAME: Florida 38 Arkansas 28

2005 SEC STANDINGS

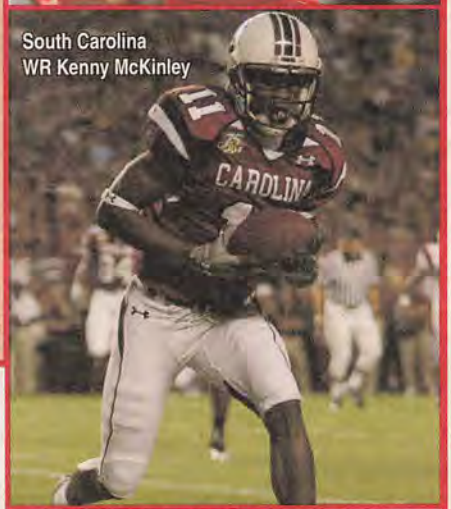
	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Georgia	6	2	209	134	10	3	384	213
Florida	5	3	205	178	9	3	343	226
S Carolina	5	3	175	193	7	5	284	279
Vanderbilt	3	5	223	271	5	6	299	321
Tennessee	3	5	147	138	5	6	205	205
Kentucky	2	6	160	277	3	8	239	375
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
LSU	7	1	214	114	11	2	383	185
Auburn	7	1	262	122	9	3	386	186
Alabama	6	2	159	87	10	2	263	128
Arkansas	2	6	173	169	4	7	283	271
Miss St	1	7	78	211	3	8	153	259
Mississippi	1	7	97	208	3	8	148	245

Coach of the Year: Mark Richt, UGA; AP: Steve Spurrier, SC
SEC TITLE GAME: Georgia 34 LSU 14

LSU
OT Ciron Black

Florida
TE Cornelius Ingram

Georgia
QB Matthew Stafford


South Carolina
WR Kenny McKinley

Tennessee
OG Jacques McClendon

2007 SEC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Tim Tebow, Florida	**350**	**234**	**66.9**	**6**	**3286**	**9.4**	**32**	**172.5**
André Woodson, Kentucky	518	327	63.1	11	3709	7.2	40	144.5
Erik Ainge, Tennessee	519	325	62.6	10	3522	6.8	31	135.5
Matthew Stafford, Georgia	**348**	**194**	**55.7**	**10**	**2523**	**7.3**	**19**	**128.9**
Casey Dick, Arkansas	**262**	**150**	**57.3**	**10**	**1695**	**6.5**	**18**	**126.6**
Matt Flynn, LSU	359	202	56.3	11	2407	6.7	21	125.8
Brandon Cox, Auburn	316	188	59.5	13	2080	6.6	9	116.0
John Parker Wilson, Alabama	**462**	**255**	**55.2**	**12**	**2846**	**6.2**	**18**	**114.6**
Seth Adams, Mississippi	297	163	54.9	16	1979	6.7	12	113.4
Mackenzi Adams, Vanderbilt	**182**	**101**	**55.5**	**6**	**1043**	**5.7**	**9**	**113.4**
Wesley Carroll, Miss St	**255**	**134**	**52.5**	**7**	**1392**	**5.5**	**9**	**104.6**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC/AVG
Kenny McKinley, S Carolina	**12**	**77**	**968**	**9**	**80.7**	**6.4**	**12.6**
Steve Johnson, Kentucky	13	60	1041	13	80.1	4.6	17.4
Percy Harvin, Florida	**11**	**59**	**858**	**4**	**78.0**	**5.4**	**14.5**
DJ Hall, Alabama	13	67	1005	6	77.3	5.2	15.0
Lucas Taylor, Tennessee	**13**	**73**	**1000**	**5**	**76.9**	**5.6**	**13.7**
Andre Caldwell, Florida	11	56	761	7	69.2	5.1	13.6
Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt	12	75	830	5	69.2	6.3	11.1
Keenan Burton, Kentucky	12	66	741	9	61.8	5.5	11.2
Mike Wallace, Mississippi	**12**	**38**	**716**	**6**	**59.7**	**3.2**	**18.8**
Rodgeriqus Smith, Auburn	**13**	**52**	**705**	**5**	**54.2**	**4.0**	**13.6**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Tim Tebow, Florida	**13**	**210**	**895**	**350**	**3286**	**4181**	**321.6**
André Woodson, Kentucky	13	69	-193	518	3709	3516	270.5
Erik Ainge, Tennessee	14	16	-32	519	3522	3490	249.3
John Parker Wilson, Alabama	**13**	**81**	**104**	**462**	**2846**	**2950**	**226.9**
Matt Flynn, LSU	12	100	215	359	2407	2622	218.5
Matthew Stafford, Georgia	**13**	**39**	**-18**	**348**	**2523**	**2505**	**192.7**
Seth Adams, Mississippi	11	47	-27	297	1979	1952	177.5
Brandon Cox, Auburn	13	47	-96	316	2080	1984	152.6
Darren McFadden, Arkansas	13	325	1830	11	123	1953	150.2
Casey Dick, Arkansas	**13**	**11**	**-77**	**262**	**1695**	**1618**	**124.5**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Darren McFadden, Arkansas	13	325	1830	16	5.6	140.8
Knowshon Moreno, Georgia	**13**	**248**	**1334**	**14**	**5.4**	**102.6**
Rafael Little, Kentucky	10	190	1013	3	5.3	101.3
BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Mississippi	12	230	1137	6	4.9	94.8
Felix Jones, Arkansas	13	133	1162	11	8.7	89.4
Arian Foster, Tennessee	**14**	**245**	**1193**	**12**	**4.9**	**85.2**
Anthony Dixon, Miss St	**13**	**287**	**1066**	**14**	**3.7**	**82.0**
Terry Grant, Alabama	**11**	**180**	**891**	**8**	**5.0**	**81.0**
Jacob Hester, LSU	14	225	1103	12	4.9	78.8
Thomas Brown, Georgia	10	148	779	10	5.3	77.9

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Colt David, LSU	**14**	**26**	**33**	**78.8**	**49**
Brandon Coutu, Georgia	13	18	23	78.3	52
Adam Carlson, Miss St	**13**	**10**	**13**	**76.9**	**48**
Ryan Succop, S Carolina	**12**	**13**	**17**	**76.5**	**49**
Alex Tejada, Arkansas	**13**	**17**	**23**	**73.9**	**47**
Wes Byrum, Auburn	**13**	**17**	**23**	**73.9**	**49**
Leigh Tiffin, Alabama	**13**	**25**	**34**	**73.5**	**51**
Daniel Lincoln, Tennessee	**14**	**21**	**29**	**72.4**	**48**
Joey Ijjas, Florida	13	10	15	66.7	43
Bryant Hahnfeldt, Vanderbilt	**12**	**13**	**20**	**65.0**	**45**
Joshua Shene, Mississippi	**12**	**11**	**17**	**64.7**	**51**
Lones Seiber, Kentucky	**13**	**16**	**25**	**64.0**	**48**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Brandon James, Florida	**14**	**254**	**1**	**18.1**
Javier Arenas, Alabama	**21**	**323**	**1**	**15.4**
Mikey Henderson, Georgia	19	214	0	11.3
Derek Pegues, Miss St	**27**	**268**	**1**	**9.9**
Dennis Rogan, Tennessee	**17**	**165**	**0**	**9.7**
Robert Dunn, Auburn	**32**	**301**	**0**	**9.4**
Captain Munnerlyn, S Carolina	**18**	**165**	**0**	**9.2**
Jerell Norton, Arkansas	**18**	**142**	**0**	**7.9**
Rafael Little, Kentucky	19	127	0	6.7
Alex Washington, Vanderbilt	**25**	**165**	**0**	**6.6**
Chad Jones, LSU	**17**	**112**	**0**	**6.6**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Patrick Fisher, LSU	14	59	2627	44.5
Ryan Shoemaker, Auburn	**12**	**49**	**2080**	**42.4**
Brian Mimbs, Georgia	**13**	**57**	**2414**	**42.4**
Ryan Succop, S Carolina	**12**	**56**	**2330**	**41.6**
Britton Colquitt, Tennessee	**13**	**62**	**2579**	**41.6**
Jeremy Davis, Arkansas	**13**	**60**	**2403**	**40.1**
Tim Masthay, Kentucky	**13**	**50**	**1992**	**39.8**
Justin Sparks, Mississippi	**12**	**51**	**2023**	**39.7**
Blake McAdams, Miss St	**13**	**77**	**3024**	**39.3**
Brett Upson, Vanderbilt	**12**	**61**	**2391**	**39.2**
PJ Fitzgerald, Alabama	**13**	**64**	**2475**	**38.7**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Wallace Gilberry, Alabama	27	99
Eric Norwood, S Carolina	**19.5**	**89**
Antonio Coleman, Auburn	**18.5**	**84**
Greg Hardy, Mississippi	**18**	**95**
Derrick Harvey, Florida	17	89
Brandon Spikes, Florida	**16**	**36**
Geno Atkins, Georgia	**15**	**65**
Peria Jerry, Mississippi	**14**	**41**
Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky	**13.5**	**70**
Titus Brown, Miss St	13.5	69

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Wesley Woodyard, Kentucky	13	78	61	139	10.7
Brandon Spikes, Florida	**13**	**81**	**50**	**131**	**10.1**
Jerod Mayo, Tennessee	14	79	61	140	10.0
Jonathan Goff, Vanderbilt	12	61	52	113	9.4
Matt Hewitt, Arkansas	13	63	55	118	9.1
Emanuel Cook, S Carolina	**11**	**77**	**15**	**92**	**8.4**
Jamarca Sanford, Mississippi	**10**	**48**	**35**	**83**	**8.3**
Rico McCoy, Tennessee	**13**	**48**	**58**	**106**	**8.2**
Ashlee Palmer, Mississippi	**11**	**50**	**39**	**89**	**8.1**
Tony Fein, Mississippi	**11**	**53**	**31**	**84**	**7.6**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Felix Jones, Arkansas	22	652	2	29.6
Brandon James, Florida	**30**	**841**	**0**	**28.0**
Trindon Holliday, LSU	**19**	**498**	**1**	**26.2**
DJ Moore, Vanderbilt	**32**	**823**	**0**	**25.7**
Asher Allen, Georgia	**28**	**690**	**0**	**24.6**
Javier Arenas, Alabama	**27**	**657**	**0**	**24.3**
Keenan Burton, Kentucky	28	679	0	24.3
Chris Culliver, S Carolina	**34**	**809**	**0**	**23.8**
Marshay Green, Mississippi	**27**	**631**	**0**	**23.4**
Mike Wallace, Mississippi	**21**	**483**	**1**	**23.0**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Marcus Howard, Georgia	10.5	101
Greg Hardy, Mississippi	**10**	**72**
Wallace Gilberry, Alabama	10	56
Jeremy Jarmon, Kentucky	**9**	**56**
Derrick Harvey, Florida	8.5	63
Antonio Coleman Auburn	**8.5**	**54**
Titus Brown, Miss St	8	48
Geno Atkins, Georgia	**7.5**	**45**
Kirston Pittman, LSU	7.5	45
Glenn Dorsey, LSU	7	45

*Numbers come from SEC final statistics.

PHIL'S SEC UNIT RANKING

West Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Auburn	5	2	5	6	4	3	5	3	1
LSU	3	4	3	2	1	5	3	7	1
Alabama	3	7	7	4	6	8	8	2	7
Mississippi	7	8	8	4	4	6	11	7	8
Mississippi St	10	6	10	11	11	9	2	9	9
Arkansas	10	9	9	8	6	11	12	12	12
East Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Florida	1	2	1	3	2	2	8	1	1
Georgia	2	1	6	6	3	3	1	6	1
South Carolina	9	9	4	9	6	1	5	3	5
Tennessee	7	4	2	1	6	6	3	3	6
Kentucky	12	9	10	10	10	10	8	9	9
Vanderbilt	5	12	12	12	12	12	7	11	11

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POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Tim Tebow (PS#3), who runs like a FB, mostly ran QB draws as a true frosh. While Tebow hit just 22 of 33 for 358 with a 5-1 ratio, he rushed for 469 net (5.3). Tebow had a record breaking 2007 becoming the first sophomore to win the Heisman. Tebow was the first player in NCAA history with over 20 rushing and 20 passing TD's in the same season. He set the school record for total offense and set an NCAA record for rushing TD's by a QB. He also set an SEC record for total TD's. He did so despite playing with a bruised shoulder at midseason and then fractured his non-throwing hand vs FSU. Meyer would like to limit the amount of carries he has in 2008 as his 210 rush attempts were more than double those of the top RB. Cameron Newton (PS#21) played in 5 as a true frosh (103 rush yds, 10 pass att). John Brantley (6'3" 205 rFr, PS#4) and Andrew Blaylock (6'0" 199 So, PS#326) add depth. While it will be tough for Tebow to top last year's outstanding stats (#2 NCAA in pass eff), he is favored to become just the 2nd 2-time Heisman winner.

KR/PR Brandon James

RUNNING BACKS - A lot of things have gone right since Urban Meyer took control but this group has been his major problem area. DeShawn Wynn (PS#8) led with only 699 (4.9) in 2006 (#7DC). Meyer did have plenty of VHT's who were recruited for this specific system including Chris Rainey (PS#15). Kestahn Moore (PS#35) rushed for 559 (5.5) in his first 2 years and started 8 last year leading the RB's with 580 (5.6). WR Percy Harvin was the #2 rusher (behind Tebow) with 764 (9.2). Brandon James (5'6" 179 Jr, PS#81) is small and isn't one of the top 10 fastest on the team but is hard to bring down. He was 2nd Tm SEC as a returnman and had 133 (5.5) rush. This year the only losses are FB Eric Rutledge (10 st, 0 yd) and TB Chevon Walker (PS#37, 14 yd). Rainey missed most of '07 (shoulder inj) and Meyer said he looks a lot like Harvin who turns 8 yard gains into 60 yard gains and is a contender for the top job. Another contender is Mon Williams (PS#23) who tore his ACL in '07 after rushing for 101 (7.8) as a true. My favorite to win the job is USC transfer Emmanuel Moody (PS#6) who rushed for 459 (5.8) in 4 starts as a true frosh at USC. Not listed in the PSL are FB's Steven Wilks (6'1" 207 rFr) and Rick Burgess (S Ill transfer, 6'1" 226 Jr) and RB's Ean McQuay (5'8" 168 rFr) and Christopher Scott (5'11" 193 Jr). This should be the most improved RB corps in the NCAA.

RECEIVERS - In Meyer's first year here, the Gator receiving corps was banged up and at one point, they were forced to play a QB and a walk-on in their 5 receiver set. It was a stronger, deeper group in 2006. Last year they had to replace their #1 and #3 WR's. The leading returnees were Andre Caldwell (PS#1, 4.29 spd) 577 (10.1), Percy Harvin (PS#1) 427 (12.6) and TE Cornelius Ingram (PS#9QB) 380 (12.7). In 2007 Harvin became the first Gator with 100+ yards rushing and receiving in the same game and led with 858 (14.5) while rushing for 764 (9.2) despite missing 2 gms (illness). Caldwell missed most of 3 gms (knee inj) but in a 3-game stretch (VU, SC, FAU) had 33 rec's for 415. Louis Murphy (4.25 spd) added 548 (14.8) and Ingram had 508 (14.9) giving them 4 players with over 500+ rec yds. Meyer is also very high on TE Aaron Hernandez (PS#1) who started two as a true frosh and had 151 (16.8). This year they must replace their all-time career leader in rec (#3 rec yards) in Caldwell (11 st, #3DC CIN) along with Jarred Fayson (3 st, 148), who transferred to Illinois. Ingram (proj #3 DC) opted to return and they also get back Tate Casey (PS#9) who started 12 at TE in three years but missed '07 (inj). They also bring in PS#1JC Carl Moore, and this looks like one of the top receiving corps in the country.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year it appeared the only loss would be 1st Tm SEC C Steve Rissler. They then lost starting LT Phil Trautwein in August and he was considered their top returning OL (2nd Tm SEC in '06). That allowed Maurkice Pouncey (PS#32) to be the first true frosh OL to start an opener here since 1992. With Tebow and Harvin combining for 1,659 rush yards, the Gators averaged 200 ypg rush and 5.3 ypc, their best ypg avg since 1989. They allowed just 13 sacks (3.6%). This year they lose RT Carlton Medder (2nd Tm SEC, 13 st, 2Y st'r) and HM SEC C Drew Miller (13 st, 2Y st'r). Not only do 3 starters return, but Phil Trautwein (15 career st) is back. Battling for time are 6'5" 343 soph Carl Johnson (PS#2) and Mike Pouncey who moved back to the OL this spring after being forced to play DT LY because of the lack of depth (4 st DT). The group has good size with the projected starters avg 6'5" 304, and this is one of the SEC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Gators had veteran D-lines in 2005 and in their National Title year of 2006. They yielded just 95 and 73 ypg rush, their best since 1997 (69, 2.1) while recording 34 sacks in '06. Last year they had to replace FOUR NFL DC's (#1, #3, #4 and #4) but did return their top sack man Derrick Harvey. While the D-line appeared to be a weakness at times, the Gators allowed just 103 ypg rush (3.0) with 29 sacks. This year they lose DT Clint McMillan (13 st, 23 tkl) and their star, 2nd Tm SEC Derrick Harvey (49 tkl, 8.5 sk, #1DC JAX). This unit is loaded with young talent as 3 VHT frosh (PS#2, PS#4 and PS#11) saw action while 2 RS (PS#6, PS#23) and this year they add 3 more VHT's (PS#12JC, PS#5 & PS#8). This unit goes from losing four NFL DC's to just one, so it looks stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year this was the least experienced unit on the team as they had to replace all 3 starters. The three new starters had 37 career tackles combined. Brandon Spikes battled knee tendinitis at the end of the year but still was the #1 tackler and 1st Tm SEC (16 tkl). The unit was comprised of 3 soph and 3 frosh. Not listed below are Chris Pintado (6'0" 211 So) and Roderick Blackett (5'9" 221 Jr). The LB unit is significantly more experienced than LY as they return their top 5.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Gators usually finish near the top of my pass D rankings. They had to replace all four starters in 2004 but only dropped to #26 (#16 '03). They lost 2 starters in 2005 and still moved up to #13. They had to replace 3 starters in 2006 but brought in Utah transfer CB Ryan Smith and moved up to #3. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including 1st & 2nd Tm AA's. It was a rough season for the Gator DB's and if you watched their bowl game, you might wonder if they are still chasing the Michigan WR's. UF plummeted to #72. This year they lose SS Tony Joiner (12 st, 64 tkl, 2 int), FS Kyle Jackson (6 st, 12 tkl) and Jamar Hornsby (5 tkl, PS#10). Six of top 8 are back and you can expect some shuffling at the positions. Meyer commented that Markihe Anderson was their top CB last August, but he sprained his MCL and rarely played. Not listed in the PSL is Joey Sorrentino (5'6" 173 Jr). Two true frosh started, and I look for the Gators to move back toward their accustomed spot in the upper third of my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - One of Meyer's first coaching stops was ST coach at ND and he plays a lot of starters in this unit. UF finished #42 in my ST rankings in 2004. In Meyer's first year the team moved up to #26. In 2006, thanks to poor kicking (6 of 15 FG), the Gators dropped to #55. Last year they had to replace their P and K but new P Chas Henry (PS#20) had tremendous height on his punts and they allowed just 22 PR yards (38.7 net). Joey Ijjas had 7 TB on 96 KO's and hit 10 of 15 FG's (long of 43). Brandon James avg'd an amazing 18.1 on PR and 28.0 on KR. This year they lose Ijjas but true frosh Caleb Sturgis hit a 60 yd FG in the spring game. A surprising stat to me is that UF has not had an offensive KR TD since 1999 and if you go to my website philsteele.com and look under the "First Time in XX Years" section, you'll see that I am calling for the Gators to have their first KR TD in 10 seasons. In Meyer's 8 seasons as a HC, his teams have blocked 37 kicks (11 blk'd punts 3Y here). UF was #20 in '07 and is a contender for the #1 spot this season.

COACHES - Urban Meyer became a HC in 2001 and was 17-6 at Bowling Green. He moved on to Utah (22-2) including an unbeaten 2004 season with a BCS bowl win (#4 finish). In Meyer's second season at UF, his team took home the National Title. His OC/QB coach is Dan Mullen who was his QB coach at both BG and Utah, and he is putting more hurry up into the offense this year. Meyer had solid co-DC's in Greg Mattison and Charlie Strong in each of his first three years. Mattison has moved on to the Baltimore Ravens. Meyer added Dan McCarney as the Asst HC Defense and DL coach. He led Iowa St to 5 bowls in 12 years and was 2004's Big XII Coach of the Year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UF had some amazing accomplishments under Steve Spurrier. They were one of just two schools to have 9 wins or more for 12 straight years and UF appeared in 7 of the first 10 SEC Title games. They ranked in the Top 15 for 12 straight years, won the National Title in 1996, and just missed in 2001, finishing #3. The Gators' last losing season was in 1979 and their last non-bowl year was 1990. Ron Zook was never a fan favorite until his final few games as it's very tough to replace a legend. His first team was 5-0 in the SEC East and his recruiting laid the foundation for 2006's National Championship. In 2004 Zook actually beat Fla St on the road (Spurrier 0-5-1 in Tallahassee). The Gators had just 5 home losses under Spurrier but lost six times in The Swamp in just 3 years under Zook. In 2005 Meyer inherited a veteran team with 15 starters returning. He was 6-0 at home in his inaugural season and swept Fla St, Tenn and UGA for just the 4th time in school history. They finished 9-3 (#12). Everything went their way in the magical 2006 National Title year. A pair of late TO's got them past Alabama. LSU had a 22-14 FD edge but suffered 5 TO's and a blocked punt. They beat SC by 1 with UF blocking 2 FG's and a crucial xp. In the SEC Title game they benefitted from a PR trying to field a punt over his shoulder and fumbling it into the EZ for a TD to turn the momentum. Also, vs Arkansas star RB McFadden sprained his ankle early 1Q. They somehow made it to the National Title game but dominated the Buckeyes (allowing 82 yds off). Last year the Gators lost almost their entire defense and had to face LSU, Georgia and SCar all away from The Swamp. The Gators jumped out to a 4-0 start including a 59-20 blowout of Tenn but were stunned at home vs a struggling Auburn team. They did lead LSU 24-14 in the 4Q but the Tigers converted on 4th down five times and got a TD with 1:09 left to pull out the win. They caught Kentucky the week after they played LSU and won but then were beaten handily by Georgia (Tebow not 100%). The Gators cruised to wins in their final 4 games including blowouts of SCar and Fla St but in Lloyd Carr's final game, the Gators were upset by Michigan and finished out of the Top 10 at #13. Forty-eight percent of the starts for the team were by freshman and sophomores. UF is 75-9 vs SEC East teams S/'92 but amazingly despite playing 36 less games vs the West, they have 19 losses vs the West foes in that same span (29-19). This year UF benefits from having just 3 SEC true road games and their young team is a year older with 16 returning starters. Seven of my 8 sets of power ratings call for UF to go unbeaten which would put them in the National Title game.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE

QB 15 TIM TEBOW JR. 6-3 232 **Heisman Trophy!** 3286 (67%) 32-6 ratio, 895 net rush. **13** Cameron Newton (6'5" 246 So) 5 gm true. **12** John Brantley (6'3" 205 rFr) **PS#4.**

RB 21 EMMANUEL MOODY SO. 5-11 206 **PS#6.** 4 st USC true. 459 (5.8). Mon Williams (6'1" 206 So) **PS#23.** Chris Rainey (5'9" 177 rFr) **PS#15.** Kestahn Moore (5'10" 206 Sr) 15 st, 1139 (5.5).

WR 9 LOUIS MURPHY SR. 6-1 195 4.25 spd. 2 st, 2 rec '06. 10 st LY, 548 (14.8). **83** David Nelson (6'5" 197 Jr) **PS#19.** 1 st, 9 rec 2Y. Omarius Hines is **PS#30.**

WR 1 PERCY HARVIN JR. 5-11 178 **PS#1. 4.22 spd.** 15 st 2Y. 1285 (13.8). 1192 rush (9.6) **1st Tm SEC. 6** Deonte Thompson (5'11" 188 rFr) **PS#4.** Paul Wilson (6'0" 188 rFr) PS#64.

WR 16 Carl Moore Jr. 6-4 223 **PS#1JC. 86** Riley Cooper (6'3" 209 Jr) **PS#15DB.** 2 st, 274 (22.8). **87** Justin Williams (6'0" 192 So) **PS#22. 22** Cade Holliday (5'11" 193 Jr).

TE 7 CORNELIUS INGRAM SR. 6-4 223 PS#9QB. 8 st, 888 (13.9) 2Y. **81** Aaron Hernandez (6'3" 250 So) **PS#1.** 2 st true, 9 rec. **84** Tate Casey (6'6" 243 Sr) **PS#9.** 12 st, 306 (12.8) 3Y.

C 56 MAURKICE POUNCEY SO. 6-5 312 **PS#32.** 11 st RG true. SEC Fr Tm. **71** Corey Hobbs (6'3" 298 So) **PS#13DL.** 3 gm rFr. **LS 43** James Smith (6'1" 234 Sr) 39 games 3Y.

RG 55 Mike Pouncey So. 6-5 309 **PS#44.** 4 st DT true. 8 tkl, 1 tfl. **66** James Wilson (6'4" 308 rFr) **PS#3. 74** Maurice Hurt (6'2" 319 So) PS#104. 1 st, 8 gm backup rFr.

LG 63 JIM TARTT SR. 6-3 300 **PS#38.** 3 st rFr. 13 st LG '06. 13 st LG LY. **2nd Tm SEC. 68** Jim Barrie (6'5" 298 So) **PS#27.** 1 gm rFr. **61** Gary Beemer (6'1" 275 So).

RT 77 JASON WATKINS SR. 6-6 298 **PS#48.** 12 gm rFr. 2 st TE '06. 13 st LT LY. **76** Marcus Gilbert (6'6" 308 So) **PS#30.** 1 st RT. **65** Brad Hiers (6'5" 292 Jr) PS#556.

LT 75 Phil Trautwein Sr. 6-6 301 **PS#32.** 400 bench. 1 st TE '05. **14 st at LT '06, 2nd Tm SEC.** Med RS LY. **57** Carl Johnson (6'5" 343 So) **PS#2.** 11 gm backup rFr.

K 25 Caleb Sturgis Fr. 5-10 186 **PS#6.** Hit 60 yd FG in spg gm. 6 of HS missed FG's from 56+ yd! **38** Jonathan Phillips (5'11" 207 Sr) 47 KO's 3Y. **85** Andrew Fritze (6'1 "186 Jr).

DEFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE

DE 8 Carlos Dunlap So. 6-6 290 **PS#4.** 7 tkl, 2 tfl true. **6** Jaye Howard (6'3" 262 rFr) **PS#23. William Green PS#5. 90** Lawrence Marsh (6'4" 285 So) PS#85. 5 tkl rFr.

DT 95 Torrey Davis So. 6-3 298 **PS#2.** 8 tkl, 2 sk true. **97** John Brown (6'1" 285 rFr) **PS#6. 98** Troy Epps (6'0" 276 Jr) **PS#12JC in spg. 47** Brandon Antwine (6'0" 283 Jr).

DT 94 JUSTIN TRATTOU SO. 6-4 270 **PS#11LB.** 1 st true. 20 tkl, 3.5 sk. **93 Javier Estopinan** (6'1" 279 Sr) **PS#25LB.** 9 st, 2Y, 24 tkl, 3 tfl. **Omar Hunter PS#8. 92** Terron Sanders (6'2" 285 So).

DE 49 JERMAINE CUNNINGHAM JR. 6-3 241 **PS#36.** 13 st LY, 64 tkl, 6.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. **44** Duke Lemmens (6'4" 238 So) **PS#50.** 6 tkl true. **71 Matt Patchan PS#8OL.** Earl Okine PS#65 in spg.

WLB 32 DUSTIN DOE JR. 6-0 211 **PS#57.** 1 st, 22 tkl as true. 12 st LY, 85 tkl, 2 pbu. **40** Brandon Hicks (6'2" 207 So) **PS#19.** 13 tkl, 2 pbu true. Lerentee McCray (6'2" 205 Fr) **PS#17.**

MLB 51 BRANDON SPIKES JR. 6-3 245 **PS#6.** 1 st true. **1st Tm SEC LY.** 13 st, 131 tkl, **16 tfl.** Ryan Stamper (6'1" 231 Jr) PS#91. 1 st, 21 tkl, 4 tfl. **48 Brendan Beal PS#3 in spg.**

SLB 16 AJ JONES SO. 6-1 213 **PS#41.** 9 st, 36 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **26** Lorenzo Edwards (6'2" 234 So) **PS#16.** 3 tkl. **30** John Jones (6'2" 205 So) **PS#54DL.** 10 tkl. Jamaal Deveaux (5'11" 238 Jr).

CB 12 JOE HADEN SO. 5-11 180 **PS#11QB.** 12 st true, 63 tkl, 1 int, 12 pbu SEC Fr Tm. **29 Janoris Jenkins PS#10. 36** Moses Jenkins (6'3" 174 So) PS#116. Vincent Brown (5'6" 163 rFr).

CB 23 JACQUES RICKERSON SO. 5-10 172 **PS#49.** 2 st rFr. 20 tkl. **Wondy Pierre-Louis** (6'0" 182 Jr). **3 st CB.** 30 tkl, 2 int LY. Markihe Anderson (5'10 176 Jr) PS#165. 2 st LY, 14 tkl (inj).

SS 20 Dorian Munroe Jr. 5-11 202 PS#77. 2 st LY, 44 tkl, 5 pbu 2Y. **Will Hill PS#2. 35** Ahmad Black (5-9 177 So) **PS#59.** 7 tkl. John Curtis (6'2" 208 Sr). Curtis Carr (5'10" 185 Jr).

FS 21 MAJOR WRIGHT SO. 6-0 194 **PS#13.** 7 st FS true, 67 tkl, 1 int. **31** Bryan Thomas (6'1" 197 So) PS#85. 13 tkl. Dee Finley **PS#20. 38** Lorenzo Campbell (6'1" 212 Sr).

P 17 CHAS HENRY SO. 6-4 204 PS#20. 45.1 avg in HS. Great height on punts (22 PR yds allow LY). 39.3 avg, **38.7 net!** 1 of 1 passing. **92** Bobby Kane (6'0" 187 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Carl Moore 6-4 223 PS#1JC
LB	Brendan Beal 6-3 223 PS#3
DB	Will Hill 6-2 203 PS#2
DL	Troy Epps 6-0 276 PS#12JC
OL	Matt Patchan 6-6 260 PS#8
DL	William Green 6-4 215 PS#5
DB	Janoris Jenkins 5-10 177 PS#10
DL	Omar Hunter 6-0 322 PS#8
DB	Dee Finley 6-2 200 PS#20
LB	Lerentee McCray 6-2 205 PS#17
RB	Jeffrey Demps 5-8 176 PS#28
WR	Omarius Hines 6-1 205 PS#30
WR	TJ Lawrence 6-0 185 PS#37
DB	Adrian Bushell 5-10 183 PS#44
DL	Earl Okine 6-6 249 PS#65
DB	Jeremy Brown 5-10 163 PS#48
OL	Sam Robey 6-4 275 PS#82DL
WR	Frankie Hammond Jr 6-0 170 PS#54DB
LB	TJ Pridemore 6-0 236 PS#76
OL	Bryan Jones 6-3 305 PS#148
K	Caleb Sturgis 5-10 186 PS#6
OL	David Young 6-6 290 PS#167DL

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#12

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Hawaii	G					
Sep. 6	Miami, Fl	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 27	Mississippi	G					
Oct. 4	at Arkansas	G					
Oct. 11	LSU	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	Kentucky (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	† Georgia (Jacksonville)	G					
Nov. 8	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 15	South Carolina	G					
Nov. 22	The Citadel	G					
Nov. 29	at Florida St	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chris Leak 11,213 '03-'06	1. Errict Rhett 4,163 '90-'93	1. Carlos Alvarez 2,563 '69-'71
2. Danny Wuerffel 10,875 '93-'96	2. Emmitt Smith 3,928 '87-'89	2. Jabar Gaffney 2,375 '00-'01
3. Shane Matthews 9,287 '89-'92	3. Neal Anderson 3,234 '82-'85	3. Andre Caldwell 2,349 '03-'07

The Gators have won 18 consecutive season openers winning the L/10 by 36 ppg. First meeting. Florida is 5-0 vs current WAC teams winning by 43 ppg.

Florida has dropped 6 straight vs Miami with the last win in 1985 (35-23). The Gators lost both the '01 Sugar Bowl & the '04 Peach Bowl to the Hurricanes.

Tebow hit 14-19 for 299 yds with 2 pass TD's & 2 rush TD's vs UT last year. The team who has rushed for more yds has won 16 of 18 with UF taking 3 straight.

Tebow set a school QB record with 166 yds rushing in last year's 30-24 UF win. It was the Gator's first win over the Bulldogs S/'95 with the last 3 decided by 4 ppg.

The last meeting between these 2 tms was a 38-28 UF win in the 2006 SEC Champ gm. UF is 6-1 all-time vs Ark with the Hogs' only win in the 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl.

LY UF led 24-14 early 4Q before allowing 14 unanswered pts. The Tigers were 5 of 5 in 4th down att's. The Gators are 1-3 with the 3 losses by 11 pts combined.

Gators have won 21 in a row over the Wildcats. UF is just 1-3 the L4Y prior to UGA. Meyer's teams are 23-3 coming into this season with more than a wk to prepare.

The Gators have won 8 of the last 10 & 15 of the last 18 in this series. Coming into '08, Florida is 8-1 vs the "Big 3" (Tenn, UGA & FSU) under Urban Meyer.

Last year Harvin became the 1st player in UF history with 100+ yds rush & rec in the same gm. UF has won 17 in a row over Vandy including 8 straight in Nashville.

Tebow broke UF's single season rush TD record & had a career high 5 rush TD's accounting for 424 ttl yds in the Gators 51-31 win LY. Florida has now won 16 of 17 in the series.

UF is 13-0 all-time vs The Citadel with the last meeting being in 1998 (49-10). Bulldogs finished the '07 season with a 7-4 record, their 1st winning season since '97.

UF has won 4 in a row over FSU for the 1st time since their 6 gm win streak ('81-'86). UF has played FSU in their regular season finale every year since '80 (14-13-1).

URBAN MEYER (Career 70-16)
4th Year at Florida — Meyer's Bowl Record: 4-1

Meyer's records AT FLORIDA

31-8	Straight Up	6-2	Vs Top 10
19-1	Home	10-5	Vs Top 25
7-5	Away	5-1	Vs BCS Teams
5-2	Neutral	6-1	Off A Bye
18-7	Vs Conference	6-1	Off A Loss

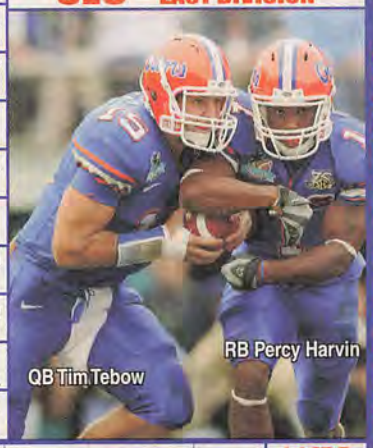
2007 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (24,26,2)
Lost: 11 (5,5,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 90,388 (#8)

SEC - EAST DIVISION



STADIUM: BEN HILL GRIFFIN STADIUM (88,548) (#11)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-3	10-2	8-5	8-5	7-5	9-3	13-1	9-4	74-28
Home	6-0	5-1	5-2	3-3	5-1	6-0	7-0	6-1	43-8
Away	2-2	3-1	2-2	4-1	2-2	1-3	3-1	3-1	20-13
Neutral	2-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	2-0	3-0	0-2	11-7
vs Conf	8-1	6-2	6-2	6-2	4-4	5-3	8-1	5-3	48-18
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-0	2-3	2-3	3-1	4-0	5-0	4-1	26-10
ATS	9-4	8-4	4-9	5-7	7-5	5-6-1	5-7-1	8-4	51-46-2
Home Fav (Steve Spurrier)	5-1	4-2	2-5 (Ron Zook)	1-3	4-2	3-3 (Urban Meyer)	3-2-1	5-1	27-19-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Fav	2-1	3-1	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-3	0-4	2-1	8-15
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-0	2-0 (Ron Zook/Charlie Strong (bowl))	1-0	0-0	1-0	8-2
Neutral	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-2	1-0-1	2-1	0-2	8-9-1
vs Conf	8-1	5-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-5-1	2-6-1	5-3	32-32-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	1-4	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	3-1	19-14
Off SU Win	7-3	6-3	3-5	3-5	4-3	4-4	4-6-1	5-4	36-33-1
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	0-4	1-2	2-2	1-1-1	0-1	3-0	10-11-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Outback - #17	-3'	Iowa - #13	17-37
04	Peach - #20	+4	Miami, Fl - #14	10-27
05	Outback - #16	E	Iowa - #25	31-24
06	BCS Championship - #2	+7'	Ohio St - #1	41-14
07	Capital One - #9	-11	Michigan	35-41

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FLORIDA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	42.5	23	200	5.3	257	66.5	10.8	+5	2007	2	25.5	20	103	3.0	259	59.4	14.2
6*	29.7	20	160	4.7	236	63.9	13.3	+5	2006	6	13.5	15	73	2.7	183	53.3	18.9
7*	28.6	20	147	3.9	227	62.6	13.1	+18	2005	8	18.8	17	95	3.1	205	52.3	15.9
5*	31.8	21	156	4.5	271	59.7	13.4	+4	2004	4	21.1	20	142	3.7	204	55.4	16.4
6	30.0	20	146	4.2	245	60.1	13.0	+7	2003	3	20.8	20	159	3.9	209	55.1	17.6
5*	25.8	23	136	3.8	271	57.1	15.7	-9	2002	5	21.5	16	163	4.0	162	51.1	15.2

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tim Tebow	210	1002	107	895	23	4.3
Percy Harvin	83	800	36	764	6	9.2
Kestahn Moore	104	591	11	580	6	5.6
Brandon James	24	139	6	133	0	5.5
Cameron Newton	16	104	1	103	3	6.4
Jarred Fayson	19	96	7	89	0	4.7
Andre Caldwell	12	72	14	58	1	4.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tim Tebow	350	234	66.9	3286	32	6
Cameron Newton	10	5	50.0	40	0	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Percy Harvin		59	858	14.5	4	52
Andre Caldwell		56	761	13.6	7	48
Louis Murphy		37	548	14.8	5	66
Cornelius Ingram		34	508	14.9	7	37
Riley Cooper		8	182	22.8	3	59
Aaron Hernandez		9	151	16.8	2	55
Jarred Fayson		12	148	12.3	3	30
Kestahn Moore		13	81	6.2	1	19
Brandon James		8	69	8.6	0	26
David Nelson		4	35	8.8	0	14
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chas Henry	37	1453	39.3	19	38.7	0	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Joey Ijas	72-73	4-4	5-8	1-3	0-0	10-15	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brandon Spikes	131	1.5	14.5	7	0
Dustin Doe	85	0	5	2	0
Major Wright	67	0	0	2	1
Tony Joiner	64	0	4	4	2
Jermaine Cunningham	64	6.5	5.5	3	1
Joe Haden	63	0	3.5	12	1
Derrick Harvey	49	8.5	8.5	5	0
AJ Jones	36	1	1.5	1	0
Wondy Pierre-Louis	30	0	0	3	2
Dorian Munroe	28	0	0	5	0
Clint McMillan	23	0	1.5	1	0
Ryan Stamper	21	2	2	0	0
Jacques Rickerson	20	0	0	3	0
Justin Trattou	20	3.5	3	1	1
Javier Estopinan	19	1	2	1	0
Markihe Anderson	14	0	0.5	0	1
Brandon Hicks	13	0.5	0	2	0
Bryan Thomas	13	0	0	0	0
Kyle Jackson	12	0	0	1	0
John Jones	10	0	1	0	0
Torrey Davis	8	2	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Brandon James	14	254	18.1	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Brandon James	30	841	28.0	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

UF 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
90,086	W Kentucky	21	33-185	5.6	16-21	325	0	12	32-48	1.5	15-21	156	4	0
90,244	Troy	28	46-264	5.7	18-25	236	2	21	26-53	2.0	29-52	283	1	0
90,707	Tennessee	23	46-255	5.5	14-19	299	0	14	21-37	1.8	28-46	261	0	+2
55,032	at Mississippi	28	45-246	5.5	20-34	261	0	18	21-80	3.8	19-32	310	2	+1
90,685	Auburn	14	28-111	4.0	20-27	201	0	23	44-99	2.3	17-26	227	4	-1
92,910	at LSU	19	32-156	4.9	12-26	158	2	25	52-247	4.8	14-28	144	0	-1
71,024	at Kentucky	21	37-171	4.6	18-26	256	1	29	35-97	2.8	35-50	415	6	0
84,481	† Georgia	19	35-107	3.1	14-22	236	6	19	44-196	4.5	11-18	217	1	-1
90,222	Vanderbilt	29	36-210	5.8	23-29	288	0	15	33-93	2.8	18-35	162	0	+1
81,215	at S Carolina	28	48-233	4.9	22-32	304	0	22	26-68	2.6	26-44	316	2	0
90,107	Florida Atlantic	28	31-155	5.0	26-38	346	0	19	36-75	2.1	20-38	309	4	0
90,664	Florida St	29	38-279	7.3	19-28	262	1	17	25-99	4.0	20-37	188	2	0
69,748	† Michigan	18	32-230	7.2	18-34	169	1	28	47-151	3.2	25-39	373	3	+4
TOTALS		305	487-2602	5.3	240-361	3341	13	262	442-1343	3.0	277-466	3361	29	+5
AVERAGES		23.5	37-200	5.3	18-28	257	1.0	20.2	34-103	3.0	21-36	259	2.2	0.4

2003 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
–	San Jose St	-24	65-3
#21	at Miami, Fl - #3	+14	33-38
#20	Florida A&M	NL	63-3
#17	Tennessee - #12	-3'	10-24
#25	at Kentucky	-10	24-21
#24	Mississippi	-12'	17-20
–	at LSU - #6	+10	19-7
–	at Arkansas - #11	+4'	33-28
#23	† Georgia - #4	+2'	16-13
#17	Vanderbilt	-23'	35-17
#15	at South Carolina	-7	24-22
#11	Florida St - #9	+1	34-38

2004 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
#11	Eastern Michigan	-37	49-10
#11	at Tennessee - #13	+3	28-30
#16	Kentucky	-19	20-3
#16	Arkansas	-7'	45-30
#12	LSU - #24	-3'	21-24
#22	Middle Tennessee	-28'	52-16
#20	at Mississippi St	-24'	31-38
–	† Georgia - #10	+6'	24-31
–	at Vanderbilt	-12'	34-17
–	South Carolina	-7	48-14
–	at Florida St - #10	+7	20-13

2005 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
#10	Wyoming	-24	32-14
#10	Louisiana Tech	-29'	41-3
#6	Tennessee - #5	-6'	16-7
#5	at Kentucky	-23	49-28
#5	at Alabama - #15	-3	3-31
#13	Mississippi St	-27'	35-9
#11	at LSU - #10	+6	17-21
#16	† Georgia - #4	-4	14-10
#13	Vanderbilt	-19'	49-42 2OT
#12	at South Carolina	-4	22-30
#19	Florida St - #23	-3'	34-7

2006 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Post #1 Score
#7	S Mississippi	-20'	34-7
#7	UCF	-23	42-0
#7	at Tennessee - #13	-3'	21-20
#5	Kentucky	-26'	26-7
#5	Alabama	-15	28-13
#5	LSU - #9	-1	23-10
#2	at Auburn - #11	-2	17-27
#9	† Georgia	-13'	21-14
#7	at Vanderbilt	-17	25-19
#6	South Carolina	-13'	17-16
#3	W Carolina	NL	62-0
#4	at Florida St	-9	21-14
#4	† Arkansas - #8	-3	38-28

2007 RESULTS

UF Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Post #13 Score
#6	W Kentucky	NL	49-3
#4	Troy	-26'	59-31
#5	Tennessee - #22	-7'	59-20
#3	at Mississippi	-23	30-24
#4	Auburn	-17'	17-20
#9	at LSU - #1	+7	24-28
#14	at Kentucky - #8	-7	45-37
#10	† Georgia - #20	-7'	30-42
#18	Vanderbilt	-14'	49-22
#17	at South Carolina	-7'	51-31
#14	Florida Atlantic	-34'	59-20
#12	Florida St	-14	45-12

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 the Bulldogs had to replace the SEC's career leading passer David Greene. He had an outstanding 20-4 ratio as a senior (#3DC SEA). DJ Shockley stunned many by earning 1st Tm SEC honors in his only year as a starter throwing for 2,588 (55.8%) with an outstanding 24-5 ratio (427 rush). As a true frosh, Matthew Stafford (PS#2) started 8 games in '06 and was Off MVP in the bowl. As you would expect, in his true frosh year, he struggled throwing for 1,749 (52.7%) with a 7-13 ratio. He did have a 3-1 ratio in the final 3 vs some of the toughest D's in the country (Aub, GT, VT). Heading into 2007 Richt had said he wanted to play backup Joe Cox (PS#8) in every game, but Cox played in just 6 hitting 5 of 15. The reins were taken off of Stafford, and he was able to show off his strong arm. Stafford threw for 2,523 (55.7%) with a 19-10 ratio. Adding depth are Logan Gray (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#19) and Jonathan deLaureal (6'2" 213 So). Gray is the fastest QB and may be used at other positions. I look for Stafford to show the same type of improvement he did last year and he will be one of the top QB's in the NCAA.

RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly heading into 2007 UGA had just one 1,000 yard back since 1992! In 2003 Kregg Lumpkin (PS#3) had 523 (4.7) but suffered an ACL injury in '04. True frosh Thomas Brown (PS#3) rushed for 875 (5.1) and Danny Ware added 692 (5.0) in '04. All 3 returned in '05 but Lumpkin was not 100% and Brown led with 736 (5.0). Ware had 492 (4.9) and Lumpkin 335 (5.1). In '06 Lumpkin led with 798 (4.9) while Ware had 326 (4.0) and Brown 256 (4.1). The story of the UGA program in 2007 was the emergence of true frosh Knowshon Moreno (PS#14). While Moreno did not start in the first 3, he was the top rusher. In the 2H he became the first UGA back since Herschel Walker to have 5 consec 100 yard games and ended up as the first 1st Tm SEC RB here since Garrison Hearst in in 1992. Brown started 7 (missed 3 w/inj) and had 180 vs Ole Miss and 139 vs GT. He also led in the bowl with 73. True frosh Caleb King (PS#7) redshirted. Lumpkin finished with just 44 (inj). Not listed below are Kalvin Daniels (5'10" 182 So, 44 yd), Cortney Newmans (5'9" 220 rFr) and FB Nick Stiles (6'1" 240 rFr). This year they must replace Lumpkin, Jason Johnson (29 ttl yd) and Brown (779, 5.3, #6DC ATL) but Moreno, King and two VHT true frosh who were in for the spring, form perhaps the nation's best RB arsenal.

RB Knowshon Moreno

RECEIVERS - In 2005 true frosh Mohamed Massaquoi (PS#5) only had one drop and became the team's go-to guy in the 2H of the season. He was #3 with 505 (13.3). In 2006 they had to replace 3 of their top 4 WR's with Sean Bailey (364, 22.8 '05) missing '06 (ACL). The entire unit was plagued by drops which really hurt the QB completion percentage. Massaquoi was #2 with 366 (12.2) while Kenneth Harris (PS#158) was #3 with 305 (20.3) and AJ Bryant (PS#10QB) was #4 with 251 (17.9). Last year they had to replace their top receiver TE Martrez Milner (425, #4DC) and AJ Bryant was injured (0 rec). It looked like it would be a 3rd straight year of dropped passes early but the unit became more sure-handed over the final 2/3 of the year. Bailey led with 615 (15.8) while Massaquoi had 491 (15.3). TE Tripp Chandler, who had 3 key drops vs Bama, got better in the 2H of the season and finished #3 with 283 (13.5). Mikey Henderson had 234 (13.8). This year they must replace Bailey (13 st), Henderson (3 st), Bryant, TJ Gartrell (1 rec) and TE Coleman Watson (0 rec). I look for Demiko Goodman who was #3 in the SEC in 400m in '05 to emerge after having just 20 rec in his first three years (ACL inj '06). Not listed below are WR Israel Troupe (6'1" 215 rFr, PS#18), Kenneth Harris (6'3" 215 Sr) who has 3 starts (573 yd 3Y), Walter Hill (6'4" 214 rFr, PS#76), Zach Renner (5'11" 180 rFr) and TE Casey Nickels (6'4" 240 So). Even with the loss of their top guy, this group is on par with '07.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UGA's O-line performed as expected from '03-'06 (see pg 323). Going by that trend, in 2007 the numbers should have dropped as they had to replace 3 starters (1st Tm SEC, 2nd Tm SEC & a #6DC) and 4 backups. They also lost OC/OL Coach Neil Callaway to UAB. I noted that they had the same experience as 2006 and with 2 JUCO's and 6 VHT's in my PSL, I actually expected improved numbers. With Chester Adams in the coach's doghouse against W Car, two true frosh started at OT for the first time in the modern era. RG Scott Haverkamp started the 1st 3 then missed 3 with inj and left the team in Nov to transfer to K-St. Richt noted the 3 frosh starting OL's (rFr LG Chris Davis, true RG Clint Boling and true LT Trinton Sturdivant) were listed at 290+ but were probably all under 280. Despite the OL's youth, the team improved to 177 ypg rush (4.5), their best ypg since 1992 while they allowed just 15 sacks (4.1%). This year they must replace 2nd Team SEC C Fernando Velasco (13 st, 2Y st'r) and RT Adams (12 st, 2Y st'r, #7DC CHI). This figures to be a bigger group as the frosh add weight, and it is more experienced but there is just one upperclassman in the 2 deep! Their 37 starts returning from '07 are the 3rd lowest in the SEC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Bulldogs had to replace star SEC Def POY DE David Pollack and despite having 7 of the top 8 back, allowed 3.8 ypc rush, their highest since 1994. They lost 3 starters and 2 backups in 2006 but DE Quentin Moses turned down a chance to leave early for the NFL. Moses said in the preseason that his cohort at DE, Charles Johnson, was even better than him and they combined for 14 sacks, 17 tfl and 62 qbh in '06. That group allowed 3.2 ypc (33 sk). Last year they had to replace Moses, Johnson and two DT's (combined 8 st). The Dawgs only allowed 2 ypg more rushing and actually increased the sack total to 42. This year they lose their top sack man in DE Marcus Howard (41 tkl, 10.5 sk, MVP bowl, #5DC IND) but return 7 of the top 8, so they look even stronger.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Bulldogs had to replace all 3 of their starting LB's. Their 2007 LB's were bigger, faster and stronger but the 2nd string was composed of frosh. Two of those frosh combined to start 9 games. Dannell Ellerbe earned 2nd Tm SEC and is nicknamed "Phenom" for his weightroom exploits and exceptional athletic ability. He started 11, led in tackles and turned down an early shot at the NFL. Brandon Miller lost his job midseason and also worked at DE. This year they must replace Miller (6 st, 35 tkl), 3rd stringers Chris Gaunder (5 tkl), Mitchell Pittman (2 tkl) and also Marcus Washington (6 st, 40 tkl) who is expected to redshirt in '08 (shoulder inj spg). Akeem Hebron (PS#7), who spent last year at Georgia Military, returns making this group much more experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With 7 of their top 8 back in 2005 the Bulldogs were #27 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters (#2, #5, #5 DC's) with all 3 earning 1st Tm SEC. Surprisingly, the unit, thanks to a top-notch front 7, moved up to #8. Last year it appeared 3 starters would return but star CB Paul Oliver was ruled ineligible (#4 supp draft). Ramarcus Brown (9 st '06) was susp the first two and lost his job. With just one returning starter for the 2nd straight year, the Dawgs still finished #17. This year they have their most experienced group in years as the only losses are SS Kelin Johnson (11 st, 49 tkl) and CB Thomas Flowers (8 st, 36 tkl). I list the Bulldogs as having 3 starters back as Prince Miller beat out Flowers for the starting CB job at the end of the year, and the Dawgs will once again finish near the top of my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit is usually strong under Richt including finishes of #5 ('02), #2 ('05) and #24 ('06). Last year they only had to replace their punter (33.3 net). Surprisingly the Bulldogs only finished #16. Dangerous returnman Mikey Henderson missed 1 with injury and saw his PR avg drop from 14.7 to 11.3. Top KR Asher Allen avg 24.6. K Brandon Coutu, who hit 10 of 11 FG's (long of 55) in '06, had another solid year hitting 18 of 23 (long of 52) with 2 misses from 50+. P Brian Mimbs avg 42.4 (net 37.9). This year they must replace Coutu (#7DC SEA) and Henderson. The team's lowest PR avg in Richt's tenure is at 10.03 with his 7 year avg at 13.5. They have blocked 25 kicks since Richt took over. Despite the losses, the unit looks to be top-notch provided a new K emerges and that figures to be true frosh Blair Walsh (PS#5).

COACHES - Mark Richt was the SEC Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2005. In 2008, Richt received a pay raise bringing his salary to 2.8 million per year through 2013. Richt turned the play calling over to Mike Bobo prior the GT game in 2006. Bobo, who was a QB here, became the youngest coordinator in the SEC (32) when he was promoted to OC replacing Neil Callaway (UAB HC). In 2005 DB coach Willie Martinez took over as DC (4th year). Martinez has turned down a couple HC jobs to remain here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mark Richt is doing an incredible job here. In 2002 UGA won their first SEC Title in 20 years setting a school record with 13 wins and finished #3. They had just 9 starters back in 2003 and despite a spate of injuries and susp's, somehow lost just 3 including 2 to eventual BCS Champ LSU. UGA outgained SEC foes by a league best 121.8 ypg and finished 11-3 and #7. In 2004 Richt had his most veteran squad yet including QB David Greene and finished 10-2. They also beat Florida for the first time since 1997 and outgained SEC foes by 105 ypg to again finish #7. In 2005 they had 12 senior starters and had to replace just 15 lettermen but six of those were NFL DC's. My publication was the ONLY one in the country to call for UGA to win the SEC East as everyone else had them finishing 3rd! I called the Bulldogs one of my surprise teams. They very nearly went undefeated but QB Shockley was injured and they lost to Florida by 4 without him. With Shockley not 100% the next week, they lost to Auburn by 1. They throttled LSU in the SEC Title game but came up short in the Sugar Bowl with -3 in turnovers to finish 10-3 and #10. Only UGA and USC finished in the Top 10 each year from 2002-'05. UGA's defense has finished in the Top 20 for seven straight years. Richt became just the 5th SEC coach to win 10+ games in 4 straight years (Bryant, Dooley, Fulmer, Spurrier). In 2006 they had just 9 returning starters and struggled at the all-important QB position. They opened the year 5-0 getting as high as #9 but lost 4 of their next 5. They rebounded to thrash #5 Auburn on the road, 37-15 and then beat rival GT and won their bowl to bag another Top 25 finish (#23). Last year they once again had just 9 returning starters. They were picked #3 in the East by the media and Richt said "We're definitely under the radar". Mine was the only preseason college football magazine that picked them to top the SEC East as I had them tying for the Title. UGA went 6-2 and tied Tenn for the SEC East Title. I had them ranked 11th heading into the season which was higher than any other publication and the Bulldogs even surpassed my expectations finishing #2. UGA had a 341-314 yd edge vs SCar but actually dropped it's 5th straight SEC East game in Wk 2. They led Alabama 20-10 mid-4Q but needed OT to prevail, 26-23. Things looked bleak when Tenn, off a bye, and desperate at home, spanked them 35-14 (6th loss in a row vs SEC East). However, UGA was arguably the best team in the country at the end of 2007 as they won their final 7 including whipping Florida 42-30 (Tebow not 100%) and then crushing Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl 41-10. Richt is an amazing 25-4 in opponents' home stadiums including 9-2 vs ranked foes! UGA did benefit from +9 in turnovers LY. This year's squad has 17 returning starters making them the most veteran unit in the SEC, and they could be #1 in the AP preseason poll. Unfortunately the Bulldogs do have to play Florida, Aub, LSU and SCar all on the road. Still they are one of the most talented teams in the country and Richt has shown he's capable of winning when not Between the Hedges and UGA is a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 MATTHEW STAFFORD JR. 6-3 237 **PS#2**. 8 st true. 1749 (53%) 7-13 ratio, 274 rush. 13 st LY, 2523 (56%) 19-10 ratio, 17-4 as st'r. **14** Joe Cox (6'1" 208 Jr) **PS#8**. 281 (51%) 2Y.

RB 24 KNOWSHON MORENO SO. 5-11 207 **PS#14**. 6 st rFr, 1334 (5.4). 20 rec (12.7) **FWAA Frosh AA, 1st Tm SEC. 4 Caleb King** (5'11" 212 rFr) **PS#7**. Richard Samuel **PS#10** in spg.

FB 36 BRANNAN SOUTHERLAND SR. 6-0 240 PS#61. 7 st, 82 ttl yd rFr. 7 st '06, 277 ttl yd. 11 st LY, 83 ttl yd. **49** Shaun Chapas (6'2" 236 So) PS#143. 63 ttl yd rFr. Fred Munzenmaier (6'2" 233 So) PS#137.

WR 1 MOHAMED MASSAQUOI SR. 6-2 198 **PS#5**. 4 st, 505 (13.3) as true. 9 st, 366 (12.2) '06. 10 st, 491 (15.3) LY. **26** Tony Wilson (5'11" 198 So) PS#49. 2 st, 124 (8.9) rFr. AJ Green **PS#3.**

WR 16 Kris Durham Jr. 6-5 200 PS#34, 3 st, 251 (13.2) 2Y. **85** Demiko Goodman (6'2" 190 Sr) PS#56. 400m track. 2 st, 311 (15.6) 2Y. **82** Michael Moore (6'2" 188 Jr) PS#15, 5 rec 2Y.

TE 86 TRIPP CHANDLER SR. 6-6 263 PS#38. 1 st, 2 rec '06. 10 st LY, 283 (13.5). **89** Bruce Figgins (6'4" 254 So) PS#23. 1 st, 3 rec true. Aron White (6'4" 228 rFr) **PS#12.**

C 63 CHRIS DAVIS SO. 6-4 292 PS#40TE. 13 st LG rFr. **61** Ben Jones **PS#60** in for spg. **76** Ben Harden (6'3" 310 rFr) **PS#89. LS 65** Jeff Henson (6'3" 258 Sr) 12 gm LY.

RG 60 CLINT BOLING SO. 6-5 290 PS#117. 11 st (1RT, 10RG) true, **SEC Fr Tm. 79** Justin Anderson (6'5" 328 rFr) **PS#12.** Hargrave. **74** Kevin Perez (6'3" 270 So) **PS#50.**

LG 72 Vince Vance Jr. 6-8 320 PS#35JC. 11 gm, 2nd string OT LY. **73** Chris Little (6'6" 330 rFr) **PS#12. 54** Tanner Strickland (6'5" 328 rFr) **PS#38.** Jonathan Owens PS#115.

RT 75 Kiante Tripp So. 6-6 290 PS#33DL. Moved OL rFr, 8 gm backup OT. Cordy Glenn (6'5" 313 Fr) **PS#36**, 375 bench. **61** John Potts (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#337DL.

LT 77 TRINTON STURDIVANT SO. 6-5 293 **PS#4**. First true to start an opener at LT since '89, 13 st LT All SEC Frosh Tm. **78** Josh Davis (6'6" 293 So) PS#147. 8 gm 2nd string rFr.

K NA Blair Walsh Fr. 5-10 175 **PS#5**. Hit 14-20 FG in HS with two 59 yd FG's. 41.0 avg as P. Drew Butler (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#21. Father is Kevin. Jamie Lindley, walk-on in spg.

DE 55 Jeremy Lomax Sr. 6-4 247 PS#191. 22 tkl, 5.5 sk, 21 qbh, 25 gm 3Y. **99** Jarius Wynn (6'5" 273 Sr) **PS#8JC**. 9 tkl, 9 qbh LY. Neland Ball (6'6" 232 rFr) PS#53.

DT 56 GENO ATKINS JR. 6-1 290 9 tkl true. **1st Tm SEC LY**. 7 st, 41 tkl, 7.5 sk, 7 tfl. **91** Kade Weston (6'5" 316 Jr) **PS#8**. 11 st 2Y, 32 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **98** Ricardo Crawford (6'1" 297 So) PS#161.

DT 95 JEFF OWENS SR. 6-3 298 **PS#22**. 535 bench. 12 st '06, 26 tkl, 13 st LY, 27 tkl. 4 tfl. **90** Corvey Irvin (6'4" 286 Sr) PS#62JC. 13 tkl. Brandon Wood (6'1" 280 So) PS#23. 3 tkl LY.

DE 41 RODERICK BATTLE JR. 6-4 261 PS#67. 2 sk rFr. 13 st LY, 24 tkl, 2.5 sk. **58** Michael Lemon (6'4" 274 So) PS#151. 7 tkl rFr. **58** Demarcus Dobbs (6'2" 266 So) PS#23TE. 1 tkl.

SLB 51 AKEEM DENT SO. 6-2 218 PS#82. 4 st rFr, 36 tkl. **52** Darius Dewberry (6'3" 236 Jr) **PS#21**. 5 st LY, 24 tkl, 1 tfl. Marcus Dowtin **PS#34**. Devin Hollander (6'1" 237 Jr).

MLB 33 DANNELL ELLERBE SR. 6-1 232 PS#87DB. "Phenom". 22 tkl first 2Y. 11 st LY, 93 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7.5 tfl. **50** Darryl Gamble (6'2" 237 So) PS#53DB. 13 tkl rFr. **57** Benjamin Boyd (6'1" 210 Sr).

WLB 35 RENNIE CURRAN SO. 5-11 220 **PS#28**. 5 st true, 53 tkl, 9 tfl. **37** Akeem Hebron (6'1" 225 So) **PS#7. 43** Charles White (6'1" 217 rFr) **PS#45**. Justin Fields (6'1" 244 So).

CB 23 PRINCE MILLER JR. 5-8 190 **PS#22**. 8 of L/9 st LY, 24 tkl, 7 pbu. **3** Bryan Evans (5'11" 188 Jr) **PS#11**. 6 st, 43 tkl, 6 pbu 2Y. **25** Vance Cuff (5'11" 170 So) PS#156. 6 tkl true.

CB 2 ASHER ALLEN JR. 5-10 198 **PS#23**. 24 tkl true, 474 ret yd. 11 st LY, 64 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu, 690 KR yd. 4.33 spd. **11** Ramarcus Brown (5'11" 170 Sr) **9 st '06**, 39 tkl, 3 pbu, 10 tkl LY.

SS 5 CJ BYRD SR. 6-2 193 **PS#10**. 16 tkl '05-'06. 13 st LY, 44 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. **31** Quintin Banks (6'2" 210 So) PS#60. 8 tkl rFr. **47** Andrew Williams (6'0" 197 Sr) 32 tkl, 4Y.

FS 9 Reshad Jones So. 6-2 203 **PS#6**. 2 st rFr, 57 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **32** John Knox (6'2" 194 rFr) PS#76. **10** Donavon Baldwin (6'2" 204 Jr) PS#118. 20 gm, 4 tkl, 2Y.

P 32 BRIAN MIMBS SR. 5-11 205 PS#85. 2 KO, 3 gm '06. 57 punts in '07. 42.4 avg and a super **net of 37.9!** **13** Drew Butler (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#21. 42.1 punt avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	AJ Green 6-4 190 PS#3
DL	DeAngelo Tyson 6-2 300 PS#3
WR	Tavarres King 6-1 160 PS#6
DL	AJ Harmon 6-5 328 PS#11OL
RB	Richard Samuel 6-2 215 PS#10
DL	Cornelius Washington 6-4 217 PS#16
RB	Dontavius Jackson 5-10 190 PS#22
OL	Cordy Glenn 6-5 313 PS#36
DL	Toby Jackson 6-5 260 PS#41
RB	Carlton Thomas 5-7 165 PS#35
LB	Marcus Dowtin 6-2 215 PS#34
OL	Ben Jones 6-3 300 PS#60
LB	Christian Robinson 6-2 205 PS#64
DB	Brandon Boykin 5-10 171 PS#62
RB	Xavier Avery 6-0 185 PS#72
DL	Jeremy Longo 6-3 255 PS#110
DB	Bacarri Rambo 6-0 195 PS#77
K	Blair Walsh 5-10 175 PS#5
OL	Jonathan Owens 6-4 294 PS#115
TE	Bryce Ros 6-4 242 PS#33
DB	Sanders Commings 6-2 195 PS#99
DB	Makiri Pugh 6-0 188 PS#143
DB	Nick Williams 6-2 205 PS#177

GEORGIA BULLDOGS

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#3

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UGA	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Georgia Southern	G					
Sep. 6	Central Michigan	G					
Sep. 13	at South Carolina	G					
Sep. 20	at Arizona St	G					
Sep. 27	Alabama	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Tennessee	G					
Oct. 18	Vanderbilt (HC)	G					
Oct. 25	at LSU	G					
Nov. 1	† Florida (Jacksonville)	G					
Nov. 8	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 15	at Auburn	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	Georgia Tech	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Greene 11,528 '01-'04
2. Eric Zeier 11,153 '91-'94
3. Quincy Carter 6,447 '98-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Herschel Walker 5,259 '80-'82
2. Garrison Hearst 3,232 '90-'92
3. Lars Tate 3,017 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terrence Edwards 3,093 '99-'02
2. Fred Gibson 2,884 '01-'04
3. Brice Hunter 2,373 '92-'95

UGA is 3-0 all-time vs Georgia Southern with the last meeting a 48-28 win in '04. Eagles finished '07 with a 7-4 record including a 42-34 loss at Colorado St.

First meeting. UGA is 5-1 all-time vs current MAC tms with an avg score of 36-10. The Bulldogs have won 22 straight non-BCS games at home by an avg of 26 ppg.

Last year UGA failed to score a TD in this game for the 1st time in 6 years as SC upset #11 UGA. Georgia has won 3 straight in Columbia by an avg of 9 ppg.

First meeting. UGA is 8-4-1 all-time vs current Pac-10 teams. This is Georgia's 1st non-conference road game (except for Georgia Tech) since 1995.

UGA has now won 3 in a row over the Tide with 2 games by a FG or less. Last year the Bulldogs had a 20-10 4Q lead but needed OT for the win.

Last year UT was off a bye & dominated with a 35-14 win, posting the most pts UGA allowed all yr. The visitor has won 4 of 5 & the 4 wins were by an avg of 16 ppg.

Last yr UGA RB Moreno rushed for 157 yds in his 1st career start. VU led 17-7 early 3Q before UGA scored 13 unanswered pts for the 20-17 come-from-behind win.

The last meeting between these 2 was a 34-14 win by UGA in the '05 SEC Champ gm. The Bulldogs have won 5 of the last 7 meetings vs LSU but 1-3 at Baton Rouge.

UGA RB Moreno rushed for a career high 188 yds & 3 TD's as the Bulldogs pounded the Gators 42-30 with UF QB Tebow less than 100% with a shoulder injury.

Last yr UGA held UK to 29 yds rushing, the lowest output by an SEC opponent in Richt's career. UGA survived 4TO's & escaped with a 24-13 win over the Wildcats.

LY UGA wore all black jerseys for the 1st time in the modern era & had fans stage a "Black Out" of Sanford Stadium. UGA pulled off a 45-20 rout for the 2nd straight yr over their rival.

The Dawgs have won 7 in a row in this series. UGA has ended their reg ssn vs GT in 54 of the L55Y. LY UGA won 31-17 & GT HC Gailey was fired following the game.

MARK RICHT (Career 72-19)
8th Year at Georgia — Richt's Bowl Record: 5-2

Richt's records AT GEORGIA

72-19	Straight Up	7-4	Vs Top 10
38-7	Home	24-12	Vs Top 25
25-4	Away	15-2	Vs BCS Teams
9-8	Neutral	15-4	Off A Bye
42-17	Vs Conference	13-4	Off A Loss

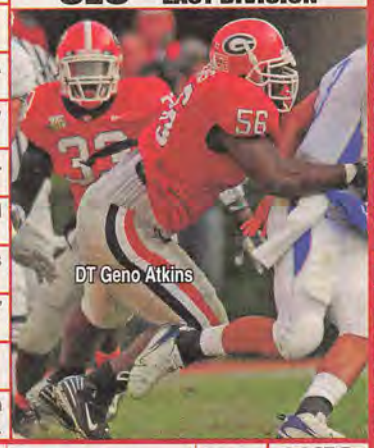
2007 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (17,25,3)
Lost: 22 (11,8,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,746 (#5)

SEC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: SANFORD STADIUM (92,746) (#6)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	8-4	13-1	11-3	10-2	10-3	9-4	11-2	80-23
Home	5-1	4-2	7-0	6-0	5-1	5-1	5-2	6-1	43-8
Away	2-2	4-0	4-0	4-1	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	27-6
Neutral	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-2	2-0	1-2	1-1	2-0	10-9
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	8-1	6-3	6-2	7-2	4-4	6-2	47-20
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	5-0	5-0	4-0	3-1	5-0	5-0	33-3
ATS	5-6	6-6	10-3	8-6	4-7	6-6-1	5-6-1	8-4	52-44-2
Home Fav (Jim Donnan)	3-1	1-4	4-2	4-2	2-3	2-4	1-3-1	4-2	21-21-1
Home Dog (Mark Richt)	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-3
Away Fav	1-2	1-0	3-0	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	13-10
Away Dog	0-1	3-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	7-3
Neutral	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1-1	2-0	2-0	11-7-1
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	7-2	5-4	4-4	4-4-1	3-5	5-3	36-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-3	3-1	3-2	0-3	2-2	2-1-1	3-1	16-14-1
Off SU Win	2-5	4-4	10-1	4-6	3-6	4-5-1	4-3-1	7-3	38-33-2
Off SU Loss	3-1	2-1	0-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-3	0-1	11-9

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Capital One - #11	-3'	Purdue - #12 (OT)	34-27
04	Outback - #8	-8	Wisconsin - #16	24-21
05	Sugar - #8	-6	West Virginia - #11	35-38
06	Chick-fil-A	+3	Virginia Tech - #14	31-24
07	Sugar - #4	-7'	Hawaii - #10	41-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Georgia's All-Time Bowl Record 24-16-3

GEORGIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	32.6	19	177	4.5	198	54.5	11.5	+9	2007	3	20.2	19	110	3.3	213	59.2	16.0
4	25.2	17	127	3.9	184	53.8	12.4	-1	2006	5	17.6	15	108	3.2	150	53.2	14.7
7	29.5	20	162	4.6	229	55.4	13.2	+11	2005	7	16.4	18	144	3.8	170	57.2	19.1
8*	27.9	20	157	4.1	248	55.4	14.5	-2	2004	6	16.5	16	107	3.0	182	55.2	17.5
3*	26.5	20	135	3.4	245	59.4	14.4	+11	2003	6	14.5	15	102	3.1	175	54.4	19.1
8*	32.1	21	140	3.6	245	57.8	12.0	+8	2002	5	15.1	17	114	3.0	190	55.1	20.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Knowshon Moreno	248	1396	62	1334	14	5.4
Thomas Brown	148	816	37	779	10	5.3
Kalvin Daniels	8	45	1	44	0	5.5
Kregg Lumpkin	12	44	0	44	0	3.7
Shaun Chapas	11	41	0	41	0	3.7
Brannan Southerland	17	25	1	24	5	1.4
Matthew Stafford	39	135	153	-18	2	-0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matthew Stafford	348	194	55.7	2523	19	10
Joe Cox	15	5	33.3	56	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Sean Bailey	39	615	15.8	5	55
Mohamed Massaquoi	32	491	15.3	4	84
Tripp Chandler	21	283	13.5	2	26
Knowshon Moreno	20	253	12.6	0	35
Mikey Henderson	17	234	13.8	2	53
Kris Durham	11	169	15.4	0	28
Tony Wilson	14	124	8.9	0	26
Demiko Goodman	7	124	17.7	2	34
Thomas Brown	10	84	8.4	2	12
Brannan Southerland	11	59	5.4	1	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Mimbs	57	2414	42.4	20	37.9	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Coutu	49-49	2-2	8-8	7-10	1-3	18-23	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dannell Ellerbe	93	4.5	7.5	1	1
Asher Allen	64	2	1	5	3
Reshad Jones	57	0	3	3	2
Rennie Curran	53	3	6	0	0
Kelin Johnson	49	0.5	0	5	4
CJ Byrd	44	0	2	5	1
Geno Atkins	41	7.5	7	1	0
Marcus Howard	41	10.5	1.5	3	0
Marcus Washington	40	2.5	0	0	0
Thomas Flowers	36	0	2	3	1
Akeem Dent	36	0	0	1	0
Brandon Miller	35	1	2	1	1
Jeff Owens	27	0	4	0	0
Prince Miller	24	0	0	7	1
Darius Dewberry	24	0	1	0	0
Roderick Battle	24	2.5	1.5	1	0
Kade Weston	19	2.5	4	0	0
Bryan Evans	17	0	0	0	1
Jeremy Lomax	16	4.5	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mikey Henderson	19	214	11.3	0
Thomas Flowers	5	101	20.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Asher Allen	28	690	24.6	0
Thomas Brown	15	333	22.2	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

UGA 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
92,746	Oklahoma St	18	47-142	3.0	18-24	234	2	16	34-70	2.1	17-31	196	5	+1
92,746	South Carolina	20	31-128	4.1	19-45	213	3	21	34-140	4.1	20-31	174	2	-1
92,746	W Carolina	21	34-140	4.1	17-26	222	1	11	33-63	1.9	16-24	138	1	-1
92,138	at Alabama	20	40-153	3.8	19-36	224	0	18	35-164	4.7	17-35	185	1	-1
92,746	Mississippi	27	45-328	7.3	13-22	144	2	20	33-158	4.8	24-35	228	0	+2
107,052	at Tennessee	14	25-69	2.8	16-34	174	1	21	44-190	4.3	18-23	221	0	-1
39,773	at Vanderbilt	17	35-167	4.8	16-31	201	1	14	38-179	4.7	9-15	131	3	+2
84,481	† Florida	19	44-196	4.5	11-18	217	1	19	35-107	3.1	14-22	236	6	+1
92,746	Troy	18	37-240	6.5	19-32	225	0	23	32-115	3.6	34-52	373	3	+1
92,746	Auburn	16	43-180	4.2	11-19	237	1	18	35-83	2.4	14-30	133	3	+2
92,746	Kentucky	22	49-184	3.8	12-22	99	2	19	29-29	1.0	24-42	268	5	-3
54,990	at Georgia Tech	20	39-218	5.6	14-29	214	1	22	39-136	3.5	12-32	179	5	+2
74,383	† Hawaii	19	40-160	4.0	14-27	175	0	20	18-(-5)	-0.3	35-57	311	8	+5
TOTALS		251	509-2305	4.5	199-365	2579	15	242	439-1429	3.3	254-429	2773	42	+9
AVERAGES		19.3	39-177	4.5	15-28	198	1.2	18.6	34-110	3.3	20-33	213	3.2	0.7

UGA Pre #11 2003 RESULTS — Post #7

UGA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#11	at Clemson	-3	30-0
#8	Middle Tenn	-29	29-10
#8	South Carolina - #25	-13'	31-7
#7	at LSU - #11	+1'	10-17
#11	Alabama	-12	37-23
#8	at Tennessee - #13	-2'	41-14
#4	at Vanderbilt	-25	27-8
#4	UAB	-29	16-13
#4	† Florida - #23	-2'	13-16
#7	Auburn	-6'	26-7
#6	Kentucky	-19	30-10
#5	at Georgia Tech	-8'	34-17
#5	† LSU - #3	+3	13-34

UGA Pre #3 2004 RESULTS — Post #7

UGA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#3	Georgia Southern	NL	48-28
#3	at South Carolina	-7'	20-16
#3	Marshall	-18'	13-3
#3	LSU - #13	-2'	45-16
#3	Tennessee - #17	-12'	14-19
#12	Vanderbilt	-23	33-3
#10	at Arkansas	-8'	20-14
#10	† Florida	-6'	31-24
#8	at Kentucky	-24	62-17
#8	at Auburn - #3	+3'	6-24
#8	Georgia Tech	-15	19-13

UGA Pre #13 2005 RESULTS — Post #10

UGA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#13	Boise St - #18	-7	48-13
#9	South Carolina	-17'	17-15
#7	ULM	-39	44-7
#7	at Mississippi St	-15	23-10
#5	at Tennessee - #8	+3	27-14
#5	at Vanderbilt	-16	34-17
#4	Arkansas	-19'	23-20
#4	† Florida - #16	+4	10-14
#9	Auburn - #15	-3	30-31
#14	Kentucky	-25'	45-13
#13	at Georgia Tech - #20	-4	14-7
#13	† LSU - #3	+1	34-14

UGA Pre #15 2006 RESULTS — Post #23

UGA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#15	W Kentucky	NL	48-12
#12	at South Carolina	-3	18-0
#10	UAB	-17	34-0
#9	Colorado	-27	14-13
#10	at Mississippi	-18'	14-9
#10	Tennessee - #13	+2	33-51
#16	Vanderbilt	-14'	22-24
–	Mississippi St	-17	27-24
–	† Florida - #9	+13'	14-21
–	at Kentucky	-7	20-24
–	at Auburn - #5	+11'	37-15
–	Georgia Tech - #16	-3	15-12

UGA Pre #13 2007 RESULTS — Post #2

UGA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#13	Oklahoma St	-6'	35-14
#11	South Carolina	-3'	12-16
#23	Western Carolina	NL	45-16
#22	at Alabama - #16	+3'	26-23 OT
#15	Mississippi	-15'	45-17
#12	at Tennessee	-1'	14-35
#24	at Vanderbilt	-7	20-17
#20	† Florida - #10	+7'	42-30
#10	Troy	-15	44-34
#10	Auburn - #18	-1'	45-20
#8	Kentucky - #22	-7'	24-13
#6	at Georgia Tech	-3'	31-17

SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Blake Mitchell (PS#15) threw for 2,370 (59%) with a 17-12 ratio splitting time with mobile Syvelle Newton (PS#7) who also had 7 starts at WR (see pg 323). Chris Smelley (PS#13) hit 9 of 15 for 112 playing in 2 as a true frosh but RS (heel inj). Tommy Beecher played in 3 (2 att). Last year Mitchell was susp'd and Smelley started the opener but sprained his shoulder and missed the next 2. Mitchell played the entire game vs Georgia and Beecher had 2 TO's vs SCSt and had just 1 more pass the rest of the year. Smelley was healthy vs LSU and threw for 174 and won the starting job. He threw for 279 vs Miss St and 256 vs UK but after throwing an int vs Tenn, Mitchell came in and hit 31 of 45 for 290 and QB'd the rest of the year. Mitchell threw for 364 vs Ark, 316 vs Florida and 284 vs Clemson and led with 1,747 (59.6%) with 10-9 ratio. Mitchell moves on but Smelley (4-2 as starter) returns after throwing for 1,176 (56.8%) with a 9-7 ratio along with Beecher. Spurrier bemoaned the fact that he did not have a mobile QB last year, and Stephen Garcia (PS#10) would be a good fit. Garcia threw for 8,081 yards and rushed for 1,345 in HS, but was arrested for the third time in a year and susp in the spring making him a question mark for the fall. Adding depth are Michael McQueeney (6'2" 217 Jr) who played in four games at W Carolina in '05 and Zac Brindise (6'0" 218 rFr) whose brother, Noah, played for Spurrier at Florida. Last year SC averaged 258 pass ypg which was their best since 1995. Smelley and Beecher combined for 8 int's in the spring game and SC fans can only hope Garcia is reinstated and stays out of trouble.

RUNNING BACKS - Cory Boyd (PS#44) had 541 yards in his first two years but was susp'd for '05 (9 st '04, 35 rec). Mike Davis (PS#31) led with 666 (4.6) and Bobby Wallace (5'7" 202 Sr, PS#76) had 135 (3.3). Boyd led in '06 with 823 (5.0) while Davis added 474 (4.7). Wallace had 107 on just 5 carries (21.4). Boyd became just the 2nd back in SC history with 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in his career joining Stanley Pritchett. Boyd and Davis had a streak of 386 touches without a fumble (Davis 371). Last year Boyd led again with 903 (5.0) and was also #2 in rec with 36 grabs. Davis had 518 (4.5). This year they lose Boyd (#7DC TB) and FB Lanard Stafford (8 st, 41 rec yd) and while Davis is back, he will miss a game (susp). Surprisingly Brian Maddox (PS#23) had just 14 yards as a true frosh. Taylor Rank (6'0" 214 Jr, PS#54) had 101 yds vs FAU in his only start in '06. Keep an eye on "true" frosh Eric Baker (PS#56 '07) who had 800 yards rushing and 10 TD's at Fork Union last year despite an ankle injury.

RECEIVERS - Unfortunately for Spurrier, Sidney Rice who had 1,090 (15.1) in '06 left early for the NFL (#2DC MIN). Last year #2 receiver Kenny McKinley who had 880 (17.3) returned but the next closest WR was Freddie Brown (4 st) who had 147 (10.5). Chris Culliver has 4.28 speed and Spurrier was very high on the true frosh WR's LY. Dion Lecorn was the top true with 6 starts and 315 yds (11.7). McKinley set a school record for rec's with 77 (Sterling Sharpe 1986 - 74). TE Jared Cook was #2 with 421 (14.0) and is also one of the fastest players on the team. This year they must replace TE Andy Boyd (10 st, 102). Not even listed in the PSL below are Joe Hills (6'4" 202 rFr, PS#80), Jason Barnes (6'4"201 rFr, PS#111), Matt Clements (6'0" 190 rFr, PS#119), Scott Spurrier (5'4" 168 Jr) and TE's Dustin Lindsey (6'4" 242 Sr, PS#185LB), Foxy Foxworth (6'3" 244 So, PS#50) and Clark Gaston (6'2" 244 So). This is an improved receiving corps, especially if a solid #2 emerges.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Gamecocks' OL had to replace 3 players (combined 32 st) but had 8 back with starting experience. While the OL had the same experience level as '06. SC's numbers dropped because they had a less mobile QB. Spurrier did note that guards Kevin Young and Lemuel Jeanpierre were stronger than many of the linemen he'd had at Florida but rFr Young (PS#39) suffered an ankle injury after moving up to 1st string and DNP. RG James Thompson was susp the 1st 3 games and Gurminder Thind missed 3 with injury. They shuffled the O-line on a weekly basis and with the inconsistency, saw the rush ypg drop to 114 (3.6) and the sacks climb to 31 (7.0%). This year they must replace C William Brown (12 st), G James Thompson (3 st) and 3rd string C Jeremy Burgess (1 gm). Eight of the top 10 are back including 8 with starting experience and Young and rFr Quintin Richardson (PS#20) should have an even bigger impact. This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the SEC in 2008.

DEFENSIVE LINE - S Carolina struggled with inexperienced D-lines in both '05 and '06 including allowing a dismal 174 ypg in '05, their worst total since 1998. Last year they finally had a veteran front and added four top-notch newcomers. Unfortunately DE Jordin Lindsey (Def MVP '06 bowl) was ruled ineligible (RS) and Nathan Pepper (12 st '06) was lost in Wk 3. Marque Hall (PS#10) was their top DL in 2006 when he suffered an ACL injury in Wk 2 and did not fully regain form last year (8 st). Still it was surprising that the Gamecocks yielded 209 ypg rush, their highest total in over 20 years (4.8 ypc) and the D had just 21 sacks. This year they lose DE Casper Brinkley (12 st, 59 tkl, 13 tfl), DT Joel Reaves (1 st, 8 tkl, 2 tfl) and DE Ryan Brown (5 tkl, 3 tfl). Star DE Eric Norwood moved to OLB in spring, but Cliff Matthews (9 st at SLB LY) takes his place. Not only do 6 of the top 8 return, but they get Lindsey and Pepper back, have 8 players back with starting experience and should get bigger contributions from last year's VHT frosh DE's Clifton Geathers (PS#5) and Travian Robertson (PS#26). Spurrier also brought in a JC, and I think SC will have one of the most improved rush defenses in the country.

LINEBACKERS - S Carolina had their entire 2 deep returning at LB and appeared to be in great shape heading into 2007. Unfortunately, SLB Casper Brinkley was forced to move to DE after three games. Their star 1st Tm SEC MLB Jasper Brinkley turned down an early shot at the NFL but was lost after 4 starts (knee inj). Backup MLB Dustin Lindsey (1 gm) was also lost with a knee inj and moved to TE this spring. A couple of true frosh were forced to see significant time. This year they must replace Cody Wells (35 tkl, 1 tfl) but have everyone else back. Not listed in the 3 deep are Vandaral Shackleford (6'0" 239 Jr, PS#125) and John Guerry (6'0" 217 Jr). Provided they stay healthier, this is a vastly improved LB corps.

LB Eric Norwood

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year S Carolina had to replace one starter but had 6 back with starting experience. SC moved up to #35 with a 14-14 ratio (#50 '06). They have good speed at CB with Captain Munnerlyn, Stoney Woodson and Carlos Thomas all running sub-4.4 in the forty. Their top CB, Munnerlyn, basically missed the final three with a foot injury. This year they must replace Brandon Isaac (6 st, 21 tkl, 5 pbu), S Chris Hampton (2 st, 42 tkl), CB Mike West (10 tkl), SS Greg Wright (3 tkl) and FS Ty Erving (4 tkl). Six are back with starting experience plus they add three true frosh who were in for the spring making this a deeper unit than 2007.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Leave it to Steve Spurrier to fix the problem. In the final two games last year, the Gamecocks suffered 3 blocked punts so Spurrier brought in new ST coordinator Ray Rychleski. Rychleski has been Maryland's ST coordinator for the last 7 years and that team holds the NCAA's longest streak without a punt block (0 in 7Y). In Spurrier's final year with the Gators, they finished #6 in my ST rankings. SC finished #108 in Holtz's final season but climbed to #83 in Spurrier's first year and moved up to #50 in his 2nd. Last year they had everyone back. Cliff Matthews got the first blocked punt by SC since 2000 (vs LSU) and Eric Norwood blocked one the next week vs Miss St in the key play of the game. SC slid to #66 even though Captain Munnerlyn and Chris Culliver increased the team's KR (22.4) and PR (9.4) avg's. Ryan Succop, who had 16 of 20 FG's (long of 55) in '06, connected on 13 of 17 (long of 49) LY. Succop's net dropped from 36.0 to 34.4 with the 3 blocks. Succop did have 11 TB's on 60 KO's. This year the unit returns intact again and with Rychleski on board, I give them a shot at a Top 25 ST finish.

COACHES - Steve Spurrier took Florida to six SEC Title games. Spurrier is his own OC but his son Steve Jr takes over the play calling in '08. This year they bring in a new DC in Ellis Johnson. Johnson was the DC at Alabama from 1997-2000 and the HC at The Citadel from 2001-'03. He has been the DC at Miss St the last 4 years and in the last 3 seasons, his unit has finished #8, #7 and #5 in the SEC in total D and he now has more talent to work with.

PHIL'S FORECAST

SC's last conf title came in the ACC in 1969. In 2005 Spurrier had just 8 (fewest SEC) returning starters and was switching from a run-based attack to a pass attack. They set a school record with 62,618 season tickets sold. This program was a sleeping giant and Spurrier, who has guided his teams to bowls in 14 out of 18 years, has done a decent job. Despite having lost 8 straight games to ranked teams, they knocked off #23 Tenn and #12 Florida (1st win over UF since 1939!!). If UGA had lost to Kentucky, SC would have been the SEC East Champ! They also had 5 straight SEC wins for the first time ever. SC led in the bowl 28-7 but lost and finished 7-5. Despite their 5-3 record in the SEC, they were outgained by 76.4 ypg. In 2006 SC had 12 returning starters and Spurrier was not happy with the attendance during summer workouts. Despite being tied for 2nd in the SEC East in '05, they were (for the 5th straight year) picked 4th in the SEC preseason poll. They had an amazing 8 close games. They won their first 3 SEC road games giving them 5 straight SEC road wins (school record). Two blocked FG's and a blocked xp cost them in a one point loss vs Florida but Spurrier became the first coach to guide SC to back-to-back bowls in his first two years and they beat Houston in the Liberty Bowl. Last year they had 16 returning starters but were picked 4th in the SEC East in the preseason media poll. It looked like SC could be a surprise contender when they knocked off #11 UGA on the road. While they did lose to #2 LSU, they bounced back with wins over Miss St and a 38-23 Thurs night win over #8 Kentucky. After beating NC, **SC was 6-1 and #6 in the polls** and already bowl eligible. SC did not win another game and it cost them a bowl slot. After being upset by Vandy at home, they lost to Tenn despite a 31-16 FD edge. Arkansas rolled up 541 yards rushing vs them. SC was handled easily by Florida. They had 21 seniors playing their FHG vs Clemson in a must-win situation but CU got a 35 yd FG on the last play. That kept SC home for the holidays. Spurrier was #1 all-time in SEC winning % but after 2007's 3-5 record is now #2 behind Tenn's Robert Neyland. The 2008 schedule is much easier in the SEC for SC as last year they had road games at UGA, LSU, Tenn and Ark. This year three of their road trips are to Vandy, Ole Miss and Kentucky. Of 135 recruits signed from 2002-'06, 44 (32.6%) either did not step foot on the campus or did not complete their eligibility (early NFL entrees excluded). QB is a ? as I write this but with 17 returning starters and one of the top D's in the country, I'll call for SCar to get to its 3rd bowl in 4 years and achieve 8 or more wins.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GARNET — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GARNET — DEFENSE

QB 7 Chris Smelley So. 6-2 216 **PS#13**. 6 st 2Y. 1288 (57%). 9-7 ratio, 67 rush. **5** Stephen Garcia (6'2" 221 rFr) **PS#10. 6** Tommy Beecher (6'2" 227 Jr) PS#72. 175 pass LY.

TB 25 Mike Davis Sr. 5-9 214 **PS#31**. 14 st 3Y 1658 (4.6). 49 rec (9.3). **10** Brian Maddox (5'10" 220 So) **PS#23. 28** Eric Baker PS#56 '07. **20** Taylor Rank (6'0" 214 Jr) PS#54.

WR 9 Moe Brown Jr. 6-0 186 PS#86. 5 st 2Y, 242 (11.0) 2Y. **13 Mark Barnes** (6'2" 200 rFr) **PS#18DB. FB 47** Patrick DiMarco (6'1" 242 So). Bryan Kingrey (6'1" 230 Sr) 1 st 3Y.

WR 18 DION LECORN SO. 5-11 220 **PS#40DB**. 6 st true, 315 (11.7). Freddie Brown (6'3" 209 Jr) PS#91. 7 st, 342 (11.0) 2Y. **17** Chris Culliver (6'0" 191 So) PS#88DB. **4.28 spd.** 31 rush true.

WR 11 KENNY McKINLEY SR. 6-0 182 PS#107DB. 13 st '06, 880 (17.3). 12 st LY, **1st Tm SEC**. 968 (12.6). **8** Larry Freeman (6'1" 223 Sr) **PS#37JC**. 2 rec LY. **27** CC Whitlock PS#25DB.

TE 84 JARED COOK JR. 6-5 242 1 st '06, 113 (18.8). 3 st LY, 421 (14.0). **88 Weslye Saunders** (6'5" 273 So) **PS#13TE**. 151 (12.6) true. **19** Nick Prochak (6'3" 230 So) PS#94QB.

C 70 Garrett Anderson Jr. 6-4 307 PS#142. 4 st RG true. 4 st LY OG. Ryan Broadhead (6'5" 270 rFr) PS#359. Hardee Sanders (6'2" 279 Jr). **LS** Charles Turner (6'4" 219 So) 12 gm LY.

RG 74 HEATH BATCHELOR SO. 6-7 308 PS#114. Last 3 st RG rFr. **57 Lemuel Jeanpierre** (6'3" 293 Jr) PS#81DL. 1 st, 17 tkl, 6 tfl rFr. 5 st RG LY. **60** Terrence Campbell (6'3" 285 So) 1 gm.

LG 63 SEAVER BROWN SO. 6-5 307 PS#167. 6 st LG rFr. **64 Kevin Young** (6'5" 311 So) **PS#39**. 1st string in Sept but inj rFr. **62** Pierre Andrews (6'3" 281 So) PS#72.

RT 78 JUSTIN SORENSON SR. 6-7 327 PS#311. #5DC CFL. Last 6 st RT '06. 12 st RT LY. **68** Kyle Nunn (6'6" 300 rFr) **PS#91**. Gurminder Thind (6'4" 281 Sr). Canadian. 2 st '06 inj. 3 st LG LY.

LT 77 JAMON MEREDITH SR. 6-5 301 PS#95DL. 4 st RT rFr. 13 st '06, HM SEC. 12 st LT LY. **72 Quintin Richardson** (6'4" 289 rFr) **PS#20. 66** Hutch Eckerson (6'6" 291 So) 5 st true. RS LY.

K 14 RYAN SUCCOP SR. 6-3 224 **PS#18**. 16-20 FG '06, L/55. 13-17 in '07, L/49. 11 TB on KO. Spencer Lanning (5'11" 178 So) PS#85. Steven Huegel (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#50.

DE 41 Jordin Lindsey Sr. 6-3 261 PS#186LB. 9 st '05, 29 tkl, 3 sk. 6 st '06, 37 tkl, 4.5 tfl. RS LY. **42** Travian Robertson (6'4" 270 So) **PS#26**. 1st true, 7 tkl. Jarriel King PS#87JC.

DT 79 MARQUE HALL SR. 6-3 314 **PS#10**. 4 st, 23 tkl '04-'05. Top DL '06, 2 st (ACL). 8 st LY, 22 tkl. **97 Kenrick Ellis** (6'5" 353 So) **PS#16**. 1 st, 11 tkl rFr. Donte'e Nicholls (6'1" 311 rFr) PS#110.

NT 91 LADI AJIBOYE SO. 6-1 300 10 st true, 39 tkl, 3 sk, SEC Frosh Tm. **99** Jonathan Williams (6'2" 290 Sr) PS#72JC. 13 tkl, 3 st. **95 Nathan Pepper** (6'1" 292 Jr) 12 st, 25 tkl '06. 3 st LY, inj.

DE 83 CLIFF MATTHEWS SO. 6-4 250 PS#22. 9 st at SLB as a true. 26 tkl, 2 tfl. **96 Clifton Geathers** (6'7" 290 So) **PS#5**. 2 tkl true. Byron McKnight (6'5" 236 rFr) PS#275.

SLB 40 ERIC NORWOOD JR. 6-1 270 PS#93. 30 tkl, 7 sk true. 12 st DE LY, 69 tkl, 6 sk, 13.5 tfl. **1st Tm SEC. 31** Gerrod Sinclair (6'0" 234 Jr) PS#51. 15 tkl. **49** Damien Wright (6'0" 231 Jr) PS#94.

MLB 52 JASPER BRINKLEY SR. 6-2 275 **PS#49JC. 1st Tm SEC '06.** 107 tkl, 14.5 tfl. 4 st until inj LY. **53** Marvin Sapp (5'11" 228 Sr) PS#29. 12 st 3Y, 135 tkl. Melvin Ingram (6'2" 269 So) PS#106.

WLB 45 RODNEY PAULK JR. 6-0 226 PS#53.10 st true, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **4** Alonzo Winfield (6'0" 218 rFr) PS#130DB. Blazing speed. **12** Shaq Wilson is PS#98.

CB 1 CAPTAIN MUNNERLYN JR. 5-9 185 5 st '06, 36 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 10 st LY (inj). **1st TM SEC**, 47 tkl, 3 int. Addison Williams (5'8" 181 So) PS#70. 1 st true. Jamire Williams (5'10" 186 rFr) PS#192.

CB 5 CARLOS THOMAS SR. 5-11 197 PS#22WR. 3 st, 9 rec true. 10 st CB '06, 27 tkl, 2 int. 7 st LY, 6 pbu. **36** Stoney Woodson (5'11" 197 Sr) 9 st '06, 47 tkl. 3 st LY, 26 tkl, 4 pbu.

SS 21 EMANUEL COOK JR. 5-10 214 PS#111RB. 5 st true, 47 tkl. 9 st LY, 92 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu, 8 tfl. **28** Chris Hail (5'10" 199 Jr) PS#185WR. 11 tkl 2Y. **29** Blake Baxley (5'9" 212 Jr).

FS 32 DARIAN STEWART JR. 5-11 218 PS#175. 7 tkl true. 10 st LY, 68 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. Jay Spearman PS#125 in spg. Antonio Allen PS#104 '07 in spg. Quanopheus Earls (6'0" 190 So).

P 14 RYAN SUCCOP SR. 6-3 224 **PS#18**. 29 punts '06. 43.7 avg, net of 36.0. 56 punts LY, 41.6 avg, net of 34.4. Spencer Lanning PS#85. Ryan Doerr PS#28. Nate Spurrier (6'2" 243 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	CC Whitlock 5-10 171 PS#25DB
DL	Jarriel King 6-7 285 PS#87JC
QB	Reid McCollum 6-4 195 PS#37
RB	Eric Baker 5-11 187 PS#56 '07
OL	TJ Johnson 6-4 285 PS#88
LB	Reggie Bowens 6-2 210 PS#72
DB	Darrell Simmons 6-1 185 PS#64
DL	Chaz Sutton 6-4 236 PS#104
QB	Aramis Hillary 6-2 205 PS#53
DB	Akeem Auguste 5-9 179 PS#91 '07
WR	DL Moore 6-4 178 PS#101
DL	Devin Taylor 6-6 225 PS#134
RB	Kenny Miles 5-10 200 PS#99
DB	Antonio Allen 6-2 190 PS#104 '07
LB	Shaq Wilson 5-11 194 PS#98
DB	Jay Spearman 6-0 190 PS#125
OL	Elliot Williams 6-6 275 PS#154
DL	Kenny Davis 6-4 295 PS#173OL
DL	Ronald Byrd 6-6 258 PS#237
TE	Mike Triglia 6-4 234 PS#76
K	Ryan Doerr 6-3 185 PS#28
DB	Jarrett Burns 6-3 185 PS#313
TE	Andrew Power 6-5 245 PS#132

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Spurrier's records AT S CAROLINA

21-16	Straight Up	1-5	Vs Top 10
12-9	Home	5-9	Vs Top 25
8-6	Away	2-3	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	3-2	Off A Bye
11-13	Vs Conference	6-8	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 54 (26,26,2)
Lost: 18 (8,10,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 78,467 (#19)

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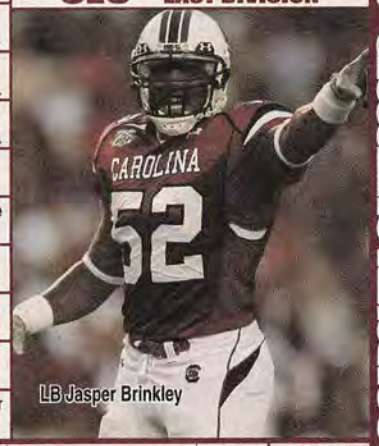


LB Jasper Brinkley

Phil's Homefield Edge-4 2008 Schedule Difficulty-#26		TURF	LINE	Final Score		W	CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
Date	Opponent			SC	Opp	L	1. Todd Ellis 9,953 '86-'89	1. George Rogers 5,204 '77-'80	1. Sterling Sharpe 2,497 '83, '85-'87
							2. Steve Taneyhill 8,782 '92-'95	2. Brandon Bennett 3,055 '91-'94	2. Zola Davis 2,354 '95-'98
							3. Blake Mitchell 5,992 '04-'07	3. Harold Green 3,005 '86-'89	3. Sidney Rice 2,233 '05-'06
Aug. 28	NC State (Thur)	G					SC has lost the L/4 in this series but has never dropped 5 straight in the 55 gm history. The Gamecocks have won 8 straight season openers by an avg of 16 ppg.		
Sep. 4	at Vanderbilt (Thur)	G					SC's 17-6 loss to Vandy LY was Spurrier's 1st career loss to Vandy (14-1) & snapped a 7 gm SC win streak in the series. SC was held to 26 rush yds in the game.		
Sep. 13	Georgia	G					LY UGA failed to score a TD for the 1st time in 6 yrs & SC's win snapped a 5 game losing streak. SC DC VanGorder will face his former boss Richt while his son is a walk-on LB at UGA.		
Sep. 20	Wofford	G					SC leads this instate series 17-4 with Wofford's last win coming in 1917. Wofford finished the '07 ssn w/a 9-4 record sharing the Southern Conf Title to reach the FCS playoffs.		
Sep. 27	UAB	G					Coming into '08, SC was 24-8 vs non-conf opp's. The only previous meeting was a 42-10 SC win in '03. UAB HC Callaway was the former OC at UGA ('01-'06) when UGA went 5-1 over SC.		
Oct. 4	at Mississippi	A					SC has lost the last 5 in this series with their last win coming in 1979. The Gamecocks trail the series 5-8 & have averaged just 17 ppg.		
Oct. 11	at Kentucky	G					SC DE Norwood tied an NCAA record with 2 FR TD's in LY's 38-21 SC win. KY had a 384-342 yd edge, but SC has a 4-1 TO edge & have now won 8 straight.		
Oct. 18	LSU	G					SC was outrushed by a 290-17 yd margin in last year's 28-16 loss. The Gamecocks are 2-15-1 all-time vs LSU with their last series win occurring in '94.		
Oct. 25									
Nov. 1	Tennessee	G					Last year SC had 501-317 yd & 31-16 FD edges, but a 4-1 TO deficit cost them the game in OT. SC has lost 14 of 15 gms in this series including 7 straight at home.		
Nov. 8	Arkansas	G					The Gamecocks are 5-16 in November the last 6 years including 0-3 last year. South Carolina allowed 541 rush yds (9.3 ypc) & 650 total yds in LY's loss to Ark.		
Nov. 15	at Florida	G					The Gamecocks are 3-12 prior to a bye during the regular season since 1992. The visitor has lost 4 of the last 6 in this series with SC just 4-21-3 overall.		
Nov. 22							Bonus: The Gamecocks have never beaten the Gators in Florida 0-12-2.		
Nov. 29	at Clemson	G					SC has lost 9 of the L/11 in this series. Last year CU hit a 35 yd FG with no time left for a 23-21 win. SC has finished the regular season vs Clemson every yr since '91.		

STADIUM: WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (80,250) (#20)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	9-3	5-7	5-7	6-5	7-5	8-5	6-6	54-42
Home	5-1	6-1	3-3	5-3	3-3	5-2	3-4	4-3	34-20
Away	2-3	2-2	2-4	0-4	3-2	2-2	4-1	2-3	17-21
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	3-5	2-6	4-4	5-3	3-5	3-5	30-34
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	2-2	3-1	2-1	2-2	5-0	3-1	24-8
ATS	9-3	6-4-1	3-9	5-7	4-7	6-6	9-3	5-5-1	47-44-2
Home Fav (Lou Holtz)	3-0	2-2-1	2-1	1-3	1-4	2-2 (Steve Spurrier)	2-0	2-2	15-14-1
Home Dog	2-1	0-1	0-3	2-1	1-0	1-2	1-3	1-1	8-12
Away Fav	2-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	3-0	0-1	7-5
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	1-3	2-2	1-2	3-1	2-0	2-1-1	14-11-1
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-3	4-3-1	32-31-1
vs Non-Conf	4-0	1-1-1	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-3	4-0	1-2	15-13-1
Off SU Win	5-2	5-3	2-3	3-2	2-4	4-3	5-2	3-2	29-21
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	1-5	2-4	1-3	2-2	3-1	2-2-1	15-19-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Carquest		+2	West Virginia	24-21
00	Outback		+6'	Ohio St - #19	24-7
01	Outback - #14		-1	Ohio St - #22	31-28
05	Independence		-4	Missouri	31-38
06	Liberty		-5	Houston	44-36

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

S Carolina's All-Time Bowl Record 4-9

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cory Boyd	180	952	49	903	9	5.0
Mike Davis	114	549	31	518	5	4.5
Chris Culliver	5	32	1	31	0	6.2
Kenny McKinley	5	20	5	15	0	3.0
Tommy Beecher	7	19	9	10	0	1.4
Chris Smelley	29	62	121	-59	0	-2.0
Blake Mitchell	29	45	111	-66	2	-2.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Blake Mitchell	255	152	59.6	1747	10	9
Chris Smelley	162	92	56.8	1176	9	7
Tommy Beecher	23	14	60.9	175	1	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kenny McKinley	77	968	12.6	9	48	
Jared Cook	30	421	14.0	3	31	
Cory Boyd	36	405	11.2	1	39	
Dion Lecorn	27	315	11.7	3	24	
Mike Davis	23	224	9.7	1	57	
Freddie Brown	17	195	11.5	0	23	
Moe Brown	13	168	12.9	0	27	
Weslye Saunders	12	151	12.6	0	48	
Andy Boyd	9	102	11.3	1	33	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Succop	56	2330	41.6	13	34.4	3	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Succop	37-37	2-2	6-6	5-8	0-1	13-17	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Emanuel Cook	92	4	4	5	3
Eric Norwood	69	6	13.5	3	0
Darian Stewart	68	0	3	7	2
Rodney Paulk	64	1	3.5	0	0
Marvin Sapp	61	0	1	0	0
Casper Brinkley	59	3	10	0	0
Captain Munnerlyn	47	0	2	4	3
Chris Hampton	42	0	1	1	1
Ladi Ajiboye	39	3	0.5	1	0
Cody Wells	35	0	1	0	0
Cliff Matthews	26	0	2	0	0
Stoney Woodson	26	0	0.5	4	1
Marque Hall	22	1	1	1	0
Brandon Isaac	21	0	2	5	1
Jasper Brinkley	21	0	1	1	2
Carlos Thomas	17	0	0	6	0
Melvin Ingram	15	1	0	0	0
Gerrod Sinclair	15	0	0	1	0
Jonathan Williams	13	1	0	0	0
Kenrick Ellis	11	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Captain Munnerlyn	18	165	9.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Culliver	34	809	23.8	0
Captain Munnerlyn	12	258	21.5	0

SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	26.1	21	114	3.6	258	58.2	14.3	-7	2007	9	23.5	20	209	4.8	169	55.6	16.1
7*	26.6	21	144	4.5	251	62.5	14.8	-2	2006	5	18.7	18	147	4.1	190	54.3	18.0
4	23.7	17	95	3.1	221	60.0	13.3	+2	2005	4	23.2	20	174	4.1	187	55.9	15.5
9*	22.1	18	169	4.0	200	56.8	16.7	+1	2004	8	20.8	16	138	4.1	177	53.0	15.1
3	22.3	19	161	4.2	194	49.7	15.9	+7	2003	6	26.2	19	166	4.3	203	61.9	14.1
5	18.8	17	167	4.2	152	53.6	17.0	-5	2002	4	21.8	19	165	4.1	187	59.2	16.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

SC 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
78,234	Louisiana-Lft	27	41-195	4.8	21-29	238	2	17	47-252	5.4	12-19	63	1	-1
92,746	at Georgia	21	34-140	4.1	20-31	174	2	20	31-128	4.1	19-45	213	3	+1
73,095	S Carolina St	24	37-223	6.0	17-29	185	2	12	47-196	4.2	10-21	68	1	-2
92,530	at LSU	16	27-17	0.6	19-42	244	3	19	50-290	5.8	8-20	70	1	-2
78,883	Mississippi St	21	35-123	3.5	19-37	279	2	18	42-140	3.3	12-27	118	2	0
76,220	Kentucky	18	36-86	2.4	17-30	256	5	26	38-157	4.1	23-40	227	3	+3
61,000	at N Carolina	15	32-110	3.4	17-26	172	3	22	36-113	3.1	22-43	285	5	+1
79,212	Vanderbilt	14	22-26	1.2	23-43	256	7	12	47-146	3.1	8-16	123	2	-2
105,962	at Tennessee	31	39-171	4.4	34-50	330	1	16	28-101	3.6	26-45	216	1	-3
70,742	at Arkansas	29	32-125	3.9	27-51	364	2	26	58-541	9.3	9-11	109	0	0
81,215	Florida	22	26-68	2.6	26-44	316	2	28	48-233	4.9	22-32	304	0	0
82,410	Clemson	17	21-80	3.8	18-31	284	0	26	46-214	4.7	28-39	229	2	-2
TOTALS		255	382-1364	3.6	258-443	3098	31	242	518-2511	4.8	199-358	2025	21	-7
AVERAGES		21.3	32-114	3.6	22-37	258	2.6	20.2	43-209	4.8	17-30	169	1.8	-0.6

SC 2003 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Louisiana-Lft	-24	14-7
-	Virginia - #15	+3	31-7
#25	at Georgia - #8	+13'	7-31
-	UAB	-14	42-10
-	at Tennessee - #8	+16	20-23 OT
-	Kentucky	-7'	27-21
-	LSU - #10	+4	7-33
-	Vanderbilt	-15'	35-24
-	at Mississippi - #20	+7	40-43
-	at Arkansas	+7'	6-28
-	Florida - #15	+7	22-24
-	Clemson	E	17-63

SC 2004 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Vanderbilt	-3'	31-6
-	Georgia - #3	+7'	16-20
-	USF	-12'	34-3
-	Troy	-14	17-7
-	at Alabama	+2'	20-3
#25	Mississippi	-16'	28-31
-	at Kentucky	-13	12-7
-	Tennessee - #11	-1	29-43
-	Arkansas	-3'	35-32
-	at Florida	+7	14-48
-	at Clemson	+3	7-29

SC 2005 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	UCF	-21	24-15
-	at Georgia - #9	+17'	15-17
-	Alabama	+2	14-37
-	Troy	-20	45-20
-	at Auburn	+14'	7-48
-	Kentucky	-12'	44-16
-	Vanderbilt	-8'	35-28
-	at Tennessee - #23	+13'	16-15
-	at Arkansas	+4'	14-10
-	Florida - #12	+4	30-22
#19	Clemson	+3	9-13

SC 2006 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Mississippi St	-7	15-0
-	Georgia - #12	+3	0-18
-	Wofford	NL	27-20
-	Florida Atlantic	-28'	45-6
-	Auburn - #2	+13'	17-24
-	at Kentucky	-4'	24-17
-	at Vanderbilt	-3'	31-13
-	Tennessee - #8	+3'	24-31
-	Arkansas - #12	+2'	20-26
-	at Florida - #6	+13'	16-17
-	Middle Tennessee	-15'	52-7
-	at Clemson - #24	+5'	31-28

SC 2007 RESULTS

SC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Louisiana-Lft	-29	28-14
-	at Georgia - #11	+3'	16-12
#17	South Carolina St	NL	38-3
#12	at LSU - #2	+17'	16-28
#16	Mississippi St	-13'	38-21
#11	Kentucky - #8	-4	38-23
#7	at North Carolina	-7	21-15
#6	Vanderbilt	-13'	6-17
#15	at Tennessee	+3	24-27 OT
#23	at Arkansas	+6	36-48
-	Florida - #17	+7'	31-51
-	Clemson - #21	+3	21-23

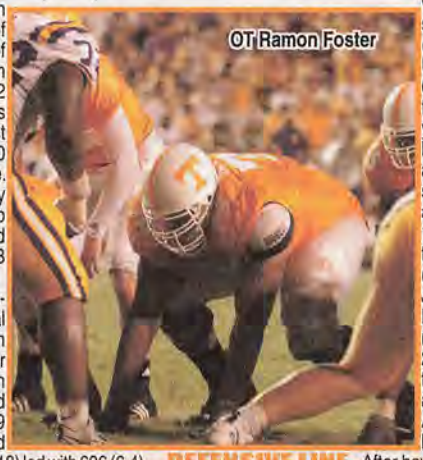
TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Tennessee has had some fine QB's including Peyton Manning. Eric Ainge (PS#22) started 6 as a true frosh (inj 4). He had 5 starts in 2005 splitting time all year with Rick Clausen. In 2006 they brought in OC David Cutcliffe and I called for Ainge to be the most improved QB in the country and that he was. Ainge threw for 2,989 (67%) with a 19-9 ratio. Last year Ainge started all 14 despite suffering a broken pinky prior to the opener. With the exception of 2 int in the 4Q of the SEC Title game, he had a fine year throwing for 3,522 (62.6%) with a 31-10 ratio. He set the school's single season completion record and was named MVP of the bowl with 365 yards and was a #5DC of NYJ. Jonathan Crompton (PS#3) played in 7 in 2006 throwing for 401 (47%) with a 4-2 ratio and started vs Ark when Ainge was injured. He played in 7 last year but had just 12 att. He will battle Nick Stephens who hit 10 of 19 for 162 yds in a JV game vs Hargrave. BJ Coleman (PS#65) and true frosh Casey Kelly (PS#25) will compete for the backup spot. Naturally, going from an accomplished veteran to an inexperienced unit, the QB numbers figure to be down.

RUNNING BACKS - Tennessee usually has a star RB including players like Jamal Lewis, Travis Henry and Travis Stephens with Henry finishing as UT's career leading rusher and Stephens holding the UT single season rush record. After having a pair of 1,000 yard backs in 2004, rFr Arian Foster led with 879 (4.8) in '05. Foster was banged up in '06 and finished with 322 (3.5). LaMarcus Coker (PS#18) led with 696 (6.4). Montario Hardesty (PS#22) added 384 (3.6). The school's 108 ypg rushing was their lowest output since 1964. All 3 returned in '07 but Coker was susp in August and had just 16 yds in the first 3. He had 101 vs Ark St but then was dismissed in Nov. Foster finished with 1,193 (4.9). Hardesty suffered an ankle injury and was never 100% rushing for 373 (4.2). True frosh Lennon Creer (PS#6) was labeled the TB of the future and avg 5.9 ypc but most of his 214 yards came late in blowout wins. Not listed below are true frosh Tauren Poole (PS#51) who was in for spring and FB's David Holbert (6'1" 250 Sr, dislocated knee in spg '08 ??), Kevin Cooper (6'0" 240 So, PS#76), and Austin Johnson (6'2" 242 Fr, PS#52LB) who was moved from LB in spring after Holbert was injured. This year Foster turned down an early shot at the NFL, so this group should put up the best rushing numbers in at least 4 years.

RECEIVERS - Tennessee has the reputation of being "WR U" as they've produced plenty of NFL WR's. Last year it was the biggest question mark on the team as they had to replace their top 3 WR's who combined for 71% of the team's receiving yards with Robert Meachem (#1DC NO) setting the school's single season record with 1,298 (18.3). The top returnee was TE Chris Brown who had 239 (7.7). Much was expected of TE Brad Cottam who is 6'8" 270 with 4.6 speed but he suffered a wrist injury and played in just the last 5 (5 rec). While the receiving corps was young, the top 3 WR's combined for 2,181 which was just 258 yards less than the top 3 of '06. The biggest difference was that in '06 the top 3 avg'd 15.3 ypc and last year avg'd just 11.8. Lucas Taylor, Austin Rogers and Josh Briscoe all had problems with drops at times but for the key 2 pt conv vs UK, Ainge forced it into a tight spot and hit Rogers. Taylor (turf toe vs Ala), Rogers (shldr inj) and Briscoe (wrist) were also banged up. Taylor and Rogers became the first UT WR duo to top 100 (vs S Miss) since the 1997 Championship game (Marcus Nash and Peerless Price). True frosh Gerald Jones (PS#2DB) missed the first 4 and had 11 rec and also lined up at QB in the G-Gun formation. This year they lose TE's Brown (14 st, 282) and Brad Cottam (4 st, #3DC KC). FSU transfer Kenny O'Neal (PS#27JC) struggled (2 rec). This unit is vastly more experienced than 2007.


OT Ramon Foster

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL was hit hard by injuries in '05 and not a single player managed to start all 11 at the same spot. The Vols avg'd just 3.5 ypc (worst S/'96) but did allow just 19 sacks. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters. They only opened holes for 108 ypg rush (worst since 1964) with a 3.1 ypc in SEC play (#11). They allowed 19 sacks (4.6%). Last year they had to replace two starters including a #2DC. RT Eric Young (PS#4) was lost (torn quad) after 8 starts. G Jacques McClendon (PS#9) is the strongest OL in UT history and started the last 6. McClendon had the huge fumble recovery vs SC, 26 yards up field which was the key play in the win. They set an NCAA record for fewest sacks allowed with 4 (1%!) and they opened holes for 139 ypg rush (4.2). This year they must replace LT Young (2nd Tm SEC), OT Steven Jones (3 gm) and C Michael Frogg (3 gm). Their 62 starts returning from 2007 is #4 in IA. 2nd Tm AA LG Anthony Parker turned down a shot at the NFL, and the Vols have 4 potential All-SEC players. This looks like the SEC's top OL.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After having inexperienced defensive fronts for 3 straight years, 7 of their top 8 were back in 2005 and the Vols (despite a 5-6 record) were #2 in the NCAA in rush D (2.5 ypc). In 2006 they had to replace a 3rd Tm AA and two 2nd Tm SEC DE's. The lone returning starter, Justin Harrell was lost after 3 starts. The Vols allowed 4.1 ypc rush, their worst total since 1990 (17 sk). Last year they had to replace Harrell (#1 DC) plus DT Turk McBride (#2 DC) and 1 other starter. The Vols allowed 4.2 ypc rush. This year they must replace DE Antonio Reynolds (14 st, 31 tkl, 3 sk), DE Xavier Mitchell (14 st, 51 tkl, 2 sk) and DT JT Mapu (5 st, 22 tkl). I expect more production from soph Ben Martin (PS#1LB). Despite the losses, this unit is more experienced and should be tougher up front. Last year UT had 11 DL's on NFL rosters, the most in the NCAA.

LINEBACKERS - UT has had an LB selected in the NFL draft in 9 of the last 10 years. In '06 the returning LB's had just 3 career starts. Last year they only had to replace one starter but it was their #1 tackler. Departing this year is Jerod Mayo who led the SEC in tackles (140) the most for a Vol since '88 (Keith DeLong). Mayo earned 1st Tm SEC honors (#1DC NE). Also gone this year are SLB Ryan Karl (14 st, 85 tkl) and Dorian Davis (15 tkl). There are plenty of VHT's in the unit below but this group figures to be down a notch.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Vols finished #29 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and in 2006 despite some injuries, finished #37. Last year SS Demetrice Morley (PS#7) missed the year (acad). The one returning starter, FS Jonathan Hefney, earned 1st Tm SEC (96 tkl). This year they lose Hefney as well as Antonio Wardlow (9 tkl), SS Jarod Parrish (2 st, 20 tkl) and FS Ricardo Kemp (13 tkl). Eric Berry lived up to his PS#1 billing starting all 14 as a true frosh (5 int, 86 tkl). They have 5 back who have 7+ career starts and Morley returns. This is a much more experienced secondary and should improve upon last year's #78 finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Phillip Fulmer's ST units are almost always in my top 50 but in 2005 they plummeted to #88 with the unit probably costing them a bowl bid. In 2006 they moved to #29 and had the best specialists in the SEC in K James Wilhoit (PS#2) who hit 18 of 22 FG's and P Britton Colquitt (PS#21) who was #7 in the NCAA with a 44.9 avg (37.6 net). Surprisingly with a plethora of VHT's, the Vols didn't top 19.8 on KR's as a team from 2004-'06 (16.1 in '06). Last year they had to replace Wilhoit and Colquitt did not handle KO's the first 4 (quad inj) and was not 100% punting. His avg dropped to 41.6 (net 36.7). In the first 3 they allowed 2 PR TD's and were yielding a 42.0 PR avg but as Colquitt's leg got better, so did the punt unit. At midseason they inserted true frosh Dennis Rogan at KR (29.5) and the team's 24.4 avg on KR's was their best since 1995! PK Daniel Lincoln, who was 1st Tm AA by the FWAA, missed 4 of his final 5 FG's, but got a reprieve vs SCar when his missed 43 yd FG was nullified allowing him to hit a 48 yarder for the win. They finished #19 last year and with everyone back could finish near the top again however P Colquitt is suspended for the first five games.

COACHES - Phillip Fulmer currently has a 147-45 record (76%), which is the best in the major college ranks amongst coaches with 10+ years of service. Fulmer has zero SEC Titles and just 2 Top 10 finishes in the last 9 years. DC John Chavis enters his 14th year. Only 6 opposing ball carriers rushed for at least 100 yds vs Chavis' defense in 37 games prior to 2007. However, LY the defense allowed nine 100+ yd rushers. OC David Cutcliffe (2Y) moves on and the new OC is Dave Clawson who was the Richmond HC. Richmond was 11-3 last year and had a school record 8,817 yards combined in 2005 and 2006. He was also the HC at Fordham for 5 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Vols' 2004 season of 10-3 was very misleading. They were 7-1 in SEC play and yet only outgained SEC foes by an avg of 14.5 ypg (7th best). I pointed out in my SEC Regional Magazine that in the worst case scenario Tenn could have been a 4-9 team in 2004. I did not make a lot of friends in Knoxville in 2005. UT was ranked #3 in both preseason polls and was the preseason choice to win the SEC Title by the SEC media. I had them #3 as well but it was in the SEC East as mine was the only magazine that called for Georgia to win the SEC and the ONLY magazine that did NOT have UT in first place. UT lost 4 games in a row for the first time since 1988 as their streak of 16 consecutive bowls was snapped. Fulmer's previous worst season was 2002's 8-5 but they were just 5-6 in 2005. In 2006 I pointed out many reasons why I thought UT would rebound, among them was that despite their 3-5 SEC mark in 2005, they outgained SEC foes by 28.9 ypg. Cutcliffe returned as OC and had 7 offensive starters back. I felt that Ainge would be the most improved QB in the country and I pegged the Vols as one of my surprise teams. UT was actually an underdog at home vs #9 Cal but dominated leading 35-0 late 3Q. Injuries hurt the squad. Ainge started vs LSU but hobbled around only hitting 1 of 6 then missed Ark which were both crucial losses. The Vols had 4Q leads vs Fla and LSU and if they had won those two, they would have taken home the SEC East Title. They put up 51 points Between the Hedges vs Georgia. Fulmer did have a disappointing bowl loss to Penn St and since his National Title is just 3-5 in bowl games with just one BCS bowl. They played a tough schedule in '06 with 5 foes ranked in the Top 13. Tenn's 2007 season reminded me a lot of 2004 as they caught a lot of fortunate breaks to get to the SEC Title game. Cal destroyed them in the opener as did #5 Florida in Wk 3. A 2-2 Vol team hosted UGA in Wk 5 with the Vols off a bye and in an absolute must-win situation as it was rumored that Fulmer would be gone if they lost. They scored on 4 of their first 5 poss and won 35-14. After beating Miss St they climbed to #20 but were destroyed by Alabama. They were outgained 501-317 by SCar but Tenn won in OT. They did have an impressive win vs Ark but then trailed 24-9 after 3Q's vs Vandy but came back to go ahead 25-24 with 2:46 left and a VU 49 yd FG with :33 left bounced off the upright. They got past Kentucky in 4OT. LSU beat Tenn in the SEC Title game but the Vols rebounded to beat Wisconsin in the Outback Bowl for a solid 10-4 year and a #12 ranking, their highest since 2001 (#4). Despite their 6-2 record and sharing the SEC East Title with Georgia, they were outgained by 32.7 ypg which was actually the 3rd worst mark in the league! Tenn benefitted from +7 in TO's and had 3 net close wins. Despite the loss of Ainge, this year's squad could be even stronger than the 2007 version but won't match their 10-win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 8 **Jonathan Crompton Jr.** 6-4 220 **PS#3**. 14 gm 2Y. 1 st, 498 yd (48.7%) 5-4 ratio. 17 Nick Stephens (6'4" 215 So) PS#41. BJ Coleman (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#65. Casey Kelly PS#25.
RB 27 **ARIAN FOSTER SR.** 6-1 215 PS#143. #1 rusher '05 & '07. 23 st 3Y, 2394 (4.6) 64 rec. 2 Montario Hardesty (6'0" 210 Jr) **PS#22**. 775 (3.8) 3Y. 3 **Lennon Creer** (6'1" 210 So) **PS#6**.
WR 12 **LUCAS TAYLOR SR.** 6-0 185 **PS#21**. 794 all-purp '05-'06. **2nd Tm SEC LY**. 13 st, 1000 (13.7). 8 Denarius Moore (6'1" 185 So) PS#53. 212 (15.1) . 11 Todd Campbell (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#29.
WR 21 **AUSTIN ROGERS JR.** 6-2 185 PS#54. 1 st '06. 14 st LY, 624 (11.1). 87 Quintin Hancock (6'3" 200 Jr) PS#69. 165 (10.3) LY. 1 Kenny O'Neal (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#27JC. 2 rec.
WR 81 **JOSH BRISCOE SR.** 6-3 183 **PS#26**. 5 st LY, 557 (9.9). 4 **Gerald Jones** (6'0" 185 So) **PS#2DB**. 169 ttl yd true. 82 Ahmad Paige (6'1" 180 rFr) **PS#9**. Tyler Maples PS#59.
TE 80 **Jeff Cottam Jr.** 6-8 260 **PS#7**. 13 gm rFr. 6 st LY, 4 rec. Luke Stocker (6'6" 245 So) PS#55. 4 rec. Aaron Douglas **PS#8**. Brandon Warren (6'3" 230 So) PS#4. 28 rec (10.8) Fla St '06.
C 50 **JOSH McNEIL JR.** 6-4 280 **PS#9**. L/9 st rFr, **SEC Fr Tm**. 14 st C LY, HM SEC. Cody Pope (6'6" 285 rFr) PS#124. Cody Sullins (6'1" 285 Jr). **LS** Morgan Cox (6'4" 225 Jr) 14 gm.
RG 65 **Jacques McClendon Jr.** 6-3 320 **PS#9**. 1 st RG true. Last 6 st RG LY. 51 Vladimir Richard (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#46DL. 13 gm OG LY. 74 Jarrod Shaw (6'4" 330 So) PS#68DL.
LG 75 **ANTHONY PARKER SR.** 6-3 300 PS#171. 1 st C rFr. 12 st RG '06. 14 st LG LY, **2nd Tm AA**. 76 Darris Sawtelle (6'6" 295 rFr) **PS#26**. 69 Cory Sullins (6'1" 285 Jr).
RT 78 **RAMON FOSTER SR.** 6-6 325 PS#106. 2 st rFr. 11 gm '06. 14 st RT LY. Proj #6 DC. Darius Myers (6'6" 315 So) PS#107. 2 gm rFr. William Brimfield (6'5" 320 rFr) PS#199DL.
LT 79 **CHRIS SCOTT JR.** 6-5 310 **PS#7**. 7 gm rFr. 14 st LY (1st 8RG, last 6LT). 72 Ramone Johnson (6'5" 315 So) **PS#32**. 6 gm rFr. Preston Bailey (6'5" 320 Fr) PS#41.
K 28 **DANIEL LINCOLN SO.** 6-0 204 **1st Tm AA FWAA!** Hit 21 of 29 FG LY, long 48. 2 miss 50+. 7-10 from 40-49. Devin Mathis (5'10" 180 So). Daniel Slutsky (5'10" 181 rFr).

DE 93 **Ben Martin So.** 6-3 240 **PS#1LB**. 7 tkl true. 94 Wes Brown (6'4" 256 Jr) PS#32. 17 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 23 tkl, 3 qbh LY. 88 Phillip Tritapoe (6'5" 250 Sr) E Tenn St trans.
DT 55 **DAN WILLIAMS JR.** 6-3 310 **PS#97**. 2 tkl rFr. 10 st LY, 40 tkl, 6.5 tfl. Chase Nelson (6'4" 270 Jr) PS#105. 3 tkl. Donald Langley (6'2" 290 rFr) PS#62. Stephen Darville (6'0" 265 Sr).
DT 98 **DEMONTÉ BOLDEN SR.** 6-5 290 **PS#6**. 22 tkl, 4 tfl '06. 12 st LY, 26 tkl, 5 tfl. 95 Walter Fisher (6'3" 275 Sr) PS#42JC. 35 tkl 2Y. Victor Thomas (6'4" 270 So) PS#127.
DE 91 **Robert Ayers Sr.** 6-3 270 **PS#14LB**. 2 st '06, 25 tkl, 3 tfl. 34 tkl, 4 sk LY. 84 Chris Walker (6'3" 230 So) **PS#38LB**. 3 tkl true. Andre Mathis (6'2" 255 Jr) **PS#19**. 2 tkl rFr.
SLB 35 **Ellix Wilson Sr.** 5-10 225 PS#77DB. 1 st, 43 tkl, 3 sk L2Y. 20 Nevin McKenzie (6'2" 215 Sr) **PS#50JC**. 35 tkl, 2.5 sk LY. 42 LaMarcus Thompson (6'1" 220 So) 10 tkl rFr.
MLB HA **Gerald Williams So.** 6-4 240 **PS#43JC**. 13 Chris Donald (6'1" 225 rFr) **PS#5**. 56 Nick Reveiz (5'10" 225 So) 15 tkl rFr, top sp tms tkl'r. Jake Storey (5'10" 214 rFr).
WLB 5 **RICO McCOY JR.** 6-1 215 **PS#8**. 2 st rFr, 38 tkl, 3 tfl. 13 st LY, 106 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **2nd Tm SEC**. Adam Myers-White (6'2" 215 Sr) **PS#12**. 24 tkl 2Y. Savion Frazier (6'2" 210 So) PS#90RB.
CB 24 **DeANGELO WILLINGHAM SR.** 6-0 200 PS#65JC. 8 st LY, 38 tkl. Marsalous Johnson (5'9" 180 Jr) PS#130. 7 st, 25 tkl. CJ Fleming (5'10" 173 rFr) PS#27WR. Art Evans (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#94.
CB 12 **BRENT VINSON SO.** 6-0 190 PS#89WR. 10 st true, 37 tkl, 7 pbu. 41 Dennis Rogan (5'10" 185 So) PS#95. 19 tkl true. Antonio Gaines (5'9" 185 Sr). PS#143RB. 2 st, 17 tkl 4Y.
SS 14 **ERIC BERRY SO.** 5-11 195 **PS#1. FWAA Frosh AA**. 14 st as true. 86 tkl, 5 int. 38 Anthony Anderson (6'1" 180 rFr) PS#60WR. Tyler Wolf (6'0" 200 So). Derrick Furlow (6'1" 190 Jr).
FS 7 **Demetrice Morley Jr.** 6-2 195 **PS#7**. 15 tkl true. 10 st SS '06, 51 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Inel LY. 9 Daryl Vereen (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#85RB. 22 Vince Faison (6'0" 195 Fr) PS#28. 27 yrs old.
P 47 **BRITTON COLQUITT SR.** 6-3 205 1st Tm SEC '06, 37.6 net! 41.2 avg '05, 44.9 in '06. Inj LY but 41.6 avg net 36.7. **Susp'd first 5 '08**. Chad Cunningham (6'3" 210 So) PS#8. 3 punts LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Gerald Williams 6-4 240 PS#43JC
TE	Aaron Douglas 6-6 245 PS#8
WR	EJ Abrams-Ward 6-5 210 PS#27LB
OL	Preston Bailey 6-5 320 PS#41
QB	Casey Kelly 6-4 195 PS#25
WR	Rodriquez Wilks 6-1 195 PS#45
RB	Tauren Poole 5-10 200 PS#51
RB	Austin Johnson 6-2 242 PS#52LB
DB	Prentiss Waggner 6-2 180 PS#52
OL	Dallas Thomas 6-6 260 PS#112
RB	Ben Bartholomew 6-3 235 PS#92
WR	Steven Fowlkes 6-5 213 PS#118DL
LB	Herman Lathers 6-0 210 PS#91
DL	Willie Bohannon 6-3 230 PS#146
DB	Stephaun Raines 6-0 180 PS#319JC
LB	Marlon Walls 6-4 230 PS#141
OL	Carson Anderson 6-3 275 PS#222
DL	Montori Hughes 6-5 275 PS#355

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PHILLIP FULMER (Career 147–45)
17th Year at Tennessee — Fulmer's Bowl Record: 8-7

Fulmer's records AT TENNESSEE

147-45	Straight Up	15-22	Vs Top 10
84-16	Home	44-33	Vs Top 25
51-19	Away	22-11	Vs BCS Teams
12-10	Neutral	31-16	Off A Bye
95-32	Vs Conference	30-8	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (10–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (21,22,4)
Lost: 22 (8,14,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 103,918 (#4)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#16

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	at UCLA (Mon)	G					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	UAB	G					
Sep. 20	Florida	G					
Sep. 27	at Auburn	G					
Oct. 4	Northern Illinois	G					
Oct. 11	at Georgia	G					
Oct. 18	Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 25	Alabama	G					
Nov. 1	at South Carolina	G					
Nov. 8	Wyoming (HC)	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 29	Kentucky	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Peyton Manning 11,201 '94-'97
2. Casey Clausen 9,707 '00-'03
3. Erik Ainge 8,700 '04-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Travis Henry 3,078 '97-'00
2. James Stewart 2,890 '91-'94
3. Johnnie Jones 2,852 '81-'84

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Joey Kent 2,814 '93-'96
2. Marcus Nash 2,447 '94-'97
3. Peerless Price 2,298 '95-'98

UT is 7-4-2 all-time vs UCLA winning 4 of the L/5. The Volunteers are 12-2 in season openers with both losses visiting Pac-10 teams including last year vs Cal.

UT is 2-0 in this series but barely escaped with a win in the last meeting (17-10 in '05 opener). The Vols have never lost a HG vs current members of CUSA (33-0).

LY's 59-20 loss was UT's worst loss under Fulmer & their worst loss in the 37 meetings vs UF. UT has avg'd 13 ypg rushing the last 2 years vs UF (-11 in '06, 37 LY).

Tenn has lost 3 in a row in this series with the last meeting being in the '04 SEC Champ game (38-28). The Vol's are 12-0 after Florida in regular season games.

First meeting. UT has only faced 2 current MAC schools (Temple & Akron) with an avg win of 40-14. The Vol's have won 8 straight non-conf home games by 19 ppg.

UGA has won 5 of the L/8 in this series, but UT has won 3 of the L/4 inc the L/2. UT allowed UGA only 2 FD's in the 1H LY & finished with a 411-243 yd edge in the 35-14 win.

Tennessee has won 5 straight & 8 of the last 9 in this series. The average score of the last 5 is Tenn 41-17. WR Taylor had a career high 186 receiving yds last year.

Last year Bama had 510-362 yd & 27-19 FD edges in their 41-17 blowout win. Fulmer has won 10 of 13 vs Alabama as a head coach & the home team is 4-0.

The Vols are 7-1 in OT games beating SC 27-24 in OT LY despite having a 501-317 yd disadvantage. Fulmer is 5-8 vs Spurrier lifetime, but 4-3 in the last 7 games.

UT is 2-0 vs WY all-time winning by an avg of 45-12 with the last meeting in '02. Tennessee is 15-1 under Fulmer on Homecoming winning by an avg of 25 ppg.

Tennessee has won 24 of the last 25 in this series & are 67-9-2 since 1928. Last year Vanderbilt led 24-9 mid 3Q before allowing a 16 pt comeback by Tenn.

Vols face their former OC Sanders (now UK QB coach & recruiting coordinator). Tenn has won 23 in a row for the nation's longest series win streak & 25 straight reg ssn finales.

C Josh McNeil

STADIUM: NEYLAND STADIUM (102,038) (#4)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Phillip Fulmer	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	11-2	8-5	10-3	10-3	5-6	9-4	10-4	71-31
Home	5-1	5-1	5-3	6-1	5-2	3-3	5-2	7-0	41-13
Away	3-2	5-0	2-1	4-1	4-0	2-3	4-1	2-3	26-11
Neutral	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-7
vs Conf	5-3	7-2	5-3	6-2	7-2	3-5	5-3	6-3	44-23
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	3-2	4-1	3-1	2-1	4-1	4-1	27-8
ATS	5-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	6-7	3-8	8-5	8-4-2	48-52-2
Home Fav	4-1	2-4	3-4	2-4	2-5	0-6	1-3	4-1-1	18-28-1
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-0	4-3
Away Fav	1-3	2-2	2-0	2-0	0-2	1-0	4-0	1-1	13-8
Away Dog	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-0	2-2	0-1	1-2	8-8
Neutral	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-1	1-0-1	5-5-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-6	4-4	5-3	3-6	3-5	5-3	4-3-2	31-34-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	3-1	2-3	1-4	3-1	0-3	3-2	4-1	17-18
Off SU Win	3-5	3-7	3-5	5-5	3-6	0-4	5-4	5-3-1	27-39-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	3-3	2-1	3-0-1	17-9-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Arian Foster	245	1231	38	1193	12	4.9
Montario Hardesty	89	394	21	373	3	4.2
Lennon Creer	36	224	10	214	1	5.9
LaMarcus Coker	45	180	11	169	1	3.8
Gerald Jones	8	63	5	58	2	7.2
Jonathan Crompton	4	0	9	-9	0	-2.2
Erik Ainge	16	25	57	-32	0	-2.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Erik Ainge	519	325	62.6	3522	31	10
Jonathan Crompton	12	7	58.3	97	1	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Lucas Taylor	73	1000	13.7	5	51	
Austin Rogers	56	624	11.1	4	32	
Josh Briscoe	56	557	9.9	6	29	
Arian Foster	39	340	8.7	2	65	
Chris Brown	41	282	6.9	6	27	
Denarius Moore	14	212	15.1	0	40	
Quintin Hancock	16	165	10.3	3	40	
LaMarcus Coker	7	132	18.9	2	56	
Brad Cottam	5	125	25.0	1	59	
Gerald Jones	11	111	10.1	1	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Britton Colquitt	62	2579	41.6	15	36.7(t)	0	23
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Daniel Lincoln	52-53	9-11	5-6	7-10	0-2	21-29	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jerod Mayo	140	1.5	7	2	1
Rico McCoy	106	1	3.5	4	1
Jonathan Hefney	96	0	2	6	1
Eric Berry	86	0	2	4	5
Ryan Karl	85	0	5.5	7	1
Xavier Mitchell	51	2	5	3	1
Dan Williams	40	2	4.5	0	0
DeAngelo Willingham	38	0	1	3	0
Brent Vinson	37	0	0	7	1
Nevin McKenzie	35	2.5	0	0	0
Robert Ayers	34	4	8	2	0
Antonio Reynolds	31	3	2.5	1	1
Ellix Wilson	30	3	2	1	0
Walter Fisher	27	0	1	2	0
Demonté Bolden	26	2	3	2	0
Marsalous Johnson	25	0	0	4	1
Wes Brown	23	0.5	0.5	0	0
JT Mapu	22	1	0.5	0	0
Jarod Parrish	20	0	1	0	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dennis Rogan	17	165	9.7	0	
Jonathan Hefney	14	89	6.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
LaMarcus Coker	21	560	26.7	0	
Dennis Rogan	13	383	29.5	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Peach	+1	Maryland - #20	3-30
03	Peach - #6	-4'	Clemson	14-27
04	Cotton - #15	+4'	Texas A&M - #22	38-7
06	Outback - #17	-4'	Penn St	10-20
07	Outback - #16	-1'	Wisconsin - #18	21-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Tennessee's All-Time Bowl Record 25–22

TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	32.5	21	139	4.2	263	62.4	12.4	+7	2007	5	27.3	21	165	4.2	239	59.3	14.8
7	27.8	19	108	3.7	264	63.9	13.4	+1	2006	4	19.5	18	147	4.1	181	57.4	16.8
8*	18.6	18	128	3.5	198	52.2	17.5	-7	2005	9	18.6	17	82	2.5	216	59.9	16.0
5	29.1	21	186	4.7	213	55.9	13.7	+6	2004	3	22.7	20	120	3.5	236	60.8	15.7
8*	28.1	20	138	3.9	233	56.4	13.2	+3	2003	3	18.4	19	138	3.7	186	55.6	17.6
5*	22.8	19	151	3.8	203	61.2	15.5	+2	2002	5	17.5	16	129	3.4	156	48.7	16.3

2007 STATS BY GAME

UT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
72,516	at California	20	27-111	4.1	32-47	271	1	23	37-230	6.2	19-28	241	0	0
106,311	S Mississippi	22	39-193	4.9	23-36	276	1	17	32-90	2.8	21-41	264	2	+1
90,707	at Florida	14	21-37	1.8	28-46	261	0	23	46-255	5.5	14-19	299	0	-2
102,368	Arkansas St	30	37-188	5.1	28-40	335	0	17	31-178	5.7	18-36	199	4	+2
107,052	Georgia	21	44-190	4.3	18-23	221	0	14	25-69	2.8	16-34	174	1	+1
50,217	at Miss St	23	42-211	5.0	22-36	259	0	18	36-135	3.8	18-33	203	1	-1
92,138	at Alabama	19	19-103	5.4	23-38	259	0	27	38-147	3.9	32-46	363	1	-2
105,962	South Carolina	16	28-101	3.6	26-45	216	1	31	39-171	4.4	34-50	330	1	+3
96,197	Louisiana-Lft	29	39-273	7.0	19-27	193	0	24	48-234	4.9	16-29	130	2	+2
104,459	Arkansas	18	43-151	3.5	12-25	128	0	15	36-127	3.5	15-29	162	2	+3
105,077	Vanderbilt	22	28-105	3.8	29-43	245	0	17	41-131	3.2	14-26	139	0	-1
69,813	at Kentucky	24	37-123	3.3	28-45	397	1	37	48-134	2.8	39-62	430	6	0
73,832	† LSU	17	26-94	3.6	20-40	249	0	21	47-212	4.5	21-33	252	1	0
60,121	† Wisconsin	18	29-66	2.3	25-43	365	0	16	41-192	4.7	14-25	155	3	+1
TOTALS		**293**	**459-1946**	**4.2**	**333-534**	**3675**	**4**	**300**	**545-2305**	**4.2**	**291-491**	**3341**	**24**	**+7**
AVERAGES		**20.9**	**33-139**	**4.2**	**24-38**	**263**	**0.3**	**21.4**	**39-165**	**4.2**	**21-35**	**239**	**1.7**	**0.5**

UT Pre #12 2003 RESULTS

UT Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #15
#12	Fresno St	-20	24-6	
#12	Marshall	-19'	34-24	
#12	at Florida - #17	+3'	24-10	
#8	South Carolina	-16	23-20	OT
#7	at Auburn	+1	21-28	
#13	Georgia - #8	+2'	14-41	
#22	at Alabama	-3	51-43	3OT
#19	Duke	-24	23-6	
#18	at Miami, Fl - #6	+12'	10-6	
#9	Mississippi St	-23'	59-21	
#9	Vanderbilt	-21	48-0	
#7	at Kentucky	-11'	20-7	

UT Pre #14 2004 RESULTS

UT Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #13
#14	UNLV	-19	42-17	
#14	Florida - #11	-3	30-28	
#11	Louisiana Tech	-23	42-17	
#11	Auburn - #8	-2	10-34	
#17	at Georgia - #3	+12'	19-14	
#13	at Mississippi	-10	21-17	
#11	Alabama	-7	17-13	
#11	at South Carolina	+1	43-29	
#9	Notre Dame	-7	13-17	
#15	at Vanderbilt	-12'	38-33	
#15	Kentucky	-24	37-31	
#15	† Auburn - #3	+14'	28-38	

UT Pre #3 2005 RESULTS

UT Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post -
#3	UAB	-21'	17-10	
#5	at Florida - #6	+6'	7-16	
#10	at LSU - #3	+6'	30-27	OT
#10	Mississippi	-21	27-10	
#8	Georgia - #5	-3	14-27	
#17	at Alabama - #5	+3'	3-6	
#23	South Carolina	-13'	15-16	
–	at Notre Dame - #8	+8'	21-41	
–	Memphis	-18'	20-16	
–	Vanderbilt	-11	24-28	
–	at Kentucky	-8'	27-8	

UT Pre #23 2006 RESULTS

UT Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #25
#23	California - #9	+3	35-18	
#11	Air Force	-20	31-30	
#13	Florida - #7	+3'	20-21	
#15	Marshall	-21	33-7	
#15	at Memphis	-13	41-7	
#13	at Georgia - #10	-2	51-33	
#7	Alabama	-10'	16-13	
#8	at South Carolina	-3'	31-24	
#8	LSU - #13	+5	24-28	
#13	at Arkansas - #11	+5'	14-31	
#22	at Vanderbilt	-7'	39-10	
#19	Kentucky	-20'	17-12	

UT Pre #15 2007 RESULTS

UT Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #12
#15	at California - #12	+6'	31-45	
#24	S Mississippi	-11	39-19	
#22	at Florida - #5	+7'	20-59	
–	Arkansas St	-19'	48-27	
–	Georgia - #12	+1'	35-14	
#25	at Mississippi St	-7	33-21	
#20	at Alabama	-1	17-41	
–	South Carolina - #15	-3	27-24	OT
#24	Louisiana-Lft	-28	59-7	
#22	Arkansas	-1	34-13	
#19	Vanderbilt	-11'	25-24	
#19	at Kentucky	+2'	52-50	4OT
#14	† LSU - #5	+7	14-21	

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004, the Cats had to replace their career passing leader, Jared Lorenzen. Shane Boyd was an athletic-type of QB suited to former OC Ron Hudson's offense and he beat out Andre' Woodson (PS#25). Woodson played in 7 with 1 start throwing for 492 (61.4%) with a 2-1 ratio. Woodson had the job to himself in 2005 with a new offense and set a school record with 153 consec passes without an int. He threw 3 int vs Florida and was injured and true frosh Curtis Pulley (PS#49, 1 st WR) filled in. Pulley threw for 208 (62%) with an 0-3 ratio (212 rush). Woodson finished with 1,644 (57.7%) with a 6-6 ratio. He won the job again in '06 and was #1 in the SEC in total offense, #1 in pass ypg and #2 in pass eff throwing for 3,515 (63%) with a 31-7 ratio. Pulley played some WR again (21 rec) and had just 14 pass att. Pulley was forced to RS in '07 (acad) and was the Off Scout Team POY. Woodson set an NCAA record for consecutive passes without an int with 325 (old rec 271 Trent Dilfer, Fresno St). The team jumped out to a 5-0 start and after their upset of LSU, Woodson became a Heisman candidate. OC Phillips said Woodson (#6DC NYG) is the smartest QB he's been around and he became the first UK QB to beat two Top 10 teams in one year since Rick Norton (1964). He finished as UK's #2 career passer here including a streak of 19 straight games of 200+ passing. Backup Mike Hartline played in 4 (6 att). They should incorporate more running into the QB position this year with Pulley's mobility. Hartline (PS#24) and Will Fidler (PS#34) are the key backups along with this year's true frosh. I expect drastically reduced passing numbers in 2008.

RUNNING BACKS - Rafael Little (PS#37) had an outstanding 2005 season with a school record 1,982 all-purpose yards topping Derek Abney (1,922 in '02). Tony Dixon (PS#87) was actually the top RB heading into '05 but was injured. Both returned in 2006 but Little missed 4 and parts of others (injuries). After rushing for 1,045 (5.3) in 2005, Little had just 673 (4.8) in '06. Dixon was bothered by a hamstring injury (303, 3.5). Alfonso Smith (4.24 spd) added 250 (4.2). Last year Little turned down an early shot at the NFL and became just the 3rd player in SEC history with 2,500 career rush and 1,000 rec yards and he was avg 113.7 ypg rushing before missing 3. He returned for the final 3 reg season games but was not 100% and finished with 1,013 (5.3) and 42 rec (8.3). He was healthy in the bowl and had 152 rush. True frosh Derrick Locke (4.21 spd) originally came to UK on a track scholarship and rushed for 521 (5.5). Dixon missed 2 and had 411 (5.7). Alfonso Smith added 149 (7.1) and Moncell Allen (5'7" 225 So, PS#66) had 39 (3.5). Not listed below are Trey Bowland (5'10" 190 So) and FB's Stephen Ball (5'10" 224 So) and Matt Ramsey (6'1" 205 So). While it will be tough to replace a player of Little's caliber, this unit can only remain healthier.

WR Dicky Lyons, Jr.

RECEIVERS - Keenan Burton made spectacular Lynn Swann-type catches so often that they were almost expected in practice and during games. Burton led in '06 (1036, 13.5) and Dicky Lyons Jr (PS#118) was #2 with 822 (16.4). TE Jacob Tamme had 386 (12.1). All 3 returned last year but Steve Johnson emerged (PS#25JC) after having just 12 rec in his first year. Johnson led with 1041 (17.4), Burton (banged up) was #2 with 741 (11.2) and Tamme had 619 (11.1). Unfortunately all 3 depart this year (Burton #4DC STL, Johnson #7DC BUF & Tamme #4DC IND) and I list the replacements below. Also gone is WR Sean Murphy (2 rec). While there is potential, it will be tough to replace their top 3 players and potential starter DeMoreo Ford (5'10" 186 Jr) suffered a ruptured patella tendon in spring and is questionable for '08.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Wildcats had to replace 5 players (combined 36 st). They brought in 2 JUCO's who were expected to start but they did not win starting jobs. Brooks said they had the opportunity to be the best OL he's had at UK. One of the 2 returning starters, LG Christian Johnson was susp in spring and lost his starting job to Zipp Duncan (13 st). In the team's 5-0 start, converted DL Jason Leger was named SEC OL of the Week twice and returning starter LT Garry Williams won it once. The Cats improved their ypg rushing to 155 (4.2), their best numbers since 1995 and allowed 38 sacks (7.2%), yielding just 12 in the first 7. This year they must replace 2nd Tm SEC RG Leger (10 st), C Eric Scott (13 st) and backup OT Joe Fischer (3 gm). They have 3 returning starters including 2nd Tm SEC LT Williams and Johnson to plug into the open guard spot making this group more experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Cats allowed 225 ypg rush (5.0) with a veteran unit, so they switched to a 4-3 in 2005 but still allowed 196 ypg (4.9) with just 16 sacks. In 2006 they lost 3 starters and allowed 184 ypg (5.0). Last year they had to replace two starters and projected starter Nii Adjei Oninku tore his ACL in August. Ricky Lumpkin showed promise last spring but missed 6 with a hip injury. The Cats improved the ypc allowed to 4.6 (24 sk). This year they lose DE Dominic Lewis (12 st, 37 tkl, 3 sk), Travis Day (7 tkl, 1 st) and DE Jamil Paris (6 tkl, 1.5 sk). This is an experienced group and UK should have their best rush D in at least the last four years.

LINEBACKERS - After having an inexperienced LB corps in 2005, all three starters returned in 2006 with Wesley Woodyard leading in tackles and Braxton Kelley finishing #2. Last year the unit returned intact again and Woodyard led the SEC in tpg (1st Tm SEC). Sam Maxwell and Johnny Williams shared the SLB slot. This year they lose Woodyard (13 st, 139 tkl) but have 5 of the top 6 back. While this group is a little less experienced with the loss of their top player, it is still a top-notch unit. The new starter is Micah Johnson (PS#4DL) who had 58 tackles last year. Brooks said this might be the most talented and deep LB group he has had here.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After a #46 finish in my pass D rankings in 2003, the Cats had veteran units in 2004 and 2005 but surprisingly dropped to #62 and #106, respectively. In 2006 they were #118 in the NCAA in pass ypg allowed but did improve in my pass D rankings to #87 having 9 more int's (14) than '05 (5). Last year they only had to replace one starter. FS Marcus McClinton did miss 5 with injury and only CB Trevard Lindley managed to start all 13. UK still rose to #31 allowing a 24-17 ratio. Not even listed in the PSL are Ahmad Grigsby (6'0" 188 Sr, 7 tkl), Robbie McAtee (5'10" 175 Sr) and Daryl Faulkner (5'9" 170 So). This year they lose SS Roger Williams (12 st, 37 tkl) but have 7 back with starting experience, and the Cats should have their best finish in my pass D rankings this decade.

SPECIAL TEAMS - When HC Rich Brooks was hired, he brought in Steve Ortmayer, who had been an NFL ST Coach for 17 years. They were in the Top 5 in the NCAA in both KR and PR avg setting school records in both as the Cats moved up to #22 in '05. In 2006 they had to replace their K and top KR plus PR Little missed 4. The Cats were still the only team in the NCAA to rank in the Top 10 in both KR and PR and finished #37 in my ST rankings. Last year everyone returned but Brooks said he still felt iffy about the K & P. Tim Masthay had a net of 33.6 but had an impressive 23 TB's on 83 KO's. Lones Seiber (PS#34) hit 16 of 25 FG's missing two from 50+ (long of 48). He set the UK single season record for points scored by a K with 99. Burton was solid on KR again (24.2) but Little's PR avg dropped from an amazing 22.6 in '06 to 6.7 and that was the key to UK dropping to #86. They lose dangerous returnmen Little and Burton but have a shot at improving as rFr Ryan Tydlacka could take over at either P or K.

COACHES - Rich Brooks was the head man at Oregon from 1977 to 1994 and compiled a 91-109-4 record there. He did guide Oregon to their first Rose Bowl appearance in 37 years and then left for the St Louis Rams (13-19). Brooks was out of coaching for two years prior to coming to UK in 2003. He was awarded a new 4 year, $11 mill contract in 2006. The OC is Joker Phillips, and the offense has improved from 15.7 ppg to 36.5 ppg in his 3 years as OC. Phillips was named Brooks' eventual successor in January. Last year Steve Brown, who had been the DB coach here the previous 4 years, was promoted to DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Brooks' first year (2003) they had just 68 scholarship players. Of the 40 signees from the 2001-'02 class, 24 left the team. While they were 1-7 in SEC play, they still managed a 4-8 finish and the D allowed just 22.8 ppg, not including OT. In 2004, they were up to 73 scholarship players (11 returning starters) and had 3 close losses including giving up a TD to Tenn with :38 left and finished 1-7 in the SEC again (-200.1 ypg). A total of 20 starters and key reserves missed a combined 77 games with injury in 2004. In 2005, most of UK's winnable games were on the road and out of their 81 scholarship players, 11 were former walk-ons. With the tough schedule UK was again plagued by injuries. They were drilled by Indiana 38-14 and Brooks' departure seemed a forgone conclusion at 1-5. They knocked Vandy out of a bowl with a 48-43 win and finished 3-8 (2 SEC wins) and were outgained by 142.4 ypg (last in SEC). That 2005 squad was -9 in turnovers. In 2006 with a much more favorable schedule and 15 returning starters, they gave Brooks another chance. Adding up those factors, I called for UK to escape the SEC basement and gave them a great shot at a bowl. Going into 2006, UK had just 3 seasons of 8 wins or more since 1951, and had been to just 10 bowls (2nd lowest in SEC). They recorded their first win over one of the Big 3 from the East (Tenn, UGA, Fla) since 1996 when they upset the Bulldogs 24-20 at home which was the catalyst for their 8-5 season including a bowl win. Heading into last year UK had not beaten a Top 15 team since 1988. The Cats had another outstanding year. Against #9 Louisville, they got a 57 yd TD pass with :28 left for the win that put them in the rankings for the first time in 22 years. They were outgained by Ark 373-131 at the half but got a 66 yd FR TD with :26 left in the half to put them back in it. They suffered their first defeat (at SC by 15) but the next week rebounded and upset #1 ranked LSU who was coming off their huge win vs Florida and had to travel. They were rated higher than Florida but lost at home and the next week a banged up UK team had 6 TO's and lost to Miss St by 17. UK got the benefit of a bye and despite being outgained by Vandy 432-351, pulled out the win on the road in a game in which UK had the crowd edge. After losing at #8 UGA, they nearly knocked Tenn out of the SEC Title game but lost in 4OT. Fla St had two dozen players susp for the bowl and UK had a large crowd edge and won by 7. UK did have the benefit of 4 net close wins. Their defense made strides going from 453 ypg allowed in '06 to 397 in '07 and has 17 of 22 players back from the bowl two deep. Despite having what figures to be their best D yet under Brooks, the offense loses QB Woodson, their top RB, and 3 of their top 4 receivers and is in rebuilding mode. UK also used up some good fortune last year but are just one upset away from a 3rd straight bowl bid.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 15 Curtis Pulley Jr. 6-4 200 PS#49. 22 gm 2Y, 280 pass (61%) 0-3 ratio. 346 rush, 220 rec. **5** Mike Hartline (6'6" 201 So) **PS#24**. 6 att rFr. Will Fidler (6'4" 220 So) **PS#34**.

RB 28 Tony Dixon Sr. 5-9 203 PS#87. 13 st 3Y, 958 (4.5) 38 rec (7.6). **20** Derrick Locke (5'10" 180 So) 4.21 speed. 2 st, 521 (5.5) true. **29** Alfonso Smith (6'1" 200 Jr) 399 (4.9) 2Y.

WR 14 Anthony Mosley rFr. 6-0 170 4.36 spd. **8** DeMoreo Ford PS#185. 5 st 3Y, 236 (11.8). **FB 40** Maurice Grinter (6'3" 250 Jr) PS#92. 2 st 2Y. John Conner (5'11" 228 Jr) 7 st 2Y.

WR 12 DICKY LYONS SR. 5-11 190 PS#118. 11 st '06, 822 (16.4). 11 st LY, 655 (11.7). **26** Terrence Jones (6'2" 192 So) PS#150. **17** EJ Adams (6'0" 190 Jr) 2 st, 23 tkl, 2Y CB.

WR 81 Kyrus Lanxter So. 6-3 187 PS#152. 1 rec true. **EJ Fields PS#105. 87** André Henderson (6'6" 214 So) PS#237. 3 gm rFr. Jonathan Gholson (6'2" 185 rFr).

TE 80 TC Drake Jr. 6-6 235 PS#145. Hargrave. 1 st true '06. 13 gm LY. 1 rec. **86** Ross Bogue (6'5" 240 Jr) PS#132. 26 gm 2Y. **82** Tyler Sexton (6'2" 242 Jr) 12 gm 2Y.

C 61 Jorge Gonzalez Jr. 6-3 300 3 gm '07. **63** Jake Lanefski (6'4" 280 rFr) PS#258. Marcus Davis (6'1" 280 So). **LS 55** Brad Hart (6'1" 218 So) 13 gm. JJ Helton (6'3" 230 So) 7 gm.

RG 72 ZIPP DUNCAN JR. 6-5 285 PS#39TE. 12 gm TE rFr. 13 st LY (10LG, 3RG). **73** Jess Beets (6'2" 285 Sr) PS#77JC. 5 gm LY. **64** Josh Winchell (6'3" 325 Sr) PS#94 '04 JC.

LG 78 Christian Johnson Sr. 6-4 325 PS#259. 10 gm true. **12 st LG '06**. Susp spg '07. 3 st. **70** Stuart Hines (6'4" 285 rFr) **PS#59. 68** Michael Williams (6'6" 294 Jr). 3 gm LY.

RT 76 JUSTIN JEFFRIES JR. 6-6 310 PS#152. 12 gm true, SEC Fr Tm. 13 st RT LY. **75** Brad Durham (6'4" 310 So) PS#139. 13 gm true. **58** Phillip Hibbard (6'5" 305 rFr).

LT 79 GARRY WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 300 PS#181. 3 st true. 12 st LT '06. 13 st LY. **2nd Tm SEC. 71** James Alexander (6'5" 298 Jr) 2 st, 23 gm 2Y. **52** Billy Joe Murphy (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#147.

K 36 LONES SEIBER JR. 5-9 190 PS#34. 11-19 FG true, L/48. Schl rec 99 pts '07. 16-25 FG, L/48. Ryan Tydlacka (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#28. JJ Housley (5'10" 186 Sr) 9 pts 2Y.

DE 99 JEREMY JARMON JR. 6-3 285 6 st rFr, 30 tkl, 4 sk. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC**. 62 tkl, 9 sk. **92** Josh Minton (6'3" 250 So) PS#95. Greg Meisner (6'2" 240 rFr). BJ Wiedemann (6'1" 242 So).

DT 91 COREY PETERS JR. 6-3 290 PS#128. 2 st, 18 tkl true. 12 st LY, 43 tkl, 2.5 sk. **53 Ricky Lumpkin** (6'4" 289 So) 1 st. 18 tkl rFr (inj). **60** Shane McCord (6'3" 271 So) PS#160. 3 tkl true.

DT 98 MYRON PRYOR SR. 6-1 310 PS#155OL. 2 st, 13 tkl, 2 sk true. 10 st '06, 42 tkl, 5 sk. 11 st LY, 27 tkl. **700 squat. 67** Joe Scott (6'2" 270 rFr) PS#190. **88** Chris Goode (6'4" 240 So).

DE 97 Nii Adjei Oninku Sr. 6-1 248 PS#68. 5 st rFr, 24 tkl, 2 tfl. 5 st '06, 12 tkl. ACL LY. **95** Ventrell Jenkins (6'2" 285 Sr) 3 st DT 3Y, 59 tkl, 7 sk. **93** Austin Moss (6'0" 250 Jr).

SLB 51 JOHNNY WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 240 PS#235. 7 st '06, 35 tkl. 7 st LY, 43 tkl. **Sam Maxwell** (6'3" 225 Jr). 4 st, 27 tkl LY. Jacob Dufrene (6'2" 215 So) PS#122. Antonio Thomas (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#254DB.

MLB 4 Micah Johnson Jr. 6-2 242 **PS#4DL**. 2 st, 29 tkl true. 1 st LY, 58 tkl, 4 tfl. Mikhail Mabry (6'2" 235 Jr) 7 tkl 2Y. Brandon Thurmond (6'2" 226 So). Chris Cessna (6'4" 220 rFr) PS#152.

WLB 56 BRAXTON KELLEY SR. 6-0 226 PS#154DL. 7 st, 44 tkl true. ACL. 10 st '06, 82 tkl. 12 st LY, 63 tkl, 5 tfl. Michael Schwindel (6'2" 220 Jr) PS#179DB. Ronnie Sneed (6'2" 235 rFr) Scout Def POY.

CB 32 TREVARD LINDLEY JR. 6-0 175 PS#189. 13 st rFr, 12 pbu. **1st Tm Frosh AA**. 13 st LY, 66 tkl, 3 int, 11 pbu. **23** Shomari Moore (5'9" 185 Sr) 8 st 3Y, 64 tkl, 5 pbu.

CB 34 PAUL WARFORD JR. 5-11 200 PS#117RB. Susp in spg. 3 st true, 34 tkl. 11 st LY, 41 tkl, 2 int, 9 pbu. **7** David Jones (5'10" 185 Sr) PS#107RB. **4.31 spd.** WR/DB 3Y.

SS 27 Ashton Cobb Jr. 6-0 205 PS#105. 1 st, 11 tkl true. 2 st LY, 42 tkl, 2 int. Matt Lentz (6'3" 205 rFr) PS#45QB. Greg Wilson (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#286WR. **24** Randall Burden (6'2" 170 rFr).

FS 2 MARCUS McCLINTON SR. 6-1 210 PS#97. 13 st, 65 tkl, 4 int '06. 7 st LY (inj), 32 tkl, 1 int. **33 Calvin Harrison** (6'1" 200 Jr) PS#89. 4 st, 41 tkl LY. **31** Jordan Nevels (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#259.

P 44 TIM MASTHAY SR. 6-2 200 **PS#22**. 23 TB on KO in '07! 3 year P with avg of 36.4, 39.2, 39.8 and nets of 32.9, 34.4 and 33.6. Ryan Tydlacka PS#28. 45.6 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Dave Ulinski 6-4 280 PS#58DL
DL	Donte Rumph 6-3 260 PS#102
WR	Aaron Boyd 6-3 210 PS#79
DB	Winston Guy 6-1 190 PS#93
WR	EJ Fields 6-2 190 PS#105
QB	Randall Cobb 5-11 180 PS#70
DB	Cartier Rice 5-10 180 PS#124
OL	Chandler Burden 6-5 280 PS#161
OL	Trevino Woods 6-5 280 PS#165
WR	Gene McCaskill 6-0 175 PS#136
TE	Sean Stackhouse 6-4 250 PS#51
DL	Matt Smith 6-4 270 PS#184
LB	William Johnson 6-3 195 PS#151
LB	Danny Trevathan 6-1 210 PS#177
QB	Matt Roark 6-6 190 PS#133
OL	Osaze Idumwonyi 6-1 275 PS#256
LB	Taylor Wyndham 6-4 210 PS#215
DL	Collins Ukwu 6-4 210 PS#298
QB	DeAunte Mason 6-3 215 PS#238
WR	Eric Adeyemi 6-0 165 PS#320

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RICH BROOKS (Career 116-144-4)
6th Year at Kentucky Brooks' Bowl Record: 3-3

Brooks' records AT KENTUCKY

25-35	Straight Up	2-7	Vs Top 10
18-16	Home	2-19	Vs Top 25
5-19	Away	5-3	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	5-5	Off A Bye
11-29	Vs Conference	15-17	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 57 (26,27,4)
Lost: 16 (9,7,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 68,824 (#23)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#34

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UK	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 31	at Louisville (Sun)	A				
Sep. 6	Norfolk St	G				
Sep. 13	Middle Tenn	G				
Sep. 20						
Sep. 27	Western Kentucky	G				
Oct. 4	at Alabama	G				
Oct. 11	South Carolina	G				
Oct. 18	Arkansas (HC)	G				
Oct. 25	at Florida	G				
Nov. 1	at Mississippi St	G				
Nov. 8	Georgia	G				
Nov. 15	Vanderbilt	G				
Nov. 22						
Nov. 29	at Tennessee	G				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jared Lorenzen 10,354 '00-'03
2. André Woodson 9,360 '04-'07
3. Tim Couch 8,435 '96-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Sonny Collins 3,835 '72-'75
2. Moe Williams 3,333 '93-'95
3. Rafael Little 2,996 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Craig Yeast 2,899 '95-'98
2. Keenan Burton 2,376 '03-'07
3. Derek Abney 2,339 '00-'03

Kentucky ended a 4 game losing streak to instate rival Louisville last year. Last yr's win was Kentucky's 1st win over a Top 10 tm S/'77 (46 straight losses).

Norfolk St finished 8-3 as members of the MEAC last year. This is the Spartans 2nd game vs a FBS opponent in their history (lost 59-0 to Rutgers LY).

First meeting between these 2 teams, but the Wildcats are 7-1 all-time vs current SBC schools winning by 23 ppg. UK is 2-13 since 1998 prior to a regular season bye.

This is the 1st meeting between these 2 teams. Coming into '08, UK has won 9 straight non-conference games (including bowls) by an avg of 16 ppg.

Kentucky is 2-33-1 all-time vs Bama with the last Kentucky win coming in 1997. Wildcats have won back-to-back SEC openers (18 straight losses prior to '06).

The Wildcats are 0-15 all-time vs Spurrier coached tms & 0-8 vs the Gamecocks. LY both tms were ranked for the 1st time when facing each other in the Thur night meeting.

Last year's 42-29 win by UK was their 1st win in an SEC road opener since 1999. The home team has lost the last 3 in this series by an avg of 11 ppg.

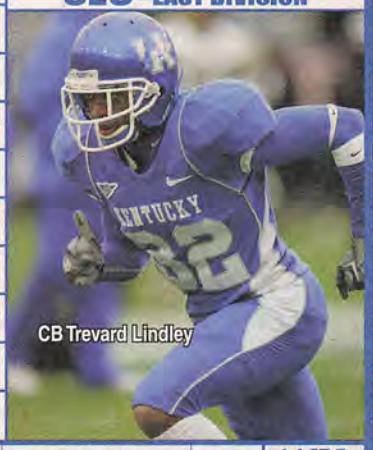
The Wildcats have lost 21 in a row to the Gators (last win was in 1986). Last year both teams came into this game ranked for the 1st time since 1950.

The Wildcats lost 6 TO's all in the 2H in LY's 31-14 upset loss to Miss St as the Bulldogs had just a 352-319 yd edge while facing UK without their top 2 RB's & top WR.

LY UGA held UK to just 297 ttl yds, their lowest output in '07, in a 24-13 win. UK has lost 10 of the L/11 in this series, but pulled an upset the last meeting in Lexington, 24-20 in '06.

The Wildcats have won 4 in a row in this series. Last year Kentucky was outgained 432-351 but won 27-20 in Nashville in front of a crowd of mostly UK backers.

UK has lost 23 in a row to UT which is the longest series losing streak in the NCAA. LY UK lost 52-50 in 4 OT's despite outgaining the Vols 564-520 with a 37-24 FD edge.



STADIUM: COMMONWEALTH STADIUM (67,606) (#33)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	2-9	7-5	4-8	2-9	3-8	8-5	8-5	36-58
Home	2-4	1-5	4-3	3-4	2-4	2-4	6-1	5-3	25-28
Away	0-5	1-4	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-4	1-4	2-2	9-30
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-0
vs Conf	0-8	1-7	3-5	1-7	1-7	2-6	4-4	3-5	15-49
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	4-0	3-1	1-2	1-2	4-1	5-0	21-9
ATS	2-8	5-6	8-4	6-5	5-6	6-4	7-4-1	6-6	45-43-1
Home Fav (Hal Mumme)	1-1	0-1	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	2-1-1	2-2	11-9-1
Home Dog (Guy Morriss)	1-2	2-3	1-1	1-2	2-2	4-1	1-1	2-1	14-13
Away Fav (Rich Brooks)	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	4-2
Away Dog	0-4	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-2	15-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1
vs Conf	1-7	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	6-2	3-5	33-31
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-3	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-2-1	3-1	12-12-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-1	4-3	3-1	2-0	1-2	5-2	4-3	21-13
Off SU Loss	1-6	4-4	3-1	3-3	3-5	4-2	2-1-1	2-3	22-25-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
93	Peach	+2'	Clemson - #24	13-14
98	Outback	+7	Penn St - #22	14-26
99	Music City	-3	Syracuse	13-20
06	Music City	+10'	Clemson	28-20
07	Music City	-9	Florida St	35-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kentucky's All-Time Bowl Record 7-5

KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	36.5	26	155	4.2	288	62.7	12.1	-1	2007	8	29.6	22	191	4.6	206	54.8	13.4
9*	26.7	20	99	3.1	277	62.6	14.1	+15	2006	6	28.4	23	184	5.0	269	57.9	16.0
6	21.7	17	129	3.6	169	58.6	13.7	-9	2005	5	34.1	22	196	4.9	243	62.2	12.9
4	15.7	16	108	3.3	168	54.7	17.5	-2	2004	7	31.0	21	225	5.0	203	56.9	13.8
7*	27.3	18	125	3.5	202	54.1	12.0	-1	2003	4	26.8	21	187	4.2	196	56.4	14.3
7*	32.1	18	149	4.1	199	55.7	10.8	+7	2002	4	25.1	21	174	4.2	227	47.2	16.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rafael Little	190	1037	24	1013	3	5.3
Derrick Locke	94	536	15	521	5	5.5
Tony Dixon	72	422	11	411	4	5.7
Alfonso Smith	21	152	3	149	2	7.1
Moncell Allen	11	45	6	39	0	3.5
John Conner	6	37	0	37	2	6.2
Maurice Grinter	9	36	1	35	1	3.9
André Woodson	69	117	310	-193	3	-2.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
André Woodson	518	327	63.1	3709	40	11
Mike Hartline	6	4	66.7	34	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Steve Johnson	60	1041	17.4	13	57	
Keenan Burton	66	741	11.2	9	51	
Dicky Lyons	56	655	11.7	7	51	
Jacob Tamme	56	619	11.1	6	40	
Rafael Little	42	347	8.3	1	25	
Tony Dixon	13	91	7.0	0	18	
Derrick Locke	7	86	12.3	0	26	
DeMoreo Ford	7	47	6.7	0	11	
John Conner	7	37	5.3	2	9	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tim Masthay	50	1992	39.8	7	33.6	1	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Lones Seiber	51-54	5-5	6-10	5-8	0-2	16-25	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Wesley Woodyard	139	2.5	6	5	0
Trevard Lindley	66	0	3	11	3
Braxton Kelley	63	0.5	4.5	1	1
Jeremy Jarmon	62	9	4.5	2	0
Micah Johnson	58	0	4	5	2
Johnny Williams	43	0	1	1	0
Corey Peters	43	2.5	1.5	3	1
Ashton Cobb	42	0	0.5	1	2
Paul Warford	41	0	1	9	2
Calvin Harrison	41	0	2	1	1
Dominic Lewis	37	3	3.5	3	0
Roger Williams	37	0	0	1	0
Ventrell Jenkins	34	4	1.5	1	0
Marcus McClinton	32	0	0	2	1
Myron Pryor	27	0	0.5	0	0
Sam Maxwell	27	0	5	2	1
Shomari Moore	20	0	1	2	1
Ricky Lumpkin	18	1	1	0	0
Derrick Locke	13	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Rafael Little	19	127	6.7	0	
DeMoreo Ford	8	50	6.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Keenan Burton	28	679	24.3	0	
Dicky Lyons	15	332	22.1	0	

UK 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2007 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
66,512	E Kentucky	31	44-288	6.5	23-33	280	2	13	30-130	4.3	16-31	72	2	0
67,380	Kent St	24	39-266	6.8	15-22	218	4	26	59-324	5.5	12-29	129	2	+4
70,857	Louisville	27	35-185	5.3	30-46	275	2	26	27-101	3.7	28-43	366	3	+2
74,015	at Arkansas	23	36-170	4.7	21-39	265	1	22	51-338	6.6	13-28	157	1	0
65,927	Florida Atlantic	28	40-209	5.2	27-35	305	0	20	35-123	3.5	15-28	184	0	+1
76,220	at S Carolina	26	38-157	4.1	23-40	227	3	18	36-86	2.4	17-30	256	5	-3
70,902	LSU	24	41-125	3.0	21-38	250	0	22	50-261	5.2	18-37	142	3	-1
71,024	Florida	29	35-97	2.8	35-50	415	6	21	37-171	4.6	18-26	256	1	0
68,173	Mississippi St	19	27-89	3.3	24-42	230	3	22	51-200	3.9	17-28	152	0	-5
39,773	at Vanderbilt	19	37-129	3.5	17-29	222	3	30	48-239	5.0	20-34	193	3	0
92,746	at Georgia	19	29-29	1.0	24-42	268	5	22	49-184	3.8	12-22	99	2	+3
69,813	Tennessee	37	48-134	2.8	39-62	430	6	24	37-123	3.3	28-45	397	1	0
68,661	† Florida St	29	36-143	4.0	32-50	358	3	22	33-204	6.2	22-50	276	1	-2
TOTALS		335	485-2021	4.2	331-528	3743	38	288	543-2484	4.6	236-431	2679	24	-1
AVERAGES		25.8	37-155	4.2	25-41	288	2.9	22.2	42-191	4.6	18-33	206	1.8	-0.1

2003 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Louisville	-6	24-40
–	Murray St	NL	37-6
–	at Alabama	+13'	17-27
–	at Indiana	-8'	34-17
–	Florida - #25	+10	21-24
–	at South Carolina	+7'	21-27
–	Ohio	-15	35-14
–	Mississippi St	-10	42-17
–	Arkansas	+4'	63-71 7OT
–	at Vanderbilt	-6'	17-28
–	at Georgia - #6	+19	10-30
–	Tennessee - #7	+11'	7-20

2004 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville	+9'	0-28
–	Indiana	-2	51-32
–	at Florida - #16	+19	3-20
–	Ohio	-13'	16-28
–	Alabama	+6	17-45
–	South Carolina	+13	7-12
–	at Auburn - #3	+30'	10-42
–	at Mississippi St	+3'	7-22
–	Georgia - #8	+24	17-62
–	Vanderbilt	+3	14-13
–	at Tennessee - #15	+24	31-37

2005 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Louisville - #12	+23	24-31
–	Idaho St	NL	41-29
–	at Indiana	+1'	14-38
–	Florida - #5	+23	28-49
–	at South Carolina	+12'	16-44
–	at Mississippi	+10	7-13
–	Mississippi St	+1	13-7
–	Auburn - #17	+22'	27-49
–	at Vanderbilt	+11	48-43
–	at Georgia - #14	+25'	13-45
–	Tennessee	+8'	8-27

2006 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Louisville - #13	+22'	28-59
–	Texas St	NL	41-7
–	Mississippi	-3'	31-14
–	at Florida - #5	+26'	7-26
–	C Michigan	-9	45-36
–	South Carolina	+4'	17-24
–	at LSU - #14	+26	0-49
–	at Mississippi St	-1	34-31
–	Georgia	+7	24-20
–	Vanderbilt	-1	38-26
–	ULM	-20	42-40
–	at Tennessee - #19	+20'	12-17

2007 RESULTS

UK Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Kentucky	NL	50-10
–	Kent St	-13	56-20
–	Louisville - #9	+5'	40-34
#21	at Arkansas	+7	42-29
#14	Florida Atlantic	-24'	45-17
#8	at South Carolina - #11	+4	23-38
#17	LSU - #1	+9'	43-37 3OT
#8	Florida - #14	+7	37-45
#14	Mississippi St	-14	14-31
#25	at Vanderbilt	-4	27-20
#22	at Georgia - #8	+7'	13-24
–	Tennessee - #19	-2'	50-52 4OT

VANDERBILT COMMODORES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Greg Zolman left as the school's all-time leader after 2001. In 2002 Bobby Johnson brought in an option-oriented offense similar to the one he ran at Furman. Jay Cutler became the first ever rFr QB to start an opener at Vandy and had a record breaking career, even being voted the AP SEC POY. Johnson then signed Alabama's 2003 Mr. Football, Chris Nickson (PS#71). Nickson played in six in '05 (3 att, 67 yd rush). While Cutler moved as an NFL starter (Denver), Nickson had his first two starts in hostile environments at Mich and at Bama. He improved as the season went on and threw for 2,085 (54.8%) with a 15-13 ratio. Mackenzi Adams (PS#73) hit 15 of 29 for 224 as a rFr. Arizona transfer Richard Kovalcheck (PS#23) played in 3 (63 yds). Last year Nickson suffered a hamstring injury on the 2nd snap vs Bama (Wk 2) which lingered. He hit just 5 of 18 for 67 versus the Tide, and Adams hit 13 of 23 for 108 off the bench. Nickson then hit 5 of 16 for 38 vs Aub (Kovalcheck & Adams 7 of 15 for 50). Nickson was pulled after two plays vs UGA and Adams started the last 6 with Nickson missing the last 3 with a shoulder inj. The most disappointing play for Adams came when he took a sack deep in UK territory on 2nd down with just :36 left. Adams threw for 1,043 (55.5%) with a 9-6 ratio. When Adams was injured in the season finale, Kovalcheck hit 23 of 38 for 269. This year both Nickson and Adams return and replacing Kovalcheck on the depth chart are Jared Funk (6'2" 200 So, PS#67) and Larry Smith (PS#32). Johnson said that Smith was well prepared in HS and he's probably ahead of any frosh they've had here. This unit should remain healthier and now has better depth.

RUNNING BACKS - Vanderbilt has not had a 1,000-yard rusher since 1995 with just 3 in school history. In 2005 Cassen Jackson-Garrison had some big runs of 71, 60, 50 and 40 yards and led with 539 (5.6). Jeff Jennings got the bulk of the carries and finished with 448 (3.6) but tore his ACL in Wk 10 and RS in '06. Jackson-Garrison had his appendix removed in mid-Aug (2 yds Wk 1) but led the RB's with 614 (4.0) in '06. QB Nickson was #1 (694 net). Jared Hawkins (PS#155) had 298 (6.9) and surprisingly Johnson took the RS off of true frosh Gaston Miller (PS#94) vs Temple but he had just 13 att on the season 70 (5.4). Last year everyone returned. Jennings led the team in rushing in the first 2 but missed the next two (ankle). He only finished with 346 (3.6). Jackson-Garrison had 119 vs Ole Miss but that was the only 100 yard effort by a VU back all season and he finished with 594 (4.0). Hawkins had 267 (4.4) and Miller redshirted. This year they must replace Jackson-Garrison (10 st) but adding depth are Ryan van Rensburg (6'1" 215 rFr, PS#196), Jermaine Doster (5'10" 205 rFr, Kwane's brother) and Kennard Reeves (6'0" 200 So). This group is less experienced but could be just as productive.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 true frosh Earl Bennett had 49 of his 79 rec in the last four games and tied an SEC record with 5 TD's vs UK. Bennett followed that up with an outstanding soph season in which he had 1146 (14.0). He was the leading returning receiver in the SEC in '07 and set a school record with 223 vs Richmond. Bennett set the SEC career record for rec (236) in just 3 seasons. George Smith was #2 with 313 (14.9) in '06 and improved to 397 (12.4) LY. Sean Walker (PS#146) added 270 (13.5). This year they lose Bennett (#3DC CHI), TE Brad Allen (11 st, 5 rec) and WR Bryant Anderson (7 rec). This unit figures to be down a few notches, despite being more experienced overall than 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Vandy's O-line had 3 returning starters but had the added mobility of QB Nickson. They opened holes for 4.7 ypc rush (best S/'94) and allowed just 19 sacks (5.6%). Last year they only had to replace 2 players (combined 10 st) so big things were expected from an experienced group and for the first time in recent history, Vandy's OL featured 5 senior starters in the opener. They were the most experienced OL in the NCAA as RT Brian Stamper was not officially a returning starter (5 st '06, inj) but had 36 career starts. The unit had remarkable health with zero starts missed (5 starting OL's, 12 starts each). Surprisingly VU only avg the same ypg rushing (150) as '06 and saw the ypc drop to 3.7. They did decrease their sacks allowed to 17 (4.8%). Naturally all 5 starters depart in C Hamilton Holliday (2Y st'r), LG Josh Eames (3Y st'r), RG Merritt Kirchoffer (2Y st'r), RT Brian Stamper (4Y st'r) and 1st Tm SEC LT Chris Williams (3Y st'r, #1DC CHI). VU has the least experienced O-line in the NCAA with returning players having just 3 career starts. The 2nd lowest total in IA is New Mexico's 15 and all 15 of those starts came last year, unlike Vandy. This figures to be a problem area in 2008.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 6 of the top 8 back including the players who accounted for all of the DL's 17.5 sacks in '06. As you would expect, VU's rush D improved to 128 ypg (3.7), their best since 1997 with 30 sacks. This year they lose DE Curtis Gatewood (12 st, 30 tkl, 3.5 sk), DT Theo Horrocks (12 st, 39 tkl, 2 sk), DT Gabe Hall (12 st, 29 tkl), DT David Whittington (5 tkl) and Brandon Holmes (1 tkl). This group is clearly less experienced but the 5 players departing combined for 6 sacks and returning DE's Stone and Stewart had 10, so the unit might not drop as far as expected.

LINEBACKERS - In '06 Vandy had to replace their outstanding 1st Tm SLB Moses Osemwegie (#1 tkl'r, 3Y st'r). Jonathan Goff became the new team leader earning 2nd Tm SEC (93 tkl). He turned down an early shot at the NFL so they had 5 of the top 6 back LY. Patrick Benoist was battling for a starting job but missed the first three. Brandon Bryant was injured after 3 starts. Goff (12 st, #5DC NYG) led in tackles again (2nd Tm SEC) with 113. The other returning starter, Marcus Buggs (12 st, 76 tkl) became the first VU player since Jamie Winborn (1998-'99) to lead in tfl for 2 straight years (12). Unfortunately they both depart. This group is less experienced and less talented than LY.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Commodores finished #59 in my pass D rankings in 2003 but dropped to #103 and #94 the next two years. In 2006 they had to replace two starters and moved up to #82. Last year they had all four starters back and VU's 16 int's were their best since 1989 led by 1st Tm SEC CB DJ Moore (6). They moved up to #41 allowing a 15-16 ratio. This year the entire 2 deep returns and they have 8 players with starting experience while 6 have been full-time starters including backup SS Joel Caldwell (11 st at CB '06). This is clearly the best unit on this VU team (by far) and could achieve their best finish in my pass D rankings under Johnson.

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SPECIAL TEAMS - Bobby Johnson's last ST unit at Furman had 4 KR TD's and 3 blocked punts as he puts an emphasis on this unit. In his first year at Vandy, they finished #48 in my ST rankings but surprisingly have finished just #108, #111, #109, #99 and #109 the last 5 years! K Bryant Hahnfeldt (PS#58) hit 12 of 17 FG's in 2005 but tore his ACL. Not fully recovered in 2006, he connected on just 8 of 17 (long 51). Brett Upson (PS#18) avg 37.4 (33.5 net) in '06. Last year Hahnfeldt hit 13 of 20 (long 45) but had a 49 yarder graze off the upright vs Tenn and 2 missed FG's and a missed xp vs UK proved costly (7 pt loss). He had 3 TB on 49 KO. Upson was the SEC ST POW vs SC (6 inside the 20) and raised his avg to 39.2 but thanks to a couple of long returns, the net dropped to 32.8. KR DJ Moore tied Vandy's single ssn KR avg record set by the late Kwane Doster in 2002 (25.7). This year everyone returns and they can only improve.

COACHES - Bobby Johnson was 60-36 in 8 years at Furman and was the '01 IAA Nat'l Coach of the Year. In six years, Johnson has failed to achieve a winning season here but has had a couple of near-misses. Both coordinators enter their 7th year here. OC Ted Cain was the OC at NCSt from '86-'96 and HC at VMI for 2 years. The DC is Bruce Fowler, who spent 16 years as an asst at Furman (the last 3 as the DC there).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Vanderbilt has now had 25 consecutive losing seasons with their last bowl in 1982. With Vandy's strict academic standards and playing in a tough conference, they've won just 12 SEC games in the last 12 years and have had just one winning SEC record in the last 47 years. Vandy fielded very young units in each of Bobby Johnson's first two seasons but had 20 starters returning in '04. Expectations were high. VU lost an amazing 5 close games and could have easily been 7-4 but finished 2-9. It was their 4th straight 2-win season. In 2005 expectations were lower but VU appeared on the verge of a rare winning season. They had 103 players in August, the most since the mid-1980's. They got their first season-opening win since 1997. They then got their first road win in an SEC opener since 1984 when they upset Ark. After beating Ole Miss at home, they were 2-0 in SEC play for the first time since 1956 and were on top of the SEC East. After beating Richmond, they were 4-0 for the first time since 1984 and received votes in the *USA Today* Poll at #30. They were upset at home by Middle Tenn, a game in which they had a 23-11 FD edge. VU almost upset SCar then lost in 2 OT's to Florida. They got their first win vs Tenn in Neyland Stadium since 1975 but finished just 5-6. In 2006 they had to replace star QB Jay Cutler who had guided the team to 27.2 ppg, their best since 1948! New QB Chris Nickson was better than expected and VU avg 22.0 ppg (3rd best S/'87). VU did knock off UGA on the road ending a streak of 49 straight losses to ranked teams (1992, #25 Ole Miss) and it was their first ever win over a ranked foe in an opponent's stadium. They were just 1-7 but were only outgained by 24.7 ypg in league play (7th best). Last year they had 18 returning starters and a favorable schedule and I called for them to get to their first bowl since 1982. As expected, VU opened 3-1 but in their first road trip were crushed by Auburn. VU had the UGA game in hand when they fumbled at the UGA 7 in a tied game with 2:43 left. Since 2005 they have beaten Ark, GA, Tenn and SC on the road. After knocking off Miami (OH), VU was 5-3 needing just one win to be bowl eligible. After an expected loss to UF, they got UK at home but missed 2 FG's and an xp and despite a 432-351 yd edge, they lost by 7 with the ball deep in UK's territory at the end. They led UT 24-9 with 9:00 left in the 3Q but UT rallied and got a FG with 2:46 left to go up 25-24 and VU's final FG bounced off the upright. Surprisingly in the finale, in a less than half filled stadium, they were done in by 5 TO's and the crowd booed as they limped to a 5-7 finish. The D's 16 int were the most since '89 (19) and the 30 sacks were the most under Johnson. VU had 3 net close losses but had just 1 start lost to injury. This looks like a rebuilding year, and I will call for an 0-8 SEC record, the first since Johnson's first year. They have just 9 seniors but 32 juniors so '09 will be their next shot at a winning season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 9 MACKENZI ADAMS JR. 6-2 212 PS#73. 6 st 2Y, 1267 (55%) 9-7 ratio. **3 Chris Nickson** (6'1" 210 Sr) 18 st L2Y, 2848 (54%), 21-18, 1065 rush. **19** Larry Smith (6'2"205 rFr) **PS#32.**

RB 21 Jeff Jennings Sr. 6-1 215 PS#188LB. 11 st '04-'05. 583 (3.4). ACL '06. 346 (3.6) LY. **31** Jared Hawkins (5'10" 200 Jr) PS#155. 565 (5.5) 2Y. **27** Gaston Miller (5'7" 170 So) PS#94.

WR 7 SEAN WALKER SR. 6-0 175 PS#146. 5 st '06, 204 (12.8). 10 st LY, 270 (13.5). Larry Simmons (5'9" 165 Jr) PS#237. 3 rec 2Y. Jamie Graham (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#270.Chris Reinert (5'9" 175 Jr).

WR 88 GEORGE SMITH SR. 6-3 202 PS#297.2 st, 287 (12.5) rFr. 11 st '06, 313 (14.9). 12 st LY, 397 (12.4). Justin Wheeler (6'1" 175 Jr) PS#236. 1 st, 87 (8.7). Chris DeGeorge (5'11" 195 rFr).

WR 23 Udom Umoh rFr. 6-0 172 PS#153. John Cole PS#63. Alex Washington (5'10" 180 Jr) PS#235. 132 (11.0) 2Y. ACL spg. Andrew Diomande (6'1" 195 Sr). Turner Wimberly (6'0" 195 So) PS#219QB.

TE 87 Brandon Barden rFr. 6-5 240 **PS#25. 85** Jake Bradford (6'6" 270 Jr) PS#111WR. 2 st, 4 rec, 23 gm. **82** Justin Green (6'6" 235 So) PS#80. 4 rec. Austin Monahan (6'6" 248 So) 1 rec true.

C 60 Bradley Vierling Jr. 6-3 292 PS#220. 9 gm rFr. 12 gm LY, avg 30 plays per game. **71** Joey Bailey (6'4" 275 So) 4 gm rFr. **LS 49** John Stokes (6'5" 238 So) PS#84LB.

RG 70 Drew Gardner Jr. 6-6 300 PS#135. 3 gm rFr. 9 gm LY. **79** Ryan Vance (6'3" 285 Jr) 1 gm rFr. 2 gm LY. **62** Rob Ashabranner (6'2" 275 rFr) PS#296DL. DT as true.

LG 78 Ryan Custer Jr. 6-3 295 PS#530. 3 st LG, 12 gm rFr. 9 gm LY. **61** Nick Forte (6'2" 290 Jr) PS#406. **69** Garrett Snoeyenbos (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#368.

RT 68 Eric Hensley Jr. 6-6 310 PS#285. 7 gm rFr. First 6 gm of LY until susp. **77** James Williams (6'6" 305 rFr) PS#206. Michael Bryant PS#157. Nick Miller (6'3" 260 Jr) is LS.

LT 76 Thomas Welch Jr. 6-7 300 PS#205QB. 8 gm TE/OT as true. 10 gm OL LY. **65** Kyle Fischer (6'6" 305 rFr) **PS#69. 66** Reilly Lauer (6'6" 265 So) PS#219DL.

K 8 BRYANT HAHNFELDT SR. 5-11 185 PS#58. 12-17 FG true, long 48 until ACL. 8-17 FG '06, long 51. 13 of 20 FG LY, long 45. **Ryan Fowler is PS#26.** John Laughrey (5'11" 180 So) 1-1 xp.

DE 96 STEVEN STONE JR. 6-5 260 PS#342. 24 tkl, 6.5 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 4 sk, 4 tfl. **89** Teriall Brannon (6'3" 235 So) PS#382. **42** Tim Fugger (6'4" 250 rFr). Kikko Logan (6'2" 235 So).

DT 98 Greg Billinger Jr. 6-3 290 PS#151OL. 6 tkl true. 6 tkl LY. **99** Derrius Dowell (6'3" 285 Jr) 0 gm 2Y. **67** James Elledge (6'4" 285 rFr). **93** David Leinweber (6'5" 245 Jr).

DT 59 Adam Smotherman So. 6-4 275 **PS#108OL.** 1 tkl, 7 gm rFr (inj). **58** TJ Greenstone (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#365. **50** Bo Cramer (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#288. Ryan Seymour is PS#383.

DE 90 Broderick Stewart Jr. 6-5 228 PS#96TE. 19 tkl, **5 sk** rFr. 29 tkl, **6 sk** as backup LY! **93** Theron Kadri (6'3" 250 So) PS#259. 6 tkl true. John Burrow is PS#232.

SLB 49 John Stokes So. 6-5 238 PS#84. 7 tkl true. **91** Austin Newton (6'2" 215 So) 1 tkl rFr. **DeAndre Jones is PS#65. 40** Bo Baggerley (6'1" 210 Sr) scout tm 3 years.

MLB 30 Patrick Benoist Jr. 6-0 218 PS#140. 14 tkl true, 4 st LY, 32 tkl, 4 sk. **45 Chris Marve** (6'0" 238 rFr) PS#96. **45** Chris Johnson (6'1" 230 Jr) 14 tkl 2Y. Davis Flowers (6'0" 215 rFr).

WLB 35 BRANDON BRYANT JR. 6-0 230 PS#270. 18 tkl rFr, 2 tfl. 3 st LY until inj. 30 tkl, 1 sk. **52** Nate Campbell (6'3" 230 So) PS#101. 8 tkl rFr. **46** Michael Garcia (6'0" 238 So) PS#316.

CB 17 DJ MOORE JR. 5-10 182 **1st Tm SEC LY.** 9 st, 37 tkl true. 12 st LY, 83 tkl, 6 int, 10 pbu. **14 Josh Allen** (5'9" 185 Sr) **10 st**, 3Y, 66 tkl, 11 pbu. Alan Strong (5'10" 175 So) PS#104.

CB 5 MYRON LEWIS JR. 6-2 202 PS#186.4 tkl true. 12 st LY, 49 tkl, **12 pbu. Darlron Spead** (5'10" 185 Jr). 4 st, 35 tkl, 6 pbu, 4 int 2Y. Jared Fagan (5'10" 182 Sr) PS#169, 2 st 3Y.

SS 38 RESHARD LANGFORD SR. 6-2 208 11 st FS '05, 54 tkl, 3 int. 12 st SS '06, 51 tkl, 3 int. 12 st LY, 65 tkl, 8 pbu. **28** Joel Caldwell (6'1" 195 Jr) **11 st CB** '06. 56 tkl 2Y.

FS 2 RYAN HAMILTON JR. 6-2 210 PS#173. 9 st rFr, 43 tkl, 1 int. 12 st LY, 68 tkl, 5 pbu. **11** Brent Trice (6'3" 215 Jr) 26 tkl 2Y. Micah Powell (6'0" 192 Fr) PS#177RB. Al Owens PS#283.

P 39 BRETT UPSON JR. 5-11 190 **PS#18.** 52 punt (37.4) true, 33.5 net. 61 punts LY. 39.2 avg, 32.8 net. **8** Bryant Hahnfeldt (5'11" 185 Sr) 36 punt '05, 41.1 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	John Cole 5-11 170 PS#63
LB	DeAndre Jones 6-0 220 PS#65
DL	Josh Jelesky 6-5 234 PS#138
LB	Tristan Strong 6-1 220 PS#111
OL	Michael Bryant 6-4 294 PS#157
OL	Richard Cagle 6-4 272 PS#174
DL	Taylor Lottley 6-2 250 PS#210
DB	Micah Powell 6-0 192 PS#177RB
OL	Caleb Welchans 6-5 265 PS#234
DL	John Burrow 6-4 222 PS#232
K	Ryan Fowler 5-10 160 PS#26
LB	Dexter Daniels 6-1 210 PS#209
DB	Al Owens 6-2 198 PS#283
DB	Casey Hayward 6-0 178 PS#319
DB	Sean Richardson 6-2 180 PS#325
DL	Ryan Seymour 6-4 250 PS#383
WR	Akeem Dunham 6-3 180 PS#324
DL	Rob Lohr 6-4 245 PS#421
DL	Johnell Thomas 6-2 240 PS#428
DL	Colt Nichter 6-2 275 PS#453OL
QB	Archie Barnes 6-4 210 PS#285

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7th Year at Vanderbilt Johnson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Johnson's records AT VANDERBILT

20-50	Straight Up	1-5	Vs Top 10
14-25	Home	2-20	Vs Top 25
6-24	Away	2-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-4	Off A Bye
8-40	Vs Conference	12-33	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (22,23,3)
Lost: 17 (10,7,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,629 (#67)

SEC - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#4

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score VU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	at Miami, Oh (Thur)	A					
Sep. 4	S Carolina (Thur)	G					
Sep. 13	Rice	G					
Sep. 20	at Mississippi	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	Auburn	G					
Oct. 11	at Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 18	at Georgia	G					
Oct. 25	Duke (HC)	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	Florida	G					
Nov. 15	at Kentucky	G					
Nov. 22	Tennessee	G					
Nov. 29	at Wake Forest	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jay Cutler 8,697 '02-'05
2. Greg Zolman 7,981 '98-'01
3. Whit Taylor 6,307 '79-'82

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Frank Mordica 2,632 '76-'79
2. Carl Woods 2,490 '83-'86
3. Jamie O'Rourke 2,202 '71, '73-'74

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Boo Mitchell 2,964 '85-'88
2. Dan Stricker 2,880 '99-'02
3. Earl Bennett 2,852 '05-'07

Last year Vandy won its season opener for just the 2nd time since 1997 scoring 41 pts (most in opener since '50). Vandy is 8-3 all-time vs current MAC tms (2-0 LY).

Last year's 17-6 win by Vandy was their 1st win over a Spurrier coached team (1-14 all-time) & snapped a 7 gm series win streak by the Gamecocks.

VU is 31-36-3 vs current CUSA teams but 2-1 vs Rice (last game 1975). Coming into '08, Vandy is 6-2 the last 2 years vs non-conference opponents.

Commodores are 4-21 in SEC RG's under Johnson including 1-5 in SEC road openers. The home team is 6-1 since '01 in this series, with the 6 wins by an avg of 9 ppg.

Commodores have lost 13 in a row to Auburn (last win was Gator Bowl in '55). VU had been outscored by an avg of 37-7 in the last 3 meetings with Auburn.

Vanderbilt trails the series 7-10-2 but won the last meeting 31-13 in 2004. The Commodores have dropped 5 straight in Starkville by an avg of 27 ppg.

LY UGA hit a 37 yd FG with no time left for a 20-17 come-from-behind win. The last time in Athens, VU won 24-22 for their 1st road win over a ranked opponent ever.

Vandy is 7-3 all-time vs Duke including 6 wins in a row (last loss in 1991). The Commodores have lost 5 straight Homecoming games with the L/4 vs SEC tms.

Vandy has lost 17 in a row to Florida with their last win coming in 1988. Two of the last 3 games between these 2 have been decided by a TD or less.

The Commodores have lost 4 in a row in this series, with an avg loss of just 6 ppg. Last year Vandy lost 27-20 despite 432-351 yd & 30-19 FD edges.

UT is 24-1 vs VU S/'83 with Vandy ending a 22 gm win streak by the Vols in '05. LY VU led 24-9 with 9:00 left in the 3Q before allowing a 16 pt comeback in UT's 25-24 win.

Vandy is 7-4 all-time vs WF, but LY's 31-17 loss gave Vandy a non-winning season for the 25th yr in a row. VU is 4-1 all-time in Winston-Salem with WF's only win coming in 1965.

CB DJ Moore

STADIUM: VANDERBILT STADIUM (39,773) (#79)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	2-10	2-10	2-9	5-6	4-8	5-7	25-67
Home	1-5	1-5	2-4	2-5	2-4	2-4	2-4	4-4	16-35
Away	2-3	1-4	0-5	0-5	0-5	3-2	2-4	1-3	9-31
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	1-7	0-8	0-8	1-7	1-7	3-5	1-7	2-6	9-55
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	3-1	3-1	16-12
ATS	5-5-1	4-6	3-7-1	5-5-1	5-5	6-4	6-5	5-6	39-43-3
Home Fav	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	1-1	1-2	0-1	2-1	5-11
Home Dog	1-2-1	2-1	2-0-1	3-1-1	1-2	0-2	2-2	1-3	12-13-3
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-3
Away Dog	3-1	1-3	1-4	2-3	3-1	5-0	3-1	2-2	20-15
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3-1	3-5	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	32-30-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	0-3	0-2-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	7-13-1
Off SU Win	2-1	1-1	0-1-1	0-2-0	1-1	2-1	1-3	1-4	8-14-1
Off SU Loss	3-3-1	3-4	3-5	4-3-1	4-3	3-3	4-2	4-2	28-25-2

Woody Widenhofer / Bobby Johnson

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	148	650	56	594	5	4.0
Jeff Jennings	96	360	14	346	2	3.6
Mackenzi Adams	87	397	108	289	3	3.3
Jared Hawkins	60	282	15	267	0	4.4
Chris Nickson	58	238	60	178	2	3.1
DJ Moore	6	87	9	78	0	13.0
Richard Kovalcheck	5	18	5	13	0	2.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mackenzi Adams	182	101	55.5	1043	9	6
Chris Nickson	119	62	52.1	763	6	5
Richard Kovalcheck	51	30	58.8	311	2	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Earl Bennett	75	830	11.1	5	54
George Smith	32	397	12.4	3	45
Sean Walker	20	270	13.5	3	32
Alex Washington	9	120	13.3	0	31
Justin Wheeler	10	87	8.7	1	20
Jake Bradford	4	80	20.0	1	35
Jared Hawkins	7	73	10.4	0	16
Bryant Anderson	7	66	9.4	1	22
Jeff Jennings	8	57	7.1	2	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brett Upson	61	2391	39.2	9	32.8	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Bryant Hahnfeldt	28-29	8-9	4-8	1-3	0-0	13-20	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jonathan Goff	113	3	3.5	5	2
DJ Moore	83	1	1	10	6
Marcus Buggs	76	3	9	1	0
Ryan Hamilton	68	1	2.5	5	0
Reshard Langford	65	0	4.5	8	2
Myron Lewis	49	0	1	12	1
Steven Stone	45	4	4	1	0
Theo Horrocks	39	2	3.5	0	0
Patrick Benoist	32	4	0	1	0
Brandon Bryant	30	1	0.5	0	0
Curtis Gatewood	30	3.5	3.5	1	0
Gabe Hall	29	0.5	0	0	1
Broderick Stewart	29	6	2.5	4	0
Darlron Spead	19	1	1.5	1	1
Brent Trice	18	0	0	0	0
Joel Caldwell	14	0	0	0	0
Jared Fagan	9	0	0	0	0
Chris Johnson	8	0	0	0	0
Jared Hawkins	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Alex Washington	25	165	6.6	0
Earl Bennett	5	72	14.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DJ Moore	32	823	25.7	0
Alex Washington	12	247	20.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
55	Gator	NL	Auburn - #8	25-13
74	Peach	NL	Texas Tech	6-6
82	Hall of Fame	-9	Air Force	28-36

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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VANDERBILT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	21.7	19	150	3.7	176	54.4	15.1	-2	2007	8	22.6	18	128	3.7	197	59.1	14.4
5	22.0	18	150	4.7	201	55.5	16.0	-2	2006	6	23.7	18	156	4.1	197	60.1	14.9
6*	27.2	23	115	3.5	281	58.7	14.6	-2	2005	6	29.2	20	170	4.5	224	57.7	13.5
10*	19.3	19	149	3.7	186	59.3	17.4	+4	2004	10	26.0	21	194	4.8	208	65.1	15.5
6*	19.6	20	145	3.6	207	56.5	18.0	-10	2003	6	29.8	20	181	4.3	199	56.1	12.7
6	18.4	17	174	4.3	139	49.8	17.0	-14	2002	7	30.7	22	187	4.6	219	64.1	13.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

VU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
32,215	Richmond	19	35-162	4.6	19-26	284	1	18	35-149	4.3	18-30	161	1	+2
39,773	Alabama	13	26-57	2.2	18-41	175	2	22	48-221	4.6	14-28	150	1	0
34,180	Mississippi	25	49-183	3.7	18-26	200	2	13	32-54	1.7	11-22	208	6	0
37,220	E Michigan	23	44-173	3.9	14-28	168	0	10	30-62	2.1	13-26	111	2	+2
82,657	at Auburn	17	38-133	3.5	12-31	88	2	19	39-239	6.1	14-18	165	1	0
39,773	Georgia	14	38-179	4.7	9-15	131	3	17	35-167	4.8	16-31	201	1	-2
79,212	at S Carolina	12	47-146	3.1	8-16	123	2	14	22-26	1.2	23-43	256	7	+2
26,450	Miami, Oh	24	54-290	5.4	11-19	121	0	16	27-26	1.0	18-37	212	5	-4
90,222	at Florida	15	33-93	2.8	18-35	162	0	29	36-210	5.8	23-29	288	0	-1
39,773	Kentucky	30	48-239	5.0	20-34	193	3	19	37-129	3.5	17-29	222	3	0
105,077	at Tennessee	17	41-131	3.2	14-26	139	0	22	28-105	3.8	29-43	245	0	+1
27,650	Wake Forest	20	28-16	0.6	32-58	333	2	16	43-150	3.5	21-31	146	3	-2
TOTALS		229	481-1802	3.7	193-355	2117	17	215	412-1538	3.7	217-367	2365	30	-2
AVERAGES		19.1	40-150	3.7	16-30	176	1.4	17.9	34-128	3.7	18-31	197	2.5	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Mississippi	+13	21-24
-	Chattanooga	NL	51-6
-	Auburn	+12	7-45
-	at TCU - #20	+11'	14-30
-	Georgia Tech	+7	17-24 OT
-	at Mississippi St	+4'	21-30
-	Navy	-4'	27-37
-	Georgia - #4	+25	8-27
-	at South Carolina	+15'	24-35
-	at Florida - #17	+23'	17-35
-	Kentucky	+6'	28-17
-	at Tennessee - #9	+21	0-48

2004 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	South Carolina	+3'	6-31
-	at Mississippi	+6'	23-26 OT
-	at Navy	+8'	26-29
-	Mississippi St	-13	31-13
-	Rutgers	-6	34-37
-	at Georgia - #12	+23	3-33
-	E Kentucky	NL	19-7
-	at LSU - #19	+23'	7-24
-	Florida	+12'	17-34
-	at Kentucky	-3	13-14
-	Tennessee - #15	+12'	33-38

2005 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Wake Forest	+8	24-20
-	at Arkansas	+10'	28-24
-	Mississippi	-3	31-23
-	Richmond	NL	37-13
-	Middle Tennessee	-14	15-17
-	LSU - #11	+15'	6-34
-	Georgia - #5	+16	17-34
-	at South Carolina	+8'	28-35
-	at Florida - #13	+19'	42-49 OT
-	Kentucky	-11	43-48
-	at Tennessee	+11	28-24

2006 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Michigan - #14	+26'	7-27
-	at Alabama	+15'	10-13
-	Arkansas	+5'	19-21
-	Tennessee St	NL	38-9
-	Temple	-34	43-14
-	at Mississippi	-1'	10-17
-	at Georgia - #16	+14'	24-22
-	South Carolina	+3'	13-31
-	at Duke	-8'	45-28
-	Florida - #7	+17	19-25
-	at Kentucky	+1	26-38
-	Tennessee - #22	+7'	10-39

2007 RESULTS

VU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Richmond	NL	41-17
-	Alabama	+3'	10-24
-	Mississippi	-6'	31-17
-	E Michigan	-22	30-7
-	at Auburn	+8	7-35
-	Georgia - #24	+7	17-20
-	at South Carolina - #6	+13'	17-6
-	Miami, Oh	-13'	24-13
-	at Florida - #18	+14'	22-49
-	Kentucky - #25	+4	20-27
-	at Tennessee - #19	+11'	24-25
-	Wake Forest	+1	17-31

AUBURN TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Brandon Cox (PS#20) threw for 2,324 (57.8%) with a solid 15-8 ratio. In 2006 Cox was banged up and Auburn also ran a more conservative offense and Cox saw his numbers drop to 2,198 (60.1%) with a 14-9 ratio. Blake Field hit 8 of 19 for 47. They both returned last year along with rFr Neil Caudle (PS#14) and true frosh Kodi Burns (PS#17). Cox entered '07, 19-5 as a starter. Caudle injured his shoulder in August. Cox, who struggled in the last 3 of '06, struggled at the start of 2007 partially due to an inexperienced O-line. After tossing 2 int's vs Miss St, Burns came off the bench and had 22 rush attempts for 87 yards. Burns started vs NMSt hitting a 58 yd TD pass on his first attempt. Cox came off the bench and led the team to 5 TD's and regained the starting job (Burns 9 passes last 9). Cox separated his non-throwing shoulder vs Miss and saw his numbers drop to 2,080 (59.5%) with a negative 9-13 ratio. Burns att just 26 passes but rushed 54 times. While Cox and Field move on, Burns is the perfect fit for OC Franklin's new spread offense. While Burns mostly ran the ball last year, he threw for over 6,000 yards and 65 TD's in HS. Added to the mix is Chris Todd (PS#37) who played in five at TX Tech in 2006 hitting 25 of 35 passes and played at JC last year. Todd played for OC Franklin in HS and already knows the offense. Despite the loss of a 3 year starter I look for more production from the Auburn QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Auburn had the best set of RB's in the country in 2004. Cadillac Williams and Ronnie Brown combined for over 2,000 yards rushing and both were taken in the first five picks of the 2005 draft. Kenny Irons won the starting job early in '05 and rushed for 1,293 (5.1) while Brad Lester (PS#30) had 339 (6.5). Irons was leading the SEC in rushing in '06 but missed 4 and finished with just 893 (4.5). True frosh Ben Tate had the best ypc of the backs (392, 7.3). Last year they had to replace Irons but added Mario Fannin (PS#16QB) and Tristan Davis (5'10" 217 Sr) who moved over from DB. Lester missed the first 5 (acad susp). Davis broke his toe and missed the first 4. The team had just 62 yards rushing vs K-St although Tate had 82. Fannin led vs USF and both he and Tate topped 100 vs NMSt. Lester returned vs Vandy and the Tigers rushed for 239 (6.1). RB Coach Gran said that Fannin catches like Ronnie Brown and has the moves and speed of Carnell Williams but he saw little action the 2H of the year. Tate led with 903 (4.5), Lester added 530 (4.2) and Fannin had 448 (5.3). This year they only replace FB Stewart (5 st, 263 ttl yd) so the group is much more experienced. Not listed in the PSL are RB's Mike Gibson (5'11" 219 rFr), Jeremy Anderson (5'8" 179 rFr) and FB's Ryan Hastie (6'0" 246 Sr, PS#276) Jeffrey Tarver (5'10" 257 rFr), Anthony Jemison (5'11" 184 So) and Jason King (6'0" 230 So).

RECEIVERS - In 2006 Courtney Taylor had more than double the rec's of the #2 man and he had to be replaced last year. The leading returnees were Rodgeriqus Smith (452, 17.4 in '06) and Prechae Rodriguez (168, 12.0). Smith led in '07 with 705 (13.6) and Montez Billings (PS#20) had 321 (11.5). Three of the top six receivers were RB's. They did have 3 top-notch TE's in Tommy Trott (PS#6), Cole Bennett (PS#37) and Gabe McKenzie (PS#12) who led that trio (117, 9.0). This year they lose Rodriguez (3 st, 11 rec) and TE Bennett (13 st, 11 rec). Not listed in the PSL is Charles Olatunji (6'2" 197 Sr). In the new pass offense (ran 90 plays in bowl game) you can look for more production from this unit and super RB Fannin may be used mostly as a receiver in '08.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Auburn had a veteran O-line in 2005 paving the way for 4.8 ypc rushing (21 sk, 6.2%). In 2006 they had to replace 2 starters including 1st Tm AA Marcus McNeill but had six back with starting experience. Surprisingly the ypc dropped to 4.1. In SEC play Auburn averaged just 3.3 ypc and their 35 sacks allowed (12.4%)were 2nd worst in the SEC. Last year they had to replace 4 starters including a pair of 1st Tm SEC players (incl #1 DC). It was the least experienced OL Tuberville had fielded and they had 3 true frosh starters. Naturally the unit struggled early and vs K-St and Florida avg just 2.0 ypc (9 sk). In their final 2 (Ala & Clem) they avg 4.0 ypc (3 sk). Auburn's 3.8 ypc rush was their lowest since 2001 but they trimmed their sacks to 25 (7.0%). This year they lose LT King Dunlap (6 st, inj'd, #7DC PHI) and G Leon Hart (3 gm). Naturally this year's group is far more experienced and the 3 true frosh who started were PS#2, PS#17 and PS#53. They rank #10 in '07 OL starts returning (90.8%). This unit goes from a weakness to a strength.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Auburn had inexperienced D-lines for two straight years and in 2006 allowed 4.1 ypc rush (3rd worst) in SEC play. Last year they only had to replace one starter and returned Quentin Groves who needed just four sacks to become the Tigers' all-time career sack leader (Gerald Robinson, 26 '82-'85). Unfortunately Groves was banged up and had only 7 starts and 3 sacks but he was still voted 1st Tm SEC. Auburn allowed 3.6 ypc while recording just 22 sacks with 8.5 of those by Antonio Coleman who started the final 7. This year they lose DE Groves (7 st, 38 tkl, 3 sk, #2DC JAX), DT Pat Sims (13 st, 37 tkl, 4.5 sk, #3DC CIN) who left early for the NFL and DT Josh Thompson (13 st, 67 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Despite losing 2 NFL DC's, this group could put up better numbers in '08.

DT Sen'Derrick Marks

LINEBACKERS - Tuberville's LB units always emphasize speed over size. Last year they had to replace two starters and then lost two LB's off the 2 deep over the summer. Merrill Johnson (6 st '06) started the first two but was injured (4 st). This year the unit returns intact giving them outstanding depth and making it one of the SEC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Tigers finished just #41, #53 and #56 in my pass D rankings from 2003-'05. They had 3 starters back in 2006 and moved up to #29. Last year they only had to replace one starter but then returning starting FS Aairon Savage was injured (4 st). Returning starting CB Jonathan Wilhite had just 2 starts at CB after being injured in Wk 2 (4 st at NB). True frosh Mike McNeil (PS#21) logged plenty of action and had 35 tackles. True frosh Ryan Williams took off his RS midseason and played in 6 games. Despite the injuries, the Tigers climbed to #12 with an 11-14 ratio. This year they lose FS Eric Brock (10 st, 59 tkl, 5 pbu), 2nd Tm SEC CB Patrick Lee (13 st, 55 tkl, 4 int, 10 pbu, #2DC GB), Wilhite (6 st, 30 tkl, 2 int, #4DC NE), Zach Gilbert (1 st, 12 tkl) and Josh Hebert (4 tkl). It's tough to improve upon last year's ranking but if this group stays healthier, it could be just as good.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Auburn has finishes of #18 in '01, #39 in '03, #19 in '04, and #31 in '05 in my ST rankings. In 2006 they finished #3 as K Matt Clark boomed 51 TB on 66 KO and P Kody Bliss had an amazing 45.7 avg (38.6 net). John Vaughn (all-time career leading scorer) hit 20 of 24 FG's (long of 55) and Tristan Davis avg 27.0 on KR. Last year they had to replace Clark, Bliss and Vaughn and Davis was banged up. As you would expect, the unit dropped to #56. Tuberville had a true frosh K and a pair of frosh P's but was optimistic heading into the season. RFr P Ryan Shoemaker (PS#42) avg 42.4 and true frosh Patrick Tatum avg 43.4 on punts with the team's net an amazing 38.5. True frosh Wes Byrum had 7 TB's on 44 KO. Byrum did hit 17 of 23 FG's (long of 49). The team avg just 19.2 on KR's, their lowest since 2002. The good news is that basically everyone is back and Davis is now healthy, so the Tigers have a good shot at finishing near the top of my ST rankings.

COACHES - Tommy Tuberville inherited a team that went 3-8 in '98 and after just missing out on a winning season in his first year, has won or shared part of the SEC West Title in 5 of the last 8 years. Tuberville put himself on the hotseat in 2003 by saying, "We will win a National Championship in a few years". Prior to the 2003 Iron Bowl, Tuberville almost lost his job (see pg 323). The Tigers won their next 15 finishing '04 undefeated and perhaps should have won that National Title he spoke of. Auburn's offense struggled last year and he brought in new OC Tony Franklin from Troy St. Franklin's spread offense avg 34.0 ppg and 453 ypg in his 2nd year as the Troy OC. He was an asst with Kentucky during the Mumme years. Tuberville lost DC Will Muschamp to Texas and the new DC Paul Rhoads had been the Pitt DC since 2000. His Pitt D last year allowed just 297 ypg (#5 in NCAA) including holding a potent WV team to 183 yards.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As mentioned in the coaching section, Tommy Tuberville's team has now won or shared the SEC West Title 5 of the last 8 years. In 2004 Auburn felt it was the best team in the country but was not allowed to play in the National Title game. Instead they finished #2 in the polls at 13-0. Despite coming into 2005 ranked just #16 in the AP poll, many felt at the end of the season that Auburn was the best team in the SEC. They tied LSU atop the SEC West at 7-1 and had the best ypg (+118.6) and ppg (+17.5) in conf play but were not able to play in the SEC Title game (tough OT loss to LSU cost them). That 2005 squad had to replace four 1st round NFL DC's and had the 2nd fewest amount of returning starters in the SEC (12). The inexperience hurt them in the opener with a loss to GT due to -4 turnovers, but their only other regular season loss was that OT battle vs LSU. Their weakest performance came in the bowl vs Wisconsin (outgained 548-236). In 2006 they had 12 starters back including 23 seniors and their previous high for seniors was 18 in their undefeated 2004 season. All of their tough games were at home and Auburn appeared to have the schedule to run the table. The Tigers beat two Top 10 teams at home in '06 and were the only team to beat Nat'l Champ Florida and they finished 11-2 and #9 in the final polls. They benefitted from 5 net close wins in 2006 and despite their 6-2 SEC record, were outgained by 33.4 ypg (4th worst SEC). They had to play a tougher schedule last year with Fla, Ark, LSU and Georgia all on the road and had the least experienced O-line they'd fielded under Tuberville. The offense struggled especially early. They were outplayed by K-St and trailed in the 4Q but managed to win but the next week lost in OT to USF at home. They then lost to Miss St to fall to 1-2. They only led NMSt 21-20 at the half but got the win and turned their season around with an upset of #4 Florida in the swamp. They dominated Vanderbilt then got a FG with :21 left to beat Ark on the road. They almost upset #5 LSU as Auburn gave up a 22 yd TD pass with :01 left. A few games later UGA thrashed them 45-20 but they rebounded to get their 6th straight win over Alabama. They won the Chick-Fil-A Bowl in OT and finished 9-4 and #15 in the AP poll. Auburn has 16 returning starters (2nd most SEC) and has key games vs LSU & UGA at home. They are not only my pick to win the SEC West, they are a darkhorse National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 18 **Kodi Burns So.** 6-1 205 **PS#17**. 1 st true. 10-26-145-2-1, 231 rush, 9 gm. **Chris Todd** (6'4" 212 Jr) **PS#37**. 25-35-241-1-0 **TTech '06**. Neil Caudle (6'3" 200 So) **PS#14.**
RB 44 **BEN TATE JR.** 5-11 215 **PS#11**. 7 st LY, 1295 (5.1) 2Y. **Brad Lester** (5'11" 198 Sr) **PS#30**. 8 st 3Y. 1379 (4.9). 27 **Mario Fannin** (5'11" 217 So) **PS#16QB**. 448 (5.3) rFr.
WR 14 **TERRELL ZACHERY SO.** 6-1 208 **PS#18**. 1 gm rFr. 2 **Robert Dunn** (6'0" 178 Sr) PS#264. 3 st, 292 (11.2) 3Y. **FB** 30 John Douglas (6'2" 231 rFr) PS#78. Ryan Hastie (6'0" 246 Sr).
WR 88 **RODGERIQUS SMITH SR.** 6-0 196 13 st '06. 452 (17.4). 13 st LY, 705 (13.6). Chris Slaughter (6'3" 179 So) **PS#19**. 3 rec true. James Swinton (6'0" 178 Sr) PS#123. 3 rec 3Y.
WR 84 **MONTEZ BILLINGS JR.** 6-2 188 **PS#20**. 9 st LY, 321 (11.5). Tim Hawthorne (6'3" 209 So) **PS#7**. 3 st rFr. 4 rec. 81 Quindarius Carr (6'1" 175 rFr) PS#120. Zack Shaw (6'2" 203 rFr).
TE 5 **Tommy Trott Jr.** 6-5 251 **PS#6**. 12 st 2Y. 129 (9.2). 83 Gabe McKenzie (6'4" 253 Jr) **PS#12**. 254 (9.8) 2Y. 49 Bailey Woods (6'6" 229 rFr). Brent Slusher (6'3" 231 So) PS#17.
C 68 **JASON BOSLEY SR.** 6-4 281 PS#363. 4 st C '06. 13 st C LY. 66 Mike Berry (6'3" 313 So) PS#124. 3 st RG rFr. **LS** 60 Robert Shiver (6'3" 220 Sr) 26 gm LS 2Y.
RG 78 **CHAZ RAMSEY SO.** 6-4 290 **PS#53**. L/10 st RG true. SEC Fr Tm. 57 Byron Isom (6'3" 291 So) PS#134DL. 3 gm rFr. Most improved OL spg. 64 Jackson Timmerman (6'0" 290 Jr).
LG 71 **TYRONNE GREEN SR.** 6-2 307 PS#298DL. 4 gm as rFr. 13 gm '06. 13 st LG LY. 53 Bart Eddins (6'4" 292 So) **PS#12DL** 3 gm rFr. 58 Kyle Coulahan (6'4" 309 rFr) PS#132DL.
RT 50 **RYAN PUGH SO.** 6-4 284 **PS#17**. 7 st LT true. SEC Frosh Tm. 75 Andrew McCain (6'6" 300 Jr) PS#149. 1 tkl true. RS '06. 10 gm LY. Jermaine Johnson PS#426. Hargrave.
LT 73 **LEE ZIEMBA SO.** 6-8 297 **PS#2**. 13 st RT true. SEC Frosh Tm move to LT. 79 Jared Cooper (6'4" 297 rFr) **PS#56**. Rudy Odom (6'3" 286 Jr) PS#75DL. 1 gm LY. ACL spg.
K 18 **WES BYRUM SO.** 6-1 220 **PS#12**. Hit 17 of 23 FG true, long 49. 7 TB on 44 KO. Zach Kutch (5'9" 172 Jr) PS#12. 0-1 FG 2Y. Acad? 37 Morgan Hull (6'2" 187 So).

DE 49 **Michael Goggans So.** 6-3 254 PS#44TE. 9 tkl rFr, 1 sk, 1 tfl. 42 Raven Gray (6'5" 253 Jr) **PS#25** '06. PS#20JC. 90 AJ Greene (6'5" 269 rFr) PS#242. Luke Farmer (5'11" 239 rFr).
NG 91 **Jake Ricks Jr.** 6-4 302 **PS#36OL**. 8 tkl LY. 93 Zach Clayton (6'3" 286 So) PS#226. 8 tkl rFr. 99 Tez Doolittle (6'3" 294 Sr) **PS#43**. 19 tkl, 3.5 tfl 3Y. Med RS LY.
DT 94 **Sen'DERRICK MARKS JR.** 6-1 288 13 st rFr. 38 tkl, 11 tfl. 13 st DE LY, 43 tkl, 9 tfl. 93 Mike Blanc (6'4" 287 So) PS#384. 6 tkl rFr. 41 Darrell Roseman (6'4" 270 So) PS#181.
DE 52 **ANTONIO COLEMAN JR.** 6-2 250 **PS#57**. 18 tkl rFr. 7 st DE '07, 38 tkl, **8.5 sk**, 10 tfl. 45 Antoine Carter (6'4" 253 So) PS#133.16 tkl, 4 tfl true. Andre Wadley PS#122.
SLB 46 **CRAIG STEVENS SO.** 6-2 218 **PS#56**. 6 tkl true. 8 st LY. 35 tkl, 1 pbu. 40 Bo Harris (6'2" 244 So) **PS#45**. 1 st true, 18 tkl. 28 Da'Shaun Barnes (6'2" 221 Fr) PS#70DB '07.
MLB 10 **TRAY BLACKMON JR.** 6-0 220 **PS#3DB**. 4 st rFr, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 9 st LY, 45 tkl, 1 int. 17 Josh Bynes (6'2" 234 So) **PS#23**. 10 tkl true. 31 Adam Herring (6'1" 224 rFr) PS#235.
WLB 55 **MERRILL JOHNSON SR.** 6-0 204 PS#207. 10 st 3Y (inj LY). 75 tkl, 4 tfl. 59 **Chris Evans** (6'0" 221 Sr) 9 st LY, 64 tkl. 56 Courtney Harden (6'0" 237 Sr) PS#151. 26 tkl 3Y.
CB 2 **Aairon Savage Jr.** 5-11 190 PS#183. 11 st FS '06, 53 tkl, 4 tfl. 4 st (inj '07), 26 tkl. 6 Walter McFadden (6'0" 180 Jr) PS#153. 10 tkl LY. 29 Jeremy Flowers (5'10" 198 rFr).
CB 8 **JERRAUD POWERS JR.** 5-9 188 PS#78. 26 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. 13 st '07. 63 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 25 Ryan Williams (5'11" 204 So) **PS#53**. 4 tkl true. Neiko Lipscomb (6'1" 170 Fr).
SS 4 **ZAC ETHERIDGE SO.** 5-11 206 PS#159. 12 st SS rFr. 65 tkl, 5 pbu. 43 Blake Shrader (5'10" 196 Sr) PS#153. 5 gm 2Y. Brett Carr (6'2" 200 Jr). T'Sharvan Bell is PS#123.
FS 26 **Mike McNeil So.** 6-2 201 **PS#21**. 35 tkl true. 11 Mike Slade (6'2" 189 rFr) PS#188. Christian Thompson is PS#124LB. Jonathan Vickers (6'2" 216 Sr) 3 gm '07.
P 21 **RYAN SHOEMAKER SO.** 6-0 192 PS#42. **2nd Tm SEC** rFr. 49 punts, 42.4 avg & **net of 38.5!** Patrick Tatum (6'2" 213 So) 16 punts, 43.4 avg true. Clinton Durst (6'2" 184 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Raven Gray 6-5 253 PS#20JC
QB	Chris Todd 6-4 212 PS#123JC
QB	DeRon Furr 6-3 217 PS#30
RB	Reggie Hunt 5-10 185 PS#59
RB	Eric Smith 5-11 225 PS#61
WR	Harry Adams 6-0 180 PS#62
LB	Da'Shaun Barnes 6-2 221 PS#70DB '07
RB	Onterio McCalebb 6-0 170 PS#67
QB	Barrett Trotter 6-1 192 PS#44
WR	Darvin Adams 6-2 178 PS#68DB
DL	Cameron Henderson 6-6 215 PS#114
DL	Andre Wadley 6-3 265 PS#122
DL	Jomarcus Savage 6-3 270 PS#141
DB	T'Sharvan Bell 6-1 175 PS#123
DB	Drew Cole 6-0 180 PS#144
DB	Christian Thompson 6-1 195 PS#124LB
DB	Marcus Jemison 6-2 190 PS#156
DL	Freddie Smooth 6-5 305 PS#183OL
WR	Derek Winter 6-0 190 PS#147
DB	Neiko Lipscomb 6-1 170 PS#151WR
RB	Justin Albert 5-8 175 PS#164
WR	Philip Pierre-Louis 5-9 165 PS#192
DB	D'Antoine Hood 5-9 185 PS#292
TE	Vance Smith 6-2 240 PS#86
DL	Derrick Lykes 6-4 276 PS#87TE
LB	Spencer Pybus 6-1 200 PS#280
TE	Ken Adams 6-5 215 PS#103
LS	Dax Dellenbach 6-1 210 PS#154TE
OL	Jermaine Johnson 6-6 300 PS#426 '07

AUBURN TIGERS

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TOMMY TUBERVILLE (Career 105-53)
10th Year at Auburn Tuberville's Bowl Record: 6-3

Tuberville's records AT AUBURN

80-33	Straight Up	15-11	Vs Top 10
50-14	Home	20-17	Vs Top 25
24-15	Away	8-9	Vs BCS Teams
6-4	Neutral	12-7	Off A Bye
50-24	Vs Conference	17-12	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (23,20,5)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 84,689 (#12)

SEC – WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#32

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score AU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	ULM	G					The Tigers are 88-25-2 in season openers w/2 straight wins but 3-3 the last 6. Auburn is 6-0 all-time vs ULM winning by 33 ppg. Their last meeting was in '04 (31-0).
Sep. 6	S Mississippi	G					Auburn is 16-5 all-time vs SM with the last meeting being a 35-24 AU win in '93. Auburn's last series loss was in 1991. Tigers are 31-7 in Sept gms under Tuberville.
Sep. 13	at Mississippi St	G					Last year's 19-14 loss to MSU ended a 14 gm win streak in SEC openers for AU. MSU snapped an Auburn 6 gm win streak but AU has won the L/3 in Starkville by 30 ppg.
Sep. 20	LSU	G					Last time at home, AU beat LSU 7-3. AU's lowest scoring gm at home S/'73 (7-0). The winner of this game has won the SEC West 6 of the last 8 years.
Sep. 27	Tennessee	G					Auburn has won 7 in a row the week following LSU & has beaten Tenn 3 straight. Eight of the L/11 in this series have been decided by 10 pts of less including 2 ties.
Oct. 4	at Vanderbilt	G					LY AU led 35-0 before VU scored a TD with 4:57 left 4Q & AU had a 404-221 yd edge. The Tigers have won 13 straight vs Vandy. AU has won 8 straight prior to Ark.
Oct. 11	Arkansas	G					Auburn has won 4 of 5 in this series but the home team has won just 1 of 6. Tuberville faces his former OC Petrino who nearly took his job in a failed coup in '03.
Oct. 18							Bonus: Aub is 5-2-1 vs current BE teams but this is the 1st meeting between AU & WV.
Oct. 23	at West Virginia (Thur)	A					The Tigers are 6-1 all-time on Thursday night & beat SC 24-17 in Columbia in 2006. New DC Rhodes was Pitt's DC in '07 & held West Virginia to 183 total yds.
Nov. 1	at Mississippi	A					Auburn HC Tuberville has won 7 of the last 8 games vs his former team. Last year Auburn led 7-3 at HT but finished outgaining the Rebels 420-193.
Nov. 8	Tenn-Martin (HC)	G					First meeting. Auburn is 25-7 vs reg season non-conf opponents since '98. Tenn-Martin finished 4-7 including a 35-13 loss to S Miss as members of the Ohio Valley Conf.
Nov. 15	Georgia	G					The Tigers have dropped 4 of 6 overall & 2 of 3 at home vs Georgia. Last year the Tigers led 20-17 in the 3Q but the Bulldogs scored 28 straight pts.
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	at Alabama	G					AU set a school record w/their 6th consec win over Bama in LY's Iron Bowl, 17-10. Over the L7Y (including 6 wins) Auburn has been outgained vs Bama by 26 total yds.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Stan White 8,016 '90-'93
2. Jason Campbell 7,299 '01-'04
3. Brandon Cox 6,959 '04-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Bo Jackson 4,303 '82-'85
2. Carnell Williams 3,831 '01-'04
3. James Brooks 3,523 '77-'80

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terry Beasley 2,507 '69-'71
2. Tyrone Goodson 2,283 '93-'97
3. Karsten Bailey 2,174 '95-'98

STADIUM: JORDAN-HARE STADIUM (87,451) (#12)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-4	7-5	9-4	8-5	13-0	9-3	11-2	9-4	75-27
Home	7-0	5-1	5-2	5-2	7-0	6-1	6-2	6-2	47-10
Away	2-2	2-3	3-2	2-3	4-0	3-1	4-0	2-2	22-13
Neutral	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-4
vs Conf	6-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	9-0	7-1	6-2	5-3	48-18
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	4-1	3-2	4-0	2-2	5-0	4-1	27-9
ATS	7-6	4-8	9-3	6-6	7-5	8-3	6-7	7-5	54-43-1
Home Fav	4-3	2-3	2-2	3-3	4-2-1	5-1	2-5	3-4	25-23-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-1
Away Fav	1-0	0-2	2-0	1-1	2-1	1-1	2-2	0-0	9-7
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	0-0	3-1	12-7
Neutral	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-0	5-5
vs Conf	5-4	3-5	6-2	4-4	6-2-1	7-1	4-4	5-3	40-25-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	2-3	2-2	14-18
Off SU Win	5-4	2-5	5-3	4-2	7-3-1	7-2	3-7	5-2	38-28-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-3	3-0	2-3	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-2	13-10

Tommy Tuberville

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ben Tate	202	961	58	903	8	4.5
Brad Lester	125	568	38	530	3	4.2
Mario Fannin	84	476	28	448	5	5.3
Kodi Burns	54	231	28	203	3	3.8
Carl Stewart	20	60	11	49	2	2.5
Brandon Cox	47	97	193	-96	2	-2.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brandon Cox	316	188	59.5	2080	9	13
Kodi Burns	26	10	38.5	145	2	1
Blake Field	11	6	54.5	92	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Rodgerigus Smith	52	705	13.6	5	58
Montez Billings	28	321	11.5	1	31
Carl Stewart	14	214	15.3	0	55
Robert Dunn	19	211	11.1	2	33
Mario Fannin	18	176	9.8	2	27
Ben Tate	16	144	9.0	0	25
Prechae Rodriguez	11	122	11.1	0	18
Gabe McKenzie	13	117	9.0	2	20
Cole Bennett	11	108	9.8	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Shoemaker	49	2080	42.4	13	38.5(t)	0	16
Patrick Tatum	16	694	43.4	3	–	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Wes Byrum	33-34	5-5	9-10	3-8	0-0	17-23	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Josh Thompson	67	0	4.5	0	0
Zac Etheridge	65	0.5	1	5	0
Chris Evans	64	0	1	5	1
Jerraud Powers	63	0	4	5	4
Eric Brock	59	0	0.5	5	0
Patrick Lee	55	0	1	10	4
Tray Blackmon	45	0	0.5	1	1
Sen'Derrick Marks	43	2	7	2	1
Quentin Groves	38	3	4	0	0
Antonio Coleman	38	8.5	9.5	3	0
Pat Sims	37	4.5	7	3	0
Craig Stevens	35	0	0	1	0
Mike McNeil	35	0	0.5	0	0
Jonathan Wilhite	30	1	0.5	2	2
Aairon Savage	26	0	1	0	0
Merrill Johnson	19	0	0	0	0
Bo Harris	18	0	1	0	0
Antoine Carter	16	1.5	2.5	1	0
Courtney Harden	15	0	0	0	0
Zach Gilbert	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Robert Dunn	32	301	9.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mario Fannin	19	399	21.0	0
Patrick Lee	11	284	25.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Music City		-3'	Wisconsin	28-14
04	Sugar - #3		-6	Virginia Tech - #9	16-13
05	Capital One - #7		-10	Wisconsin - #21	10-24
06	Cotton - #10		-2	Nebraska - #22	17-14
07	Chick-Fil-A - #22		+2	Clemson - #15 (OT)	23-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Auburn's All-Time Bowl Record 19–13–2

AUBURN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	24.2	19	157	3.8	178	57.3	13.8	0	2007	7	16.9	16	125	3.6	173	55.3	17.6
6*	24.8	17	148	4.1	173	60.6	13.0	+5	2006	6	13.9	17	124	3.7	168	54.6	21.0
6	32.2	21	194	4.8	216	57.5	12.7	-3	2005	6	15.5	16	116	3.5	199	56.1	20.3
7*	32.1	21	183	4.3	237	68.5	13.1	+4	2004	6	11.3	14	104	3.3	173	54.5	24.6
8*	26.3	19	184	4.4	192	62.5	14.3	+1	2003	8	16.3	15	93	2.7	189	53.3	17.3
6*	29.8	19	204	4.7	184	58.2	13.0	+9	2002	8	17.8	18	142	3.9	186	55.3	18.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

AU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
86,439	Kansas St	17	37-62	1.7	17-30	229	5	16	16-27	1.7	33-58	289	2	+1
82,617	USF	16	35-125	3.6	16-35	165	2	18	52-135	2.6	18-27	184	3	-5
82,129	Mississippi St	16	46-216	4.7	12-22	107	2	14	43-172	4.0	5-18	41	1	-4
83,012	New Mexico St	19	47-229	4.9	14-24	193	1	21	35-120	3.4	30-46	259	1	+5
90,685	at Florida	23	44-99	2.3	17-26	227	4	14	28-111	4.0	20-27	201	0	+1
82,657	Vanderbilt	19	39-239	6.1	14-18	165	1	17	38-133	3.5	12-31	88	2	0
72,463	at Arkansas	21	53-189	3.6	13-23	101	1	11	25-67	2.7	13-27	126	2	0
92,630	at LSU	16	35-97	2.8	18-28	199	2	23	33-169	5.1	22-35	319	2	+2
87,451	Mississippi	22	48-231	4.8	16-26	189	1	15	29-70	2.4	14-28	123	3	0
85,754	Tennessee Tech	18	36-115	3.2	15-29	259	0	15	34-136	4.0	19-28	168	0	+3
92,746	at Georgia	18	35-83	2.4	14-30	133	3	16	43-180	4.2	11-19	237	1	-2
87,451	Alabama	17	41-165	4.0	12-22	117	2	15	36-112	3.1	12-26	113	2	0
74,413	† Clemson	24	47-190	4.0	26-43	233	1	12	40-189	4.7	14-33	104	3	-1
TOTALS		246	543-2040	3.8	204-356	2317	25	207	452-1621	3.6	223-403	2252	22	0
AVERAGES		18.9	42-157	3.8	16-27	178	1.9	15.9	35-125	3.6	17-31	173	1.7	0.0

2003 RESULTS

AU Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#6	USC - #8	-3'	0-23
#17	at Georgia Tech	-8'	3-17
–	at Vanderbilt	-12	45-7
–	W Kentucky	NL	48-3
–	Tennessee - #7	-1	28-21
–	at Arkansas - #7	+6	10-3
#18	Mississippi St	-21	45-13
#17	at LSU - #9	+3	7-31
–	ULM	-37	73-7
–	Mississippi - #20	-8	20-24
–	at Georgia - #7	+6'	7-26
–	Alabama	-7'	28-23

2004 RESULTS

AU Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Post #2 Score
#17	ULM	-38	31-0
#18	at Mississippi St	-13'	43-14
#13	LSU - #5	-1	10-9
#9	The Citadel	-46	33-3
#8	at Tennessee - #11	+2	34-10
#6	Louisiana Tech	-26	52-7
#4	Arkansas	-12'	38-20
#3	Kentucky	-30'	42-10
#3	at Mississippi	-16'	35-14
#3	Georgia - #8	-3'	24-6
#2	at Alabama	-10	21-13
#3	† Tennessee - #15	-14'	38-28

2005 RESULTS

AU Rank	Pre #18 Opponent	Line	Post #14 Score
#16	Georgia Tech	-7'	14-23
–	Mississippi St	-15	28-0
–	Ball St	-36'	63-3
–	W Kentucky	NL	37-14
–	South Carolina	-14'	48-7
#21	at Arkansas	-7'	34-17
#16	at LSU - #7	+6	17-20 OT
#19	Mississippi	-20'	27-3
#17	at Kentucky	-22'	49-27
#15	at Georgia - #9	+3	31-30
#11	Alabama - #8	-7	28-18

2006 RESULTS

AU Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post #9 Score
#4	Washington St	-14	40-14
#4	at Mississippi St	-21	34-0
#3	LSU - #6	-3'	7-3
#2	Buffalo	-41	38-7
#2	at South Carolina	-13'	24-17
#2	Arkansas	-15	10-27
#11	Florida - #2	+2	27-17
#8	Tulane	-31	38-13
#7	at Mississippi	-18'	23-17
#6	Arkansas St	-31'	27-0
#5	Georgia	-11'	15-37
#15	at Alabama	-3	22-15

2007 RESULTS

AU Rank	Pre #18 Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
#18	Kansas St	-13'	23-13
#17	USF	-7	23-26 OT
–	Mississippi St	-13	14-19
–	New Mexico St	-16'	55-20
–	at Florida - #4	+17'	20-17
–	Vanderbilt	-8	35-7
#22	at Arkansas	+3	9-7
#18	at LSU - #5	+10	24-30
#23	Mississippi	-18	17-3
#19	Tennessee Tech	NL	35-3
#18	at Georgia - #10	+1'	20-45
#25	Alabama	-4'	17-10

LSU TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - JaMarcus Russell had a tremendous senior season throwing for 3,129 (67.8%) with a 28-8 ratio and was the first overall pick of the NFL draft. Matt Flynn was 3rd string in 2004 (10 passes). The team signed Ryan Perrilloux (PS#1) in '05. Russell started the entire 2005 season but was injured in the SEC Title gm allowing Matt Flynn to start the bowl and he earned Bowl Off MVP honors and threw for 457 (56.2%) with a 7-1 ratio in 9 games. Perrilloux RS'd. In 2006 Flynn played in 13 hitting 12 of 20 for 133 (105 rush) while Perrilloux played in 5 (4 att). Flynn was the clear-cut starter last year but was banged up during the season. He ended up throwing for 2,407 (56.3%) with a 21-11 ratio. In many games Perrilloux was called upon to run the ball but with Flynn injured, he did start vs MT hitting 20 of 25 for 298. He also started the SEC Title game and hit 20 of 30 for 243 (0 pass att in bowl). For the season he actually completed a higher % (68%) with an 8-2 ratio (694 yds) while running for 257. This year Flynn departs (12 st, #7DC GB) and Perrilloux was dismissed in the spring. RFr Jarrett Lee (PS#13) and Andrew Hatch (Harvard transfer) split snaps in the spring. Adding depth are TC McCartney (6'3" 202 rFr), who is the grandson of former Colorado HC Bill, and true frosh Jordan Jefferson (PS#9). Hatch and Lee finished spring pretty even and will fight for the starting job in August. Miles said he is "comfortable with both QBs," but with Perrilloux's unexpected dismissal, the running game may be featured more in '08.

RUNNING BACKS - LSU had an inexperienced RB corps in 2006 but FB Jacob Hester (430 bench) led with 440 (4.7). Keiland Williams who is "all muscle" and has 4.45 speed was #2 with 436 (5.7). Charles Scott (PS#7) rushed for 277 (6.0) in 7 games as a true frosh with former OC Fisher saying he was "going to be a great one." Trindon Holliday, who is the fastest man in college football, is listed as a WR but is more of a RB despite his size (5'5" 159). Hester was the go-to man LY garnering 52% of the team's RB rushes and 1,103 (4.9). Williams was #2 with 478 (6.8) and Holliday #3 with 364 (6.9). Surprisingly Scott was #4 with 324 and had the best ypc of the RB's (7.2). This year they lose Hester (#3DC SD) and FB Shawn Jordan (32 yds) but have everyone else back including Richard Murphy (6'1" 198 So, PS#27) who had 230 (6.6) as a rFr and Stevan Ridley (5'11" 209 rFr, PS#36LB). Despite the loss of their top guy, this is still one of the deepest RB corps in the NCAA and the top 4 returnees all avg over 6.6 ypc.

RECEIVERS - In 2007 LSU had to replace their top two WR's who combined for 1,826 of the team's 3,272 yards (56%). The leading returnees were Early Doucet (PS#1) who had 772 (13.1) and Brandon LaFell (PS#36) with 140 (28.0). Crowton's offense uses TE's more and Richard Dickson went from 96 as a true (2nd Tm SEC) to 375 (11.7) LY. Dropped passes hurt the unit as did the loss of Doucet for most of five games. LaFell, who was the prime culprit of the drops including one vs Aub which turned into an int, still led with 656 (13.1) while Demetrius Byrd (PS#30 JC) added 621 (17.7). Doucet had 525 (9.2) and Jared Mitchell added 143 (11.0). This year they must replace Doucet (#3DC ARZ) and TE's Keith Zinger (PS#11, 3 rec, 10 st, #7DC ATL) and Mit Cole (PS#25, 1 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jeremy Bunting (6'0" 182 Sr), Brady Glaser (5'11" 191 rFr) and TE's Alex Russian (6'4" 230 rFr, PS#36) and Caleb Angelle (6'4" 245 Sr). This group is more experienced than 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - It was surprising that in 2005 with 4 starters returning, the unit only paved the way for 3.8 ypc rushing (lowest in 5 years) while allowing 26 sacks (7.2%). In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and a backup. They did have 5 back with starting experience but 2nd Tm SEC LG Will Arnold was lost after 5 starts. Surprisingly the inexperienced unit opened holes for 4.8 ypc with 19 sacks allowed (5.2%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups. Arnold only played in 3 due to injuries but the unit opened holes for 214 ypg rushing (4.9) which were their best totals since 1997 while allowing 30 sacks (6.8%). This year they lose RT Carnell Stewart (14 st, 959 pl), Arnold, Robert Smith (4 gm) and Cole Louviere (1 gm). Not only do 4 starters return but the entire 2 deep is made up of VHT's including Joseph Barksdale (PS#5DL) who played in 11 as a true frosh. Their 96 career starts returning are 11th best in IA, and this is one of the SEC's top O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tigers had to replace 3 NFL DC's in 2006 but still yielded just 97 ypg rush and 3.2 ypc while the D had 39 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter (#7DC) and 3 backups. They did return their two stars in DT Glenn Dorsey and DE Tyson Jackson (8.5 sks, 2nd Tm SEC '06).

DE Tyson Jackson

For the first time in 5 years LSU allowed over 100 ypg (106) rushing and that was mostly due to Dorsey being injured in the 2H of the season and the fact that they allowed 385 yards rushing in 3OT's vs Ark. Also last year DT Charles Alexander was lost after 3 starts and Ricky Jean-Francois, who Miles said was their 2nd best DL, missed 12 (susp) but was the Def MVP of the bowl. This year 8 of the top 9 are back but they have a huge loss in Dorsey (14 st, Lombardi, Outland, Lott and Nagurski winner, #1DC KC) who was the SEC Def POY. Even with the loss of their star, this is still one of the best DL's in the NCAA as their *third* string is comprised of 4 VHT's. Not even listed in the PSL are Donald Hains (5'11" 243 Sr) and two VHT true frosh.

LINEBACKERS - LSU had to replace 3 of their top 4 LB's in 2006 but last year all 3 starters returned and they finished #1, #5 and #12 on the team in tackles. This year they lose 2nd Tm AA WLB Ali Highsmith (14 st, 101 tkl, 9 tfl) and BLB Luke Sanders (11 st, 30 tkl) but luckily 2nd Tm SEC MLB Darry Beckwith turned down an early shot at the NFL and they have 4 of the top 6 back. This is a talented group but with the loss of their top guy, I will call them down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In the last six years the Tigers have finished #6, #1, #5, #5, #1 and #3 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace both safeties including 1st TM AA LaRon Landry (#1DC WAS). They did have a pair of shutdown CB's returning which allowed the Tigers to blitz often. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace1st Tm AA SS Craig Steltz who was one of 3 finalists for the Thorpe Award (14 st, 101 tkl, 6 int, #4DC CHI), 1st Tm SEC CB Chevis Jackson (14 st, 44 tkl, 5 int, 16 pbu, #3DC ATL) and CB Jonathan Zenon (14 st, 45 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu). This unit is my biggest concern on the 2008 squad.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Saban's 5 years here LSU finished #52, #8, #11, #1 and #23 (up from #98 in '99) while Miles' Okla St teams finished #3, #18, #3 and #11 in my ST rankings. When Miles arrived in '05 everyone returned and they were #10. Surprisingly in 2006 the unit dropped to #80 with P Chris Jackson going from a 39.0 net down to 32.9. Last year they only had to replace Jackson. Colt David set SEC and school single season scoring records with 147 points. He broke David Browndyke's school record for FG's made in a season (19 in '88) with 26. 2007 was the first time in school history LSU produced an SEC 1st Tm K and P as Patrick Fisher had a 44.5 avg (35.8 net). True frosh Josh Jasper (PS#22) and Andrew Crutchfield (PS#15) and Sr Sean Gaudet combined for just 2 TB on 97 KO. As expected, Trindon Holliday avg 26.2 on KR but surprisingly LSU avg'd just 5.9 on PR. Overall the Tigers surprisingly finished #81 with a -2 in the TD/blk category. This year they must replace P Fisher but have too much talent not to improve in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Les Miles did a fine job at Okla St with his resume including two big upsets over rival OU and 3 bowls. Miles now owns a National Title in just 3 years at LSU. Last year he lost OC Jimbo Fisher and brought in Gary Crowton who was the OC at Oregon ('05-'06) and the BYU HC from 2001-'04. While Fisher was lauded by many, under Crowton's guidance the team avg 38.6 ppg which set a school record. They lose 3 year DC Bo Pelini who took over as Nebraska's HC. This year they are going to co-DC's in Doug Mallory and Bradley Dale Peveto. Mallory has been the DB coach here the last 3 years and was the DC at W Kentucky from '92-'93. Peveto was the DC at NWSt, Co-DC at Houston and DC at MT and the LB coach here the last 3 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Miles is 19-1 vs unranked foes and 15-5 vs ranked opponents at LSU with only two losses vs teams ranked lower than #13. *Phil Steele's College Football Preview Magazine* was the ONLY magazine to forecast LSU to win the SEC West in 2003. I called the Tigers my #2 surprise team and they took home the BCS National Title when they upset Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. In 2004, despite a rough schedule including three road games vs Top 15 foes all within a four week span, LSU was 9-2 and suffered a tough bowl loss to Iowa on the last play. In 2005 the Tigers had to replace HC Nick Saban and unfortunately had practices (and so much more) disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. They could have finished the regular season unbeaten had they not blown a 24-7 lead in the 4Q vs Tenn. They moved to #3 by the end of the reg ssn but were whipped by Georgia 34-14 in the SEC Title game. An angry LSU squad plastered Miami (FL) 40-3 in the Peach Bowl. 2005 was the first time LSU defeated Auburn, Alabama and Florida all in the same season. They had 11 returning starters in 2006 and it was the first Tiger team since 1982 to beat two Top 10 foes on the road in the same year. In the friendly confines of the Sugar Bowl, they destroyed ND 41-14 and finished #3. Last year they were #2 in the preseason and LSU was the only team in IA ball to not lose a game in regulation (both losses OT). The Tigers were also the first team to make it to a BCS Title game with 2 losses. At midseason, LSU moved to #1 in the AP poll for the first time in 48 years. UK DC Brown said as many as 19 of LSU's 22 starters could someday play in the NFL. The Tigers were dominating early including an amazing 48-7 win over #9 VT and the 28-16 win over #12 SCar. After two, 4Q TD's including one on 4th down, they got past Florida (trailed 24-14). LSU had a dropped TD pass in the 4Q up by 10 vs Kentucky and lost in 3OT. They did need a 22 yard TD pass with :01 left to get past Auburn and trailed Alabama by 7 in the 4Q but got a 32 yd TD pass on 4th & 4 and then a FR to set up the winning TD. They were stunned by unranked Arkansas in 3OT at home but made it to their 3rd SEC Title game in 5 years. They trailed 14-13 in the 4Q but got the win and after their hopes of the BCS Title game appeared to go out the window after losing to Ark, they moved back up to play Ohio St and took home their 2nd National Title in five years. Their +81 ypg was the best mark in the SEC. LSU did benefit from an amazing +20 in TO's and 2 net close wins. This year their 12 returning starters are 3rd fewest in the SEC and they top my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover (pg 308) in points. They have to play Aub, Fla and SCar on the road and also draw UGA out of the East. Four of my 8 sets of power ratings still call for the Tigers to win the SEC West and they are a legitimate National Title contender again despite the personnel losses and tough schedule.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

QB 12 Jarrett Lee rFr. 6-2 190 **PS#13.** **14** Andrew Hatch (6'3" 214 Jr) PS#330 '05. Harvard transfer. 2 games LY, 36 ttl yards. Jordan Jefferson (6'4" 210 Fr) **PS#9.**

RB 5 Keiland Williams Jr. 5-11 223 Hargrave. 4.45 spd. 1 st 2Y, 914 (6.3). **32 Charles Scott** (5'11" 221 Jr) **PS#7.** 1 st, 601 (6.6) 2Y. **8 Trindon Holliday** (5'5" 159 Jr) **4.27.** 536 (8.0) 2Y.

WR 80 Terrance Toliver So. 6-5 203 **PS#2.** 2 st true, 249 (**24.9**!). DeAngelo Benton (6'3" 205 Fr) **PS#3.** Hargrave. **10** Ricky Dixon (6'2" 216 So) PS#30. **FB 45 Quinn Johnson** (6'2" 238 Sr) **5 st** 3Y.

WR 1 BRANDON LaFELL JR. 6-3 194 **PS#36.** 10 st LY, 656 (13.1). **87** Jared Mitchell (5'11" 192 Jr) PS#70. 5 st, 168 (11.2) 2Y. **28** RJ Jackson (6'0" 209 Jr) **PS#12RB.** Deangelo Peterson PS#55DB.

WR 2 DEMETRIUS BYRD SR. 6-2 195 **PS#30JC.** 5 st LY, 621 (17.7). **86** Chris Mitchell (6'0" 176 Jr) PS#26. 3 st, 59 yd 2Y. Chris Tolliver **PS#18.** **88** Ian Harding (6'1" 196 rFr).

TE 18 RICHARD DICKSON JR. 6-3 237 **PS#10.** 9 st true. **2nd Tm SEC.** 5 st LY. 375 (11.7). **83** Mitch Joseph (6'5" 243 rFr) **PS#14.** **41** Jordon Corbin (6'4" 240 rFr) **PS#10.** Tyler Edwards **PS#11.**

C 74 BRETT HELMS SR. 6-2 283 **PS#53.** 2 st LG rFr. 12 st C '06, 108 kd. 14 st C LY.

HM SEC 913 snaps. 78 kd. **53** T-Bob Hebert (6'3" 260 rFr) **LS 50** Joey Crappell (6'2" 214 rFr).

RG 65 LYLE HITT JR. 6-2 284 PS#41DL. 2 tkl rFr. 13 st RG LY, 843 snap, 58 kd. **77** Ernest McCoy (6'5" 333 rFr) **PS#29.** **94** Will Blackwell (6'4" 293 rFr) PS#24DL. Moved from DE.

LG 79 HERMAN JOHNSON SR. 6-7 351 **PS#9.** 2 gm true RS. 1 st rFr. 10 st '06, 62 kd. **1st Tm SEC** LY, 14 st, 58 kd. Max Holmes (6'4" 275 Jr) **PS#85.** Thomas Parsons PS#67.

RT 78 Joseph Barksdale So. 6-6 315 **PS#5DL.** 11 gm, 2nd string true. Jarvis Jones (6'6" 294 So) **PS#37.** 7 gm true. Josh Dworaczyk (6'6" 275 rFr) **PS#94.** Trey Helms (6'4" 261 rFr) PS#368.

LT 70 CIRON BLACK JR. 6-5 314 **PS#21.** 13 st rFr. **1st Tm Frosh AA.** 739 pl. 14 st LT LY, **2nd Tm SEC.** 74 kd. **63** Ryan Miller (6'6" 318 Sr) **PS#13.** 3 st, 3Y. 175 pl LY. Greg Shaw **PS#46.**

K 6 COLT DAVID SR. 5-9 175 **1st Tm SEC LY.** SEC rec pts scored. 12-18 FG in '05-'06. 3-7 from 40+. 26-33 FG LY, L/49. 6-9 40-49. **39** Andrew Crutchfield (6'1" 190 So) PS#15.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN PURPLE

DE 49 KIRSTON PITTMAN SR. 6-4 254 **PS#21LB.** 1 st '03-'04. 36 tkl, 5 sk. Inj 2Y. 14 st LY, 68 tkl, 8 sk, 5.5 tfl. **84** Rahim Alem (6'3" 252 Jr) **PS#16.** 8 tkl, 2 sk. Lazarius Levingston (6'4" 258 So) PS#44. 8 tkl.

DT 90 Ricky Jean-Francois Jr. 6-3 281 **PS#14.** 1 st rFr. 27 tkl, 3 sk. Susp 12 gm LY. **Bowl MVP LY. 97** Al Woods (6'4" 314 Jr) **PS#3.** 1 st, 29 tkl, 2.5 sk 2Y. **96** Kentravis Aubrey (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#57.

DT 99 MARLON FAVORITE SR. 6-1 295 **PS#19.** 4 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk '06. 6 st LY, 28 tkl. Charles Alexander (6'3" 294 Sr) PS#78. 6 st '06, 28 tkl. 3 st LY (inj). Drake Nevis (6'1" 285 So) PS#48. 2 st, 17 tkl true.

DE 93 TYSON JACKSON SR. 6-5 292 PS#82. 12 st '06. 2nd Tm SEC, **8.5 sk.** 14 st LY, 36 tkl, 3.5 sk. **47** Tremaine Johnson (6'2" 273 Sr). 20 tkl, 2 sk. 3Y. **38** Sidell Corley (6'4" 270 rFr) **PS#14.**

OLB 11 Kelvin Sheppard So. 6-3 228 PS#90. 21 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **55** Kellen Theriot (6'1" 225 Fr) PS#115DL in spg. Ryan Baker PS#68. Paul Felio (6'0" 221 rFr). Lydell Smith (5'10" 208 rFr).

MLB 48 DARRY BECKWITH SR. 6-1 232 **PS#20.** 11 st '06, 65 tkl, 2.5 sk. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC**, 65 tkl, 1.5 sk, 5 tfl. **54** Jacob Cutrera (6'4" 227 Jr) **PS#29.** 3 st 2Y, 58 tkl, 2 tfl.

OLB 56 Perry Riley Jr. 6-1 220 **PS#37.** 4 tkl true. 24 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **17** Shomari Clemons (6'2" 220 rFr) **PS#36DB.** Ace Foyil (6'3" 229 Jr) 1 st, 18 tkl Tulane '05. 1 gm LSU LY.

CB NA Patrick Johnson Fr. 6-1 175 **PS#1. 29** Chris Hawkins (6'1" 181 Jr) **PS#37.** 4 tkl rFr. 13 tkl LY. Brandon Taylor (6-0 178 Fr) PS#36. **5** Chad Moody (5'10" 187 Jr).

CB 4 Jai Eugene So. 5-11 184 **PS#11.** 8 tkl rFr, 1 pbu. **25** Phelon Jones (5'11" 195 rFr) **PS#19.** **13** Ron Brooks (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#12WR. John Williams (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#45.

SS 3 Chad Jones So. 6-3 222 **PS#4. All SEC Frosh Tm.** 34 tkl, 2 sk true. 202 ret yds. **24** Harry Coleman (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#225WR. 30 tkl 2Y, solid bowl gm. Karnell Hatcher PS#37.

FS 27 CURTIS TAYLOR SR. 6-3 204 PS#84. 15 tkl '05-'06. 13 st LY, 54 tkl, 3 int. **44** Danny McCray (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#48. 30 tkl true. 4 st, 64 tkl LY, 3 sk. **23** Stefoin Francois (6'1" 200 rFr) **PS#20.**

P 30 Josh Jasper So. 6-0 165 PS#22. 1 punt true, 40.0. 1 TB on 39 KO. **38** Brady Dalfrey (6'0" 207 Sr) **PS#12.** 47.9 avg as Sr in HS. **3** Drew Alleman (6'0" 172 Fr) PS#50.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Patrick Johnson 6-1 175 PS#1
WR	DeAngelo Benton 6-3 205 PS#3 '07
DL	Chancey Aghayere 6-4 243 PS#10
QB	Jordan Jefferson 6-4 210 PS#9
WR	Chris Tolliver 6-1 189 PS#18
DL	Chase Clement 6-6 245 PS#25
TE	Tyler Edwards 6-3 240 PS#11
OL	Greg Shaw 6-5 285 PS#46
DB	Brandon Taylor 6-0 178 PS#36
DB	Karnell Hatcher 6-2 190 PS#37
LB	Kyle Prater 6-1 210 PS#40
OL	Thomas Parsons 6-5 272 PS#67
TE	Matt Branch 6-5 240 PS#18
OL	Clay Spencer 6-6 285 PS#80
WR	Deangelo Peterson 6-3 190 PS#55DB
WR	Tim Molton 6-3 190 PS#65
WR	Jhyryn Taylor 6-1 180 PS#70
LB	Ryan Baker 6-0 210 PS#68
OL	PJ Lonergan 6-4 290 PS#93
DB	Rockey Duplessis 6-1 185 PS#70
DB	Ryan St Julien 6-1 170 PS#81
LB	Kellen Theriot 6-1 225 PS#115DL
DB	Derrick Bryant 6-0 185 PS#98
DL	Cordian Hagans 6-5 290 PS#136
OL	Alex Hurst 6-5 290 PS#158
DL	Lavar Edwards 6-4 280 PS#217
K	Drew Alleman 6-0 172 PS#50

LSU TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#19

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score LSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Appalachian St	G					
Sep. 6	Troy	G					
Sep. 13	North Texas	G					
Sep. 20	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 27	Mississippi St	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Florida	G					
Oct. 18	at South Carolina	G					
Oct. 25	Georgia	G					
Nov. 1	Tulane	G					
Nov. 8	Alabama	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Mississippi	G					
Nov. 28	at Arkansas (Fri)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tommy Hodson 9,115 '86-'89
2. Jeff Wickersham 6,921 '82-'85
3. JaMarcus Russell 6,625 '04-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Kevin Faulk 4,557 '95-'98
2. Dalton Hilliard 4,050 '82-'85
3. Charles Alexander 4,035 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Josh Reed 3,001 '99-'01
2. Wendell Davis 2,708 '84-'87
3. Eric Martin 2,625 '81-'84

FBS Champ vs FCS Champ. The Tigers have won 22 straight non-conf HG's. ASU pulled a huge upset LY at Michigan in the ssn opener on their way to a 3rd straight title (IAA).

LSU is 31-0 all-time vs current Sun Belt teams (avg score 46-3) including 1-0 vs Troy. In the only other meeting between these 2, LSU escaped with a 24-20 win in '04.

LSU is 3-0 vs North Texas all-time with the last meeting a 56-3 blowout in 2005. This will be the 1st yr since '03 (National Champs) that LSU opens w/3 non-conf tms.

The home team has won 8 in a row in this series by an avg of 9 ppg. Last year the Tigers trailed 17-7 at HT but scored on a 22 yd pass with :01 left.

LSU has won 8 straight & 15 of the L/16 vs MSU outscoring them 340-81 in the L/8. The Tigers are 11-1 prior to a bye week (reg season) since 2000.

LSU has won 3 of the L/4 in this series, but overall have just 5 wins in the L/20. Last year the Tigers trailed 17-7 at HT but outscored the Gators 14-0 in the 4Q.

LSU is 15-2-1 all-time in this series & SC's last win was in 1994. Last year LSU used a fake FG to score a TD & had a 290-17 yd rush edge in their 28-16 win over SC.

LSU leads the overall series 14-11-1 & the home team has won 5 of 6 (reg ssn). They met in both the '03 & '05 SEC Championship game & each won one easily.

LSU has won 16 in a row in this series with Tulane's last win in 1982. LY LSU led 10-9 at HT with only 127 yds before outscoring them 24-0 in the 2H.

The Tigers have won 7 of the last 8 vs the Tide. In last yr's inaugural "Saban Bowl," LSU outgained UA 475-254 but only won 41-34 due to 3 int's by QB Flynn.

Last year Mississippi outgained #1 LSU 466-396. LSU has won 6 straight but 4 of those wins have been by a FG or less. LSU is 8-1 since 1999 in home finales.

The Tigers have won 4 of 5 vs Arkansas & is 22-6-1 since 1930 including 2 bowls. Last year's 3OT thriller was tied 5 times as Arkansas outgained LSU 513-413.

LES MILES (Career 62-27)
4th Year at LSU
Miles' Bowl Record: 4-2

Miles' records AT LSU

34-6	Straight Up	7-3	Vs Top 10
19-2	Home	15-5	Vs Top 25
11-3	Away	6-0	Vs BCS Teams
4-1	Neutral	5-1	Off A Bye
20-6	Vs Conference	6-0	Off A Loss

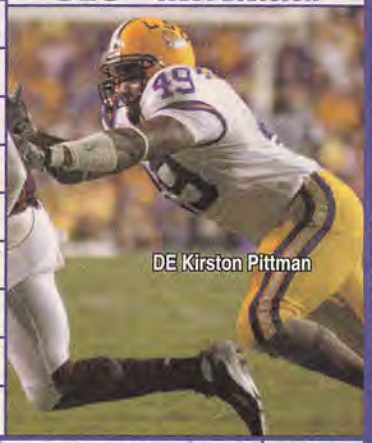
2007 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (22,19,3)
Lost: 24 (14,7,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,619 (#6)

SEC - WEST DIVISION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STADIUM: TIGER STADIUM (92,400) (#7)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	10-3	8-5	13-1	9-3	11-2	11-2	12-2	82-22
Home	6-1	5-2	6-1	6-1	7-0	5-1	8-0	6-1	49-7
Away	1-3	3-1	2-3	5-0	2-2	5-0	2-2	4-1	24-12
Neutral	1-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	2-0	9-3
vs Conf	5-3	6-3	5-3	8-1	6-2	7-2	6-2	7-2	50-18
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	3-2	5-0	3-1	4-0	5-0	5-0	32-4
ATS	6-5	7-6	6-6	11-2	5-6-1	6-5-1	6-7	5-7-2	52-44-4
Home Fav (Vs Saban)	2-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	3-4	1-4	4-4	3-4	24-24
Home Dog (Vs Saban)	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	0-2	4-1	1-0	3-0-1	1-1	1-3-1	11-9-2
Away Dog	1-2	2-0	2-1	0-0	1-1-1	1-0	0-2	0-0	7-6-1
Neutral	1-0	2-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0-1	8-3-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-4	4-4	7-2	4-3-1	3-5-1	2-6	1-6-2	30-34-4
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	2-2	4-0	1-3	3-0	4-1	4-1	22-10
Off SU Win	3-4	5-4	6-2	9-2	3-5-1	3-5-1	3-7	4-6-1	36-35-3
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-2	0-3	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	0-1-1	11-7-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Sugar - #2	+7	Oklahoma - #3	21-14
04	Capital One - #12	-6'	Iowa - #11	25-30
05	Peach - #10	+7	Miami, Fl - #9	40-3
06	Sugar - #4	-8'	Notre Dame - #11	41-14
07	BCS Championship - #2	-4	Ohio St - #1	38-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
LSU's All-Time Bowl Record 20-18-1

LSU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	38.6	23	214	4.9	225	57.9	11.4	+20	2007	8	19.9	17	106	3.2	183	47.0	14.5
6*	33.7	22	166	4.8	252	66.6	12.4	0	2006	5	12.6	14	97	3.2	146	47.3	19.2
8	29.5	20	150	3.8	224	60.0	12.7	-9	2005	7	14.2	15	92	3.0	175	47.3	18.8
5	28.7	21	194	4.6	202	56.1	13.8	-2	2004	7	17.1	13	100	2.9	157	48.0	15.0
7*	33.9	21	186	4.4	233	63.6	12.3	+5	2003	6	11.0	14	67	2.3	185	44.7	22.9
5	24.8	19	197	4.6	153	47.7	14.1	-1	2002	7	18.3	15	134	3.8	153	45.2	15.7

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jacob Hester	225	1118	15	1103	12	4.9
Keiland Williams	70	513	35	478	6	6.8
Trindon Holliday	53	381	17	364	2	6.9
Charles Scott	45	330	6	324	5	7.2
Richard Murphy	35	240	10	230	2	6.6
Matt Flynn	100	402	187	215	4	2.2
Ryan Perrilloux	52	257	50	207	2	4.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Flynn	359	202	56.3	2407	21	11
Ryan Perrilloux	75	51	68.0	694	8	2
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brandon LaFell	50	656	13.1	4	56	
Demetrius Byrd	35	621	17.7	7	62	
Early Doucet	57	525	9.2	5	34	
Richard Dickson	32	375	11.7	5	35	
Terrance Toliver	10	249	24.9	3	71	
Jared Mitchell	13	143	11.0	0	32	
Charles Scott	12	115	9.6	2	20	
Keiland Williams	9	113	12.6	1	46	
Jacob Hester	14	106	7.6	1	28	
Richard Murphy	8	74	9.2	0	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Patrick Fisher	59	2627	44.5	8	35.8(t)	1	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Colt David	63-63	7-7	13-16	6-9	0-1	26-33	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Craig Steltz	101	1	4	7	6
Ali Highsmith	101	3	6	8	0
Glenn Dorsey	69	7	5.5	4	0
Kirston Pittman	68	8	5.5	1	1
Darry Beckwith	65	1.5	5	4	1
Danny McCray	64	3	1	3	2
Curtis Taylor	54	1	0	6	3
Jonathan Zenon	45	0	1.5	9	3
Chevis Jackson	44	0	3	16	5
Tyson Jackson	36	3.5	1	10	0
Chad Jones	34	2	1	4	1
Luke Sanders	30	0.5	1	3	0
Marlon Favorite	28	0	1	0	0
Perry Riley	24	0.5	1	0	0
Al Woods	22	2	0	0	0
Kelvin Sheppard	21	0	2	1	0
Jacob Cutrera	21	0	1.5	1	1
Harry Coleman	18	0	0.5	0	0
Drake Nevis	17	0	2	2	0
Chris Hawkins	13	0	0	3	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chad Jones	17	112	6.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trindon Holliday	19	498	26.2	1	
Keiland Williams	10	199	19.9	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

LSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
50,112	at Miss St	22	50-198	4.0	14-22	149	3	9	26-10	0.4	14-33	136	4	+7
92,739	Virginia Tech	28	41-297	7.2	22-32	301	2	11	28-71	2.5	9-29	78	3	+1
92,407	Middle Tenn	26	40-198	5.0	21-28	307	2	9	37-9	0.2	8-15	81	6	-1
92,530	South Carolina	19	50-290	5.8	8-20	70	1	16	27-17	0.6	19-42	244	3	+2
58,769	at Tulane	16	38-134	3.5	17-32	257	6	12	33-88	2.7	12-32	139	2	+2
92,910	Florida	25	52-247	4.8	14-28	144	0	19	32-156	4.9	12-26	158	2	+1
70,902	at Kentucky	22	50-261	5.2	18-37	142	3	24	41-125	3.0	21-38	250	0	+1
92,630	Auburn	23	33-169	5.1	22-35	319	2	16	35-97	2.8	18-28	199	2	-2
92,138	at Alabama	21	34-87	2.6	25-46	388	3	20	33-20	0.6	14-40	234	7	-1
92,512	Louisiana Tech	22	40-321	8.0	16-30	274	2	15	35-67	1.9	20-39	189	2	+3
61,118	at Mississippi	21	40-228	5.7	17-25	168	3	25	28-201	7.2	17-39	265	1	+4
92,606	Arkansas	25	48-204	4.3	22-47	209	1	21	53-385	7.3	13-24	128	0	+1
73,832	† Tennessee	21	47-212	4.5	21-33	252	1	17	26-94	3.6	20-40	249	0	0
79,651	† Ohio St	25	49-152	3.1	19-27	174	1	17	30-145	4.8	15-26	208	5	+2
TOTALS		316	612-2998	4.9	256-442	3154	30	231	464-1485	3.2	212-451	2558	37	+20
AVERAGES		22.6	44-214	4.9	18-32	225	2.1	16.5	33-106	3.2	15-32	183	2.6	1.4

LSU Rank / Pre #14 2003 RESULTS / Post #2

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#14	ULM	-34'	49-7
#13	at Arizona	-11'	59-13
#12	W Illinois	NL	35-7
#11	Georgia - #7	-1'	17-10
#7	at Mississippi St	-13'	41-6
#6	Florida	-10	7-19
#10	at South Carolina	-4	33-7
#9	Auburn - #17	-3	31-7
#7	Louisiana Tech	-26'	49-10
#3	at Alabama	-7	27-3
#3	at Mississippi - #15	-6'	17-14
#3	Arkansas	-9'	55-24
#3	† Georgia - #5	-3	34-13

LSU Rank / Pre #4 2004 RESULTS / Post #16

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#4	Oregon St	-17'	22-21 OT
#6	Arkansas St	-40	53-3
#5	at Auburn - #13	+1	9-10
#13	Mississippi St	-31	51-0
#13	at Georgia - #3	+2'	16-45
#24	at Florida - #12	+3'	24-21
#18	Troy	-24	24-20
#19	Vanderbilt	-23'	24-7
#17	Alabama	-7'	26-10
#14	Mississippi	-20'	27-24
#14	at Arkansas	-3'	43-14

LSU Rank / Pre #5 2005 RESULTS / Post #6

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#5	at Arizona St - #15	+1	35-31
#3	Tennessee - #10	-6'	27-30 OT
#4	at Mississippi St	-14	37-7
#11	at Vanderbilt	-15'	34-6
#10	Florida - #11	-6	21-17
#7	Auburn - #16	-6	20-17 OT
#7	North Texas	-43'	56-3
#6	Appalachian St	NL	24-0
#5	at Alabama - #4	-3	16-13 OT
#4	at Mississippi	-17	40-7
#3	Arkansas	-17'	19-17
#3	† Georgia - #13	-1	14-34

LSU Rank / Pre #8 2006 RESULTS / Post #3

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#8	Louisiana-Lft	-30'	45-3
#8	Arizona	-16'	45-3
#6	at Auburn - #3	+3'	3-7
#10	Tulane	-36	49-7
#9	Mississippi St	-33'	48-17
#9	at Florida - #5	+1	10-23
#14	Kentucky	-26	49-0
#14	Fresno St	-33	38-6
#13	at Tennessee - #8	-5	28-24
#12	Alabama	-17'	28-14
#9	Mississippi	-27	23-20 OT
#9	at Arkansas - #5	-2'	31-26

LSU Rank / Pre #2 2007 RESULTS / Post #1

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#2	at Mississippi St	-18'	45-0
#2	Virginia Tech - #9	-11'	48-7
#2	Middle Tenn	-40'	44-0
#2	South Carolina - #12	-17'	28-16
#2	at Tulane	-41	34-9
#1	Florida - #9	-7	28-24
#1	at Kentucky - #17	-9'	37-43 3OT
#5	Auburn - #18	-10	30-24
#3	at Alabama - #17	-7	41-34
#2	Louisiana Tech	-36	58-10
#1	at Mississippi	-19	41-24
#1	Arkansas	-13'	48-50 3OT
#5	† Tennessee - #14	-7	21-14

ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QB John Parker Wilson

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 the Tide had to replace Brodie Croyle (#3DC KC) who left as Bama's all-time career leading passer. Croyle threw for 2,499 (59.6%) with a 14-4 ratio in '05. John Parker Wilson (PS#31) hit 7 of 11 for 98 as his backup and led a drive for a TD late vs Auburn. Wilson's strength is throwing on the run and in his first road start he hit 16 of 20 for 243 and 3 TD's at Arkansas. In his first year as a starter he threw for 2,707 (57%) with a 17-10 ratio (290 rush). Last year Wilson threw for a career high 363 and 3 TD's vs Tennessee. Unfortunately he had a costly fumble vs LSU and 2 key int's vs Miss St and ULM. In the first 8, he threw for 235 ypg (58%) with an 11-5 ratio. Over the final 4 reg season games he threw for 179 ypg (48%) with a 4-6 ratio. He turned it around in the bowl (19 of 32, 256) earning MVP honors. Backup Greg McElroy (PS#27) played in just 2 hitting 8 of 9 for 73. Not listed in the PSL are Patrick Bryant (6'3" 208 rFr), Thomas Darrah (6'5" 190 rFr) and Robert Ezell (5'9" 163 rFr). I expect Wilson to make significant improvement in 2008, but he will be working with his 3rd OC in the last 4 years.

RUNNING BACKS - Kenneth Darby led the team for 3 straight years topping 1,000 in both '04 and '05 but in an injury plagued '06, had 835 (4.0). Last year he had to be replaced (#7DC) as well as their outstanding FB's Le'Ron McClain (#4DC) and Tim Castille. Jimmy Johns (PS#33QB) at 233 lbs was moved to RB. Glen Coffee (PS#62) had 179 (3.7) in '05 and RS in '06. Terry Grant (PS#31) emerged. He had played 2 as a true frosh and received a medical RS (shoulder). Grant had 483 in the first 4 but surprisingly Coffee started vs Houston (30 of 39 RB att). Grant reclaimed his starting job for the next 4 but did not have a carry vs Auburn or in the bowl due to a hip injury that hampered him in the 2H of the season. Grant still led with 891 (5.0) and Coffee added 545 (4.2). Roy Upchurch (PS#50) had 237 (4.7) while Miss St transfer Jonathan Lowe added 99 (4.1). Johns only had 17 rush att's but had a key fumble vs ULM and moved to LB in bowl practices last year. Not listed in the 2 deep below is Demetrius Goode (5'10" 197 rFr). I look for solid improvement from the Tide RB's in terms of production.

RECEIVERS - The Tide's receiving corps returned intact last year and looked to be one of the SEC's best. TE Nick Walker dropped 40 lbs and earned the starting spot over '06 starter Travis McCall. DJ Hall was #1 in '06 (1,056, 17.0) and led with 1,005 (15.0) last year. Keith Brown was #2 in '06 with 590 (13.4) but was susp for the opener and was in Saban's doghouse and had 336 (15.6). Matt Caddell (PS#27) was #2 with 475 (11.9) and Mike McCoy (PS#46) added 207 (7.4). Walker had 204 (8.9) and McCall added 45 (7.5). This year they lose Hall (11 st), Brown (1 st) and Caddell (7 st). Not listed below are Travis Sikes (6'2" 194 So), AJ Walker (6'1" 185 rFr, PS#225) and TE's Chris Underwood (6'4" 226 rFr, PS#148) and Colin Peek (6'6" 241 Jr, PS#84). This is clearly a less experienced unit but it does have potential especially with 3 VHT true frosh WR's expected to make an impact.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Tide had to replace three starters including a pair of NFL DC's. Their top OL was C JB Closner but he was lost for the year vs Miss St and the Tide managed just 2.4 ypc rushing and allowed 11 sk vs Aub. Overall the ypc dropped to 3.7 (4.4 in '04) with 37 sacks allowed. In 2006 they had to replace Closner and 2 backups, but four full-time starters returned. Andre Smith (PS#3) was just the 7th true frosh to start an opener here S/'72. He finished the year with more snaps than any other player. Justin Britt became the 3rd Britt brother to start on the Bama O-line. Surprisingly the unit only opened holes for 3.5 ypc rush while allowing 28 sacks (7.1%). Last year all 5 starters returned including 9 of the top 10. Saban said prior to the year that the unit "has a chance to dominate." Things were going smoothly but two starters were suspended for 4 games prior to Tenn and vs LSU, the depleted unit allowed 7 sacks and the team had just 20 yards rushing. For the season the ypc improved to 4.0 and the group allowed just 25 sacks (5.3%). This year they lose LG Britt (11 st, 2Y st'r), RT Chris Capps (2 st '07, 13 st '06), RG BJ Stabler (2 st-inj) and 3rd stringer Morgan Garner (1 gm). Five players return with 7 or more starts and their 94 career starts are 12th most in IA. This is one of the SEC's better O-lines and Andre Smith was the co-winner of the SEC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Tide had to replace two starters up front and allowed 4.0 ypc rush, their highest total in the last 2 decades and the team recorded just 13 sacks. They switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 last year and had 2 starters back to their 3-man front with DE Keith Saunders moving to the JLB spot. The Tide managed to improve allowing 3.4 ypc with the D posting 24 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm SEC DE Wallace Gilberry (13 st, 80 tkl, 10 sk, 17 tfl!), but do have 5 of the top 6 back including 3 who have 8 or more career starts. An amazing stat is that Gilberry (finished w/10 sk) was held sackless in the first 5 games! The group adds PS#2JC Terrance Cody and while more experienced than 2007, it will be tough to replace Gilberry's 27 tfl.

LINEBACKERS - The Tide had to replace 2 out of 3 starting LB's from '06, but moved starting DE Keith Saunders into the new LB position so basically they had 2 starters back to fill 4 spots. This year the unit is a question mark due to a couple of players. Ezekial Knight (12 st '07) is questionable (medical reasons) as is Prince Hall (13 st 2Y, susp'd). If those two return, they have two full-time starters back. Last year true frosh Rolando McClain (PS#8) had an impact so I project true frosh Jerrell Harris to do the same. This year they lose JLB Saunders (9 st, 33 tkl), WLB Darren Mustin (12 st, 80 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and Demarcus Waldrop (13 tkl). Jimmy Johns moves over from RB and Baron Huber from FB and my overall outlook for this position depends on if any or all from the group of Harris, Hall or Knight are in the lineup in Wk One.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Bama traditionally finishes high in my pass D rankings and was #8 in 2004, and with all 4 starters back in 2005 moved up to #3. They had to replace 3 starters (#2 & #5 DC) in 2006 and dropped to #20. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but only one DC (#7DC) so it's surprising that they dropped to #40. True frosh Kareem Jackson started 12 and held VU's Bennett to 4 rec's. FS Rashad Johnson, who is the fastest on the team, earned 1st Tm SEC and led in tackles. This year they lose 1st Tm SEC CB Simeon Castille (13 st, 63tkl, 10 pbu) and SS Marcus Carter (13 st, 49 tkl). They add 3 VHT true frosh and not listed in the PSL are Chris Scott (5'11" 175 So) and Hampton Gray (6'1" 188 So). The Tide should move back up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 Alabama finished #34 in my ST rankings. Last year everyone returned and they improved to #17. In 2006 Leigh Tiffin (AA Van's son '83-'86) hit 8 of 13 FG's as a true frosh but lost his job after the Arkansas game (miss 3 FG's). Jamie Christensen hit 13 of 17 (long of 46). Last year Tiffin hit 25 of 34 FG's with a pair of 50+ kicks and had 4 TB's on 70 KO's. Punter PJ Fitzgerald had his net drop from 34.5 in '06 to 33.5. Javier Arenas improved in KR's (19.1 in '06 to 24.3) and PR's (9.2 in '06 to 15.4) and was a big reason for the Tide's improvement. This year they lose Christensen but have everyone else back including the dangerous Arenas. They could move into the Top 10 of my ST rankings.

COACHES - Nick Saban took LSU to a National Title in 2003 and spent 2005 and 2006 as HC of the Miami Dolphins. He is the highest paid coach in the NCAA and enters his 2nd year here. OC Major Applewhite left for Texas after one season. The new OC is Jim McElwain who was the Oakland Raiders' QB coach in 2006 and the Fresno St OC last year. The DC is Kevin Steele who was the LB coach at Florida St from '03-'06 and the Baylor HC from 1999-2002. He enters his 2nd season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Mike Shula did not step into a great situation but he did a fine job guiding the Tide to 3 bowls and in 2005 had the team 9-0 and ranked #4. In 2006 his squad finished just 6-6 and could have easily had a much better record suffering a tough 2OT loss to Arkansas and two late TO's did them in vs Florida, a 3 pt loss to Tenn and losses to Miss St, LSU and Auburn despite outFDing each one. They lost their bowl by 3 under interim HC Joe Kines. Saban stepped into a great situation as despite Bama's 2-6 record in the SEC, they had outgained SEC foes by 32.3 ypg (5th best) and he had a favorable conference schedule. Bama opened 2-0 and led Ark by 21 but needed a TD pass with :08 left to pull out the win. The next week they lost in OT to Georgia. Then after two down-to-the-wire SEC games, they lost to a rested Fla St (off bye) by 7. Five of Bama's opponents last year had the benefit of a bye prior to facing the Tide. They jumped out to a 23-0 lead vs Houston but needed an int in the EZ at the end to win by 6. They were outgained by Miss but pulled out a 27-24 win and then destroyed Tenn despite having 5 players susp including 2 starting OL's whom they played without for four weeks. They led eventual National Champ LSU 34-27 mid-4Q but the Tigers converted on 4th & 4 for a 32 yd TD pass with 2:49 left to tie it and then got a FR at the Bama 3 to set up the game winning TD with 1:26 left to win by 7. Alabama led Miss St 9-3 when they surrendered a 100 yd IR TD before the half turning what would have been a 16-3 lead to a 10-9 deficit and they lost. They lost at home to ULM despite 22 seniors playing in their FHG as they had 4 TO's and a blocked FG and were SOD at the ULM 18 with 2:01 left. They held Auburn to 282 yards but lost for a 6th straight year to their rival. They led CU 27-0 in the bowl game but needed to hold on to in a 30-24 win to avoid a 2nd consecutive losing season. Ten of Alabama's games were close and in my Best Case/Worst Case scenario in my Regional Magazine I point out that they could have easily been as good as 13-0 (all 6 losses by 7 or less) or as weak as 3-10. Surprisingly Bama has had back-to-back winning seasons just twice since Gene Stallings departed in 1996. The Tide is a stronger team in Saban's 2nd season and I feel they underachieved last year. They have to play UGA, Tenn, LSU and Clem all on the road, so they are probably a year away, from legitimately contending for the SEC West Title.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Julio Jones 6-4 210 PS#1
DL	Terrance Cody 6-5 380 PS#2JC
OL	Tyler Love 6-7 290 PS#4
LB	Jerrell Harris 6-3 215 PS#10
DL	Kerry Murphy 6-4 315 PS#12 '07
OL	Barrett Jones 6-5 280 PS#16
WR	BJ Scott 6-0 195 PS#16DB
DB	Mark Barron 6-2 215 PS#17
QB	Star Jackson 6-3 195 PS#14
DB	Alonzo Lawrence 6-1 190 PS#28
WR	Melvin Ray 6-3 195 PS#26
DL	Michael Williams 6-6 270 PS#29
DL	Damion Square 6-2 290 PS#38
RB	Chris Jordan 6-2 220 PS#40
LB	Courtney Upshaw 6-2 230 PS#48DL
LB	Don'ta Hightower 6-4 250 PS#53DL
OL	John Michael Boswell 6-5 300 PS#54
TE	Devonta Bolton 6-4 220 PS#40DB
RB	Ivan Matchett 5-10 215 PS#49
DL	Undra Billingsley 6-3 275 PS#61
WR	Destin Hood 6-1 200 PS#51
DB	Robby Green 6-0 180 PS#45
DL	Glenn Harbin 6-6 245 PS#68
DL	Brandon Lewis 6-3 275 PS#75
RB	Mark Ingram 5-10 215 PS#66
DB	Wesley Neighbors 6-1 200 PS#83
WR	Chris Jackson 6-1 190 PS#95
DB	Robert Lester 6-2 210 PS#112
RB	Jermaine Preyear 5-11 205 PS#105
QB	Brad Smelley 6-3 218 PS#73
DL	Marcel Dareus 6-3 280 PS#154
K	Corey Smith 6-0 195 PS#9
QB	Morgan Ogilvie 6-0 180 PS#156

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN CRIMSON | 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN CRIMSON | DEFENSE

QB 14 JOHN PARKER WILSON SR. 6-2 213 **PS#31**. 26 st 3 years. 5651 (56%). 37-22 ratio. **12** Greg McElroy (6'3" 218 So) **PS#27**. 8-9 rFr. **18** Nick Fanuzzi (6'3" 201 So) **PS#22**.

RB 29 TERRY GRANT SO. 5-10 188 **PS#31**. 9 st, 891 (5.0) LY. **38** Glen Coffee (6'2" 197 Jr) PS#62. 3 st, 545 (4.2). **5** Roy Upchurch (6'0" 192 Jr) PS#50. 274 (4.4) 2Y.

WR NA Julio Jones Fr. 6-4 210 **PS#1**. **82** Earl Alexander (6'5" 210 So) PS#49QB. 4 rec rFr. **FB 34** Jeramie Griffin (6'0" 225 rFr) **PS#28**. Chris Jordan (6-2 220 Fr) PS#40.

WR 80 Mike McCoy Jr. 6-3 199 PS#46. 9 st LY, 207 (7.4). **11** Brandon Gibson (6'1" 192 rFr) **PS#35**. **7** Will Oakley (6'1" 196 Sr) PS#100. 6 st, 223 (12.4) '06. 1 rec LY.

WR 9 Nikita Stover Sr. 6-0 207 **PS#15**. 3 st 2Y, 323 (14.7). **BJ Scott is PS#16DB**. **4** Marquis Maze (5'9" 167 rFr) **PS#40**. **15** Darius Hanks (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#284.

TE 88 NICK WALKER SR. 6-5 255 PS#49. 25 st 3Y, 363 (10.4). **83 Travis McCall** (6'2" 261 Sr) PS#92DL. 21 st 3Y, 172 (10.1). **85** Preston Dial (6'3" 223 So) PS#19. 1 st rFr.

C 59 ANTOINE CALDWELL SR. 6-3 292 PS#124. 12 st rFr. 13 st C '06, **2nd Tm SEC**. 9 st LY (susp 4). **73** William Vlachos (6'1" 295 So) **PS#67**. **66** Brian Motley (6'2" 280 So) PS#170. 1 st, 11 tkl.

RG 76 MARLON DAVIS SR. 6-4 290 **PS#59**. 5 st, 462 snap '05-'06. 8 st LY. **70** Evan Cardwell (6'2" 278 Jr) PS#104. 13 gm, 147 snap rFr. 7 st C LY. **60** Scott Deaton (6'6" 286 Jr).

LG 78 MIKE JOHNSON JR. 6-6 298 PS#123. 13 gm 132 snaps rFr. 13 st LY (10RT, 3RG). **74** David Ross (6'4" 297 So) **PS#42**. 13 gm rFr. **69** Patrick Crump (6'3" 267 rFr) **PS#79**.

RT NA Tyler Love Fr. 6-7 290 **PS#4**. **79** Drew Davis (6'7" 276 Jr) PS#164. **68** Taylor Pharr (6'6" 281 So) **PS#52**. 5 gm rFr. Juan Garnier (6'4" 315 Jr) Ohio St transfer.

LT 71 ANDRE SMITH JR. 6-5 340 **PS#3**. 13 st LT true. 831 snaps. 13 st LY. **Jacobs Blocking Trophy, 1st Tm SEC**. **77** Charles Hoke (6'7" 253 Sr) **PS#8TE**. 24 gm 3Y.

K 99 LEIGH TIFFIN JR. 6-1 198 8 of 13 FG true, long 47. Hit 25 of 34 FG in '07. 2 from 50+, 10-15 from 40+. **81** Andrew Friedman (6'1" 210 Jr) PS#18. 1-1 on xp LY.

DE 95 BRANDON DEADERICK JR. 6-4 286 PS#64. Last 8 st LY. 22 tkl, 2 sk. **52** Alfred McCullough (6'2" 317 rFr) **PS#56**. **58** Nick Gentry (6'3" 263 So) PS#49. Michael Williams **PS#29**.

NT 97 LORENZO WASHINGTON JR. 6-4 283 PS#64. 12 st LY, 36 tkl, 3 sk. **Terrance Cody PS#2JC**. **99** Josh Chapman (6'1" 300 So) PS#75. MIP Fr Def in spg. Kerry Murphy **PS#12** '07.

DE 93 Bobby Greenwood Sr. 6-5 267 PS#60. 8 st, 3Y, 62 tkl, 6.5 sk. Luther Davis (6'4" 275 So) **PS#17**. 3 tkl true. **90** Milton Talbert (6'3" 252 So) PS#83. **87** Drew Bullard (6'3" 241 rFr).

JLB 98 Brandon Fanney Jr. 6-4 241 PS#132DL. 7 tkl '07. **91** Alex Watkins (6'3" 218 rFr) PS#46DL. Don'ta Hightower PS#53DL. Eryk Anders (6'2" 225 Jr). Marcel Dareus PS#154.

MLB 25 ROLANDO McCLAIN SO. 6-4 255 **PS#8**. 9 st true. 75 tkl, 5 tfl. Fr AA. Charlie Higgenbotham (6'1" 211 So) PS#94. Courtney Upshaw (6'2" 230 Fr) PS#48DL. Jennings Hester (6'2" 224 rFr) PS#71.

WLB 10 Jimmy Johns Sr. 6-2 233 PS#33QB. 1 st RB 3Y, 564 rush. **21** Prince Hall (5'11" 235 Jr) PS#45. 13 st 2Y. 135 tkl, 11 tfl. **13** Cory Reamer (6'4" 223 Jr) PS#173DB. 5 tkl 3Y.

SLB NA JERRELL HARRIS FR. 6-3 215 **PS#10**. **47 Ezekial Knight** (6'4" 235 Sr) 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 11 tfl. Chavis Williams (6'4" 214 So) PS#141DL. 2 tkl true. Baron Huber (6'3" 242 Jr) 1 st FB.

CB 28 Javier Arenas Jr. 5-9 193 1610 ret yds 2Y. 20 tkl safety LY. **16** Lionel Mitchell (6'2" 182 Sr) 10 st, 58 tkl, 5 int L2Y. **39** Tyrone King (5'11" 204 Jr) PS#199. 5 tkl.

CB 3 KAREEM JACKSON SO. 5-11 185 12 st true. 66 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. **24** Marquis Johnson (5'11" 186 Jr) PS#95. 11 tkl 2Y. Alonzo Lawrence **PS#28**. Tremayne Coger (5'11" 190 So) PS#73.

SS 27 Justin Woodall Jr. 6-2 224 **PS#27**. 6 tkl 2Y. **26** Ali Sharrief (5'9" 197 Jr) PS#87. 21 tkl, 1 tfl. **8** Chris Rogers (6'0" 192 Jr) PS#62. 19 tkl 2Y. **43** Sam Burnthall (6'2" 185 Jr) PS#133. 9 tkl 2Y.

FS 49 RASHAD JOHNSON SR. 6-0 187 **1st Tm SEC LY**. Fastest on tm. 4 st, 33 tkl '06. 13 st LY, **#1 tkl'r** (94), 6 int & 8 pbu. Mark Barron **PS#17**. **19** Tarence Farmer (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#274.

P 97 PJ FITZGERALD JR. 5-11 194 40.0 in HS. 57 punts rFr. 38.2 avg & net of 34.5. 64 punts LY, 38.7 avg & net 33.5. **Corey Smith PS#9**. **98** Heath Thomas (6'3" 213 Jr).

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	† Clemson *(Atlanta)*	A						The Tide is 17-2 in season openers. This gm will be played in the Georgia Dome. Alabama is 11-3 all-time vs Clemson with the last meeting a 56-0 Tide win in '75.
Sep. 6	Tulane	G						The Tide is 7-0 vs current CUSA members since '01. Alabama has beaten Tulane 9 straight by an avg of 28 ppg but did forfeit their '93 gm. Have not met S/'94 (UA 20-10).
Sep. 13	Western Kentucky	G						First meeting. WK was 7-5 in '07 as a transitional FBS tm & will join the SBC in '09. The Tide is 15-1 vs current SBC tms including the ULM loss last year.
Sep. 20	at Arkansas	G						Alabama has lost to Arkansas in double OT twice the L5Y. The home team is 4-0. QB JPW achieved his 1st career 300+ yd (327) passing gm in LY's 41-38 win.
Sep. 27	at Georgia	G						Alabama has lost the last 3 in this series including last year's 26-23 loss in OT. Alabama is 3-7 in OT gms. Bama leads the series 35-25-4 but last won in 1995.
Oct. 4	Kentucky	G						UA is 33-2-1 all-time vs UK with the last meeting being a 45-17 Tide win in '04. Kentucky's last series win was in '97. The Tide is 19-0-1 hosting the Wildcats.
Oct. 11								
Oct. 18	Mississippi	G						UA has won 12 of 14 including the L/3 which have each been decided by 3 pts ea. LY a controversial call overturned a UM completion to the Bama 4 with :07 left.
Oct. 25	at Tennessee	G						The home team has won the L/4 in this series. LY Bama had 510-362 yd & 27-19 FD edges in their 41-17 win. Four of the L/5 have been decided by 8 pts or less.
Nov. 1	Arkansas St (HC)	G						The Crimson Tide is 13-1 at home vs non-conference opponents. The only meeting between these 2 teams was a 34-7 Tide win in 1982.
Nov. 8	at LSU	G						This marks Saban's return to LSU where he went 48-16 as a HC from 2000-'04. Alabama's last win in Baton Rouge was in '02, 31-0. UA has lost 5 in a row vs LSU.
Nov. 15	Mississippi St	G						The Crimson Tide hasn't scored an offensive TD vs MSU in the last 3 years. These 2 schools are only about 90 miles apart as Bama leads the all-time series 71-18-3.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	Auburn	G						The Tide hasn't scored a 1Q TD in the Iron Bowl since '96 & have lost 6 straight. During the last 4 Bama losses they've only been outgained by a total of 45 yds.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brodie Croyle 6,382 '02-'05
2. Andrew Zow 5,983 '98-'01
3. Jay Barker 5,689 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Shaun Alexander 3,565 '96-'99
2. Bobby Humphrey 3,420 '85-'88
3. Kenneth Darby 3,324 '03-'06

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. DJ Hall 2,923 '04-'07
2. Ozzie Newsome 2,070 '74-'77
3. Keith Brown 1,863 '04-'07

NICK SABAN (Career 98–48–1)

2nd Year at Alabama — Saban's Bowl Record: 5-5

Saban's records AT ALABAMA

7-6	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
4-3	Home	2-3	Vs Top 25
2-2	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
4-4	Vs Conference	2-4	Off A Loss

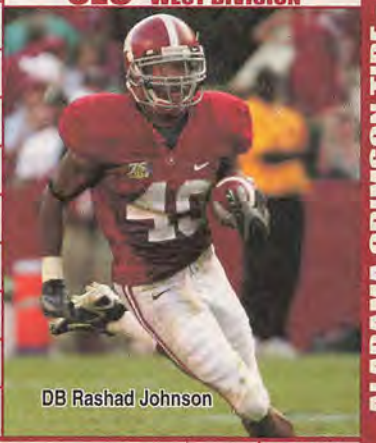
2007 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (23,23,3)
Lost: 21 (9,11,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 92,138 (#7)

SEC - WEST DIVISION


DB Rashad Johnson

STADIUM: BRYANT–DENNY STADIUM (92,138) (#8)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	7-5	10-3	4-9	6-6	10-2	6-7	7-6	53-46
Home	3-3	4-3	5-2	3-5	5-2	6-1	6-2	4-3	36-21
Away	0-5	2-2	5-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	0-4	2-2	14-22
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	3-3
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	2-6	3-5	6-2	2-6	4-4	30-34
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-1	4-1	2-3	3-1	4-0	4-1	3-2	23-12
ATS	3-8	5-7	7-5-1	5-8	6-5	4-7-1	5-7-1	3-8-1	38-55-4
Home Fav (Mark Dubose)	2-3	3-3	3-4	2-2	3-2	0-5	2-5	0-4	15-28
Home Dog (Monte Kiffin)	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-0	1-0-1	0-1	1-0-1	4-6-2
Away Fav (Dennis Franchione)	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-2	6-9-1
Away Dog (Mike Shula)	1-2	2-0	3-0	1-2	1-2	0-1	3-0-1	0-1	11-8-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-4
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	4-3-1	2-6	4-4	3-4-1	3-4-1	2-5-1	24-36-4
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	3-2	3-2	2-1	1-3	2-3	1-3	14-19
Off SU Win	1-2	4-2	5-3-1	1-3	3-2	3-5-1	3-3	2-3-1	22-23-3
Off SU Loss	2-5	1-4	2-1	3-5	2-3	1-1	2-3-1	1-5	14-27-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Terry Grant	180	930	39	891	8	5.0
Glen Coffee	129	561	16	545	4	4.2
Roy Upchurch	50	248	11	237	1	4.7
John Parker Wilson	81	292	188	104	5	1.3
Jonathan Lowe	24	107	8	99	0	4.1
Jimmy Johns	17	76	7	69	1	4.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
John Parker Wilson	462	255	55.2	2846	18	12
Greg McElroy	9	8	88.9	73	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
DJ Hall	67	1005	15.0	6	67	
Matt Caddell	40	475	11.9	2	34	
Keith Brown	22	336	15.3	5	43	
Mike McCoy	28	207	7.4	1	23	
Nick Walker	23	204	8.9	2	27	
Terry Grant	26	176	6.8	1	27	
Glen Coffee	18	142	7.9	0	32	
Nikita Stover	10	131	13.1	2	31	
Roy Upchurch	7	51	7.3	0	22	
Travis McCall	6	45	7.5	0	16	
Jimmy Johns	3	41	13.7	0	20	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
PJ Fitzgerald	64	2475	38.7	13	33.5	1	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Leigh Tiffin	36-36	12-13	3-6	8-13	2-2	25-34	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rashad Johnson	94	1	4.5	8	6
Wallace Gilberry	80	10	17	2	0
Darren Mustin	80	1	7.5	1	2
Rolando McClain	75	1	4	4	2
Kareem Jackson	66	0	4	6	3
Ezekial Knight	64	3	8	3	2
Simeon Castille	63	1.5	5	10	2
Prince Hall	58	0.5	0	1	1
Marcus Carter	49	0	1.5	1	0
Lorenzo Washington	36	3	1.5	0	0
Lionel Mitchell	33	0	1	2	1
Keith Saunders	33	0	0	1	0
Brandon Deaderick	22	2	1	0	0
Ali Sharrief	21	0	1	1	0
Javier Arenas	20	0	2	1	0
Bobby Greenwood	20	1	3.5	0	0
Demarcus Waldrop	13	0	0.5	0	0
Charlie Higgenbotham	12	0	0	0	0
Brian Motley	11	0	2.5	0	0
Chris Rogers	10	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Javier Arenas	21	323	15.4	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Javier Arenas	27	657	24.3	0	
Jonathan Lowe	14	277	19.8	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Independence	-6	Iowa St	14-13
04	Music City	-1	Minnesota	16-20
05	Cotton - #13	+3'	Texas Tech - #18	13-10
06	Independence	+2'	Oklahoma St	31-34
07	Independence	-3'	Colorado	30-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Alabama's All-Time Bowl Record 31–21–3

ALABAMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	27.1	23	149	4.0	225	55.7	13.8	+4	2007	5	22.0	18	124	3.4	221	54.2	15.7
9	22.9	19	123	3.5	213	57.0	14.7	+7	2006	4	19.2	15	125	4.0	173	55.6	15.5
7*	21.9	19	143	3.7	216	59.5	16.4	+8	2005	9	10.7	14	94	3.1	161	49.7	23.9
6*	24.6	16	185	4.4	142	55.9	13.3	+6	2004	8	15.8	14	132	3.3	113	43.4	15.6
6	25.5	18	159	4.0	192	52.1	13.8	+1	2003	5	25.6	19	132	3.7	228	57.9	14.1
7*	28.2	20	213	4.5	190	56.1	14.3	+15	2002	8	15.4	15	80	2.7	177	49.5	16.7

2007 STATS BY GAME

UA 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
92,138	W Carolina	35	44-313	7.1	25-34	262	1	15	39-76	1.9	14-27	171	2	+2
39,773	at Vanderbilt	22	48-221	4.6	14-28	150	1	13	26-57	2.2	18-41	175	2	0
92,138	Arkansas	24	34-123	3.6	24-45	327	2	22	53-301	5.7	12-25	149	0	0
92,138	Georgia	18	35-164	4.7	17-35	185	1	20	40-153	3.8	19-36	224	0	+1
85,412	† Florida St	19	27-89	3.3	28-53	240	3	15	35-82	2.3	19-30	266	1	0
92,138	Houston	21	46-190	4.1	15-27	157	1	24	38-143	3.8	21-38	261	5	+2
59,791	at Mississippi	27	40-113	2.8	26-40	265	4	19	31-136	4.4	22-40	284	4	+1
92,138	Tennessee	27	38-147	3.9	32-46	363	1	19	19-103	5.4	23-38	259	0	+2
92,138	LSU	20	33-20	0.6	14-40	234	7	21	34-87	2.6	25-46	388	3	+1
56,188	at Miss St	23	37-153	4.1	16-35	121	1	14	42-115	2.7	9-21	100	2	-1
92,138	ULM	23	35-163	4.7	21-31	246	0	17	44-121	2.8	14-24	161	2	-4
87,451	at Auburn	15	36-112	3.1	12-26	113	2	17	41-165	4.0	12-22	117	2	0
47,043	† Colorado	22	37-132	3.6	19-32	256	1	19	28-75	2.7	24-40	322	1	0
TOTALS		296	490-1940	4.0	263-472	2919	25	235	470-1614	3.4	232-428	2877	24	+4
AVERAGES		22.8	38-149	4.0	20-36	225	1.9	18.1	36-124	3.4	18-33	221	1.8	0.3

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	USF	-15	40-17
–	Oklahoma - #1	+7'	13-20
–	Kentucky	-13'	27-17
#21	N Illinois	-13'	16-19
–	Arkansas - #9	+1'	31-34 2OT
–	at Georgia - #11	+12	23-37
–	S Mississippi	-10'	17-3
–	at Mississippi	+4	28-43
–	Tennessee - #22	+3	43-51 SOT
–	at Mississippi St	-10'	38-0
–	LSU - #3	+7	3-27
–	at Auburn	+7'	23-28
–	at Hawaii	-2'	29-37

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Utah St	-26	48-17
–	Mississippi	-11'	28-7
–	W Carolina	NL	52-0
–	at Arkansas	+4'	10-27
–	South Carolina	-2'	3-20
–	at Kentucky	-6	45-17
–	S Mississippi - #24	-7	27-3
–	at Tennessee - #11	+7	13-17
–	Mississippi St	-17'	30-14
–	at LSU - #17	+7'	10-26
–	Auburn - #2	+10	13-21

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #8 Score
–	Middle Tenn	-21'	26-7
–	S Mississippi	-12'	30-21
–	at South Carolina	-2	37-14
#20	Arkansas	-15	24-13
#15	Florida - #5	+3	31-3
#6	at Mississippi	-14	13-10
#5	Tennessee - #17	-3'	6-3
#5	Utah St	-34	35-3
#4	at Mississippi St	-15'	17-0
#4	LSU - #5	+3	13-16 OT
#8	at Auburn - #11	+7	18-28

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Hawaii	-15	25-17
–	Vanderbilt	-15'	13-10
–	ULM	-24'	41-7
–	at Arkansas	+2'	23-24 2OT
–	at Florida - #5	+15	13-28
–	Duke	-28'	30-14
–	Mississippi	-16	26-23 OT
–	at Tennessee - #7	+10'	13-16
–	Florida Int'l	-34	38-3
–	Mississippi St	-14	16-24
–	at LSU - #12	+17'	14-28
–	Auburn - #15	+3	15-22

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Carolina	NL	52-6
–	at Vanderbilt	-3'	24-10
–	Arkansas - #16	-3'	41-38
#16	Georgia - #22	-3'	23-26 OT
#22	† Florida St	+1'	14-21
–	Houston	-11	30-24
–	at Mississippi	-6'	27-24
–	Tennessee - #20	+1	41-17
#17	LSU - #3	+7	34-41
#21	at Mississippi St	-4'	12-17
–	ULM	-24'	14-21
–	at Auburn - #25	+4'	10-17

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Eli Manning (PS#12) set or tied 47 school records but departed after the 2003 season (#1DC) and guided his NYG to a Super Bowl win LY. In 2006 former HC Orgeron said one of his biggest regrets was naming JC transfer Brent Schaeffer as the starting QB before he even enrolled in '07. Schaeffer (PS#2JC), who has 4.4 speed, was not cleared until fall camp had already opened. He threw for just 1,442 (47.1%) with a 9-10 ratio. The Rebels' 136 ypg passing was their lowest since 1960. Schaeffer moved to WR briefly last August before returning to QB. Seth Adams (6'4") won the starting job and in his first 4 he avg'd 241 pass ypg with a 7-3 ratio. After having just 4 int in the first 5, Adams had 10 over the next 3 slowly losing his job. On Schaeffer's first pass of the season, he threw a 54 yard TD pass vs Vandy but did not complete any of his other 4 att's in that game. Schaeffer had no atts in the next 4 gms, but came off the bench when Adams threw 4 int vs Ark. Against LSU Schaeffer accounted for 302 total yards and he started the finale vs Miss St . Combined, the team threw for 214 ypg (51%) with a 17-20 ratio. The top returnee from last year is Billy Tapp (6'4" 230 Jr) but the biggest addition is Jevan Snead (PS#4) who played in 8 as a true frosh at Texas throwing for 371 (124 rush). Adding depth are Clay Fowler (5'11" 178 rFr) and this year's newcomers. Despite being less experienced, I look for improved numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 Indiana transfer BenJarvus Green-Ellis, who is a punishing and bruising runner at 225 lbs, rushed for 1,000 (4.3). LY Green-Ellis became just the second player in Ole Miss history to top 1,000 twice in a career with the other being Kayo Dottley ('49-'50). Green-Ellis rushed for 226 vs Missouri which was the best since Dou Innocent set the school record in 1995 (242). Surprisingly Cordera Eason (PS#19) who wasted his true frosh year (7 att) had just 3 att in '07. This year they must replace Green-Ellis (12 st) and Bruce Hall (PS#164JC, 234, 4.4) and the most experienced RB is FB Jason Cook who has 20 starts but just 148 total yards in 3 years. They get a big-time addition in Enrique Davis who was PS#4 and originally signed at Auburn but spent '07 at Hargrave. Not listed in the PSL are FB's Andy Hartmann (5'10" 243 Jr), Dan Hoffman (6'0" 222 rFr) and Jermaine Johnson (5'10" 220 So). They go from an experienced 1,000 yard rusher to a group of TB's that have 21 career yards rushing combined but with the addition of Davis, there will not be much of a drop-off.

RECEIVERS - The Rebels returned their top 10 receivers last year. The stats were not overwhelming in 2006 as Mike Wallace led with 410 yards (17.1), Dexter McCluster had 232 (15.5), Shay Hodge 193 (12.1), Marshay Green 174 (9.2), Michael Hicks 165 (18.3) and Robert Lane 155 (14.1). Former RB turned WR Mico McSwain was ruled ineligible as was AJ Jackson (PS#31JC). Former receivers coach Hugh Freeze called Green "the hardest worker we have," but he finished #4 with 260 (8.4). Wallace was the MIP and led with 716 (18.8) while Hodge added 593 (13.8). McCluster missed the first four but still had 326 (12.1). Orgeron said "We thought it was going to be a weakness going into the season but it has turned out to be a strength." This year they must replace TE Lane (11 st, 149) and TE Robert Hough (1 st, 7 rec) but brought in a JUCO at TE. This spring Green moved to CB. Not listed in the PSL are TE's Garrett Ryan (6'3" 234 Jr), Jared Jungles (6'5" 236 rFr) and WR's Billy Dobbs (5'10" 160 So), Chris Adams (6'0" 175 Sr), Richie Contartesi (5'7" 163 So) and William Cole (5'11" 190 Jr). Four of the top 5 receivers are back making this an improved group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Rebels only avg'd 73 ypg rushing (2.4), their worst in over a decade and allowed 27 sacks (7.3%). In 2006 they had 3 starters back and improved to 3.6 ypc but allowed 29 sacks (10.4%). Last year they only had to replace one starter and improved to 4.2 ypc with 28 sacks allowed (7.2%). This year they lose C Corey Actis (10 st, 2Y st'r), OG/C Thomas Eckers (5 st), and OT Marcus Cohen (0 st). LT Michael Oher (PS#11) was the first Rebel true frosh starter on the O-line since Terrence Metcalf ('97) and John Jerry (PS#60DL) also started as a true in '06. Oher was projected to be a 1st round NFL DC but opted to return when the Rebels brought in OL coach Mike Markuson from Arkansas (5 SEC rush title L/6Y). This is the best Rebel O-line in quite some time.

DT Peria Jerry

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year they returned seven of the top eight DL. True frosh DT Ted Laurent (PS#33) was not cleared until the end of August so he only played in 7 and Orgeron, a longtime DL coach said that Lawon Scott and Laurent are two of the best tackles he's been around in awhile. The story of the unit was DE Greg Hardy who led the SEC in sk pg (10 total) despite only 4 starts (susp 2.5 gm). DT Peria Jerry earned 2nd Tm SEC honors. This year they must replace NT Jeremy Garrett (6 st, 9 tkl), NT Brandon Jenkins (6 st, 12 tkl), DE Antonio Turner (2 st, 8 tkl) and DE Viciente DeLoach (4 st, 11 tkl, 2 sk). The two stars are back and they add PS#19JC Emmanuel Stephens (in for spring). There is also a possibility that Jerrell Powe (6'2" 330 PS#2) could finally qualify. I also look for an even bigger impact from Chris Strong (PS#2LB) who started 3 at LB as a true but has grown to 280 lbs. Not listed in the 3 deep are LaDerrick Vaughn (6'1" 220 So, PS#191RB), Nathan Juleff (6'2" 200 rFr) and David Densmore (6'1" 232 So). This looks like a top-notch DL.

LINEBACKERS - The Rebels had an excellent LB corps in 2006 and Patrick Willis became the Rebels' first defensive 1st round DC since 1994 (Tim Bowens). Rory Johnson (#2 tkl'r) opted to leave early for the NFL (not drafted). They also had to replace two players who combined for 11 starts so the unit was very inexperienced. Tony Fein (PS#25JC) who will be 26 yrs old when the '08 ssn starts, had 13 tackles vs Ark and 16 vs Auburn. As you would expect, the unit improved as the season went on and this year it returns intact with 7 back with starting experience plus they add Patrick Trahan (PS#60JC). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Scottie Williams (6'2" 215 So, PS#97), Isaiah Smith (6'0" 234 rFr, PS#153), Eric Burrus (6'0" 214 rFr), Trey Trip (6'1" 230 rFr) and Don Hargroder (6'1" 200 Jr). This should be one of the most improved LB corps in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Sometimes the front 7 of the defense has a major impact on a team's pass D rankings. For example, in 2004 the Rebels were #30 allowing just 47.3%. In 2005 they had 3 starters back and returned a pair of CB's who were #1 and #2 in the SEC in pd but with a weaker defensive front 7, the Rebels dropped to #72. They had 7 of their top 8 back in 2006 but surprisingly had the fewest int's in the NCAA (3) finishing #86. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters including a #7DC. Returning starting CB Nate Banks missed half of August practice for academic reasons and did not win his job back until Wk 5 (15 tkl, 1 pbu). True frosh Johnny Brown (PS#36RB) won the starting FS job midseason. The Rebels were #87 allowing a 17-8 ratio and 63.1%. This year they must replace Banks (L/8 st) but have 7 of the top 8 back including six with starting experience and add converted WR Marshay Green & converted RB Jeremy McGee (PS#114WR) who had 204 yards on KR's as a true frosh at UCLA plus Demareo Marr (PS#56JC). The Rebels will have the best finish in my pass D rankings since at least 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Cutcliffe's final two years, the Rebels were #37 and #31 in my ST rankings. In Orgeron's first year they had to replace their outstanding K and P and dropped to #91. In 2006 a more experienced group moved up to #26. Last year everyone returned but not much went right for the Rebels and they fell to #74. Ole Miss was dead last in the NCAA in TB's (0) with Shene, Sparks and Christian Albarracin each having double digit KO's. Joshua Shene (PS#31) hit 14 of 17 FG's (long of 52) in '06 but just 11 of 17 (long of 51) including 1 of 3 from 40-49 last year. P Justin Sparks (PS#7) had a 33.1 net. Marshay Green avg 11.2 per PR in '06 but just 4.0 last year. He also saw his KR average drop from 25.2 to 23.4. This year the unit returns intact and should make a significant jump in my ST rankings.

COACHES - In 2005 I openly questioned the firing of David Cutcliffe who had guided this team to 4 bowls in his 6 years including a 2003 season in which they finished #13 winning the Cotton Bowl. He was let go after his first losing season. They brought in Ed Orgeron who was the DL coach at USC and had never even been a DC prior to coming here. Orgeron talked a big game promising SEC Titles and National Championship contention but he is gone after 3 years with an overall record of 10-25 and had more losses each year than Cutcliffe did in his worst season. Ole Miss made a great hire this year bringing in Houston Nutt who resigned under pressure at Arkansas. Nutt was the 2001 and 2006 SEC Coach of the Year and guided the Hogs to back to back Jan 1 bowl games. His OC is Kent Austin who was the HC of Saskatchewan, the CFL Title winner last year. He was a QB at Ole Miss from 1981-1985. Tyrone Nix is the new DC. Nix was the DC at S Carolina the last 3 years and was the DC at S Miss from '01-'04.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Heading into 2004, Ole Miss was the only team in the SEC West to be bowl eligible for 7 straight years but ironically, they are the only SEC West team without a trip to the SEC Championship game. Ole Miss' last SEC Title was in 1963. From 1954-1971, Ole Miss went to 17 bowls including 9 appearances in either the Sugar or Cotton Bowl. From 1972 to 1996, they were in just 5 bowls with only one New Year's Day game. Scholarships were short when David Cutcliffe took over but he finally got the team to its full allotment in 2002. In '03, I said Ole Miss had its best team in over a decade and called for them to notch at least 9 wins. They went 10-3 led by QB Eli Manning including a win in the Cotton Bowl over Okla St. In 2004, it looked like a rebuilding year losing Manning and having just 4 starters back on defense. The team was also hit by the injury bug and went 4-7. Stunningly, they opted to fire HC David Cutcliffe and I talked about them possibly being "Baylored" (see Coaching Changes pg 309). Over the next 3 years Ole Miss finished dead last in the SEC West twice with a 3-21 record in SEC play and was outgained by 92.3 ypg in '05 (2nd worst), a league worst 107.3 ypg in '06 and in '07 was 2nd worst (-68.9 ypg). Orgeron said last year that his best team may still be two years away and I agreed. His 3rd and final edition went 3-9 getting a fortunate victory in the opener as Memphis outgained them 467-275. They got a victory over LA Tech, despite being outgained 301-232 and their other win came vs IAA NW St (outgained 499-387). They did have their moments as they only trailed Florida by 3 in the 4Q, but threw an int that resulted in a UF FG and then were SOD on a fake punt. Against Georgia it was 17-17 late 3Q in a game much closer than the final indicates. They led Alabama 24-17 in the 4Q and only lost to Auburn by 14. Ole Miss had not gone winless in the SEC since 1982 which was Steve Sloan's last year (0-6). They did have a fumble at the LSU goal line and an int in the EZ which cost them vs LSU, a game in which they had a 466-396 yd edge. They led Miss St 14-0 when they went for it on 4th & 1 at midfield and were SOD and the Bulldogs rallied for the win. Amazingly the defense returns their top FOURTEEN tacklers! Ole Miss was -10 in TO's. As you can tell from reading above, almost every position is improved and the Rebels make my Most Improved List (pg 19) which means they will be bowl eligible and easily win more SEC games this year than the last 3 years combined.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 4 Jevan Snead So. 6-3 215 **PS#4.** 371 (53%) 2-2 ratio at Texas as true, 124 rush. Nathan Stanley PS#36. Randall Mackey PS#46. Layton Jones (6'4" 215 So) PS#84 '07 JC LY.

RB NA Enrique Davis Fr. 6-1 215 **PS#4.** Orig signed w/Aub in '07. **25 Cordera Eason** (5'10" 224 Jr) **PS#19.** 21 yd 2Y. **30** Derrick Davis (5'10" 224 So) PS#45.

WR 22 DEXTER McCLUSTER JR. 5-8 165 5 st true. 232 (15.5). 3 st '07, 326 (12.1).

FB Jason Cook (5'11" 248 Sr) 20 st 3Y, 148 ttl yd. **32** Reggie Hicks (6'1" 234 So) PS#102.

WR 2 MIKE WALLACE SR. 6-0 180 PS#131.12 st '06, 410 (17.1). 9 st LY, 716 (18.8). **84** Michael Hicks (6'2" 222 Jr) PS#167. 4 st, 390 (17.7) 2Y. **87** Jacarious Lucas (6'2" 188 Sr).

WR 3 SHAY HODGE JR. 6-1 207 PS#127. 2 st, 193 (12.1) true. 2 st LY, 593 (13.8). **16 Markeith Summers PS#37.** 3 st LY. **21** Lionel Breaux PS#121. 1 st as true.

TE 80 Gerald Harris Jr. 6-5 250 PS#153JC. In spg. David Traxler (6'6" 255 Sr) PS#126OL. 3 st OL 3Y. Cecil Frison (6'3" 234 So) PS#260DL. Ben Benedetto (6'1" 240 So).

C 63 Brandon Green Jr. 6-2 300 PS#127JC in spg. **72** Daverin Geralds (6'2" 312 Jr) **PS#63.** 4 tkl, 1 sk DL rFr. **LS 68** Preston Powers (6'0" 240 Jr) 24 gm LS 2 years.

RG 79 MAURICE MILLER SR. 6-4 343 Strongest on tm. L/7 st RT '06. 11 st RT LY. **75** Rishaw Johnson (6'4" 295 rFr) **PS#49. 73** Alex Washington (6'4" 337 rFr) PS#196.

LG 71 REID NEELY JR. 6-6 310 **PS#85.** 10 gm rFr. MIP LY, 12 st LG. **65** Mark Jean-Louis (6'2" 355 Jr) PS#113JC. RS LY. Don Mosley (6'1" 300 So). **54** Terry Freeman (6'3" 330 Sr).

RT 77 JOHN JERRY JR. 6-5 350 **PS#60.** 12 st RG true. SEC Frosh Tm. 9 st RG LY. **50** Darryl Harris (6'3" 300 Sr). 9 st C '05. 3 st RT, Med RS '06. 1 st LY. **64** Will Briscoe (6'3" 310 rFr).

LT 74 MICHAEL OHER SR. 6-5 318 **PS#11.** 10 st RG true. 12 st LT '06. 12 st LT LY. **4th Tm All American PS.** Turn down NFL, **proj'd #1DC. 78** Bradley Sowell (6'7" 310 rFr) PS#81.

K 93 JOSHUA SHENE JR. 5-8 170 PS#31. 14 of 17 FG as true, long 52. 11-17 FG LY, long 51. **46** David Hankins (6'3" 213 rFr) PS#83. **86** Ben Meadows (5'9" 170 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 86 GREG HARDY JR. 6-4 265 9 st true, 49 tkl, 3 sk. 4 st LY (susp 2.5). **1st Tm SEC.** 64 tkl, **10 sk,** 8.5 tfl. **53 Chris Strong** (6'2" 280 So) **PS#2LB.** 3 st, 19 tkl true.

DT 98 PERIA JERRY SR. 6-2 290 PS#108. 6 st '06, 22 tkl, 1 sk. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm SEC.** 58 tkl, 3.5 sk, 10.5 tfl. Lawon Scott (6'1" 322 So) PS#330. 7 tkl true. Jerrell Powe PS#2.

NT 99 Ted Laurent So. 6-0 303 PS#33.7 gm true. Cleared late. **91** Justin Sanders (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#137. **94** LaMark Armour (6'2" 260 Jr) 4 gm LY. Justin Smith PS#176.

DE 92 MARCUS TILLMAN JR. 6-4 260 **PS#6.** 11 st true, 22 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, 41 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **95 Emmanuel Stephens PS#19JC. 40** Kentrell Lockett (6'5" 240 So) PS#42. 2 st, 7 tkl rFr.

SLB 11 ASHLEE PALMER SR. 6-2 222 PS#20JC. 10 st LY, 89 tkl, 7 tfl. 3 int, 7 pbu. Patrick Trahan PS#60JC. In spg. **42** Jonathan Cornell (6'1" 225 So) PS#49. 3 st, 15 tkl 2Y.

MLB 47 TONY FEIN SR. 6-2 245 **PS#25JC.** 6 st LY, 84 tkl, 3 tfl. **41** Brandon Thomas (5'11" 245 Sr) PS#72. 5 st LY, 29 tkl, 3 tfl. **48** Lamar Brumfield (6'0" 224 Jr) PS#124JC. 1 st, 7 tkl.

WLB 45 JAMIE PHILLIPS JR. 6-0 220 PS#224. Last 9 st WLB, 63 tkl LY. **9 Allen Walker** (6'1" 215 So) **PS#13DB.** 13 tkl rFr. **95** Chris Bowers (6'2" 230 Sr) **PS#30DL.** 5 st DE '06, 18 tkl, 4 tfl.

CB 12 DUSTIN MOUZON SR. 5-11 175 L/2 st '06, 28 tkl, 1 int. 11 st LY. 59 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **8 Marshay Green** (5'9" 170 Jr) PS#70. 434 (8.7) WR 2Y. 1256 ret yd. Derrick Herman PS#202.

CB 24 Cassius Vaughn Jr. 5-10 185 PS#114RB. 5 tkl true. 3 st LY, 48 tkl. **5 Terrell Jackson** (5'10" 200 Sr) **PS#23.** 3 st, 3Y, 45 tkl. Jeremy McGee (5'10" 178 So) PS#114WR. UCLA trans.

SS 13 JAMARCA SANFORD SR. 5-10 200 PS#139. 10 st SS rFr, 58 tkl SEC Fr Tm. 11 st '06, 64 tkl. 10 st LY, 83 tkl, 4 pbu. Demareo Marr PS#56JC. **35** Fon Ingram (5'11" 190 So) PS#193. 5 tkl.

FS 20 JOHNNY BROWN SO. 5-11 207 PS#36RB. L/7 st true. 60 tkl, 3 pbu. **1 Kendrick Lewis** (5'11" 192 Jr) **PS#54WR.** 5 rec true. 7 st LY, 57 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Hunter Miller PS#151QB.

P 34 JUSTIN SPARKS JR. 6-2 187 **PS#7.** 51 punt LY, 39.7 avg 33.1 net. Rob Park (5'11" 194 Sr) PS#33. 43 punt true, 38.2 avg, 33.5 net. 58 (38.9) '06, 34.2 net. Bryan Powers (6'0" 217 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Emmanuel Stephens 6-3 235 PS#19JC
RB	Enrique Davis 6-1 215 PS#4 '07
DB	Demareo Marr 6-2 180 PS#56JC
LB	Patrick Trahan 6-3 225 PS#60JC
RB	Devin Thomas 5-11 195 PS#44
OL	Brandon Green 6-2 300 PS#127JC
TE	Gerald Harris 6-5 250 PS#153JC
QB	Nathan Stanley 6-5 195 PS#36
QB	Randall Mackey 6-1 180 PS#46
QB	Chris Wilkes 6-4 220 PS#81
DL	Justin Smith 6-4 280 PS#176
WR	Horatio Williams 6-2 175 PS#138
OL	Kermit Tyler 6-4 335 PS#194
RB	Brandon Bolden 5-11 215 PS#147
DB	Derrick Herman 5-11 185 PS#202
LB	Jason Jones 6-2 220 PS#167
QB	Layton Jones 6-4 215 PS#84 '07
OL	Joshua Tatum 6-5 315 PS#226
DB	Hunter Miller 6-1 185 PS#151QB
RB	Andre Sterling 5-10 200 PS#230
TE	EJ Epperson 6-3 230 PS#82
WR	Andrew Harris 6-2 195 PS#173 '07
DB	Brandon Sanders 6-0 190 PS#320
OL	Aaron Hawkins 6-3 315 PS#333
RB	HR Greer 6-0 225 PS#268
DB	Rudy Wilson 6-0 200 PS#362
WR	Melvin Harris 6-6 185 PS#310
DB	Julian Whitehead 5-9 190 PS#378 '07
TE	Ferbia Allen 6-5 225 PS#124
DB	Lekenwic Haynes 6-3 200 PS#368LB
DB	Jared Mitchell 6-2 180 PS#416
DL	Gerald Rivers 6-5 240 PS#450

MISSISSIPPI REBELS

Oxford, Mississippi
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#29

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Memphis	A					
Sep. 6	at Wake Forest	A					
Sep. 13	Samford	A					
Sep. 20	Vanderbilt	A					
Sep. 27	at Florida	G					
Oct. 4	S Carolina (HC)	A					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at Alabama	G					
Oct. 25	at Arkansas	G					
Nov. 1	Auburn	A					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	ULM	A					
Nov. 22	at LSU	G					
Nov. 28	Mississippi St (Fri)	A					

These schools are only 85 miles apart & Ole Miss leads the series 45-10-2 winning the L/3 but only by 3 ppg. The Rebels are 11-1 in season openers with the L/4 vs Memphis.

The only previous meeting between these 2 tms was a 27-3 win by WF in '06 in Oxford. Wake Forest outgained Miss 240-26 on the ground & sacked Rebel QB's 5 times.

The Bulldogs went 4-7 LY in the Ohio Valley Conf but this yr move to the Southern Conf. Samford HC Sullivan was the HC of TCU from '92-'97 & a former asst at Auburn under Pat Dye.

Mississippi has won 12 of L/15 in this series & last lost in back-to-back yrs in '91 & '92. Ole Miss has lost their SEC opener in each of the last 4 yrs by an avg of 15 ppg.

Rebels have won 3 of 6 vs Florida since 1989 including 2 of the last 3. Mississippi has lost 14 straight SEC road games (avg loss by 16 ppg).

Ole Miss has won 5 straight & DC Nix faces his former team (DC at SC '05-'07). In the last meeting, the Rebels upset #25 ranked SC 31-28 in Columbia in 2004.

Ole Miss has lost 4 straight to Bama & 12 of 14 (L/3 decided by 3 pts each). LY the Rebels led 24-17 in the 4Q & had a 41 yd pass to the 7 yd line overturned with :07 left.

Mississippi has lost 4 straight in the series & is 1-6 in Fayetteville. In the last 4 losses the Rebels were out scored by an avg of 29 ppg & outgained by 77 ypg.

Ole Miss is 3-22 vs Auburn since 1971 including 7 straight home losses. LY the Rebels were held to a season low 193 yds in a gm they trailed 7-3 at the half.

The last meeting between these 2 teams was a 59-14 win by Ole Miss in 2003. Nutt hired 2 former ULM assts to his 1st staff at Miss (former DC Dameron & DB Dickerson).

Mississippi has lost 6 in a row to LSU but 4 of those games were decided by 3 pts or less. The Rebels have lost 9 of their last 10 road finales.

Ole Miss has won 4 of the last 6 Egg Bowls. Last year the Rebels led 14-0 in the 4Q before allowing MSU to score 17 unanswered pts in a 17-14 loss.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Eli Manning 10,119 '00-'03
2. Romaro Miller 6,311 '97-'00
3. Kent Austin 6,184 '81-'85

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Deuce McAllister 3,060 '97-'00
2. Joe Gunn 2,749 '98-'01
3. Kayo Dottley 2,654 '47-'50

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chris Collins 2,621 '00-'03
2. Willie Green 2,274 '86-'89
3. Grant Heard 2,029 '96-'00

HOUSTON NUTT (Career 80-54) (IAA 31-16)

1st Year at Mississippi — Houston's Bowl Record: 2-5

Houston's records AT MISSISSIPPI

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

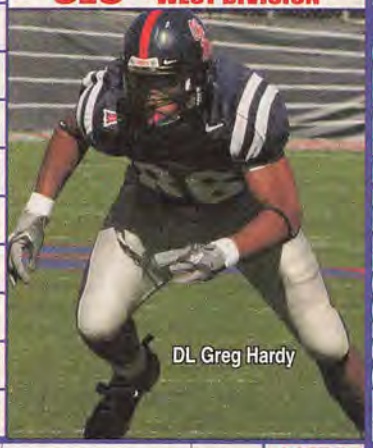
2007 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (19,25,4)
Lost: 16 (10,5,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,704 (#44)

SEC - WEST DIVISION


DL Greg Hardy

STADIUM: VAUGHT-HEMINGWAY STADIUM (60,580) (#42)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-4	7-6	10-3	4-7	3-8	4-8	3-9	45-50
Home	5-2	4-2	6-1	5-2	3-3	2-4	4-3	2-5	31-22
Away	2-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	1-4	1-4	0-5	1-4	12-27
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	3-5	7-1	3-5	1-7	2-6	0-8	24-40
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	4-1	3-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	21-10
ATS	4-7-1	4-6	7-6	9-4	4-7	3-7	5-4-2	6-5	42-46-3
Home Fav	2-4	1-3	3-2	4-2	1-3	0-3	0-1-2	1-0	12-18-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	3-0	3-2	12-5
Away Fav	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	3-7-1
Away Dog	0-2	1-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-2	13-15
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	2-6	5-2-1	5-3	32-30-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-1	3-2	3-2	0-3	1-1	0-2-1	1-2	10-16-1
Off SU Win	2-5	3-3	4-2	6-3	2-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	22-18
Off SU Loss	1-2-1	1-3	3-3	3-0	2-5	1-5	3-3-1	4-3	18-24-2

David Quadelle / Eli Orgeron

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	230	1183	46	1137	6	4.9
Bruce Hall	53	246	12	234	0	4.4
Brent Schaeffer	33	215	60	155	1	4.7
Dexter McCluster	6	69	6	63	0	10.5
Marshay Green	5	20	13	7	0	1.4
Cordera Eason	3	8	2	6	0	2.0
Seth Adams	47	109	136	-27	1	-0.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Seth Adams	297	163	54.9	1979	12	16
Brent Schaeffer	92	35	38.0	578	5	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Wallace	38	716	18.8	6	77
Shay Hodge	43	593	13.8	6	41
Dexter McCluster	27	326	12.1	2	46
Marshay Green	31	260	8.4	0	34
Michael Hicks	13	225	17.3	1	51
Robert Lane	19	149	7.8	0	25
Bruce Hall	10	101	10.1	0	35
Jason Cook	7	85	12.1	0	18
Robert Hough	7	66	9.4	0	21
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	2	25	12.5	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Sparks	51	2023	39.7	9	33.1(t)	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joshua Shene	24-25	5-6	4-7	1-3	1-1	11-17	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ashlee Palmer	89	0.5	6.5	7	3
Tony Fein	84	0	3	0	0
Jamarca Sanford	83	0	5.5	4	0
Greg Hardy	64	10	8.5	3	0
Jamie Phillips	63	0	1	5	0
Johnny Brown	60	0	2	3	1
Dustin Mouzon	59	1	3	5	2
Peria Jerry	58	3.5	10.5	1	1
Kendrick Lewis	57	1	1.5	2	0
Cassius Vaughn	48	0	0	0	0
Marcus Tillman	41	0	4.5	1	1
Brandon Thomas	29	1	2	0	0
Terrell Jackson	29	0	0	2	0
Chris Strong	19	0	1	1	0
Nate Banks	15	0	0	1	0
Allen Walker	13	0	0	0	0
Brandon Jenkins	12	0	1	0	0
Viciente DeLoach	11	2	0.5	0	0
Jonathan Cornell	9	0	0	1	0
Jeremy Garrett	9	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marshay Green	12	48	4.0	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marshay Green	27	631	23.4	0
Mike Wallace	21	483	23.0	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Independence	+9'	Texas Tech	35-18
99	Independence	+4	Oklahoma	27-25
00	Music City	-3'	West Virginia	38-49
02	Independence	+7	Nebraska	27-23
03	Cotton - #16	-2'	Oklahoma St - #21	31-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mississippi's All-Time Bowl Record 19-12

MISSISSIPPI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	20.1	19	132	4.2	214	51.0	17.2	-10	2007	6	28.5	24	199	4.7	224	63.1	14.9
5	15.7	15	125	3.6	136	47.9	16.7	-3	2006	5	22.9	20	159	4.2	195	59.6	15.4
5*	13.5	15	73	2.4	208	53.1	20.9	-5	2005	7	22.3	19	153	3.7	179	56.6	14.9
6	19.5	20	159	4.0	192	50.9	18.0	-3	2004	4	25.3	19	185	4.5	206	47.3	15.4
8*	34.0	23	147	3.9	286	62.8	12.7	+6	2003	8	21.9	19	102	3.2	276	56.2	17.3
7*	27.0	21	94	3.0	264	58.2	13.3	+5	2002	7	25.5	18	160	4.0	187	51.9	13.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

UM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS vs	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
45,457	at Memphis	19	29-74	2.6	19-30	201	2	30	35-124	3.5	41-61	343	2	+2
50,897	Missouri	26	38-229	6.0	23-41	305	1	29	37-218	5.9	31-43	330	1	-2
34,180	at Vanderbilt	13	32-54	1.7	11-22	208	6	25	49-183	3.7	18-26	200	2	0
55,032	Florida	18	21-80	3.8	19-32	310	2	28	45-246	5.5	20-34	261	0	-1
92,746	at Georgia	20	33-158	4.8	24-35	228	0	27	45-328	7.3	13-22	144	2	-2
45,138	Louisiana Tech	13	23-65	2.8	16-32	167	2	16	48-150	3.1	17-31	151	3	-1
59,791	Alabama	19	31-136	4.4	22-40	284	4	27	40-113	2.8	26-40	265	4	-1
52,671	Arkansas	20	35-97	2.8	14-34	182	6	23	54-293	5.4	12-18	144	1	-3
87,451	at Auburn	15	29-70	2.4	14-28	123	3	22	48-231	4.8	16-26	189	1	0
23,283	Northwestern St	15	30-210	7.0	10-28	177	0	24	43-194	4.5	24-34	305	0	+2
61,118	LSU	25	28-201	7.2	17-39	265	1	21	40-228	5.7	17-25	168	3	-4
51,727	at Miss St	21	50-204	4.1	10-30	115	1	10	25-81	3.2	15-36	192	2	0
TOTALS		224	379-1578	4.2	199-390	2565	28	282	509-2389	4.7	250-396	2692	21	-10
AVERAGES		18.7	32-132	4.2	17-33	214	2.3	23.5	42-199	4.7	21-33	224	1.8	-0.8

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Vanderbilt	-13	24-21
–	at Memphis	-8	34-44
–	ULM	-28	59-14
–	Texas Tech	-3	45-49
–	at Florida - #24	+12'	20-17
–	Arkansas St	-26	55-0
–	Alabama	-4	43-28
–	Arkansas - #21	-1	19-7
#20	South Carolina	-7	43-40
#20	at Auburn	+8	24-20
#15	LSU - #3	+6'	14-17
#17	at Mississippi St	-19	31-0

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Memphis	-4	13-20
–	at Alabama	+11'	7-28
–	Vanderbilt	-6'	26-23 OT
–	at Wyoming	-3'	32-37
–	Arkansas St	-18'	28-21
–	at South Carolina - #25	+16'	31-28
–	Tennessee - #13	+10	17-21
–	Auburn - #3	+16'	14-35
–	at Arkansas	+9'	3-35
–	at LSU - #14	+20'	24-27
–	Mississippi St	-5'	20-3

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Memphis	+2'	10-6
–	at Vanderbilt	+3	23-31
–	Wyoming	-2	14-24
–	at Tennessee - #10	+21	10-27
–	The Citadel	NL	27-7
–	Alabama - #6	+14	10-13
–	Kentucky	-10	13-7
–	at Auburn - #19	+20'	3-27
–	Arkansas	-1'	17-28
–	LSU - #4	+17	7-40
–	at Mississippi St	-1'	14-35

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Memphis	-3	28-25
–	at Missouri	+10	7-34
–	at Kentucky	+3'	14-31
–	Wake Forest	-2'	3-27
–	Georgia - #10	+18'	9-14
–	Vanderbilt	+1'	17-10
–	at Alabama	+16	23-26 OT
–	at Arkansas - #15	+20'	3-38
–	Auburn - #7	+18'	17-23
–	Northwestern St	NL	27-7
–	at LSU - #9	+27	20-23 OT
–	Mississippi St	-3	20-17

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Memphis	-3	23-21
–	Missouri	+6	25-38
–	at Vanderbilt	+6'	17-31
–	Florida - #3	+23	24-30
–	at Georgia - #15	+15'	17-45
–	Louisiana Tech	-13	24-0
–	Alabama	+6'	24-27
–	Arkansas	+5	8-44
–	at Auburn - #23	+18	3-17
–	Northwestern St	NL	38-31
–	LSU - #1	+19	24-41
–	at Mississippi St	+6	14-17

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, returning starter Omarr Conner suffered through an injury plagued year and Michael Henig played the 2H vs Kentucky and started the final 3. Henig threw for 621 (44.4%) with a 2-5 ratio. Conner moved to WR in '06 but Henig broke his collarbone in the opener. Conner moved back to QB but he and #3 QB Tray Rutland (PS#99) were both injured vs WV. Henig, though not 100% returned to action and started the next five. He threw for 1,201 (43.8%) with a 7-9 ratio. They had to replace Conner last year and the backup figured to be Josh Riddell (PS#23JC) who threw for 3,360 (58.9%) with a 36-12 ratio at JUCO in '06. Riddell was susp in August so true frosh Wesley Carroll (PS#92) became the backup. Henig tied a school record in the opener (1949 Max Stainbrook) with 6 int vs LSU and then broke his throwing hand vs Auburn. Riddell and Carroll both played but combined to hit just 4 of 15 vs the Tigers. The two split action the next two weeks but then Riddell tore his ACL vs SC. Henig saw action vs UAB but hit just 2 of 8 for 26 with 2 int. Carroll hit 9 of 12 for 93 guiding TD drives of 75, 80 and 60 yards and the job was his for the rest of the year. Carroll almost set an NCAA record for most consecutive passes without an int to start a career with his streak of 137 ending vs Bama (138 Mike Gundy, Okla St 1986). Carroll's best game came vs Ark when he hit 29 of 51 for 421. For the season Carroll threw for 1,392 (52.5%) with a 9-7 ratio while Henig played in 7 and threw for 447 (46.2%) with a 1-9 ratio. Henig is the only loss this year and added to the mix are Robert Ambers (5'11" 181 Jr, PS#145), rFr Chris Relf (PS#87) and Tyson Lee (PS#31JC) who threw for 1,901 yd (71.2%) with an 18-6 ratio as a Fr at JC. With Carroll benefitting from his first offseason of workouts, I look for solid improvement in MSU passing numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 the Bulldogs had to replace their career leading rusher, Jerious Norwood. I projected true frosh Anthony Dixon (PS#28) as the starter. He broke his hand early but still played all 12 (5 st) rushing for 668 (4.0) while setting school records for true frosh rush yds, att, and rushing TD's. He finished strong with 335 in the final 3. The leading returning rusher, Brandon Thornton (225, 4.8 in '05) rushed for 230 (3.8). Croom did bemoan the lack of speed at RB. Tulane transfer Christian Ducré missed the start of the season (elig) and played in just 3. Last year almost everyone returned. Croom thinks the world of Dixon's talent but feels he does not get enough out of it and he's found himself in Croom's doghouse often. Still, Dixon was able to start 12 and top 1,000 while adding 14 rec (11.9). Ducré started 3 and rushed for 487 (4.3). This year they lose Justin Williams (96, 4.6) and FB Jeremy Jones (1 st, 17 rec yd). They add rFr Robert Elliott (PS#19) who showed big play ability during impressive bowl practices making this group even stronger.

RECEIVERS - The Bulldogs returned their top 5 receivers last year and the coaching staff felt it could be one of the team's strengths. The WR's were banged up in August. The leading returning receiver, Tony Burks (850 yd, 24.3 in '06) had 2 less rec but far less yards (444, 13.5) starting 8. Jamayel Smith was #2 in '06 (335, 16.8) and improved to #1 with 510 (15.5) LY. TE Eric Butler had 210 (16.2) in '06 but only 71 (8.9) LY. This year they lose Butler (6 st), Burks, TE Dezmond Sherrod (8 st, 1 rec), TE Jason Husband (16 rec) and WR Lance Long (2 st, 14 rec). They do expect a bigger impact out of Co-Eric Riley (PS#12JC) who had just 1 start (8 rec). The 2007 receiving corps underachieved and despite being less experienced, this group should come close to 2007's production.

LB Jamar Chaney

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, 2.5 OL starters returned but then a projected starter quit. The unit opened holes for just 2.4 ypc in the first 9 but then vs 3 tough D's, finally gelled (4.2 ypc). Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 7 players back with starting experience. They like to run to the right. On their clinching drive vs Auburn they had 6 consecutive runs behind RG Craig Jenkins and RT JD Hamilton. Croom said there were 7 guys they considered starters, the starting 5 plus Michael Gates (2 st) and true frosh Derek Sherrod (PS#11). The unit had just 2 starts lost to injury and vs Tenn, Croom even played the 2nd team O-line in the 4th series, showing its depth. The Bulldogs improved to 3.5 ypc rush while allowing 21 sks (5.6%). This year they must replace 2nd Tm SEC LT Mike Brown (13 st), RT JD Hamilton (13 st), HM SEC C Royce Blackledge (13 st, 3Y st'r) and 3rd string Roland Terry (2 gm, 24 snaps). The unexpected loss of their top OL Brown, who was dismissed in spring, leaves MSU's OL less experienced for 2008.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulldogs' rush D improved each year under Croom and in 2006 with 3 starters back and 4 top-notch seniors they allowed just 115 ypg rush (3.4). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup (#5DC) but did return their top sack man in DT Titus Brown. The less experienced group allowed 157 ypg (4.1) while the D had just 19 sacks. This year they lose DE Avery Hannibal (13 st, 44 tkl, 8.5 tfl), 2nd Tm SEC DE Brown (12 st, 43 tkl, 8 sk) and bkup DT Quinton Wesley (1 st, 19 tkl, 2.5 tfl) but do have 5 of their top 8 back. This is not an overwhelming unit, but it is more experienced than last year and will help the Bulldogs be tougher vs the run this season.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs had 5 of their top 6 LB's back in 2006 including their star, Quinton Culberson. Culberson earned 1st Tm SEC honors and was the team's #1 tackler. Last year he was the only starter lost as four players returned with starting experience. This year they must replace SLB Gabe O'Neal (13 st, 74 tkl, 7.5 tfl) and Anthony Littlejohn (1 st, 16 tkl). Two starters return along with backup MLB Jamon Hughes who is like a starter and even had 12 tackles vs WV. KJ Wright should be a good replacement at the open OLB spot after playing as a true frosh. This unit has even more career starts than it did heading into 2007 and is improved again.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Croom's first three years the Bulldogs finished #65, #71 and #76 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters and CB Derek Pegues moved to FS. They still managed to improve to #30 allowing 175 ypg, 53.5% with a 20-18 ratio. This is the most experienced secondary Croom has fielded as their only loss is Demario Bobo (2 st, 35 tkl). Seven players return with starting experience plus they add a VHT true frosh.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This is an area that Croom needs to improve upon. In his four seasons the Bulldogs have finished #81, #114, #100 and #108 in my ST rankings. Last year they expected true frosh Eric Richards (PS#41) to take over the KO duties but he broke his foot and redshirted. K Adam Carlson showed improvement and after missing a 51 yard FG in The Egg Bowl in '06, he connected on a 48 yard FG with :12 left for the 2007 Egg Bowl win. He hit 10 of 13 FG's (long of 48). Derek Pegues has 1,231 KR yards the last 2 years (23.2) and 618 PR yards (11.9). P Blake McAdams improved his net from 31.7 to 32.9 but Carlson had just 2 TB on 58 KO. This year all of the key players return including LS Aaron Feld (6'1" 225 So) who handled both long and short snapping as a rFr LY. I will call for the Bulldogs' best finish in my ST rankings under Croom.

COACHES - Sylvester Croom was the GB Packers' RB coach from 2001-'03 and became the first African American HC in the SEC. Croom coached at Alabama under Bear Bryant and Ray Perkins from '76-'86. MSU extended his contract through 2011 and Croom was SEC Coach of the Year in 2007 with the last MSU COY being Charlie Shira in 1970. He was also named the Grant Teaff National Coach of the Year. His 5 year OC, Woody McCorvey, was the RB coach at Tennessee from 1999-2003 and has 17 years of experience in the SEC. This year he loses 4 year DC Ellis Johnson to S Carolina. The new DC is Charlie Harbison who coached the safeties here LY.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2001 the Bulldogs actually had the best record of all SEC West schools over the previous 4 years! The last 3 years of Jackie Sherrill's tenure did not go well with a 3-21 SEC record. Croom inherited a 2-10 team that was outgained by 182.9 ypg in SEC play (-21 in turnovers) and instilled more discipline. While they went just 3-8 in his first season, they upset #20 Florida and had close losses to Bama and Ark. The school was put on four years probation and lost 4 scholarships in '05 and '06. Croom did have 5 players make the SEC Frosh Team in '04. In 2005 they had 16 starters back but had very few winnable home games. MSU had just 9 seniors and 74 scholarship players in 2005. In Croom's first 2 years, 20 players either quit or were kicked off the team. Hurricane Katrina ravaged Mississippi but MSU still opened 2005 at 2-1. They lost to 4 ranked foes and were just 2-8 when they whipped Mississippi 35-14, stopping a streak of 19 straight losses vs the SEC West (since 2001). In 2006, due to a tough schedule, I projected that they would have improved play but would suffer their 6th straight losing season. The Bulldogs finished last in the SEC West but were only outgained by 51.9 ypg which was better than bowl-bound Kentucky and rival Ole Miss. They upset Alabama, ending a streak of 23 straight SEC road losses. They had close losses to both Georgia and Kentucky and were actually four plays away from being 7-5 in '06 despite QB injuries. The D allowed just 321 ypg, their best since 1999. Last year I predicted that MSU would be greatly improved with a shot at a bowl, and they did not disappoint. They stunned Auburn, 19-14 on the road despite losing QB Henig in the 1Q. They were beating SC when a blocked punt set up a 27 yd TD pass on the next play. They suffered their 4th loss (all to ranked foes) at #9 WV but then upset #14 Kentucky on the road to move to 5-4. Following a bye week they upset #21 Alabama 17-12, the second straight year Croom defeated his alma mater. After a loss to Ark they trailed Ole Miss 14-0 but rallied for a win getting to the Liberty Bowl. They had a pro MSU crowd and delivered a 10-3 victory. There are a couple of troubling signs for this year. First, DC Ellis Johnson is gone after his D's ranked #41 and #21 in the NCAA the last two years. Despite their 4-4 SEC record, MSU was outgained by a league worst 73.4 ypg. The Bulldogs also benefitted from 4 net close wins. Last year they surpassed my expectations by winning 8 games and knocking off a pair of ranked foes. With 14 starters back, this year's team is more talented than 2007's and have a great shot at getting to a bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 13 WESLEY CARROLL SO. 6-1 190 PS#92. 9 st true, 1392 (52.5%). 9-7 ratio, 192 rush. **17** Josh Riddell (6'1" 195 Sr) PS#23JC. 1 st LY, 240 (49%). **14** Chris Relf (6'3" 211 rFr) PS#87.

HB 24 ANTHONY DIXON JR. 6-1 240 **PS#28.** 5 st true. 668 (4.0). 12 st LY, 1066 (3.7), 14 rec (11.9). **2 Robert Elliott** (6'0" 192 rFr) **PS#19. 28** Christian Ducré (6'0" 215 Jr) PS#123. 3 st, 487 (4.3).

FB 35 BRANDON HART SR. 5-11 240 PS#368. 4 st LY, 23 ttl yd. **38 Eric Hoskins** (5'11" 230 Sr). 4 st LY, 70 yd rec. **44** Ethan Stockett (6'1" 255 rFr) PS#165. Taurus Young (5'8" 228 Sr).

WR 15 Co-Eric Riley Sr. 6-1 200 **PS#12JC.** 1 st in '07, 8 rec (8.5), 6 KR (21.0). **87 Aubrey Bell** (6'3" 217 Sr) PS#115. 11 st 3Y, 24 rec (15.1). Ryan Mason (6'4" 217 Sr) PS#132JC.

WR 89 JAMAYEL SMITH SR. 6-0 183 4 st '06, 335 yd (16.8). 6 st LY, 510 yd (15.5). **81** Brandon McRae (6'4" 200 Jr) Morehead St transfer. 2 st, 2 rec LY. O'Neal Wilder PS#226 LY.

TE 85 Brandon Henderson So. 6-1 250 PS#133. 2 gm rFr. **82** Marcus Green (6'2" 230 rFr) PS#193RB. FB in '07. **84** Nelson Hurst PS#53 in spg. Austin Wilbanks (6'3" 245 Jr) 1 gm LY.

C 58 Johnny Carpenter Jr. 6-2 290 PS#144. 3 gm rFr, 15 play. 5 gm LY (inj). **70** JC Brignone (6'1" 290 So) PS#183DL. 11 gm OG rFr. **66** DJ Looney (6'1" 290 rFr) PS#176.

RG 75 CRAIG JENKINS JR. 6-4 315 **PS#82.** 12 st RT rFr. 11 st RG LY. **78 Michael Gates** (6'4" 305 Sr) 6 gm true. 7 st '06. L/2 st LY. **63** Chris Spencer (6'3" 305 Jr) PS#190. 1 gm '06.

LG 53 ANTHONY STRAUDER SR. 6-3 290 PS#110DL. 11 st LG rFr. 6 st LG '06. 13 st LG LY, 646 snap. **73** Dakota Merritt (6'5" 302 rFr) PS#332. 375 bench. **72** John McMillan (6'2" 285 So).

RT 76 Phillip Freeman Jr. 6-6 290 **PS#36JC** in for spg. 300 bench, 5.0 speed. **74** Mark Melichar (6'5" 284 So) PS#280. 8 gm, 51 snaps rFr. Sam Latham (6'2" 250 rFr).

LT 79 Derek Sherrod So. 6-5 298 **PS#11.** 11 gm, 250 snaps as true. **55** Quentin Saulsberry (6'3" 286 rFr) PS#148. **62** Addison Lawrence (6'4" 265 rFr). PS#57TE.

K 37 ADAM CARLSON SR. 6-4 195 8-16 FG, long 47 first 2Y. 10 of 13 FG LY, long 48, 1 miss 50+. **Eric Richards** (6'4" 227 rFr) PS#41. Brk foot LY. Brad Moore (6'1" 190 So).

DE 90 Cortez McCraney Sr. 6-4 272 PS#508. 10 tkl Memp. 3 st DT LY, 24 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **93** Brandon Cooper (6'3" 240 So) PS#291. 4 tkl rFr. **92** Charles Burns (6'3" 265 Sr) PS#107. 2 st 2Y, 5 tkl.

DT 95 KYLE LOVE JR. 6-1 320 7 tkl true. 10 st '07, 17 tkl, 3 tfl. Templeton Hardy (6'3" 295 Fr) PS#34OL. **96** Reggie Odom (6'0" 295 So) **PS#51.** Anthony Smith (5'9" 278 Jr).

DT 94 JESSIE BOWMAN SR. 6-1 305 **PS#11JC.** 9 st LY, 26 tkl, 5 tfl. **98** LaMarcus Williams (6'1" 290 So) PS#80. 1 st true (inj) 2 tkl. Joshua Jackson (6'3" 294 Fr) PS#103.

DE 39 Tim Bailey Sr. 6-3 241 JC '03, Army-Iraq '04-'05. 7 tkl '06. 1 st '07, 25 tkl, 3 tfl. **97** Jimmie Holmes (6'3" 235 Sr) PS#205JC. 21 tkl, 2 sk LY. Rodney Prince (6'3" 252 So) PS#178.

SLB 34 KJ Wright So. 6-3 215 PS#94DL. 7 tkl as true. **49** Terrell Johnson (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#213. 4.6 spd. **27** Jarvis Kyles (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#121WR. 8 tkl 2Y. Devon Edwards (6'0" 217 rFr).

MLB 22 JAMAR CHANEY SR. 6-1 236 PS#59. 3 st true, 31 tkl. 11 st '06, 66 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 89 tkl, 4 tfl. **36** Jamon Hughes (6'0" 230 Jr) PS#136. 1 st true, 17 tkl. 1 st LY, 65 tkl, 5.5 tfl.

WLB 10 DOMINIC DOUGLAS SR. 6-2 227 PS#218JC. 11 st LY, 78 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **33** Jamie Jones (6'0" 215 rFr) PS#76. **45** Michael Hunt PS#119DB LY. Karlin Brown (5'9" 195 So) PS#274. 1 tkl true.

CB 11 ANTHONY JOHNSON JR. 5-10 194 PS#47WR. 4.35 spd. 12 tkl true. 11 st LY, 52 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. **18 Marcus Washington** (5'10" 180 Jr) PS#293. 7 st LY, 44 tkl. Tay Bowser (6'3" 185 Jr) 1 st, 13 tkl.

CB 23 JASPER O'QUINN SR. 5-10 185 PS#102JC. 4.4 spd, 7 st, 37 tkl, 2 pbu. Charles Mitchell **PS#19.** Chris Nance (5'10" 182 Sr) PS#227JC. 2 tkl LY. Damein Anderson (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#169.

SS 1 KEITH FITZHUGH SR. 5-11 206 **PS#42.** 1 st true, 13 tkl. 10 st '06, 59 tkl, 3 pbu. 5 st LY, 58 tkl, 3 pbu. **8 De'Mon Glanton** (6'1" 190 Sr) 7 st '05-'06. 38 tkl. 9 st LY, 47 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu.

FS 3 DEREK PEGUES SR. 5-10 196 **PS#17. 1st Tm SEC LY.** CB in '06, 32 tkl, 4 int, 1037 ret yd. 13 st FS LY. 50 tkl, 5 int, 812 ret yd. Zach Smith (6'0" 180 So) PS#125QB. 21 tkl, 2 pbu as true.

P 43 BLAKE McADAMS SR. 5-10 190 PS#111DB. 69 punt true. 41.9 avg (31.8 net). 38.2 lavg, net 31.7 in '06. 39.3 avg, net 32.9 LY. Eric Richards 45.1 avg HS. Baker Swedenburg PS#12.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Tyson Lee 5-11 190 PS#31JC
OL	Phillip Freeman 6-6 290 PS#36JC
DB	Charles Mitchell 5-11 187 PS#19
DL	Templeton Hardy 6-3 295 PS#34OL
RB	Montario "ToJo" Patterson 6-0 190 PS#68
DL	Trevor Stigers 6-4 225 PS#89
DL	Joshua Jackson 6-3 294 PS#103
DL	Devin Jones 6-2 240 PS#94LB
OL	John Paul Alford 6-3 280 PS#128
LB	Antonio Hoskins 6-2 215 PS#103
DB	Rashun Dixon 6-2 227 PS#122
LB	Bo Walters 6-1 225 PS#114
WR	Arceto Clark 5-10 165 PS#131
TE	Nelson Hurst 6-4 240 PS#53
LB	Mike Hunt 6-3 220 PS#119DB '07
TE	Kendrick Cook 6-3 230 PS#57
K	Baker Swedenburg 6-0 175 PS#12
WR	Charles Bailey 6-2 173 PS#160
DB	Louis Watson 5-10 165 PS#214
WR	Delmon Robinson 5-10 180 PS#228DB
DB	Corey Broomfield 5-10 157 PS#257
LB	Kirkland Gainous 6-2 205 PS#258DL
DL	Nick Bell 6-4 230 PS#210LB
DL	Sean Ferguson 6-4 225 PS#261
DB	Terrance Davis 5-11 180 PS#150QB
OL	Tobias Smith 6-3 292 PS#318
DL	Shane McCardell 6-5 220 PS#321
WR	O'Neal Wilder 6-5 190 PS#226 '07

MISSISSIPPI ST BULLDOGS

Starkville, Mississippi
Weather (662) 325-2915

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#62

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Louisiana Tech	A					
Sep. 6	SE Louisiana	G					
Sep. 13	Auburn	G					
Sep. 20	at Georgia Tech	G					
Sep. 27	at LSU	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Vanderbilt	G					
Oct. 18	at Tennessee	G					
Oct. 25	Middle Tenn (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	Kentucky	G					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	at Alabama	G					
Nov. 22	Arkansas	G					
Nov. 28	at Mississippi (Fri)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Wayne Madkin 6,336 '98-'01
2. Kevin Fant 5,631 '00-'03
3. Derrick Taite 5,232 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Jerious Norwood 3,212 '02-'05
2. Walter Packer 2,820 '73-'76
3. Michael Davis 2,721 '91-'94

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mardye McDole 2,214 '77-'80
2. David Smith 2,168 '68-'70
3. Eric Moulds 2,022 '93-'95

MSU is 7-2 all-time vs LT, but LT won the most recent meeting 38-23 in 1996. LT HC Dooley is a former ST/RB coach at LSU & the son of UGA legend Vince.

First meeting. MSU is 5-1 vs FCS tms winning by 33 ppg with the 1 loss coming in '04. SE Louisiana was 3-8 in the Southland Conf including losses to Kansas & NMSt.

MSU ended a 6 game losing streak to Auburn in LY's 19-14 upset win. The Bulldogs have lost 7 straight conf home openers (shutout L2Y).

The Bulldogs are 0-2 all-time vs Georgia Tech but the last meeting was in 1929. MSU's last win over a non-SEC BCS foe was in the 2000 Indep Bowl (TX A&M).

MSU is 1-15 vs LSU. The avg score of the last 7 has been LSU 42-6 with 3 shutouts. Last year Miss St trailed just 3-0 with 6:00 left in the 1H but had 7 TO's.

The Bulldogs have won 10 of the L/13 including 4 of 5 & 5 straight at home. Vanderbilt won the last meeting, 31-13 in Nashville in 2004.

The Bulldogs have lost 5 in a row & 8 of the last 9. MSU Asst HC & QB Coach McCorvey was the RB coach at UT for 5 years before joining Croom's staff.

Miss St is 31-4-2 vs current SBC tms & 2-0 in this series with an avg win of 51-21. The last meeting was a 61-35 Bulldog win in 2000.

MSU has lost 4 of 6, but LY pulled a 31-14 upset over #14 ranked Kentucky that eliminated them from the SEC East race. Miss St forced 6 TO's, a season high.

The last time these 2 tms met in Tuscaloosa, MSU ended a 23 gm SEC road losing streak with a 24-16 win. Croom is 2-2 vs his alma mater as the HC of MSU (2-0 L2Y).

The Bulldogs have dropped 9 straight & 12 of the last 13 to Arkansas. LY MSU outgained Ark 501-429 with a 27-20 FD edge, but a 5-0 TO deficit cost them in the 45-31 loss.

The Bulldogs clinched their 1st bowl bid S/'00 w/their 17-14 win in the Egg Bowl LY. UM held MSU to 4 FD's until the 4Q when MSU scored 17 unanswered pts.

SYLVESTER CROOM (Career 17-30)

5th Year at Mississippi St — Croom's Bowl Record: 1-0

Croom's records AT MISSISSIPPI ST

17-30	Straight Up	0-9	Vs Top 10
10-16	Home	3-14	Vs Top 25
6-14	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	3-4	Off A Bye
8-24	Vs Conference	10-18	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (20,24,3)
Lost: 19 (13,6,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,296 (#46)

SEC - WEST DIVISION

DB Derek Pegues

STADIUM: DAVIS WADE STADIUM (55,082) (#48)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	3-8	3-9	2-10	3-8	3-8	3-9	8-5	33-61
Home	4-1	3-4	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-4	1-6	4-2	21-29
Away	3-3	0-4	1-5	0-6	0-4	1-4	2-3	3-3	10-32
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	0-8	1-7	2-6	1-7	1-7	4-4	15-49
vs Non-Conf	4-0	1-2	3-1	1-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	4-1	18-12
ATS	7-5	6-5	3-8	2-10	5-5	4-6	5-5-1	6-6	38-50-1
Home Fav (Spread)	2-2	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	7-10
Home Dog (Spread)	1-0	2-1	1-3	0-4	2-2	2-2	1-4	1-2	10-18
Away Fav (Spread)	3-3	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	5-6
Away Dog (Spread)	0-0	3-1	2-4	0-4	1-3	1-2	4-0-1	3-2	14-16-1
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	2-6	1-7	4-4	3-5	4-3-1	3-5	25-38-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	13-12
Off SU Win	4-3	2-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-1	3-0	3-3	17-12
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-4	2-5	1-8	2-4	3-5	2-4-1	3-2	18-34-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Dixon	287	1151	85	1066	14	3.7
Christian Ducré	112	515	28	487	3	4.3
Justin Williams	21	99	3	96	0	4.6
Wesley Carroll	47	192	125	67	0	1.4
Jamayel Smith	2	32	0	32	0	16.0
Michael Henig	13	44	57	-13	1	-1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Wesley Carroll	255	134	52.5	1392	9	7
Michael Henig	78	36	46.2	447	1	9
Josh Riddell	37	18	48.6	240	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jamayel Smith	33	510	15.5	3	80
Tony Burks	33	444	13.5	3	45
Jason Husband	16	193	12.1	2	27
Aubrey Bell	14	186	13.3	1	33
Anthony Dixon	14	167	11.9	2	53
Lance Long	14	103	7.4	0	14
Christian Ducré	16	83	5.2	0	12
Eric Butler	8	71	8.9	0	15
Eric Hoskins	9	70	7.8	0	15
Co-Eric Riley	8	68	8.5	0	30

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Blake McAdams	77	3024	39.3	4	32.9(t)	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Adam Carlson	33-34	3-4	6-6	1-2	0-1	10-13	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamar Chaney	89	0	4	4	0
Dominic Douglas	78	1	7.5	1	0
Gabe O'Neal	74	1	6.5	1	1
Jamon Hughes	65	0	5.5	0	0
Keith Fitzhugh	58	1	4	3	2
Anthony Johnson	52	0	3	8	3
Derek Pegues	50	0	2	7	5
De'Mon Glanton	47	1	2	7	2
Avery Hannibal	44	3	5.5	0	0
Marcus Washington	44	0	4	4	1
Titus Brown	43	8	5.5	1	0
Jasper O'Quinn	37	0	1.5	2	1
Demario Bobo	35	0	1.5	3	2
Jessie Bowman	26	1	4	0	0
Tim Bailey	25	0	3	2	0
Cortez McCraney	24	1	3.5	0	0
Jimmie Holmes	21	2	1.5	1	0
Zach Smith	21	0	0	2	0
Quinton Wesley	19	0	2.5	0	0
Kyle Love	17	0	3	0	0
Anthony Littlejohn	16	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Pegues	27	268	9.9	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek Pegues	24	544	22.7	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Peach - #16	-6	NC State - #23	24-28
98	Cotton - #25	+6'	Texas - #20	11-38
99	Peach - #15	+3	Clemson	17-7
00	Independence	+1'	Texas A&M (OT)	43-41
07	Liberty	+3	UCF	10-3

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MISSISSIPPI ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	21.5	17	137	3.5	160	50.5	13.8	0	2007	5	23.2	18	157	4.1	175	53.5	14.3
8*	18.4	16	95	2.9	192	47.5	15.6	-5	2006	7	25.8	16	115	3.4	206	57.9	12.5
8*	13.9	15	138	3.9	139	48.3	19.9	+2	2005	8	23.5	19	140	3.7	195	61.4	14.2
6	15.7	15	159	4.3	145	50.5	19.3	-1	2004	6	25.5	19	190	4.4	174	58.5	14.3
5*	18.8	16	119	3.8	202	52.4	17.1	-21	2003	7	39.3	24	190	4.3	283	62.2	12.1
5	18.9	18	119	3.4	218	51.1	17.8	-15	2002	7	28.3	18	170	3.9	154	49.6	11.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
50,112	LSU	9	26-10	0.4	14-33	136	4	22	50-198	4.0	14-22	149	3	-7
31,076	at Tulane	27	54-266	4.9	20-31	223	2	8	17-44	2.6	16-29	199	1	+1
82,129	at Auburn	14	43-172	4.0	5-18	41	1	16	46-216	4.7	12-22	107	2	+4
42,272	Gardner-Webb	19	39-215	5.5	12-19	166	0	20	35-131	3.7	21-37	203	3	0
78,883	at S Carolina	18	42-140	3.3	12-27	118	2	21	35-123	3.5	19-37	279	2	0
45,259	UAB	16	45-165	3.7	11-20	119	1	11	23-71	3.1	16-35	217	0	-1
50,217	Tennessee	18	36-135	3.8	18-33	203	1	23	42-211	5.0	22-36	259	0	+1
61,022	at West Virginia	12	33-45	1.4	18-35	169	3	17	42-262	6.2	12-20	84	0	-2
68,173	at Kentucky	22	51-200	3.9	17-28	152	0	19	27-89	3.3	24-42	230	3	+5
56,188	Alabama	14	42-115	2.7	9-21	100	2	23	37-153	4.1	16-35	121	1	+1
55,185	at Arkansas	27	31-80	2.6	29-51	421	2	20	45-206	4.6	15-18	223	0	-5
51,727	Mississippi	10	25-81	3.2	15-36	192	2	21	50-204	4.1	10-30	115	1	0
63,816	† UCF	10	41-160	3.9	8-20	39	1	13	47-131	2.8	10-24	88	3	+3
TOTALS		216	508-1784	3.5	188-372	2079	21	234	496-2039	4.1	207-387	2274	19	0
AVERAGES		16.6	39-137	3.5	14-29	160	1.6	18.0	38-157	4.1	16-30	175	1.5	0.0

2003 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Oregon	+3'	34-42
–	at Tulane	-3	28-31
–	at Houston	-4'	35-42
–	LSU - #7	+13'	6-41
–	Vanderbilt	-4'	30-21
–	Memphis	-4	35-27
–	at Auburn - #18	+21	13-45
–	at Kentucky	+10	17-42
–	Alabama	+10'	0-38
–	at Tennessee - #9	+23'	21-59
–	at Arkansas	+27	6-52
–	Mississippi - #17	+19	0-31

2004 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Tulane	-6'	28-7
–	Auburn - #18	+13'	14-43
–	Maine	NL	7-9
–	at LSU - #14	+31	0-51
–	at Vanderbilt	+13	13-31
–	UAB	+12	13-27
–	Florida - #20	+24'	38-31
–	Kentucky	-3'	22-7
–	at Alabama	+17'	14-30
–	Arkansas	+10	21-24
–	at Mississippi	+5'	3-20

2005 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Murray St	NL	38-6
–	at Auburn	+15	0-28
–	at Tulane	-2'	21-14
–	Georgia - #7	+15	10-23
–	LSU - #4	+14	7-37
–	at Florida - #13	+27'	9-35
–	Houston	-2	16-28
–	at Kentucky	-1	7-13
–	Alabama - #4	+15'	0-17
–	at Arkansas	+13'	10-44
–	Mississippi	+1'	35-14

2006 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	South Carolina	+7	0-15
–	Auburn - #4	+21	0-34
–	Tulane	-11	29-32
–	at UAB	+10	16-10 OT
–	at LSU - #9	+33'	17-48
–	West Virginia - #4	+21	14-42
–	Jacksonville St	NL	35-3
–	at Georgia	+17	24-27
–	Kentucky	+1	31-34
–	at Alabama	+14	24-16
–	Arkansas - #5	+14'	14-28
–	at Mississippi	+3	17-20

2007 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	LSU - #2	+18'	0-45
–	at Tulane	-5'	38-17
–	at Auburn	+13	19-14
–	Gardner-Webb	NL	31-15
–	at South Carolina - #16	+13'	21-38
–	UAB	-18'	30-13
–	Tennessee - #25	+7	21-33
–	at West Virginia - #9	+25'	13-38
–	at Kentucky - #14	+14	31-14
–	Alabama - #21	+4'	17-12
–	at Arkansas	+12'	31-45
–	Mississippi	-6	17-14

ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 the Hogs signed Mitch Mustain (PS#1) and promised to switch to more of a passing offense. Mustain took over the starting job in Wk 2 and went 8-0 as a starter but only threw for 894 (52.3%) with a 10-9 ratio. Surprisingly after an int on the first series vs SC, Casey Dick took the rest of the snaps and then started the final five. Dick completed just 49.2% throwing for 991 (9-6 ratio). While he was 4-5 as a starter, four of the five losses were to ranked teams. Mustain transferred to USC so Dick's backup LY was Nathan Emert. Casey's brother, true frosh Nathan Dick (PS#42) had been #2 but he suffered a hip injury in Aug and RS. One of Casey's best moments in '07 came when he guided the team on a 71 yd/6 play drive for an apparent game winning TD vs Aub with 1:36 left but unfortunately Aub drove for a game winning FG with :21 left. They also used McFadden in the "Wild Hog" formation. Dick improved to 57.3% throwing for 1,695 with an 18-10 ratio. Emert played in 6 (37 att). Alex Mortensen (6'2" 220 Jr) transferred to Samford after '05 but returned last season. Austin Tucker (6'1" 201 rFr) also adds depth. PS#1 QB Ryan Mallett transferred from Michigan in Jan, but the NCAA denied his request to play in '08. Naturally this year's true frosh all could start immediately with the new HC. With an offense more reliant on the QB, I would expect this unit's production to increase.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 De'Arrius Howard (PS#7) was leading the SEC in rushing after two games. Two true frosh then took over in Darren McFadden and Felix Jones. McFadden easily beat Cedric Cobbs' school frosh rushing record (662 in '99) rushing for 1,113 (6.3) despite just starting 8 (1st Tm SEC). Jones finished #2 in the nation in KR average and added 626 (6.3). Both returned in 2006 as did super blocking FB Peyton Hillis (PS#9). McFadden became the Hogs' first Heisman Trophy finalist (#2 in the voting) setting the school's single season rush record with 1,647 (5.8). Jones had 1,168 (7.6). Hillis missed the final four with the Hogs losing 3 of them. Last year the Hogs set the school record for rushing yards in a season. McFadden reset his record with 1,830 (5.6) and was #2 in the Heisman voting again. McFadden also set the SEC single season record for all-purp yards while he and Jones set an NCAA single game record for rushing by teammates with 487 vs SC (McFadden Ark rec 321, old record Dickey Morton, 271 vs Baylor in '73). Jones added 1,162 and an amazing 8.7 ypc and leaves as Ark's career ypc leader (7.55). FB Peyton Hillis rushed for 347 (5.6). Michael Smith (PS#150) added 303 (6.6). JUCO Brandon Barnett who has 4.3 speed did not get his first carry until NT when he rushed for 105. Both McFadden (#1DC OAK) and Jones (#1DC of DAL) depart as does FB Hillis (9 st, #7DC DEN). Not listed in the PSL are Torian Wilkins (5'9" 191 So), John Durmon (5'11" 217 Jr), Seth Armbrust (5'10" 200 So), Cliff Moore (5'10" 186 rFr), Taylor Huskisson (6'0" 215 rFr) and Jairemy Smith (5'10" 185 Fr). This was the best trio of RB's the NCAA has seen in some time and they are all in the NFL now. Since Petrino favors a much bigger back, I project this year's VHT signee De'Anthony Curtis to be the feature back by year's end.

RECEIVERS - The Hogs were a run-based team under Houston Nutt. Their #1 WR by far was 6'6" Marcus Monk. Monk had 962 (19.2) in 2006 with #2 WR Damian Williams having just 235 (12.4) while London Crawford (117, 23.4) was #3. Williams transferred to USC last year and unfortunately Monk was injured in Aug and in the first 7 games, had just 1 play. When starting WR Robert Johnson injured his ankle, they had just five healthy WR's in practice and two of them were on the scout team. The top 3 (in terms of rec's) were all RB's. The unit also lost outstanding TE Ben Cleveland prior to the year (neck inj). Monk was just a shadow of himself with 144 (9.0). Johnson (PS#35QB) led the WR's with 203 (16.9). This year they must replace Johnson (10 st), Monk (5 st, #7DC CHI) and Chris Baker (PS#25, 3 rec). Not listed in the PSL are John Aaron Rees (6'0" 207 Sr, PS#180) and TE Lance Thompson (6'4" 227 Sr). Despite the loss of an NFL caliber receiver, in the new pass oriented offense, I expect to see a significant increase in the Hogs' receiving numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs have led the SEC in rushing in 5 of the last 6 years. In 2004 they had zero returning starters on the O-line but were still #2 in the SEC in rushing with OL coach Mike Markuson doing a great job. In 2006 they paved the way for 5.9 ypc rush, their best in school history and allowed just 9 sacks (3%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st Tm SEC and a #2DC. C Jonathan Luigs won the Rimington Award (1st Tm AA). The Hogs improved again, this time to 287 rush ypg (6.0) with just 13 sacks (4.2%). This year they lose 2nd Tm AA RG Robert Felton (13 st, 3Y st'r), 2nd Tm SEC RT Nate Garner (13 st, #7DC NYJ) and backup C Mike Moffitt. While 7 of their top 10 are back including their star, they are making the transition from a primarily run-blocking team to more pass-blocking. Their 63 career starts are 5th lowest in the SEC. While this is a quality unit, due to the switch in schemes, they will be down a few notches.

OG Mitch Petrus

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hogs' rush D did not allow over 4.0 ypc in a 13 year stretch from 1991-2003. An inexperienced D in 2004 yielded 4.6. They had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups in '05 and improved to 3.6 ypc and 3.5 ypc the next 2 years. Last year they had to replace two starters who were both drafted. DT Marcus Harrison tore his ACL in the spring and only started 10 but still led the DL with 76 tackles (10 pbu). Returning starting DE Antwain Robinson lost his spot. The Hogs slipped allowing 4.1 ypc rush (23 sk). This year they must replace 2nd TM SEC DT Harrison (10 st, #3DC CHI), DE Chris Wade (2 st, 37 tkl) and DT Fred Bledsoe (2 st, 36 tkl, 4 tfl). Four players return with 9 or more career starts, and the Hogs look stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hogs had to replace one starter in 1st Tm SEC Sam Olajubutu. They did get back Freddie Fairchild ('05 starter, ACL '06). Fairchild started 11 and was the #3 tackler with 92. Weston Dacus was #2 with 102. Not listed in the PSL below are Aaron Fenton (6'1" 216 So) and Josh Minde (6'0" 223 rFr). This group is a question mark as I write this, mostly due to the status of Fairchild (susp indef). If he returns, the group is slightly less experienced than 2007 as they do not add a starter from 2 years ago to the mix. If he does not return, this group is much less experienced. This year they must replace MLB Dacus (13 st), Desmond Williams (13 tkl) and Mark Bonner (8 tkl).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 the Hogs had to replace almost the entire 2 deep, and as expected they dropped from #27 in my pass D rankings to #101. With more experience in '05 and '06 they climbed to #26 and #11. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a #2DC but SLB Matt Hewitt moved to SS so they had 3 starters returning. The unit finished #1 in my pass D rankings allowing just 45.5% with 20 int's. This year's secondary is not as depleted as the 2004 unit but does lose all 4 starters. They do return 5 players who combined for 14 starts last year. Gone are CB Matterral Richardson (11 st, 60 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu), CB Michael Grant (12 st, 75 tkl, 3 int, **20 pbu**), SS Matt Hewitt (12 st, 118 tkl, 3 tfl) and FS Kevin Woods (9 st, 79 tkl, 4 pbu). The Hogs figure to make a significant drop in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2005 true frosh Felix Jones was #2 in the NCAA in KR avg (31.9) while Darren McFadden was not far behind (29.0). P Jacob Skinner had a 38.8 net and the Hogs finished #13 in my ST rankings. In 2006 they only had to replace their K, but Skinner saw his net drop to 32.6 and Jones' and McFadden's KR avg dropped to 24.1 and 26.2 respectively. Jeremy Davis hit just 6 of 13 FG's. The Hogs dropped to #88. It was surprising last year that with the emergence of K Alex Tejada who hit 17 of 23 FG's, the Hogs finished just #94. Jones avg 29.6 on KR's (McFadden 19.8). Jerell Norton avg 7.9 on PR and Jeremy Davis had a net of 33.1. Brian Vavra had 8 TB on KO but the team allowed 23.0 per return. Bobby Petrino's ST units at L'ville finished #70, #41, #63 and #39. This year they lose Jones and McFadden which will make it tough to climb in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Houston Nutt was the 2001 and 2006 SEC Coach of Year. Nutt is a Little Rock native and his teams went 22-2 in games played there. He resigned after they upset #1 ranked LSU last year and moved on to coach at Mississippi. The new HC is Bobby Petrino who had a great run at Louisville guiding the team to 4 bowl games and a pair of #6 finishes in the final polls. He left for the Atlanta Falcons last year and was blasted by the media after quitting with 3 games to go. His OC is his younger brother, Paul Petrino, who was the WR coach at Atlanta and the OC and WR coach for him at Louisville. Petrino hired Ellis Johnson as the DC from Miss St but then he left for S Carolina and the new DC is Willy Robinson who was the STL Rams' DB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2004, Arkansas went to six consecutive bowls matching a school record set by Lou Holtz ('77-'82) and Ken Hatfield ('84-'89). The Hogs were 53-17 at home under Houston Nutt. Unfortunately for just the 3rd time in 61 years ('52-'53 and '96-'97), they suffered back-to-back losing seasons in '04 & '05. Despite their 2-6 record in SEC play, they outgained conf foes by 31.3 ypg and outscored them by a total of 4 points! They outgained #4 UGA 332-217 but came up 3 points short on the road and thanks to a pair of missed FG's, lost to #3 LSU by 2 in Baton Rouge. Ark used the most true frosh in the nation in 2005 (18). In 2006 they had the most returning starters in the league (18) and that had me very high on the Hogs. I picked the Hogs #13 in the country coming off a 4-7 season with the majority of the other magazines and polls not even having them ranked. Ark did not disappoint me, in fact they made it to the SEC Title game and rose as high as #5 in the polls. With the SEC Title game on deck and the LSU game meaningless, they lost at home by 5 and then dropped the title game to Florida and their bowl to Wisconsin (despite outgaining UW 368-201) to finish #15. Their losses in 2006 were to #6 USC, #9 LSU, #4 Florida and #6 Wisconsin in the bowl. Last year they knocked off Troy to move to #16 but trailed Alabama 31-10. They rallied and Alabama needed a 4 yd TD pass with :08 left to pull out a 3 point win. Ark dominated Kentucky with a 373-131 yd edge in the 1H but a 66 yd FR TD :26 before the half put UK back in the game and they ended up winning. After blowing out two overmatched foes, Auburn got a 20 yd FG with :21 left to pull out a 9-7 win. The Hogs dominated Ole Miss, Florida Int'l and S Car. Steve Spurrier said he thought Ark should be a 21 pt fav vs Tenn. Numerous coaches said the Hogs were the most physical team in the SEC. They gave a woeful effort vs the Vols trailing 27-3 but rallied to beat Miss St and then stunned #1 LSU on the road. Interim HC's did not fare well in bowls in '07 and Missouri, a team that should have been in a BCS bowl, waxed the Hogs 38-7. This year Ark has just 11 returning starters and switches their schemes from a run-based attack to a pass offense which is generally a 3 to 4 year process. They also lose their star RB's, McFadden and Jones as well as 5 of their top 6 tacklers (possibly all 6 if Fairchild doesn't return). It is tough to forecast that a team that has been to two straight NY Day Bowls and has 3 non-BCS foes on the schedule will to have a losing season, but that is precisely what I am doing.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 11 CASEY DICK SR. 6-2 215 **PS#59**. 22 st 3Y, 3270 (54.4%) 34-20 ratio. **Nathan Dick** (6'4" 217 rFr) PS#42. **Alex Mortensen** (6'2" 220 Sr) **PS#25**. Jim Youngblood **PS#21**.

RB HA De'Anthony Curtis Fr. 5-10 211 **PS#3**. **21** Michael Smith (5'7" 173 Jr) PS#150. 550 (6.8) 2Y. **6** Brandon Barnett (5'10" 206 Jr) PS#148JC. 136 (5.7). Chip Gregory (6'3" 218 So) PS#61DB.

WR HA Joe Adams Fr. 6-0 175 **PS#25**. **84** Crosby Tuck (6'1" 188 rFr). PS#79. **1** Reggie Fish (5'7" 160 Sr) PS#235. 2 st, 9 rec LY. **FB 33** Darcel Johnson (5'11" 228 rFr).

WR 19 Carlton Salters So. 6-0 191 PS#56. 4 rec rFr. Jarius Wright **PS#36**. Greg Childs PS#48. Joe Chaisson (6'3" 184 rFr) PS#64QB. Lucas Miller (6'3" 201 Jr) 4 st, 13 rec 2Y.

WR 2 LONDON CRAWFORD JR. 6-2 200 PS#57. 6 st 2Y, 264 (20.3). Cruz Williams (6'4" 206 Fr) PS#43. **81** Marques Wade (6'3" 192 So). **13** Rod Coleman (6'1" 192 Jr) PS#94.

TE 86 BEN CLEVELAND SO. 6-4 252 PS#22. 1 st true, 103 (8.6). **45** DJ Williams (6'2" 250 So) **PS#18**. 2 st, 5 rec true. **82 Andrew Davie** (6'5" 266 Jr) 10 st LY, 128 (8.0) 2Y.

C 63 JONATHAN LUIGS SR. 6-4 314 10 st rFr. 14 st '06, 3rd Tm AA. 13 st LY, **1st Tm AA. Rimington Winner.** Seth Oxner (6'4" 300 rFr) **PS#52**. **LS** Rhett Richardson (6'1" 216 So) 13 gm true.

RG 65 DeMarcus Love So. 6-5 302 PS#272. Inj but L/3 st. **71** Wade Grayson (6'4" 292 So) PS#200. 2nd string true, 1 st LG. Clay Bemberg (6'3" 280 So), Cody Standridge (6'3" 287 So).

LG 66 MITCH PETRUS SR. 6-4 305 9 gm true OG. FB in '06. 14 gm, 1 yd. 12 st LG LY, **2nd Tm SEC**. Kareem Crowell (6'4" 333 rFr) PS#122. Jim Hart (6'5" 318 So) **PS#33**. Back inj ?.

RT 78 JOSE VALDEZ SR. 6-5 313 **PS#81**. 14 gm 2nd string '06, 7 kd. 10 st LT LY until inj, 24 kd. **62** Michael Aguirre (6'6" 315 Jr) PS#294. 5 gm rFr, 6 kd. 5 gm LY, 2nd string.

LT 73 Ray Dominguez So. 6-4 315 2nd string LT, 6 gm rFr. **72** Grant Cook (6'6" 320 rFr) **PS#70**. **79** Grant Freeman (6'7" 277 rFr) **PS#9TE**. Carter Morris (6'6" 290 rFr).

K 18 ALEX TEJADA SO. 6-1 207 **PS#7**. Hit 17 of 23 FG true, long 47. 1 miss from 50+. **50** Jeremy Davis 6 of 13 FG '06, long 44. **45** Cody Williams (6'1" 215 rFr) PS#82.

DE 97 Antwain Robinson Sr. 6-2 258 PS#71LB. **13 st**, 68 tkl, **8.5 sk**, 6 tfl '06. 6 st LY, 35 tkl, 3 sk. **58** Damario Ambrose (6'5" 253 So) PS#147. 13 tkl true. Donnell Sanders (6'3" 238 So) PS#246.

DT 96 MALCOLM SHEPPARD JR. 6-3 277 2 st, 12 tkl true. 12 st in '07, 42 tkl, 10.5 tfl. Marcus Shavers (6'3" 280 Sr) **PS#20**. 1 st, 15 tkl 3Y. Van Stumon (6'2" 277 So) **PS#31LB**.

DT 90 ERNEST MITCHELL SR. 6-2 305 PS#67. 9 st, 41 tkl, 9 tfl '06. 11 st LY, 66 tkl, 10.5 tfl. Cord Gray (6'1" 305 Sr) PS#77. 20 tkl '06. Patrick Jones (6'2" 297 So) PS#225. 11 tkl true.

DE 53 ADRIAN DAVIS JR. 6-4 238 19 tkl true. 9 st, 65 tkl, 10 tfl LY. Jake Bequette (6'5" 265 rFr) PS#112. Brandon Lampkin (6'5" 260 rFr). Chris Berezansky (6'1" 245 Jr).

WLB 38 ELSTON FORTE SR. 6-0 219 PS#93DB. 14 tkl SS '06. 6 st LY, 51 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Ryan Powers (6'1" 207 So) 2 st rFr. 19 tkl. **52** Robert Salinas (6'1" 239 Jr) PS#377DL.

MLB 47 Wendel Davis Jr. 6-1 224 PS#141. 20 tkl, 2 tfl true. 1 start in '07, 39 tkl, 1 tfl. **37** Jermaine Love (5'11" 226 So) PS#82. 4 tkl true. **34** Jerry Franklin (6'2" 229 rFr) PS#171WR.

SLB 44 FREDDIE FAIRCHILD JR. 6-3 210 PS#168. 9 st true, 59 tkl. 2 st ACL '06. 11 st LY, 92 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **Susp spring** ?. **46** Freddy Burton (6'2" 221 So) PS#170. 23 tkl true.

CB 29 Jamar Love Sr. 6-1 197 PS#63WR. 3 st 3Y, 40 tkl, 3 sk. **26** Ramon Broadway (5'9" 191 So) **PS#59**. 19 tkl rFr. **24** Isaac Madison (6'0" 181 So). **28** Greg Gatson (5'11" 167 So).

CB 27 Jerell Norton Jr. 6-0 190 PS#216WR. 1 st, 15 tkl true. 6 st LY, 34 tkl, 5 int, 11 pbu. Darrell Glasper (5'8" 180 So) LSU trans. **17** Shedrick Johnson (5'10" 188 Sr) PS#262. 1 st, 16 tkl 3Y.

SS 36 Walner Leandre Sr. 6-2 213 PS#140JC. 1 st, 29 tkl '07. **20** Dallas Washington (6'0" 210 Sr) PS#214. 47 tkl, 3Y. Jerico Nelson PS#54RB. **28** Evan Bettis (5'9" 180 So).

FS 35 Rashaad Johnson Jr. 6-1 191 PS#229. Last 4 st LY, 53 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **32** Bret Harris (6'0" 209 rFr) PS#161. **39** Matt Harris (6'2" 192 Jr) 3 tkl LY. Elton Ford PS#92LB.

P 50 JEREMY DAVIS SR. 5-9 206 PS#30. 25 punts true. 39.2. RS '05. K in '06. 60 punts LY, 40 avg, 33.1 net. **4** Mitchell Smith (5'11" 225 Jr) PS#87. Shay Haddock (5'9" 185 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Ryan Mallett 6-6 255 PS#1 in '07
RB	De'Anthony Curtis 5-10 211 PS#3
WR	Joe Adams 6-0 175 PS#25
WR	Jarius Wright 5-11 180 PS#36
OL	Matt Hall 6-10 300 PS#45
QB	Jim Youngblood 6-2 217 PS#21
WR	Cruz Williams 6-4 206 PS#43
WR	Greg Childs 6-5 200 PS#48
QB	Tyler Wilson 6-3 186 PS#32
DB	Jerico Nelson 5-11 207 PS#54RB
DL	Lavunce Askew 6-3 288 PS#73
DL	Zac Stadther 6-2 291 PS#116
DB	Elton Ford 6-0 208 PS#92LB
LB	Tenarius Wright 6-3 231 PS#99
DB	Khiry Battle 5-11 209 PS#111
RB	Dennis Johnson 5-8 192 PS#112
LB	Jelani Smith 6-1 213 PS#115
OL	Austin Eoff 6-5 308 PS#163
WR	Chris Gragg 6-3 199 PS#132
DB	Basmine Jones 6-0 195 PS#190
DB	Tramain Thomas 6-1 181 PS#280
DB	Albert Gary 5-10 180 PS#287
DL	Brian Christopher 6-4 240 PS#322
DB	Chris Raggett 5-11 172 PS#345
DL	Alfred Davis 6-2 305 PS#340
OL	Anthony Oden 6-8 310 PS#430

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Petrino's records AT ARKANSAS

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,22,3)
Lost: 25 (13,10,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 66,033 (#25)

SEC - WEST DIVISION

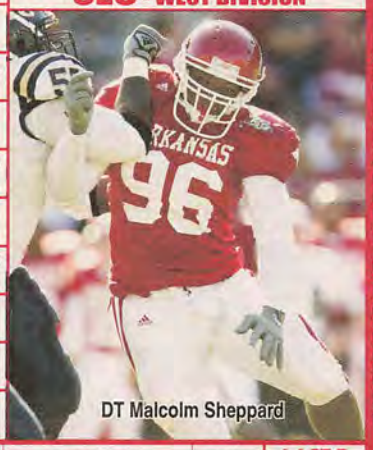
Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#2

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	Western Illinois	G						First meeting. Leathernecks finished 6-5 in the Gateway Conf including a 21-0 loss to Illinois. Ark has won 32 straight at home vs non-conf/non-BCS opponents by an avg of 28 ppg.
Sep. 6	ULM *(Little Rock)*	A						Arkansas is 7-0 vs ULM winning by an avg of 43-13 with the last meeting being a 44-10 win in '06. The Razorbacks are 24-0 all-time vs current Sun Belt teams.
Sep. 13	at Texas	G						Arkansas is 21-55 all-time vs Texas as both schools are former rivals in the SWC. The Razorbacks have won 3 of 4 but lost 22-20 in 2004 vs a #7 ranked Texas.
Sep. 20	Alabama	G						UA is just 2-5 in SEC home openers. LY UA trailed by 21 pts in the 3Q, but came back to lead 38-31 before Bama got the gm winning TD pass w/:08 left. Home tm has won 4 straight.
Sep. 27								
Oct. 4	Florida	G						The Razorbacks are just 3-9 following a bye since 2002. Arkansas has dropped all 6 conf meetings including 2 SEC Championship gms.
Oct. 11	at Auburn	G						Last year Arkansas was held to 67 yds rushing (220 yds below their season avg). Arkansas is just 1-4 vs Auburn but the win was their last trip to Auburn in 2006.
Oct. 18	at Kentucky	G						Petrino was 4-0 vs Kentucky as HC of Louisville. Visitor is 3-0 avg win by 11 ppg. The last time these 2 met in Lexington, Arkansas won 71-63 in 7 OT's in 2003.
Oct. 25	Mississippi	G						Last yr's 44-8 win by Ark was the most lopsided in this series. Arkansas has won 4 straight including LY outscoring UM 82-11 the L2Y. They face ex-coach Houston Nutt.
Nov. 1	Tulsa (HC)	G						Tulsa's off coor, Gus Malzahan, was OC here at Arkansas in 2006. Arkansas has dominated Tulsa with a 51-16-3 series lead including 16 straight.
Nov. 8	at South Carolina	G						McFadden tied an SEC record with 321 rush yds & Jones also had a career high 166 rush yds in LY's 48-36 win. Arkansas has won 5 of 7 with an avg win of 13 ppg.
Nov. 15								
Nov. 22	at Mississippi St	G						LY UA QB Dick threw a career high 4 TD passes in the Hogs' 45-31 win over MSU. The Razorbacks are 12-5-1 all-time vs Miss St & have won 9 straight & 11 of 12.
Nov. 28	LSU (Fri) *(Little Rock)*	A						Ark is 7-1 all-time in OT games & last year beat #1 LSU 50-48 in 3 OT's. These 2 have met every year since 1992 with Arkansas winning only 4 of 14.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Clint Stoerner 7,422 '96-'99
2. Matt Jones 5,857 '01-'04
3. Barry Lunney 5,782 '92-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren McFadden 4,590 '05-'07
2. Ben Cowins 3,570 '75-'78
3. Dickey Morton 3,317 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Anthony Lucas 2,879 '95-'99
2. Anthony Eubanks 2,440 '94-'97
3.(T) George Wilson 2,151 '00-'03
3.(T) Marcus Monk 2,151 '04-'07


DT Malcolm Sheppard

STADIUM: RAZORBACK (72,000) GRASS (#25)
WAR MEMORIAL (LITTLE ROCK 53,727) ASTROPLAY

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	7-5	9-5	9-4	5-6	4-7	10-4	8-5	58-42
Home	5-2	6-1	6-2	5-2	4-3	3-3	6-2	6-2	41-17
Away	1-3	1-3	3-1	3-2	1-3	1-4	4-0	2-2	16-18
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-7
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-4	4-4	3-5	2-6	7-2	4-4	32-34
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	4-1	5-0	2-1	2-1	3-2	4-1	26-8
ATS	5-6	7-4	6-8	7-6	6-5	6-4	4-9	7-5	48-47
Home Fav (Houston Nutt)	1-1	1-2	3-5	3-4	3-1	2-2	2-3	4-3	19-21
Home Dog	2-2	3-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	7-6
Away Fav (Houston Nutt/Reggie Herring (Bowl))	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	1-0	5-4
Away Dog	2-3	2-2	2-0	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-0	2-1	15-11
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	2-5
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-5	5-3	35-31
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-3	3-2	2-1	1-1	0-4	2-2	13-16
Off SU Win	2-4	6-1	2-7	5-3	2-3	2-2	4-5	4-3	27-28
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	3-2	4-2	0-3	3-1	19-15

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darren McFadden	325	1896	66	1830	16	5.6
Felix Jones	133	1199	37	1162	11	8.7
Peyton Hillis	62	349	2	347	2	5.6
Michael Smith	**46**	**319**	**16**	**303**	**3**	**6.6**
Brandon Barnett	**24**	**140**	**4**	**136**	**1**	**5.7**
London Crawford	**4**	**70**	**0**	**70**	**0**	**17.5**
Casey Dick	**11**	**0**	**77**	**-77**	**0**	**-7.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Casey Dick	**262**	**150**	**57.3**	**1695**	**18**	**10**
Nathan Emert	37	21	56.8	288	2	1
Darren McFadden	11	6	54.5	123	4	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Peyton Hillis	49	537	11.0	5	34
Robert Johnson	12	203	16.9	4	37
Felix Jones	16	176	11.0	0	41
Darren McFadden	21	164	7.8	1	57
Lucas Miller	**12**	**157**	**13.1**	**3**	**35**
London Crawford	**8**	**147**	**18.4**	**1**	**61**
Marcus Monk	16	144	9.0	3	23
Andrew Davie	**14**	**115**	**8.2**	**3**	**16**
Crosby Tuck	**3**	**103**	**34.3**	**2**	**42**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Davis	**60**	**2403**	**40.1**	**7**	**33.1**	**1**	**19**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Tejada	**58-60**	**5-5**	**8-10**	**4-7**	**0-1**	**17-23**	**47**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Hewitt	118	1	2	5	2
Weston Dacus	102	3	3.5	0	0
Freddie Fairchild	**92**	**4.5**	**5**	**2**	**0**
Kevin Woods	79	0	1	4	2
Marcus Harrison	76	1.5	5	10	0
Michael Grant	75	0	1	20	3
Ernest Mitchell	**66**	**3.5**	**7**	**1**	**0**
Adrian Davis	**65**	**3**	**7**	**4**	**2**
Matterral Richardson	60	0	1	10	3
Rashaad Johnson	**53**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**2**
Elston Forte	**51**	**0**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Malcolm Sheppard	**42**	**0.5**	**10**	**1**	**0**
Wendel Davis	**39**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**
Chris Wade	37	0	3	1	0
Fred Bledsoe	36	0	4	0	0
Antwain Robinson	**35**	**3**	**2.5**	**7**	**1**
Jerell Norton	**34**	**0**	**1**	**11**	**5**
Walner Leandre	**29**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**
Freddy Burton	**23**	**0**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Jamar Love	**22**	**3**	**0**	**4**	**0**

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerell Norton	**18**	**142**	**7.9**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Felix Jones	22	652	29.6	2
Darren McFadden	16	316	19.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Cotton	+13	Oklahoma - #10	3-10
02	Music City - #25	-7'	Minnesota	14-29
03	Independence	-2'	Missouri	27-14
06	Capital One - #12	-2'	Wisconsin - #6	14-17
07	Cotton - #25	+3	Missouri - #7	7-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Arkansas' All-Time Bowl Record 11–22–3

ARKANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	37.3	21	287	6.0	163	57.2	12.1	+4	2007	6	26.5	21	160	4.1	205	45.5	13.8
10*	28.9	18	229	5.9	150	51.0	13.1	-4	2006	8	18.3	17	115	3.5	185	49.7	16.4
6	25.7	19	217	5.0	144	53.6	14.0	-1	2005	7	24.6	18	133	3.6	209	50.9	13.9
1*	29.8	20	187	4.4	211	56.6	13.3	-3	2004	3	24.5	19	180	4.6	217	59.9	16.2
9*	33.5	21	242	5.0	189	54.9	12.9	+11	2003	8	23.5	19	157	4.0	187	53.4	14.7
7	26.4	18	219	4.8	135	49.5	13.4	+17	2002	7	19.8	19	114	3.2	235	55.3	17.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

UA 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
73,926	Troy	22	50-350	7.0	13-22	157	1	20	31-162	5.2	17-49	214	1	-1
92,138	at Alabama	22	53-301	5.7	12-25	149	0	24	34-123	3.6	24-45	327	2	0
74,015	Kentucky	22	51-338	6.6	13-28	157	1	23	36-170	4.7	21-39	265	1	0
66,343	North Texas	31	55-446	8.1	15-25	267	0	18	35-140	4.0	15-41	189	2	0
54,836	Chattanooga	20	53-257	4.8	13-22	116	2	7	41-161	3.9	4-22	11	0	-2
72,463	Auburn	11	25-67	2.7	13-27	126	2	21	53-189	3.6	13-23	101	1	0
52,671	at Mississippi	23	54-293	5.4	12-18	144	1	20	35-97	2.8	14-34	182	6	+3
60,750	Florida Int'l	21	42-249	5.9	17-31	190	1	16	41-158	3.9	10-29	123	4	+5
70,742	South Carolina	26	58-542	9.3	9-11	109	0	29	32-125	3.9	27-51	364	2	0
104,459	at Tennessee	15	36-127	3.5	15-29	162	2	18	43-151	3.5	12-25	128	0	-3
55,185	Mississippi St	20	45-206	4.6	15-18	223	0	27	31-80	2.6	29-51	421	2	+5
92,606	at LSU	21	53-385	7.3	13-24	128	0	25	48-204	4.3	22-47	209	1	-1
73,114	† Missouri	19	50-164	3.3	19-33	197	3	23	43-323	7.5	12-29	136	1	-2
TOTALS		273	625-3725	6.0	179-313	2125	13	271	503-2083	4.1	220-484	2670	23	+4
AVERAGES		21.0	48-287	6.0	14-24	163	1.0	20.8	39-160	4.1	17-37	205	1.8	0.3

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Tulsa	-37'	45-13	
–	at Texas - #6	+13'	38-28	
#14	North Texas	-21	31-7	
#9	at Alabama	-1'	34-31	2OT
#7	Auburn	-6	3-10	
#11	Florida	-4'	28-33	
#21	at Mississippi	+1	7-19	
–	at Kentucky	-4'	71-63	7OT
–	South Carolina	-7'	28-6	
–	New Mexico St	-30	48-20	
–	Mississippi St	-27	52-6	
–	at LSU - #3	+9'	24-55	

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	New Mexico St	-21	63-13	
–	Texas - #7	+12	20-22	
–	ULM	-31	49-20	
–	Alabama	-4'	27-10	
–	at Florida - #16	+7'	30-45	
–	at Auburn - #4	+12'	20-38	
–	Georgia - #10	+8'	14-20	
–	at South Carolina	+3'	32-35	
–	Mississippi	-9'	35-3	
–	at Mississippi St	-10	24-21	
–	LSU - #14	+3'	14-43	

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
–	Missouri St	NL	49-17	
–	Vanderbilt	-10'	24-28	
–	at USC - #1	+30	17-70	
–	at Alabama - #20	+15	13-24	
–	ULM	-26	44-15	
–	Auburn - #21	+7'	17-34	
–	at Georgia - #4	+19'	20-23	
–	South Carolina	-4'	10-14	
–	at Mississippi	+1'	28-17	
–	Mississippi St	-13'	44-10	
–	at LSU - #3	+17'	17-19	

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post #15
–	USC - #6	+8	14-50	
–	Utah St	-28'	20-0	
–	at Vanderbilt	-5'	21-19	
–	Alabama	-2'	24-23	2OT
–	at Auburn - #2	+15	27-10	
#17	SE Missouri St	NL	63-7	
#15	Mississippi	-20'	38-3	
#13	ULM	-35	44-10	
#12	at South Carolina	-2'	26-20	
#11	Tennessee - #13	-5'	31-14	
#5	at Mississippi St	-14'	28-14	
#5	LSU - #9	+2'	26-31	
#8	† Florida - #4	+3	28-38	

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre #21 Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
#21	Troy	-23'	46-26	
#16	at Alabama	+3'	38-41	
–	Kentucky - #21	-7	29-42	
–	North Texas	-36	66-7	
–	Chattanooga	NL	34-15	
–	Auburn - #22	-3	7-9	
–	at Mississippi	-5	44-8	
–	Florida Int'l	-41	58-10	
–	South Carolina - #23	-6	48-36	
–	at Tennessee - #22	+1	13-34	
–	Mississippi St	-12'	45-31	
–	at LSU - #1	+13'	50-48	3OT

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 BIG TEN TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Curtis Painter, Purdue	Todd Boeckman, Ohio St	Kellen Lewis, Indiana	Juice Williams, Illinois
RB	Javon Ringer, Michigan St	Tyrell Sutton, Northwestern	Evan Royster, Penn St	Carlos Brown, Michigan
RB	Beanie Wells, Ohio St	PJ Hill, Wisconsin	Kory Sheets, Purdue	Nate Guillory, Iowa
WR	Greg Orton, Purdue	Greg Mathews, Michigan	Kyle Jefferson, Wisconsin	Deon Butler, Penn St
WR	Brian Robiskie, Ohio St	Derrick Williams, Penn St	Brian Hartline, Ohio St	Ray Fisher, Indiana
WR	Arrelious Benn, Illinois	Eric Decker, Minnesota	Andy Brodell, Iowa	Eric Peterman, Northwestern
TE	Travis Beckum, Wisconsin	Andrew Quarless, Penn St	Tony Moeaki, Iowa	Garrett Graham, Wisconsin
C	AQ Shipley, Penn St	Ryan McDonald, Illinois	Rafael Eubanks, Iowa	Jim Cordle, Ohio St
OG	Steve Rehring, Ohio St	Seth Olsen, Iowa	Andy Kemp, Wisconsin	Ben Person, Ohio St
OG	Kraig Urbik, Wisconsin	Roland Martin, Michigan St	Rich Ohrnberger, Penn St	DJ Burris, Minnesota
OT	Sean Sester, Purdue	Eric Vanden Heuvel, Wisconsin	Gabe Carimi, Wisconsin	Dennis Landolt, Penn St
OT	Alex Boone, Ohio St	Stephen Schilling, Michigan	Xavier Fulton, Illinois	Gerald Cadogan, Penn St
DE	Greg Middleton, Indiana	Matt Shaughnessy, Wisconsin	Cameron Heyward, Ohio St	Brandon Graham, Michigan
DT	Mitch King, Iowa	John Gill, Northwestern	Will Johnson, Michigan	Phillip Taylor, Penn St
DT	Terrance Taylor, Michigan	Matt Kroul, Iowa	Doug Worthington, Ohio St	Greg Brown, Indiana
DE	Maurice Evans, Penn St	Tim Jamison, Michigan	Lawrence Wilson, Ohio St	Corey Wootton, N'western
LB	Marcus Freeman, Ohio St	Jonathan Casillas, Wisconsin	Eric Gordon, Michigan St	Brit Miller, Illinois
LB	James Laurinaitis, Ohio St	Greg Jones, Michigan St	Steve Davis, Minnesota	AJ Edds, Iowa
LB	Martez Wilson, Illinois	DeAndre Levy, Wisconsin	Will Patterson, Indiana	Elijah Hodge, Wisconsin
LB	Anthony Heygood, Purdue	Obi Ezeh, Michigan	Ross Homan, Ohio St	Tyrell Sales, Penn St
CB	Vontae Davis, Illinois	Donovan Warren, Michigan	Morgan Trent, Michigan	Sherrick McManis, N'western
CB	Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St	AJ Wallace, Penn St	Donald Washington, Ohio St	Allen Langford, Wisconsin
SS	Anthony Scirrotto, Penn St	Kurt Coleman, Ohio St	Austin Thomas, Indiana	Otis Wiley, Michigan St
FS	Anderson Russell, Ohio St	Shane Carter, Wisconsin	Stevie Brown, Michigan	Nick Polk, Indiana
K	Austin Starr, Indiana	Ryan Pretorius, Ohio St	Kevin Kelly, Penn St	Chris Summers, Purdue
P	Jeremy Boone, Penn St	AJ Trapasso, Ohio St	Ryan Donahue, Iowa	Stefan Demos, Northwestern
KR	AJ Wallace, Penn St	Arrelious Benn, Illinois	Marcus Thigpen, Indiana	David Gilreath, Wisconsin
PR	David Gilreath, Wisconsin	Derrick Williams, Penn St	Andy Brodell, Iowa	Brian Hartline, Ohio St

Indiana
K Austin Starr

Purdue
QB Curtis Painter

Ohio St
LB Marcus Freeman

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 BIG TEN FORECAST

1. Ohio St - Ohio St has an amazing 19 returning starters from a team that finished the regular season #1 in the country last year. All 8 sets of my power ratings show OSU going 8-0 in Big Ten play this season. They outgained Big Ten foes by 151.8 ypg which was 113.7 ypg more than the #2 team. They are my prohibitive favorite to win the Big Ten this season.

2. Penn St - Last year the Lions missed out on a New Year's Day bowl after blowing a 24-7 lead in the 3Q to Mich St in the finale. Even Joe Paterno said they should have been 10-2. This year the Lions once again have a top-notch defense even with the unexpected loss of perhaps one of the top LB's in the country, Sean Lee, to an ACL in the spring. Penn St has to face both Wisc and OSU on the road, but this is a loaded Lions team that switches back to the spread offense (like in '05), and should have a double digit win season.

3. Wisconsin - The Badgers have caught some breaks in Bielema's first two seasons and have been to 4 straight January bowl games. After a 12-1 season in his first year, they slipped to 4th in the Big Ten last season, with close wins vs Minnesota and Iowa and having Michigan rest some key players with OSU on deck. This is Bielema's best squad in his 3 years with 17 returning starters and the Badgers should be able to make a 5th straight January bowl.

4. Iowa - The Hawks do not have overwhelming talent at the skill positions but do have my #4 rated O-line and #4 rated D-line plus much improved special teams and a top-notch HC. They also do not face OSU or Michigan in Big Ten play, giving them the best schedule of the middle-rung teams.

4. Michigan - Michigan is in a rebuilding season losing players like QB Chad Henne, RB Mike Hart, WR Mario Manningham and the first pick of the draft, OT Jake Long. Their 10 returning starters are the fewest in the league and they are changing schemes on both sides of the ball. Four of my 8 sets of power ratings call for UM to have six or fewer wins this year so they may need a bowl victory to keep their streak of 40 straight non-losing seasons alive.

4. Illinois - The Illini have 24 lettermen lost, which ties them for the most in the Big Ten, and the biggest loss is RB Rashard Mendenhall who rushed for 1,681 yards (6.4). Illinois was my #2 Most Improved team in the country last year and lived up to that billing but have to play Penn St, Michigan and Wisc all on the road in conf play as well as Ohio St at home. Last year the Illini tied for 2nd in the Big Ten with six wins but I don't see them matching that total this year.

7. Michigan St - The Spartans were just 3-5 in the Big Ten which put them in a tie for 7th or 2nd last depending on your point of view. Mark Dantonio had just 12 starters to work with last year and now enters his 2nd season so the players are more familiar with the schemes. They also have a top-notch QB in Brian Hoyer and RB in Javon Ringer. The Spartans have a tougher schedule than most of the middle-rung teams as they don't play Minnesota but do face all of the big boys. The Spartans should still get their second straight bowl berth.

7. Northwestern - Last year the Cats achieved their fourth 6-win season in 5 years and were bowl eligible but did not go to a bowl. This year they have 15 returning starters and their 47 returning lettermen are their most since 1992. They avoid both Penn St and Wisconsin in Big Ten play and last year finished in a 4-way tie for 7th at 3-5.

7. Purdue - There is little that seperates the middle of the pack in the Big Ten, and remember last year it was a 4-way tie for 7th. The Boilermakers do have just 12 returning starters (2nd fewest Big Ten) and must replace 23 lettermen. As always Purdue will be explosive on offense and should play with emotion for Joe Tiller in his final season.

10. Minnesota - Last year I shockingly called for the Gophers, who had been to 5 straight bowl games, to finish in last place in the Big Ten, which did not make Gopher fans happy. Minnesota was clearly the worst team in the Big Ten last year, finishing 3 games below everyone else and being outgained by 108.5 ypg (league worst). This year the Gophers actually make my Most Improved list, which means I think they can become bowl eligible. While I don't see them finishing in the upper half of the Big Ten standings, they will be much more competitive.

11. Indiana - Last year I picked a bowl squad from the Big Ten to finish 11th and Minnesota did just that, ending the season winless in Big Ten play. I do not foresee a winless team this year and it's tough to pick the Hoosiers at this spot but they have questions at WR, OL, CB and the all important QB position, as Lewis was suspended in the spring. The Hoosiers, despite their 3-5 Big Ten record last year and bowl appearance, were outgained by 70.5 ypg in Big Ten play (3rd worst).

Big Ten Notes: Michigan's Mike Hart was just the 4th back in Big Ten history to top 5,000 yards joining Ron Dayne (Wisc), Archie Griffin (Ohio St) and Anthony Thompson (Ind). Curtis Painter needs just 3,030 yards to become the Big Ten's career passing leader. Heading into the bowls in 2006 the Big Ten looked like it could be the top conference in football with 3 potential Top 5 teams. They were embarrased in the bowls at 2-5 and Ohio St and Michigan, two of those top teams, were both blown out. Almost every year the Big Ten has the best record in non-conf regular season games vs other BCS conferences but the last three years have been #2. They have gone 6-4, 6-4 and 5-4. In 2006 the Big Ten had 3 Top 10 teams and were #2 in NFL draft picks with 32. Last year I called for 8 Big Ten teams to get to bowls and while 10 were eligible only 8 went bowling. Those teams went just 3-5, with Michigan's farewell gift to Lloyd Carr being a victory over #9 Florida. The Big Ten produced just 28 draft picks in '08 which was FIFTH best of all leagues and I'm not sure they've ever been that low! They only had one Top Ten team at the end of the year and were 3rd best with 4 in the Top 25. Ohio State lost its NINTH straight bowl to an SEC school with a 2nd straight National Title game blowout loss. That was a young Ohio St team that was not expected to be in a title game, or to even win the Big Ten Title. This year's team is the most experienced in Tressel's tenure. Illinois made their first Rose Bowl appeareance since 1983 and that was after being just 1-7 in the Big Ten in 2006! Nine Big Ten teams could be bowl eligible this year!

2007 BIG TEN vs BIG TEN OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
17	Michigan St	34.8	1	431.1	1	200.1	3	4.55	4	231.0	4	62.6	2	12.4	1	8	2	21	7
21	Illinois	27.6	3	408.5	2	262.0	1	5.68	1	146.5	11	55.4	8	14.8	6	13	3	5	1
24	Ohio St	30.6	2	387.9	6	208.9	2	4.64	3	179.0	10	62.8	1	12.7	2	13	3	9	2
37	Wisconsin	26.9	4	404.9	4	180.3	5	4.03	6	224.6	6	55.1	9	15.1	7	16	8	25	9
35	Penn St	25.5	8	386.1	8	182.0	4	4.65	2	204.1	8	55.9	7	15.1	8	15	7	14	4
40	Purdue	26.6	5	388.1	5	108.6	10	3.70	8	279.5	2	60.5	4	14.6	5	13	3	19	5
43	Michigan	25.4	9	350.0	10	132.4	7	3.41	9	217.6	7	52.5	11	13.8	4	13	3	19	5
55	Minnesota	22.9	10	387.8	7	141.1	6	4.12	5	246.6	3	57.2	6	17.0	10	16	8	11	3
60	Northwestern	25.9	7	407.8	3	97.1	11	3.05	11	310.6	1	61.7	3	15.8	9	21	10	23	8
53	Indiana	26.0	6	353.1	9	122.9	8	3.81	7	230.3	5	60.5	5	13.6	3	22	11	27	10
107	Iowa	17.4	11	296.9	11	110.5	9	3.10	10	186.4	9	52.6	10	17.1	11	7	1	35	11

2007 BIG TEN vs BIG TEN DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
1	Ohio St	12.9	1	236.1	1	66.8	1	2.21	1	169.4	1	52.5	2	18.3	2	11	8	30	1
10	Michigan	18.5	2	321.4	2	148.6	5	3.85	5	172.8	2	53.2	3	17.4	3	17	3	15	9
13	Penn St	22.1	4	348.0	3	124.8	3	3.37	2	223.3	5	58.0	7	15.7	5	16	5	24	3
24	Illinois	19.6	3	382.6	4	123.8	2	3.54	4	258.9	11	57.6	4	19.5	1	20	1	27	2
25	Iowa	22.4	5	385.9	5	144.3	4	3.51	3	241.6	9	57.6	5	17.2	4	16	5	18	6
45	Wisconsin	26.5	6	386.9	6	170.3	7	4.85	10	216.6	3	52.3	1	14.6	6	13	7	20	5
50	Michigan St	32.5	9	394.1	7	153.3	6	4.24	6	240.9	8	61.4	8	12.1	10	10	9	16	7
58	Purdue	28.3	7	396.4	8	173.5	8	4.35	7	222.9	4	57.6	6	14.0	7	18	2	16	7
66	Indiana	30.4	8	423.6	9	200.3	10	4.35	8	223.4	6	63.2	10	13.9	8	17	3	23	4
78	Northwestern	38.4	11	430.9	10	192.8	9	4.82	9	238.1	7	62.3	9	11.2	11	9	11	12	10
109	Minnesota	38.0	10	496.3	11	247.8	11	5.88	11	248.5	10	64.2	11	13.1	9	10	9	7	11

2007 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
Ohio State	7	1	245	103	11	2	408	166	+151.8	+149.3	+158.8
Illinois	6	2	221	157	9	4	362	283	+25.9	+24.1	-170.5
Michigan	6	2	203	148	9	4	354	278	+28.6	+94.1	-9.1
Wisconsin	5	3	215	212	9	4	383	301	+18.0	+135.5	-120.4
Penn State	4	4	204	177	9	4	394	228	+38.1	+7.1	+107.2
Iowa	4	4	139	179	6	6	222	225	-89.0	-13.7	+23.1
Purdue	3	5	213	226	8	5	446	345	-8.3	-18.5	-11.7
Indiana	3	5	208	243	7	6	412	370	-70.5	-88.8	-115.4
Michigan St	3	5	278	260	7	6	430	346	+37.0	-90.8	+70.2
Northwestern	3	5	207	307	6	6	310	372	-23.1	-105.9	+23.9
Minnesota	0	8	183	304	1	11	315	440	-108.5	-92.3	+44.0

Coach of the Year: Ron Zook, Illinois

2006 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf W/L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W/L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Ohio State	8-0	305	92	12-1	450	166
Wisconsin	7-1	245	116	12-1	380	157
Michigan	7-1	213	104	11-2	380	207
Penn State	5-3	135	117	9-4	290	187
Purdue	5-3	165	179	8-6	364	374
Minnesota	3-5	202	243	6-7	376	338
Indiana	3-5	179	302	5-7	277	394
Iowa	2-6	174	192	6-7	310	269
Northwestern	2-6	125	240	4-8	198	314
Michigan St	1-7	148	241	4-8	302	341
Illinois	1-7	155	220	2-10	235	321

Coach of the Year: Bret Bielema, Wisconsin

2005 BIG TEN STANDINGS

	Conf W/L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W/L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Penn State	7-1	282	141	11-1	413	204
Ohio State	7-1	275	118	10-2	392	183
Wisconsin	5-3	246	228	10-3	446	309
Iowa	5-3	232	165	7-5	360	240
Michigan	5-3	219	178	7-5	345	244
Northwestern	5-3	253	254	7-5	388	407
Minnesota	4-4	255	273	7-5	429	348
Purdue	3-5	222	212	5-6	330	309
Michigan St	2-6	237	247	5-6	372	316
Indiana	1-7	155	303	4-7	248	361
Illinois	0-8	94	351	2-9	187	435

Coach of the Year: Joe Paterno, Penn St

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Andy Brodell, Iowa	14	202	0	14.4
David Gilreath, Wisconsin	26	364	0	14.0
Brian Hartline, Ohio St	20	229	1	11.5
Derrick Williams, Penn St	23	254	1	11.0
Tracy Porter, Indiana	23	254	0	11.0
Greg Mathews, Michigan	28	224	0	8.0
Colin Sandeman, Iowa	12	92	0	7.7
Kyle Hudson, Illinois	17	128	0	7.5
Ray Small, Ohio St	21	153	0	7.3

2007 BIG TEN CONFERENCE LEADERS

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	REC PG	YDS CT	YDS/PG
Mario Manningham, Michgian	12	72	1174	12	6.0	16.3	97.8
Devin Thomas, Michigan St	13	79	1260	8	6.1	15.9	96.9
James Hardy, Indiana	13	79	1125	16	6.1	14.2	86.5
Eric Decker, Minnesota	**12**	**67**	**909**	**9**	**5.6**	**13.6**	**75.8**
Travis Beckum, Wisconsin	**13**	**75**	**982**	**6**	**5.8**	**13.1**	**75.5**
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	13	87	936	8	6.7	10.8	72.0
Brian Robiskie, Ohio St	**13**	**55**	**935**	**11**	**4.2**	**17.0**	**71.9**
Adrian Arrington, Michigan	13	67	882	8	5.2	13.2	67.8
Dustin Keller, Purdue	13	68	881	7	5.2	13.0	67.8
Ernie Wheelwright, Minnesota	12	66	775	9	5.5	11.7	64.6
Eric Peterman, Northwestern	**12**	**66**	**744**	**3**	**5.5**	**11.3**	**62.0**
Greg Orton, Purdue	**13**	**67**	**752**	**3**	**5.2**	**11.2**	**57.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
CJ Bacher, Northwestern	**12**	**86**	**31**	**521**	**3656**	**3687**	**307.3**
Curtis Painter, Purdue	**13**	**53**	**-20**	**569**	**3846**	**3826**	**294.3**
Adam Weber, Minnesota	**12**	**146**	**617**	**449**	**2895**	**3512**	**292.7**
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	**13**	**147**	**736**	**442**	**3043**	**3779**	**290.7**
Tyler Donovan, Wisconsin	13	112	277	333	2607	2884	221.8
Anthony Morelli, Penn St	13	48	-13	402	2651	2638	202.9
Brian Hoyer, Michigan St	**13**	**47**	**-105**	**376**	**2725**	**2620**	**201.5**
Juice Williams, Illinois	**13**	**165**	**755**	**267**	**1743**	**2498**	**192.2**
Jake Christensen, Iowa	**12**	**99**	**0**	**370**	**2269**	**2269**	**189.1**
Todd Boeckman, Ohio St	**13**	**56**	**63**	**299**	**2379**	**2442**	**187.8**
Chad Henne, Michigan	10	24	-120	278	1938	1818	181.8

RUSHING

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Mike Hart, Michigan	10	265	1361	14	5.1	136.1
Rashard Mendenhall, Illinois	13	262	1681	17	6.4	129.3
Beanie Wells, Ohio St	**13**	**274**	**1609**	**15**	**5.9**	**123.8**
Javon Ringer, Michigan St	**13**	**245**	**1447**	**6**	**5.9**	**111.3**
PJ Hill, Wisconsin	**11**	**233**	**1212**	**14**	**5.2**	**110.2**
Rodney Kinlaw, Penn St	13	243	1329	10	5.5	102.2
Albert Young, Iowa	12	206	968	6	4.7	80.7
Jehuu Caulcrick, Michigan St	13	222	872	21	3.9	67.1
Kory Sheets, Purdue	**13**	**168**	**859**	**11**	**5.1**	**66.1**
Juice Williams, Illinois	**13**	**165**	**755**	**7**	**4.6**	**58.1**
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	**13**	**147**	**736**	**9**	**5.0**	**56.6**
Amir Pinnix, Minnesota	10	106	563	5	5.3	56.3

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Jeremy Boone, Penn St	**13**	**59**	**2538**	**43.0**
Justin Kucek, Minnesota	**12**	**62**	**2645**	**42.7**
Ken DeBauche, Wisconsin	13	58	2412	41.6
AJ Trapasso, Ohio St	**13**	**53**	**2199**	**41.5**
Zoltan Mesko, Michigan	**13**	**70**	**2876**	**41.1**
Ryan Donahue, Iowa	**12**	**86**	**3533**	**41.1**
Jared Armstrong, Purdue	13	67	2724	40.7
Stefan Demos, Northwestern	**12**	**54**	**2168**	**40.1**
Aaron Bates, Michigan St	**12**	**69**	**2742**	**39.7**
Michael Hines, Indiana	13	59	2301	39.0
Anthony Santella, Illinois	**13**	**64**	**2410**	**37.7**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Devin Thomas, Michigan St	39	1135	0	29.1
Dorien Bryant, Purdue	36	1007	2	28.0
AJ Wallace, Penn St	**22**	**581**	**1**	**26.4**
James Bailey, Indiana	18	456	1	25.3
Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, Iowa	**22**	**521**	**0**	**23.7**
Sherrick McManis, Northwestern	**31**	**718**	**0**	**23.2**
Harold Howell, Minnesota	**30**	**693**	**0**	**23.1**
David Gilreath, Wisconsin	**42**	**967**	**0**	**23.0**
Marcus Thigpen, Indiana	**18**	**413**	**0**	**22.9**
Marcus Sherels, Minnesota	**17**	**364**	**0**	**21.4**
Brandon Minor, Michigan	**13**	**257**	**0**	**19.8**
Paul Chaney, Iowa	**13**	**234**	**0**	**18.0**
Ray Small, Ohio St	**22**	**391**	**0**	**17.8**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Dan Connor, Penn St	13	69	76	145	11.2
Sean Lee, Penn St	**13**	**54**	**84**	**138**	**10.6**
Adam Kadela, Northwestern	12	53	72	125	10.4
Mike Humpal, Iowa	12	46	77	123	10.3
J Leman, Illinois	13	71	61	132	10.2
James Laurinaitis, Ohio St	**13**	**51**	**70**	**121**	**9.3**
Mike Klinkenborg, Iowa	9	32	47	79	8.8
Austin Thomas, Indiana	**13**	**64**	**48**	**112**	**8.6**
Marcus Freeman, Ohio St	**13**	**66**	**43**	**109**	**8.4**
Dominique Barber, Minnesota	12	71	29	100	8.3

FIELD GOALS PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Austin Starr, Indiana	**13**	**23**	**21**	**91.3**	**49**
Taylor Mehlhaff, Wisconsin	13	25	21	84.0	51
Kevin Kelly, Penn St	**13**	**26**	**20**	**76.9**	**53**
Chris Summers, Purdue	**13**	**22**	**18**	**81.8**	**50**
Ryan Pretorius, Ohio St	**13**	**23**	**18**	**78.3**	**50**
Jason Reda, Illinois	13	18	16	88.9	51
Brett Swenson, Mich St	**13**	**22**	**15**	**68.2**	**46**
Amado Villarreal, N'western	**12**	**18**	**12**	**66.7**	**49**
Daniel Murray, Iowa	**12**	**10**	**7**	**70.0**	**47**
Joel Monroe, Minnesota	**12**	**9**	**7**	**77.8**	**54**

*Numbers come from Big Ten final statistics.

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	NO	YDS
Greg Middleton, Indiana	**16**	**102**
Vernon Gholston, Ohio St	14	111
Ervin Baldwin, Mich St	10	75
Jonal Saint-Dic, Mich St	9.5	45
Will Davis, Illinios	9	54
Bryan Mattison, Iowa	8.5	71
Ervin Baldwin, Mich St	7.5	38
Shawn Crable, Michigan	6.5	50
Dan Connor, Penn St		

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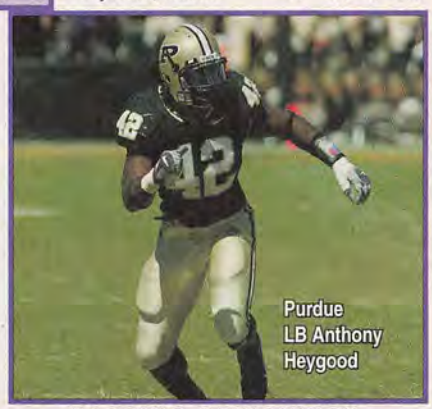
	NO	YDS
Shawn Crable, Michigan	28.5	85
Maurice Evans, Penn St	**21.5**	**117**
Ervin Baldwin, Mich St	18.5	89
Matt Shaughnessy, Wisc	**18**	**83**
Greg Middleton, Indiana	**17**	**105**
Vernon Gholston, Ohio St	15.5	113
Dan Connor, Penn St	15	63
Cliff Avril, Purdue	15	56
Jonal Saint-Dic, Mich St	14.5	85
Mitch King, Iowa	**14.5**	**77**



PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Todd Boeckman, Ohio St	**299**	**191**	**63.9**	**14**	**2379**	**8.0**	**25**	**148.9**
Kellen Lewis, Indiana	**442**	**265**	**60.0**	**10**	**3043**	**6.9**	**28**	**134.2**
Tyler Donovan, Wisconsin	333	193	58.0	11	2607	7.8	17	134.0
Curtis Painter, Purdue	**569**	**356**	**62.6**	**11**	**3846**	**6.8**	**29**	**132.3**
Brian Hoyer, Mich St	**376**	**223**	**59.3**	**11**	**2725**	**7.3**	**20**	**131.9**
Chad Henne, Michigan	278	162	58.3	9	1938	7.0	17	130.5
CJ Bacher, Northwestern	**521**	**318**	**61.0**	**19**	**3656**	**7.0**	**19**	**124.7**
Anthony Morelli, Penn St	402	234	58.2	10	2651	6.6	19	124.2
Adam Weber, Minnesota	**449**	**258**	**57.5**	**19**	**2895**	**6.5**	**24**	**120.8**
Juice Williams, Illinois	**267**	**153**	**57.3**	**12**	**1743**	**6.5**	**13**	**119.2**
Jake Christensen, Iowa	**370**	**198**	**53.5**	**6**	**2269**	**6.1**	**17**	**116.9**

PHIL'S BIG TEN UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Ohio St	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Penn St	9	6	2	3	1	3	3	1	2
Wisconsin	10	2	3	2	6	2	4	8	4
Iowa	8	8	4	4	4	5	4	3	3
Michigan	11	5	8	9	3	4	2	10	8
Illinois	5	9	5	5	4	5	4	9	6
Michigan St	6	4	10	6	10	7	8	11	6
Northwestern	7	3	6	11	8	10	10	7	10
Purdue	1	7	9	7	9	8	7	3	4
Minnesota	4	11	7	8	11	8	10	6	11
Indiana	3	9	11	10	6	10	9	3	9

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Buckeyes had to replace Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith who threw for 2,542 (65.3%) with a 30-6 ratio in '06. He left with the Big Ten record for career pass eff and became the first OSU QB since Tippy Dye to defeat Michigan 3 straight years (1934-'36). Three QB's battled for the job. Todd Boeckman (PS#30) who had 10 passes (7 gm) in his first 2 years, Rob Schoenhoft (PS#12), who played in 2 (1 pass) as a rFr and rFr Antonio Henton (PS#25), a mobile QB more in Smith's mold. Twenty-three year old Boeckman won the starting job but all 3 played in the opener. Boeckman was among the nation's leaders in pass eff although he topped 225 in just one game (Penn St). He struggled in the final 3 throwing for just 138 ypg (50 vs Mich) completing 56.4% with a 2-6 ratio. Schoenhoft played in 7 hitting 17 of 25 and Henton played in 4 (due to susp). Joe Bauserman (6'2" 220 Fr, PS#59), who played 3 years in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization ('04-'06), walked on in the fall and RS. Schoenhoft has transferred to Delaware and the big news is that Tressel landed the nation's top recruit in Terrelle Pryor. He is 6'6" 235 with 4.35 speed and will be used in '08 like Tim Tebow was during his frosh season at Florida, Pryor's presence gives OSU a more versatile offense. This is a more experienced and talented group.

RUNNING BACKS - In '05 Antonio Pittman (PS#19) became the 3rd soph in school history to top 1,000 with 1,331 (5.5). True frosh Maurice Wells (PS#11) had 199 (3.3). In 2006 both returned and they added PS#1 Chris "Beanie" Wells. Pittman became just the 5th OSU RB to record back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons with 1,233 (5.1). Beanie lost 4 fumbles but still rushed for 576 (5.5). Maurice rushed for 171 (3.7). Pittman left early for the NFL (#4DC) and in '07 Beanie was injury plagued all season. He got off to a slow start and taking away a 20 yard run in the 2H of the opener vs YSU, had just 26 yards on 15 att. He did play the entire season with bone spurs in his ankles and other injuries. He had four straight 100 yard efforts before his ankle injury flared up. He shook it off to rush for 221 vs Mich St and later set an OSU record with 222 yds vs Mich. His 65 yard TD run vs LSU was the longest ever in a BCS Title game and his 146 yds allowed him to top Archie Griffin's soph rushing record (1,577). Maurice finished with 367 (3.6) and exciting true frosh Brandon Saine (PS#2) added 267 (4.4). This year all 3 return and adding depth are Dan "Boom" Herron (5'10" 193 rFr, PS#44), KC Christian (5'11" 209 So, 31 yd), Joe Gantz (6'0" 199 Jr), Marcus Williams (5'10" 202 Jr) and FB Ryan Lukens (6'0" 238 Sr). They do lose 3 FB's in Dionte Johnson (5 st), Tyler Whaley and Trever Robinson. Beanie should be healthier in '08 which makes him a Heisman contender.

WR Brian Robiskie

RECEIVERS - The 2005 and 2006 Buckeye WR corps combined for an amazing three 1st round DC's in Santonio Holmes (PIT '06), Ted Ginn Jr (MIA '07) and Anthony Gonzalez (IND '07). Last year OSU was the only school to have 3 WR's drafted (Roy Hall #5DC). The leading returner was Brian Robiskie who had 383 (13.2) while Brian Hartline had 256 (15.1) and TE Rory Nicol had 151 (11.6). Robiskie had a fine 2007 with 935 (17.0) while Hartline added 694 (13.3). Ray Small (PS#14DB) was #3 with 267 (13.4) despite missing 2. Nicol had just 84 (5.2) as he split time with Jake Ballard (149, 11.5). Three true frosh played in Dane Sanzenbacher (PS#106) who had 89 (7.4), Taurian Washington (PS#19) and Devon Torrence (PS#43DB). Not listed in the PSL are Grant Schwartz (6'0" 194 So), Dan Potokar (6'0" 180 Jr) and Ben Kacsandi (6'1" 209 Sr). The good news is the unit returns intact so it is much more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Buckeyes had 4 starters back on the O-line and they paved the way for 4.7 ypc rush which was their best since 1998 and allowed just 18 sacks (6.0%). Of course, having a mobile QB like Troy Smith helped the numbers. They had to replace #1 and #4 DC's and 3 backups in '06 and dropped a bit to 170 ypg (4.6) while allowing 19 sacks (5.6%). Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters but even without a mobile QB they improved to 196 ypg (4.6) while allowing 19 sacks (5.8%). Good health was key as all 5 OL started all 13. Kirk Barton became the first OSU player to start in 4 wins over Michigan. They must replace RT Barton (13 st, 1st Tm Big Ten, Top OL Award, #7DC CHI) as well as LT Daniel Dye (9 gm). This year 4 starters are back including my projected 1st Tm AA OT Alex Boone. This is the NCAA's 6th biggest OL (317.8 lb) and this year they add 3 of my Top 10 OL all of whom were in for the spring. This is clearly the Big Ten's best OL and also one of the nation's best.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 OSU had to replace one starter but led the nation in rush D (73 ypg, 2.2). They had to replace both starting DE's in 2006 but allowed 98 ypg (3.3) while the D had 38 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st Tm AA DT but did return 2nd Tm Big Ten Vernon Gholston at DE. The unit then lost projected starting DE Lawrence Wilson to a broken leg in the 1Q of the opener (RS). Surprisingly the inexperienced D-line allowed just 83 ypg (2.5) while the D recorded 43 sacks. This year they lose the Big Ten DL of the Year in Gholston (12 st, 37 tkl, 14 sk) but have 7 of the top 8 back and get the return of Wilson. Despite the loss of their star (#1DC NYJ), this group is more experienced and should be even stronger.

LINEBACKERS - OSU had the best LB corps in the country in 2005 but had to replace all 3 starters in 2006 including two #1 and a #3 DC's. James Laurinaitis emerged and won the Nagurski Award while earning 1st Tm AA honors in '06. Last year 5 of the top 6 were back including all 3 starters and Laurinaitis (121 tkl, 8.5 tfl) took home the Butkus Award. This year they lose SLB Larry Grant (13 st, 51 tkl, 5 sk, #7DC SF) and Curt Lukens. Five of the top 6 are back and Laurinaitis and Marcus Freeman are the best LB combo in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since 1997 the Buckeyes have had 6 DB's end up as 1st Round DC's with 19 DB's drafted overall. They had 3 starters back in 2005 but "only" finished #23 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they had to replace all 4 starters including #1, #3 and #4 DC's. Surprisingly the inexperienced group moved up to #12 with a 10-21 ratio. Last year they had to replace two starters (1st & 2nd Tm Big Ten) but they used a nickel a lot in '06 so they had 3 back with 8 or more starts. The Bucks finished #13. The ratio (13-11) would have been stronger but NFL caliber FS Anderson Russell's one flaw is that he dropped at least 4 int. Not listed in the PSL are Donnie Evege (5'11" 189 rFr, PS#29) and Nick Patterson (6'1" 209 Sr, PS#54WR). This year the unit returns intact and with their top 4 CB's all 6'0" and better and hard hitting safeties, this is one of the top secondaries in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - OSU has recorded three #1 finishes in my ST rankings ('95, '98 and '04). Jim Tressel has been quoted as saying the punt is the most important play in football and holds scrimmages devoted exclusively to ST's in spring and Aug. They had to replace a Lou Groza Award winning K, an outstanding P and their top KR in '05 but still finished #4. Last year they had to replace Ted Ginn Jr (8 ret TD's). Aaron Pettrey won the FG job in '06 hitting 8 of 11 (long of 51) while South African rugby player Ryan Pretorius hit 1 of 2 (52). Pretorius beat out Pettrey and connected on 18 of 23 FG's (long 50) in '07 including 6 of 7 from 40+ although 4 of his kicks were blocked. AJ Trapasso had a net of 36.7. Five combined for 21 TB on KO. Last year Soph Brian Hartline set the school record with a 90 yd PR vs Kent St (87, Robert Demmel, 1950). The Buckeyes, due to poor KR effort (17.7, #117 NCAA), finished a surprisingly low #41 (#11 in '06). This year everyone returns and I look for the Buckeyes to finish near the top of my ST rankings.

COACHES - In Jim Tressel's 2nd year, he won a National Championship becoming the first coach to win an NCAA Title at both the IAA and IA levels. He was the Div IA Coach of the Year in 2002 and now enters his eighth season as does his OC Jim Bollman. The last three years they have used co-DC's in Jim Heacock and Luke Fickell. Heacock, who calls the defensive plays, won the Broyles Award as the NCAA's top asst last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St actually finished outside of the AP Top 25 for 3 straight years prior to 2002. Before the 2002 season, I rated Ohio St #7 which was far higher than almost every other source. I called them my #1 surprise team and a darkhorse contender for the National Title. Only two other preseason magazines (besides mine) even picked OSU to win the Big Ten. They took home their first National Championship since 1968 (when Woody Hayes won his 3rd) when they defeated Miami in the Fiesta Bowl. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins but won 7 by 7 or less. In 2003 they had the Maurice Clarett situation hanging over their heads but still had a chance to get to the National Title game before they lost to Michigan. The Buckeyes finished #4 at 11-2 including a win over K-St in the Fiesta Bowl. In 2004 the Bucks set a record for NFL DC's as they had 14 in 7 rounds (the previous high had been 11). As you would expect, OSU stumbled to an 8-4 record. OSU only had 2 losses in 2005 and both were close. Despite being -9 in TO's they finished #4. In 2006 OSU lost an amazing five #1 DC's. They opened the season #1 and stayed that way the entire year including their epic battle vs #2 Mich. They outgained Big Ten foes by a league best 149.3 ypg while winning by 26.6 ppg. Troy Smith became the 7th Buckeye to win the Heisman. They had 51 days off prior to playing Florida in the National Title game and it showed as they were outgained 370-82. Last year they had to replace QB Smith, their top RB and top receivers. At 5-0 they faced their first Big Ten test travelling to 5-0 Purdue at night and dominated. They moved to #1 at 7-0. In 2005 they suffered a tough loss at Penn St when the Lions had a White Out (entire crowd in white). This time, in a similar scenario, they dominated 37-17. With Michigan on deck they lost to Illinois at home (stopped a 28 gm reg ssn win streak) and it appeared their National Title hopes were gone (dropped to #7). They won in the rain in Ann Arbor and then after numerous upsets, ended up back at #1. OSU dropped to 0-9 vs the SEC in bowl games when they lost their 2nd straight National Title game, this time to LSU. Their 3rd straight Big Ten Title was their first three-peat since 1972-'77 (6 straight). Tressel is the first OSU coach to win 4 Big Ten Titles in his first 7 years. The Buckeyes did have just 3 missed starts last year due to injury and arrived in the National Title game perhaps a year early. With an amazing 19 returning starters from a team that finished the 2007 regular season #1 this could be Tressel's best team yet. Despite playing USC on the road, six of my 8 sets of power ratings call for the Buckeyes to go unbeaten making them a true National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 17 TODD BOECKMAN SR. 6-4 244 **PS#30**. 13 st LY, #13 NCAA pass eff, 2379 (64%) 25-14 ratio, 218 rush. **Terrelle Pryor** (6'6" 235 Fr) **PS#1**. 4.3 spd. Antonio Henton (6'1" 236 So).

RB 28 BEANIE WELLS JR. 6-1 237 **PS#1**. 576 (5.5) true. 13 st LY, 1609 (5.9), 15 TD. Brandon Saine (6'1" 217 So) **PS#2**. 267 (4.4) true. Maurice Wells (5'10" 196 Sr) **PS#11**. 737 (3.5) 3Y.

WR 82 RAY SMALL JR. 5-11 180 **PS#14DB**. 4 st LY, 267 (13.4). **12** Dane Sanzenbacher (5'11" 175 So) PS#106. 1 st true, 12 rec. **FB 43** Aram Olson (6'2" 240 So) PS#216.

WR 9 BRIAN HARTLINE JR. 6-2 186 PS#44. 2 st, 256 (15.1) rFr. 12 st LY, 694 (13.3). **DeVier Posey PS#4. 10** Devon Torrence (6'1" 193 So) PS#43DB. 7 gm, 1 tkl LY, moves from CB.

WR 80 BRIAN ROBISKIE SR. 6-3 199 PS#48. 6 st '06, 383 (13.2). 13 st LY, 935 (17.0). **5** Taurian Washington (6'2" 179 So) **PS#19**. 5 gm true, 46 (15.3). Lamaar Thomas **PS#9RB**.

TE 88 RORY NICOL SR. 6-5 252 **PS#13WR**. 23 st 3Y, 259 (8.1). **86** Jake Ballard (6'6" 256 Jr) **PS#6**. 5 st 2Y, 154 (10.3). Brandon Smith (6'2" 251 Sr) PS#227 LB. 8 rec 3Y.

C 64 JIM CORDLE JR. 6-4 297 **PS#24**. 13 st C LY. Mike Brewster **PS#3**. Andrew Moses (6'3" 280 Jr) First 7 gm LY. **LS** Jake McQuaide (6'2" 219 So). Patrick Howe (6'2" 204 So).

RG 63 BEN PERSON SR. 6-3 323 **PS#25**. 2nd string 2Y, 21 gm. 13 st RG in '07. **77** Connor Smith (6'4" 310 So) **PS#6**. 13 gm rFr. **68** Evan Blankenship (6'3" 290 rFr) **PS#73**.

LG 71 STEVE REHRING SR. 6-7 335 **PS#46**. 1 st true. 10 st LG '06. 13 st LY. **67** Kyle Mitchum (6'3" 291 Sr) **PS#6**. 19 gm 3Y. **78** Jon Skinner (6'5" 306 Sr) **PS#84**. ST's '05-'06. Inj '07.

RT 74 Mike Adams Fr. 6-8 322 **PS#6 in spring. 70** Bryant Browning (6'4" 312 So) **PS#39**. 13 gm rFr. **55** Andrew Miller (6'6" 279 So) PS#49TE. **65** D.R. Ebner (6'3" 271 Sr). 2 gm LY.

LT 75 ALEX BOONE SR. 6-8 312 **PS#2**. 10 st LT '06 until inj. 13 st LY LT, proj'd 2nd RD DC. **76** JB Shugarts PS#9. **73** Josh Kerr (6'4" 286 So). **69** Zach Slagle (6'1" 297 So).

K 85 RYAN PRETORIUS SR. 5-9 169 18-23 FG LY, long 50, 6 of 7 from 40+. **20** Aaron Pettrey (6'2" 199 Jr) PS#36. 8 of 11 FG '06, long 51. Ben Buchanan (6'0" 200 Fr) **PS#3**.

DE 97 CAMERON HEYWARD SO. 6-6 287 **PS#28**. Last 8 st true, 33 tkl, 10 tfl. **9** Rob Rose (6'5" 285 Jr) **PS#10**. 4 st, 22 gm 2Y, 11 tkl, 4.5 sk. **44** Mark Johnson (6'3" 250 So) **PS#18LB**. 1 tkl LY.

DT 84 DOUG WORTHINGTON JR. 6-6 276 **PS#12LB**. 12 st LY, 24 tkl, 2 tfl. **93** Nader Abdallah (6'4" 300 Sr) PS#69. **8 st LY**, 13 gm, 19 tkl, 3 tfl. Garrett Goebel is **PS#14**. 16 tfl as HS Sr.

DT 92 TODD DENLINGER JR. 6-2 292 **PS#23**. 5 st LY, 13 tkl, 3 tfl. **72** Dexter Larimore (6'2" 300 So) **PS#80**. 1 st, 13 gm LY, 16 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **69** Bryan Gray (6'2" 285 Sr). 3 gm, 2 tkl LY.

DE 87 Lawrence Wilson Jr. 6-4 274 **PS#52**. 14 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl '06. 1 st LY, RS. **90** Thaddeus Gibson (6'2" 240 So) **PS#8**. 11 tkl LY, 3 tfl. Willie Mobley **PS#12**. Solomon Thomas (6'5" 240 rFr) **PS#34.**

WLB 51 Ross Homan So. 6-0 229 **PS#14**. 28 tkl, 2 tfl true. RS LY. Tyler Moeller (6'0" 216 So) PS#70DB. 8 tkl rFr. Jermale Hines (6'2" 210 So) **PS#25**. Tony Jackson (5'11" 227 rFr) PS#197.

MLB 33 JAMES LAURINAITIS SR. 6-3 240 **B10 D POY, Butkas Award**. 13 st '06, 115 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **Nagurski Winner**. 13 st LY, 121 tkl, 5 sk. Austin Spitler (6'3" 234 Jr) PS#119. 26 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY.

SLB 1 MARCUS FREEMAN SR. 6-1 239 **PS#8**. 11 st '06, 71 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm B10**, 109 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **55** Curtis Terry (6'1" 229 Sr) 2 st, 17 tkl '06. RS LY. Brian Rolle (5'11" 221 So) **PS#26**.

CB 20 DONALD WASHINGTON JR. 6-0 194 PS#62WR. 9 st rFr, 41 tkl. 13 st LY, 39 tkl, 2 pbu. **5** Chimdi Chekwa (6'0" 188 So) PS#130. 1 st, 30 tkl, 9 pbu rFr. Shaun Lane (5'10" 175 Sr) 17 tkl 3Y.

CB 2 MALCOLM JENKINS SR. 6-1 201 **PS#72WR. 1st Tm B10 '06 & '07**. 4.3 spd. 139 tkl 3Y, 8 int, 8 pbu. **13** Andre Amos (6'1" 183 Jr) PS#59WR. 12 tkl 2Y. **11** James Scott (5'10" 170 So) **PS#52.**

SS 4 KURT COLEMAN JR. 5-11 188 13 st LY, 64 tkl, 4 pbu. Jamario O'Neal (6'0" 205 Sr) **PS#9**. 8 st '06. 46 tkl 3Y. Nate Oliver (6'0" 215 rFr) **PS#23**. Rocco Pentello (6'0" 194 rFr) PS#93.

FS 21 ANDERSON RUSSELL JR. 6-0 205 4 st until inj '06. 13 st LY, 63 tkl, 7 tfl, 5 pbu. **32 Eugene Clifford** (6'2" 191 rFr) **PS#6**. First 4 gm, 8 tkl true but RS. **8** Aaron Gant (6'0" 194 So) 16 tkl 2Y.

P 15 AJ TRAPASSO SR. 6-0 229 PS#30. 43 punts rFr, 40.4 avg, **37.6** net. 49 punts '06, 40.6 avg and 36.6 net. 53 punts LY, 41.5 avg, 36.7 tm net. **48** Jon Thoma (6'2" 201 Jr) PS#86.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Terrelle Pryor 6-6 235 PS#1
OL	Mike Brewster 6-5 296 PS#3
OL	Mike Adams 6-8 322 PS#6
WR	DeVier Posey 6-3 205 PS#4
OL	JB Shugarts 6-8 298 PS#9
LB	Etienne Sabino 6-3 230 PS#7
DL	Willie Mobley 6-3 265 PS#12
WR	Lamaar Thomas 5-11 186 PS#9RB
WR	Jake Stoneburner 6-5 230 PS#4TE
DL	Garrett Goebel 6-5 280 PS#14
LB	Andrew Sweat 6-2 225 PS#13
DL	Nathan Williams 6-4 245 PS#27
DL	Keith Wells 6-5 210 PS#45
K	Ben Buchanan 6-0 200 PS#3
DL	Shawntel Rowell 6-4 304 PS#73OL
TE	Nic DiLillo 6-5 237 PS#22
DB	Travis Howard 6-1 180 PS#86
RB	Jermil Martin 6-0 227 PS#193DL
DB	Orhian Johnson 6-2 178 PS#101QB
DB	Zach Domicone 6-3 215 PS#285QB

OHIO ST BUCKEYES

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JIM TRESSEL (Career 73-16) (IAA 135-57-2)
8th Year at Ohio St Tressel's Bowl Record: 4-3

Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE

73-16	Straight Up	8-4	Vs Top 10
44-5	Home	26-10	Vs Top 25
24-8	Away	12-5	Vs BCS Teams
5-3	Neutral	5-6	Off A Bye
45-11	Vs Conference	11-2	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (22,27,4)
Lost: 12 (8,4,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 105,110 (#3)

BIG TEN

Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#31

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Youngstown St	A					
Sep. 6	Ohio	A					
Sep. 13	at USC	G					
Sep. 20	Troy	A					
Sep. 27	Minnesota	A					
Oct. 4	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 11	Purdue	A					
Oct. 18	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 25	Penn St (HC)	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 15	at Illinois	A					
Nov. 22	Michigan	A					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Art Schlichter 7,547 '78-'81
2. Bobby Hoying 7,232 '92-'95
3. Joe Germaine 6,370 '96-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Archie Griffin 5,589 '72-'75
2. Eddie George 3,768 '92-'95
3. Tim Spencer 3,553 '79-'82

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Michael Jenkins 2,898 '00-'03
2. David Boston 2,855 '96-'98
3. Gary Williams 2,792 '79-'82

OSU hasn't lost to an instate school since 1921 (Oberlin) & have won 29 straight home openers. The Bucks beat Tressel's former team 38-6 in last year's opener.

Ohio St is 23-1 (only loss in 1894) vs current MAC teams including 5-0 vs Ohio. The average score vs current MAC opponents has been 31-7.

OSU is 9-11-1 vs USC with the last meeting in '90 (7 Rose Bowl matchups). Last Buckeye win was in 1974. Since '91 they are 11-2 vs the Pac-10 including bowls.

First meeting with a Sun Belt foe. Coming into '08, the Bucks are 43-1 at home vs non-conference opponents since 1991 with the lone loss vs #2 Texas in 2005.

The Buckeyes are 13-2 S/'93 in Big Ten openers winning the L/3 by an avg of 33 pts. Since 1965, OSU is 17-1 vs the Gophers in Columbus (UM won in 2000).

OSU hasn't won B2B gms vs UW S/'95 & '96. LY Wisc led 17-10 in the 3Q before OSU rallied for 28 straight pts in a 38-17 win. Gholston tied a tm record w/4 sks as OSU recorded 10.

The Bucks are 13-1 vs Purdue in Columbus S/'68 including winning the last 6. OSU held Purdue to 7 pts & forced 12 punts last year which tied a school record.

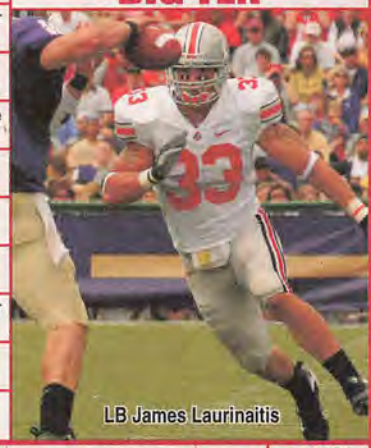
Ohio St has won 6 in row & 11 of 13. Last year MSU had a FR TD & IR TD in the 24-17 loss in which OSU had 22-9 FD & 422-185 yd edges.

Since PSU joined the Big Ten in 1993, OSU is 7-0 vs the Lions in Columbus. The Bucks have had 3 IR TD's vs the Lions in the last 2 years.

Since 1964, Ohio St is 32-2 vs the Wildcats including 14-1 in Evanston. Last year OSU led 45-0 at the half as Northwestern's only TD came via a KR.

Ohio St is 8-3 in this series since 1995 but Illinois beat the #1 Buckeyes last year in Columbus finishing with a 13:46-1:14 TOP edge in the 4Q.

Under Jim Tressel Ohio St is 6-1 vs the Wolverines (3-0 in Columbus). Beanie Wells rushed for a career high 222 yds on 39 carries last yr in Ann Arbor.


LB James Laurinaitis

STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (102,329) (#3)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	7-5	14-0	11-2	8-4	10-2	12-1	11-2	81-20
Home	4-2	4-2	8-0	8-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-1	48-7
Away	4-1	3-2	4-0	2-2	2-3	3-1	5-0	5-0	28-9
Neutral	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	5-4
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	8-0	6-2	4-4	7-1	8-0	7-1	50-14
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	6-0	5-0	4-0	3-1	4-1	4-1	31-6
ATS	5-7	5-7	8-6	5-7-1	7-5	9-3	9-4	7-5	55-44-1
Home Fav (John Cooper)	2-4	2-3 (Jim Tressel)	7-1	3-4-1	3-2	5-2	5-2	3-3	30-21-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Fav	3-1	2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	4-1	17-13
Away Dog	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-4
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	4-5
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	6-2	5-3	36-27-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-4	5-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	3-2	2-2	19-17
Off SU Win	3-5	2-5	7-6	2-7-1	4-3	7-2	8-4	6-5	39-37-1
Off SU Loss	1-2	3-1	0-0	2-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	10-6

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Fiesta - #7	+7	Kansas St - #8	35-28
04	Alamo - #24	+3'	Oklahoma St	33-7
05	Fiesta - #4	-4'	Notre Dame - #5	34-20
06	BCS Championship - #1	-7'	Florida - #2	14-41
07	BCS Championship - #1	+3'	LSU - #2	24-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Ohio St's All-Time Bowl Record 18-21

OHIO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	31.4	21	196	4.6	197	63.9	12.5	-3	2007	6	12.8	14	83	2.5	150	53.2	18.2
7*	34.6	20	170	4.6	215	65.0	11.1	+9	2006	2	12.8	16	98	3.3	182	58.3	22.0
9*	32.7	21	197	4.7	226	64.9	12.9	-9	2005	9	15.2	16	73	2.2	208	60.7	18.4
5	24.2	16	145	4.0	175	53.5	13.3	-1	2004	4	18.3	19	130	3.5	202	55.8	18.2
8*	24.8	17	126	3.3	206	56.8	13.4	+1	2003	6	17.6	19	62	2.0	235	57.9	16.9
5	29.3	18	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	+13	2002	7	13.1	17	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Wells	274	1667	58	1609	15	5.9
Maurice Wells	103	399	32	367	3	3.6
Brandon Saine	60	287	20	267	2	4.4
Todd Boeckman	56	218	155	63	0	1.1
Ray Small	4	56	7	49	0	12.2
Brian Hartline	6	46	0	46	0	7.7
Antonio Henton	9	41	0	41	0	4.6
Rob Schoenhoft	10	42	10	32	1	3.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Todd Boeckman	299	191	63.9	2379	25	14
Rob Schoenhoft	25	17	68.0	129	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brian Robiskie	55	935	17.0	11	68	
Brian Hartline	52	694	13.3	6	65	
Ray Small	20	267	13.4	2	60	
Brandon Saine	12	160	13.3	1	44	
Jake Ballard	13	149	11.5	2	22	
Dane Sanzenbacher	12	89	7.4	1	15	
Rory Nicol	16	84	5.2	0	11	
Maurice Wells	10	47	4.7	1	20	
Taurian Washington	3	46	15.3	1	37	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
AJ Trapasso	53	2199	41.5	10	36.7(t)	0	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ryan Pretorius	48-49	6-7	6-9	5-6	1-1	18-23	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
James Laurinaitis	121	5	3.5	1	2
Marcus Freeman	109	1.5	8	5	0
Kurt Coleman	64	1	2.5	4	0
Anderson Russell	63	3	4	5	0
Larry Grant	51	5	4.5	1	1
Malcolm Jenkins	47	0	5	3	4
Donald Washington	39	1	1	2	1
Vernon Gholston	37	14	1.5	0	0
Cameron Heyward	33	2.5	7.5	3	0
Chimdi Chekwa	30	0	2	9	1
Austin Spitler	26	1	1.5	0	0
Doug Worthington	24	1	1	1	1
Nader Abdallah	19	1	2	0	0
Brian Rolle	18	1	2	0	0
Dexter Larimore	16	2	3.5	0	0
Jamario O'Neal	14	0	2	1	0
Shaun Lane	14	0	0	0	0
Todd Denlinger	13	1	2	0	0
Ross Homan	12	0	2	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Brian Hartline	20	229	11.5	1	
Ray Small	21	153	7.3	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Ray Small	22	391	17.8	0	
Maurice Wells	4	81	20.2	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
105,038	Youngstown St	25	41-147	3.6	21-31	270	2	11	34-85	2.5	11-19	91	2	-1
104,317	Akron	18	41-196	4.8	20-31	167	1	3	19-3	0.2	17-32	66	3	-4
74,927	at Washington	21	45-256	5.7	15-26	225	0	20	34-142	4.2	18-37	204	2	+4
105,178	Northwestern	20	42-191	4.5	14-20	205	1	11	33-0	0.0	17-33	120	5	+1
51,611	at Minnesota	24	47-250	5.3	18-29	209	0	15	29-45	1.6	27-44	232	1	+1
65,497	at Purdue	20	45-181	4.0	17-29	200	1	15	17-4	0.2	31-60	268	3	-2
105,051	Kent St	22	36-138	3.8	20-25	263	2	15	48-161	3.4	6-15	62	5	+2
105,287	Michigan St	22	47-229	4.9	15-23	193	2	9	28-59	2.1	12-24	126	4	-1
110,134	at Penn St	24	48-200	4.2	19-26	253	1	14	23-139	6.0	16-26	124	2	+1
105,449	Wisconsin	21	36-211	5.9	17-28	166	2	15	37-12	0.3	18-30	269	10	+2
105,453	Illinois	18	36-180	5.0	13-23	156	2	19	51-260	5.1	12-22	140	1	-3
111,941	at Michigan	16	59-229	3.9	7-13	50	0	8	24-15	0.6	12-37	76	4	-1
79,651	† LSU	17	30-145	4.8	15-26	208	5	25	49-152	3.1	19-27	174	1	-2
TOTALS		268	553-2553	4.6	211-330	2565	19	180	426-1077	2.5	216-406	1952	43	-3
AVERAGES		20.6	43-196	4.6	16-25	197	1.5	13.8	33-83	2.5	17-31	150	3.3	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre #2 Opponent	Line	Post #4 Score
#2	Washington - #17	-9	28-9
#2	San Diego St	-30'	16-13
#3	NC State - #24	-9'	44-38 3OT
#5	Bowling Green	-12'	24-17
#4	Northwestern	-20'	20-0
#3	at Wisconsin - #23	-2'	10-17
#8	Iowa - #9	-3'	19-10
#8	at Indiana	-20'	35-6
#8	at Penn St	-7	21-20
#7	Michigan St - #14	-6'	33-23
#4	Purdue - #11	-3	16-13 OT
#4	at Michigan - #5	+7	21-35

2004 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
#9	Cincinnati	-14	27-6
#9	Marshall	-16'	24-21
#9	at NC State	+2'	22-14
#7	at Northwestern	-11	27-33 OT
#18	Wisconsin - #15	-4	13-24
#25	at Iowa	-1	7-33
–	Indiana	-13'	30-7
–	Penn St	-6'	21-10
–	at Michigan St	-2	32-19
–	at Purdue	+6	17-24
–	Michigan - #7	+5'	37-21

2005 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Post #4 Score
#6	Miami, Oh	-15	34-14
#4	Texas - #2	-1'	22-25
#9	San Diego St	-27'	27-6
#8	Iowa - #21	-7'	31-6
#6	at Penn St - #16	-3'	10-17
#15	Michigan St - #16	-6'	35-24
#14	at Indiana	-15'	41-10
#12	at Minnesota	-3'	45-31
#12	Illinois	-34'	40-2
#10	Northwestern - #25	-19'	48-7
#9	at Michigan - #17	-3	25-21

2006 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	Post #2 Score
#1	N Illinois	-17	35-12
#1	at Texas - #2	+2	24-7
#1	Cincinnati	-29	37-7
#1	Penn St - #24	-17	28-6
#1	at Iowa - #13	-7	38-17
#1	Bowling Green	-36	35-7
#1	at Michigan St	-14'	38-7
#1	Indiana	-30'	44-3
#1	Minnesota	-27'	44-0
#1	at Illinois	-24	17-10
#1	at Northwestern	-22'	54-10
#1	Michigan - #2	-6'	42-39

2007 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
#11	Youngstown St	NL	38-6
#12	Akron	-29	20-2
#10	at Washington	-3'	33-14
#8	Northwestern	-23'	58-7
#8	at Minnesota	-24	30-7
#4	at Purdue - #23	-7	23-7
#3	Kent St	-31	48-3
#1	Michigan St	-18'	24-17
#1	at Penn St - #24	-3'	37-17
#1	Wisconsin	-16	38-17
#1	Illinois	-15	21-28
#7	at Michigan - #23	-4	14-3

PENN ST NITTANY LIONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Coming into 2005 Michael Robinson was a 5th year senior who had 7 career starts at RB, 6 at QB and 5 at WR. He had thrown for 1,181 yards in 3 years and was used in the slash role. Many fans had anticipated that Anthony Morelli (PS#6) would start and Robinson would stay at WR. Paterno opted to use the Texas-style (a la Vince Young) offense and Robinson showed off his tremendous athletic ability. He threw for 2,350 (52.1%) with a 17-10 ratio and rushed for 932. In 2006 they had to replace Robinson (#4DC SF) and the job was clearly Morelli's. He is a dropback passer with arguably the strongest arm in Penn St history. Morelli had a couple of tough road games to open his career at ND and OSU where turnovers were a problem but threw for 2,424 (53.9%) with an 11-8 ratio. He topped Wally Richardson's single season completion record with 208. Backup Daryll Clark (PS#63) hit 14 of 27 for 116 (72 rush). Both returned last year as did Paul Cianciolo (PS#67) who had 8 att in '06 and rFr Pat Devlin (PS#5). With Morelli being a senior it's surprising that Paterno did not use Clark (8 gm) and Devlin (4 gm) more as the two combined for just 10 passes. Clark did have 6 carries for 50 yards in the bowl (QB draws). The much maligned Morelli threw for 2,651 (58.2%) with a 19-10 ratio in his final year. Both Clark and Devlin have good potential and a solid supporting cast but this group is less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Tony Hunt became just the 10th Lion to rush for 1,000 yards (1,047, 6.0) but was injured in the bowl. Austin Scott (PS#16) stepped in with 110 vs Fla St finishing with 273 (4.1). Scott (#1 rusher '03 w/436) suffered an ankle injury and RS in '06. Hunt (#3 DC) had a fine senior year rushing for 1,386 (5.0) including 158 in the bowl and finished as the Lions #2 all-time rusher. Rodney Kinlaw was #2 with 199 (5.1). Scott shared the TB job with Kinlaw in '07 until Scott was susp vs Iowa and missed the rest of the year. Kinlaw took over producing seven 100 yard efforts including the final 3 and finished with 1,329 (5.5). RFr Evan Royster (PS#18) stepped in to provide a power back and finished with 513 (solid 6.3 ypc). This year they must replace Scott (2 st), Kinlaw (9 st) and FB Matt Hahn (PS#26) who was lost after 8 games (129 ttl yd). Not mentioned in the PSL are Joe Suhey (6'1" 215 rFr, PS#155WR) and FB Larry Federoff (5'11" 237 Jr). This is an area in which I expect some true frosh to play immediately. Royster should have a fine season and rFr Stephfon Green brings sub-4.3 speed to the unit.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 Paterno brought in an excellent class of true frosh including Derrick Williams (PS#1DB) but a pair of less highly touted frosh stepped to the forefront as walk-on Deon Butler led with 691 (18.7) as a rFr and true frosh Jordan Norwood was #2 with 422 (13.2). Williams had 289 (13.1) and would have been the top receiver but was KO'd after 7 starts. Everyone returned in 2006 and they added true frosh TE Andrew Quarless (PS#20). Butler led again with 637 (13.3) and Norwood added 472 (10.5). Williams had 440 (11.0) and also 36 rush att and Quarless had 288 (13.7). While Williams led in rec with 55 (9.6) in '07, Butler led in yards with 633 (13.5). Norwood was #3 with 484 (12.1), Golden (PS#51) added 345 (11.5) and Quarless had 205 (14.6) while spending time in Paterno's dog house. None of the top 3 WR's are taller than 6'0" and this year they must replace 6'3" Terrell Golden and 6'2" Chris Bell. Not listed below are Ryan Gmerek (5'8" 183 So), Graham Zug (6'2" 176 So), Jesse Alfreno (5'11" 193 So) and Tyler Ahrenhold (6'0" 169 rFr). Paterno has added VHT rFr Jon Ditto (PS#15), Andrew Szczerba (PS#26) and HT Derek Moye (PS#57). Williams and Butler are both within reach of the career rec leader. I look for the Lion receiving corps to finally live up to its potential and be one of the Big Ten's best.

WR Deon Butler

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters including a #1 DC. One of the 3 returning starters, RT John Shaw, moved to RG and then suffered an injury (4 st). PSU improved to 194 ypg rush (4.8) while allowing 20 sacks (4.8%). LT Cadogan shutdown the NCAA's sack leader (IN's Greg Middleton). Mike Lucian (8 st) started the last 3 at RG but lost his job in the spring of '08 to Stefen Wisniewski (PS#25). The only losses are Shaw, backup C Pat Weber (11 gm), OT Joe Toriello (4 gm), C Ross Muir (2 gm) and Austin Hinton (PS#92). The 93.8% returning starts are the 5th best in the NCAA and with the move back to a spread offense, the Lions should even top 2005 (213 ypg, 5.1 ypc) statistically.

DEFENSIVE LINE - A big reason for Penn St's success in 2005 was their outstanding and veteran D-line which helped to allow just 93 ypg rush (2.5) with 41 sacks. In 2006 the 3 starters lost were a #1 NFL DC and 1st Tm AA, a 1st Tm Big Ten honoree and a 2nd Tm Big Ten player. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (#3 and #5 DC) and 2 backups. They allowed just 94 ypg (2.7) and were #2 in the NCAA in sacks with 46. The great news this year is that the line returns intact. DT's Phillip Taylor and Chris Baker should return after being suspended in the spring. PSU has 7 players with starting experience, a lot of VHT's, good size in the middle and a pass rusher like 1st Tm Big Ten DE Maurice Evans (#6 NCAA tfl) on the outside. This is one of the top DL's in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Penn St is known as "Linebacker U" but surprisingly after having 2 LB's selected in the 2000 draft went through a streak of 6 straight years without one until Paul Posluszny was a #2DC in '07. In 2005 Posluszny, Dan Connor and Sean Lee were #1, #2 and #3 in tackles with 319 combined (nearly 40% of the team's total) and the 3 backups were PS#18, PS#17, PS#21. Last year they had to replace Posluszny (1st Tm AA) but had 5 of the top 6 back. Connor led with 145 and Lee had 138. The new starter, Tyrell Sales added 50. This year they lose 1st Tm AA Connor (13 st, 15 tfl, #3DC CAR) who topped Posluszny for the career tackle record and backup Dontey Brown (6 tkl). Lee was a projected 1st round DC but tore his ACL in the spring and will RS this season. Paterno added 2 more VHT's last year and 3 more this season but with the loss of their top 2 LB's this unit is weaker.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - PSU has had 5 top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 11 years. In 2006 they had to replace all 4 starters and just missed (#16). Last year 3 starters returned and it was shocking that the Lions dropped to #70 allowing 214.5 ypg. This year they lose 1st Tm Big Ten CB Justin King (13 st, 2 int, 15 pbu, #4DC STL), FS Jason Ganter (9 tkl) and CB Brendan Perretta (5 tkl). Five players return with starting experience and after LY's unit underperformed, this experienced group should make a good sized climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Lions finished #17 in my ST rankings in 2006 featuring two dangerous returnmen in PR Derrick Williams (12.0) and KR AJ Wallace (24.2). K Kevin Kelly hit 22 of 34 with a long of 49 (3 miss 50+) They had to replace their outstanding P Jeremy Kapinos (36.4 net) in '07 and slipped to #36. Williams avg 11.0 on PR and Wallace improved to 26.4 on KR. Kevin Kelly hit 20 of 26 FG's with a long of 53 (2 of 8 40+). While Kelly had 21 TB on 78 KO, KR defense was a problem (allowed 26.4 with 2 TD's). New P Jeremy Boone had an outstanding net of 39.4 (#3 NCAA). This year the unit returns intact and adds rFr P Ryan Breen (PS#16). This has the makings of one of the top ST units in the country.

COACHES - Joe Paterno entered 2003 as the IA all-time career win leader but was passed by FSU's Bobby Bowden (373) and is currently #2 but trailing by just one. Paterno, who is already in the College Football Hall of Fame defeated Bowden in 2005's Orange Bowl and was named '05's AP Coach of the Year. He has won two National Titles but 4 other times has finished undefeated. He's won more bowl games than any other coach (23) and this past season he moved past Amos Alonzo Stagg for the longest HC tenure at one school. The OC since 2004 is Galen Hall who was the HC at Florida (1984-'89). The DC is Tom Bradley who is in his 30th year, 9th as DC. Since 1966 when Paterno took over, there have been 817 IA coaching changes.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Joe Paterno had his squad #2 in the country with a 9-0 record in 1999 but from that point until the end of 2004 the Lions went just 27-36 and Paterno suffered his 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th losing seasons. During that span 13 of their 22 losses in conf play were by 8 or less as they were a snakebitten team. Despite their 4-7 record in 2004 they were the only team in the NCAA that did not allow more than 21 points in a game all season. In 2005 I called Penn St the 3rd most improved team in the country and they had one of the NCAA's best D's. They had a Big Ten high13 senior starters back. I called for the Lions to open up 5-0 before their showdown with Ohio St and they did just that. Their offense, which avg'd just 17.7 ppg in 2004, was vastly improved. The Lions broke a school record (55, 1947) for points in a half with 56 vs Illinois and nearly doubled their scoring average to 34.4 ppg (highest since 1994) with a balanced spread offense (213 ypg rush, 209 pass). Triggered by Big Ten Off POY QB Robinson, they upset #6 Ohio St in a night home game in front of a raucous crowd. The next week Lloyd Carr convinced the refs to put a few seconds back on the clock and UM got a TD pass with :01 left which cost PSU an unbeaten year. They earned their first ever BCS bowl berth (started 1998) and beat Fla St in the Orange Bowl. In 2006 they were tied with Ohio St as the least experienced Big Ten squad (9 st'r ret) and lost mobile QB Michael Robinson. They also had an inexperienced O-line so a weaker record was expected, especially playing 3 ranked foes on the road (into '08 PSU has lost L/10 road games vs ranked teams). They still got to another New Year's Day bowl game and defeated Tennessee 20-10. I would have to classify PSU's 2007 season as a disappointment. They did open 3-0 and moved to #10 when they lost for the 9th straight time to Michigan. The next week they had a 427-336 yd edge at Illinois but had 4 key TO's and lost. After routing Iowa and Wisconsin they got past Indiana on the road and had another White Out at home vs Ohio St. This time they lost to the #1 Buckeyes by 20. Needing a win over Mich St to get to a NY's Day bowl game, they led 24-7 in the 3Q but lost and were relegated to the Alamo Bowl. They did have just 4 senior starters in the bowl and Paterno even said, "We should have been 10-2." They beat A&M which was led by an interim HC for Paterno's 23rd bowl win. While PSU was just 4-4 in Big Ten play, they were #2 (+38.1 ypg) and this year move back to the spread offense with a more mobile QB. PSU was #7 in the NCAA in rush D for an amazing 3rd straight year in '07 and was 2nd in the nation in sacks with 46. Over the past 4 seasons, PSU ranks #4 in total defense (297.3 ypg) and is tied for #4 in scoring D (16.0 ppg). The Lions suffered a major loss in the spring when one of the top LB's for next year's draft, Sean Lee, was lost for the season with a torn ACL. This is still a very talented squad and I will call for a double digit win season.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 17 Daryll Clark Sr. 6-2 231 PS#63. 15 gm 2Y, 147 pass (56%), 152 rush. **7 Pat Devlin** (6'4" 222 So) **PS#5**. 1 att, 4 gm rFr. **15** Paul Cianciolo (6'4" 219 Sr) PS#67.

RB 22 Evan Royster So. 6-1 212 **PS#18**.513(6.3)rFr.**21** Stephfon Green (5'10" 189 rFr) 4.29 spd. **25** Brandon Beachum **PS#14**. Brent Carter (6'2" 211 So) PS#94WR. 43 (3.9) LY.

WR 24 JORDAN NORWOOD SR. 5-11 171 4 st, 422 (13.2) true. 8 st, 472 (10.5) '06. 5 st LY, 484 (12.1). **FB 33 Dan Lawlor** (6'2" 244 Sr) **PS#45.** 3 st LY. **39** Tom Golarz (6'1" 238 Jr). DE 2Y.

WR 2 DERRICK WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 194 **PS#1DB**.32 st 3Y, 1258 (10.8), 351 rush, 1135 ret yds. **83** Brett Brackett (6'6" 235 So) PS#37QB. **6** Derek Moye (6'5" 196 rFr) PS#57.

WR 3 DEON BUTLER SR. 5-10 168 33 st, **#1 rec 3 str yr**, 1961 (14.9). **8** James McDonald (6'2" 198 Jr) **PS#30.** 1 rec 4 gm LY. Kevin Cousins (6'3" 205 Jr) PS#88. 1 rec, 4 gm '06.

TE 10 ANDREW QUARLESS JR. 6-5 250 **PS#20TE**. 16 st 2Y, 493 (14.1). **82** Mickey Shuler (6'4" 251 Jr) PS#76. 3 st, 91 (13.0) LY. Jon Ditto (6'3" 230 rFr) **PS#15**. Mark Wedderburn PS#12.

C 57 AQ SHIPLEY SR. 6-1 297 **PS#18DL**. 5 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 13 st '06. 13 st LY, **1st Tm Big Ten**. **68** Doug Klopacz (6'3" 288 So) PS#149. **LS 50** Andrew Pitz (6'3" 245 Jr).

RG 61 STEFEN WISNIEWSKI SO. 6-3 288 **PS#25**. 1 st true, 8 gm. **50 MIKE LUCIAN** (6'2" 290 Sr) **PS#11TE**. 5 tkl DL rFr. 8 st, 11 gm LY. **65** JB Walton (6'3" 293 rFr) **PS#16**. Milford Acad.

LG 64 RICH OHRNBERGER SR. 6-2 291 PS#82.2 gm rFr. Last 9 st RG '06. 13 st LY, **2ndTm Big Ten. 77** Lou Eliades (6'4" 309 So) **PS#59**. 6 gm rFr. Quinn Barham (6'3" 283 rFr) PS#307.

RT 73 DENNIS LANDOLT JR. 6-4 309 **PS#31**.2nd string rFr. 13 st RT LY. **79** Ako Poti (6'3" 304 Sr) PS#63JC. 3 gm LY. **66** Josh Marks (6'4" 315 rFr) **PS#31**. Kyle Stout (6'5" 293 So).

LT 76 GERALD CADOGAN SR. 6-5 314 **PS#51**.5 st LG, 384 snap '06. 13 st LT, **HM Big Ten. 75** Nerraw McCormack (6'5" 292 Sr) PS#106JC. 3 gm LY. **74** Johnnie Troutman (6'4" 318 rFr) **PS#49DL**.

K 23 KEVIN KELLY SR. 5-7 164 **PS#6**.16 of 23 FG true, long 47.22 of 34 FG '06, long 49. 20 of 26 FG LY, 2 missed from 50+, long 53. Collin Wagner (5'9" 170 So) PS#84.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 48 MAURICE EVANS JR. 6-2 264 **PS#18. 1st Tm Big Ten LY,** 54 tkl, **12.5 sk.** 9 tfl. **59** Aaron Maybin (6'4" 236 So) **PS#56**. 4 sk rFr. **44** Kevion Latham (6'2" 237 So) PS#47. 4 gm LY.

DT 91 JARED ODRICK JR. 6-5 308 **PS#8OL**. 7 st til inj LY, 16 tkl, 2 sk. Ollie Ogbu (6'1" 292 So) PS#198. 6 st, 18 tkl, **10 tfl.** Tom McEowen (6'4" 274 So) **PS#20**. Chima Okoli (6'4" 287 rFr).

DT 90 PHILLIP TAYLOR JR. 6-4 335 **PS#15**.5 st LY, 20 tkl, 6.5 tfl. Susp spg. **Chris Baker** (6'2" 298 Jr). 7 st LY, 37 tkl, 4.5 sk. Susp spg. Abe Koroma (6'3" 316 So) PS#232. 1 st rFr, 7 tkl.

DE 47 JOSH GAINES SR. 6-1 275 PS#83. 9 st, 25 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 40 tkl, 5 tfl. Devon Still (6'5" 296 rFr) **PS#13LB. 56** Eric Latimore (6'6" 262 rFr) PS#163. Jack Crawford PS#14TE.

LB 46 TYRELL SALES SR. 6-2 233 **PS#17OL**. 3 st, 36 tkl '05-'06. 12 st LY, 50 tkl, 3 sk. **5** Jerome Hayes (6'2" 246 Jr) PS#18. Split time between LB & DE in '07, 17 tkl, 2.5 sk til ACL.

MLB **53 Chris Colasanti So.** 6-2 232 **PS#12**. 3 tkl true. **13** Andrew Dailey (6'2" 230 rFr) **PS#22. 43** Josh Hull (6'3" 231 Jr). 7 tkl rFr. 18 tkl '07. Michael Zordich is **PS#15.**

LB 15 BANI GBADYU SO. 6-1 221 **PS#25DB.** 6 tkl, 13 gm LY. **18** Navorro Bowman (6'1" 230 So) **PS#16.** 9 gm, 16 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **34** Nathan Stupar (6'1" 220 rFr) **PS#16.**

CB 1 AJ Wallace Jr. 6-1 188 **PS#4**. 10 tkl true. Last 4 st LY, 33 tkl, 4 pbu. **20** Devin Fentress (5'10" 179 Jr) PS#169. 3 tkl rFr. **6** Willie Harriott (5'8" 183 Jr) PS#49WR. 4 tkl rFr.

CB 10 LYDELL SARGEANT SR. 5-10 186 PS#58RB. 10 st LY, 70 tkl, 2 int. **21** Knowledge Timmons (5'10" 183 Jr) PS#110. 16 tkl 2Y. Drew Astorino (5'10" 190 rFr). Shelton McCullough (6'0" 178 So).

HERO **7 ANTHONY SCIRROTTO SR.** 6-0 192 PS#84. **1st Tm Big Ten '06,** 58 tkl, 6 int, 8 pbu. 13 st LY, 65 tkl, 3 int. Nick Sukay (6'1" 202 rFr) **PS#24**. Cedric Jeffries (6'2" 210 So) PS#101. 4 tkl LY.

FS 11 TONY DAVIS SR. 5-10 195 PS#56. **13 st CB '06,** 13 pbu, 42 tkl. 8 st SS LY, 29 tkl, 2 pbu. **Mark Rubin** (6'3" 216 Sr) PS#67WR. 6 st WR '04. L/5 st S LY. Chaz Powell (6'1" 194 rFr) **PS#48.**

P 41 JEREMY BOONE JR. 5-9 184 PS#100K '04. 45.2 avg in HS. 59 punts LY, 43.0 avg, tm **39.4 net**, 25 inside 20. **49** Ryan Breen (6'2" 194 rFr) PS#16. David Soldner PS#25.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Brandon Beachum 6-0 212 PS#14
LB	Michael Zordich 6-2 225 PS#15
LB	Mike Yancich 6-3 225 PS#19
LB	Michael Mauti 6-1 225 PS#21
TE	Mark Wedderburn 6-5 235 PS#12
DL	Jack Crawford 6-6 240 PS#14TE
OL	Matt Stankiewitch 6-4 290 PS#49
OL	DeOn'tae Pannell 6-5 305 PS#51
DB	D'Anton Lynn 6-1 180 PS#43
DL	James Terry 6-3 300 PS#83OL
DL	Peter Massaro 6-4 235 PS#109
WR	AJ Price 6-4 175 PS#187
K	David Soldner 6-1 180 PS#25
OL	Mike Farrell 6-5 265 PS#258
DL	Brandon Ware 6-4 320 PS#272OL
OL	Ethan Hull 6-1 290 PS#525

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Paterno's records AT PENN ST

372-125-3	Straight Up	31-40	Vs Top 10
207-49	Home	69-67	Vs Top 25
121-61-1	Away	212-72-3	Vs BCS Teams
44-15-2	Neutral	46-18-1	Off A Bye
119-58	Vs Conference	69-39	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (16,20,2)
Lost: 20 (12,7,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 108,917 (#2)

BIG TEN

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#48

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Coastal Carolina	G					
Sep. 6	Oregon St	G					
Sep. 13	at Syracuse	A					
Sep. 20	Temple	G					
Sep. 27	Illinois	G					
Oct. 4	at Purdue	G					
Oct. 11	at Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 18	Michigan (HC)	G					
Oct. 25	at Ohio St	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 15	Indiana	G					
Nov. 22	Michigan St	G					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zack Mills 7,212 '01-'04
2. Tony Sacca 5,869 '88-'91
3. Chuck Fusina 5,382 '75-'78

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Curt Warner 3,398 '79-'82
2. Tony Hunt 3,320 '03-'06
3. Blair Thomas 3,301 '85-'87, '89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bobby Engram 3,026 '91, '93-'95
2. Bryant Johnson 2,008 '99-'02
3. Kenny Jackson 2,006 '80-'83

CCU started its FB program in '03 & went 5-6 last year in the Big South Conference. Chanticleers will play for the 1st time vs a IA (FBS) opponent.

PSU is 22-11 all-time vs the Pac-10 & after OSU, they will have played every tm in the conf. Coming into '08, the Lions have won 12 straight non-conf HG's by an avg of 29 ppg.

When PSU was an Indep this was a big rivalry as they played every yr (except '43) from '22-'90. Nittany Lions are just 2-6 the L8Y in road openers, but 21-3 since '67 vs the Orange.

PSU is 49-5-1 all-time vs current MAC members, including 24-0 vs Temple in Paterno's tenure. PSU held TU to just 4 yds rushing LY (7 of the 12 reg ssn opp's were held below 70 yds on the ground).

The Nittany Lions are 10-5 in conference home openers (joined Big Ten in 1993). PSU had FD & yd edges LY, but 4 TO's & a KR TD were too much to overcome.

The Lions are 8-15 in their L/23 Big Ten RG's, but have only been outscored on avg by 2 ppg. PSU is 9-3-1 vs PU (9-2 in conf play) & LY had a ssn high 29 FD's vs the Boilermakers.

This has been a low scoring series with the teams avg just 37 combined ppg. The HT has gone 4-0 the L4Y & LY PSU's 31 pt margin of victory was the largest ever.

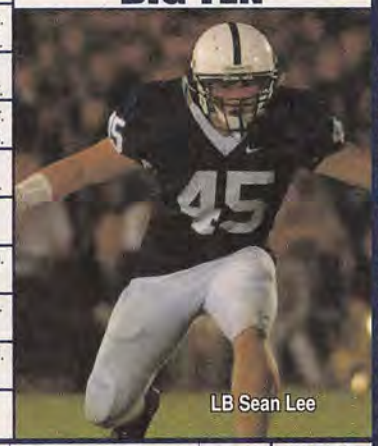
Penn St has lost 9 straight to UM making it the longest losing streak in Paterno's HOF career. LY UM RB Hart carried the ball 44x's, breaking the rec by a PSU opp (42) set in '03.

Coming into '08, PSU hasn't beaten a ranked tm on the road S/'02 (#19 Wisky 34-31). PSU hasn't won in Columbus since a 19-0 shutout in '78, 0-7 since w/an avg loss of 21 ppg.

LY PSU allowed UI just 8 FD's which tied for the fewest allowed in Big Ten play (UI had 8 in '96). The visitor is 12-4 S/'74 in this series. PSU is 17-7 their L/24 gms in November.

The Lions are 11-0 all-time vs the Hoosiers as these tms have comb to avg 62 ppg. PSU took advantage of 4, 2H TO's by IU resulting in 9 pts to seal the win last yr.

Nittany Lions are 11-4 in Big Ten play vs the Spartans in the Land Grant Trophy rival. Penn St is 17-1 S/'90 in Beaver Stadium finales (7-0 in that span hosting MSU).



LB Sean Lee

STADIUM: BEAVER STADIUM (107,282) (#1)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	5-6	9-4	3-9	4-7	11-1	9-4	9-4	55-42
Home	4-2	3-3	7-1	3-4	3-3	7-0	6-1	6-1	39-15
Away	1-4	2-3	2-2	0-5	1-4	3-1	2-3	2-3	13-25
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	1-7	2-6	7-1	5-3	4-4	32-32
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	4-1	2-2	2-1	4-0	4-1	5-0	23-10
ATS	5-7	7-4	8-5	3-9	6-5	8-3-1	5-7	6-7	48-47-1
Home Fav (Joe Paterno)	3-2	2-1	4-3	1-3	2-2	3-1-1	3-2	4-2	22-16-1
Home Dog (Joe Paterno)	1-0	1-2	1-0	1-2	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	8-6
Away Fav	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-1	1-1	1-4	7-10
Away Dog	0-3	4-0	2-1	1-3	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-0	9-12
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-3
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	5-3	2-6	4-4	7-1	2-6	2-6	32-32
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	3-2	1-3	2-1	1-2-1	3-1	4-1	16-15-1
Off SU Win	1-3	4-1	6-3	0-3	1-2	7-2-1	2-6	3-5	24-25-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-2	2-1	3-5	4-3	1-0	2-1	2-2	21-17

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rodney Kinlaw	243	1362	33	1329	10	5.5
Evan Royster	**82**	**518**	**5**	**513**	**5**	**6.3**
Austin Scott	69	320	18	302	6	4.4
Derrick Williams	**16**	**109**	**8**	**101**	**1**	**6.3**
Matt Hahn	15	82	0	82	1	5.5
Daryll Clark	**12**	**80**	**2**	**78**	**2**	**6.5**
Brent Carter	**11**	**43**	**0**	**43**	**0**	**3.9**
Anthony Morelli	48	119	132	-13	0	-0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Anthony Morelli	402	234	58.2	2651	19	10
Daryll Clark	**9**	**6**	**66.7**	**31**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Deon Butler	**47**	**633**	**13.5**	**4**	**45**
Derrick Williams	**55**	**529**	**9.6**	**3**	**52**
Jordan Norwood	**40**	**484**	**12.1**	**5**	**43**
Terrell Golden	30	345	11.5	3	32
Andrew Quarless	**14**	**205**	**14.6**	**2**	**30**
Chris Bell	7	143	20.4	0	51
Rodney Kinlaw	21	128	6.1	0	21
Mickey Shuler	**7**	**91**	**13.0**	**1**	**19**
Matt Hahn	9	47	5.2	1	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Boone	59	2538	43.0	14	39.4(t)	0	25

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Kelly	44-45	14-14	4-4	1-5	1-3	20-26	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dan Connor	145	6.5	8.5	6	1
Sean Lee	138	3.5	7	8	1
Lydell Sargeant	**70**	**0**	**1.5**	**3**	**2**
Anthony Scirrotto	**65**	**0**	**1**	**3**	**3**
Maurice Evans	**54**	**12.5**	**9**	**3**	**0**
Tyrell Sales	**50**	**3**	**2.5**	**0**	**0**
Justin King	49	0	0	15	2
Josh Gaines	**40**	**2.5**	**2.5**	**1**	**0**
Chris Baker	**37**	**4.5**	**3.5**	**2**	**0**
AJ Wallace	**33**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**1**
Mark Rubin	**32**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Tony Davis	**29**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**1**
Phillip Taylor	**20**	**3**	**3.5**	**0**	**0**
Ollie Ogbu	**18**	**1**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Josh Hull	**18**	**0**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Jerome Hayes	**17**	**2.5**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Jared Odrick	**16**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**0**
Navorro Bowman	**16**	**1**	**1.5**	**1**	**0**
Aaron Maybin	**12**	**4**	**0.5**	**1**	**0**
Jason Ganter	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrick Williams	**23**	**254**	**11.0**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
AJ Wallace	**22**	**581**	**26.4**	**1**
Derrick Williams	**13**	**237**	**18.2**	**0**

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Alamo - #13	-7	Texas A&M - #18	24-0
02	Capital One - #10	-7	Auburn - #19	9-13
05	Orange - #3	-10	Florida St - #22 (3OT)	26-23
06	Outback	+4'	Tennessee - #17	20-10
07	Alamo	-5	Texas A&M	24-17

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PENN ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	30.3	22	194	4.8	206	57.8	13.2	+2	2007	6	17.5	18	94	2.7	214	58.6	17.6
5	22.3	19	150	4.3	200	53.3	15.7	+1	2006	4	14.4	16	87	2.8	197	55.5	19.8
7	34.4	22	213	5.1	209	52.9	12.2	+3	2005	9	17.0	17	93	2.5	212	56.6	17.9
6*	17.7	17	130	3.9	181	51.6	17.5	-3	2004	6	15.3	17	129	3.2	162	56.5	19.1
5*	19.4	18	122	3.7	191	50.0	16.1	-6	2003	5	21.3	20	209	4.3	153	51.4	17.1
8*	34.3	21	229	5.7	195	56.4	12.3	+14	2002	6	17.4	19	115	3.1	215	63.4	18.9

2007 STATS BY GAME

PSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
107,678	Florida Int'l	27	48-236	4.9	25-41	313	2	7	31-(-3)	-0.1	12-26	117	7	+3
110,078	Notre Dame	19	46-164	3.6	12-22	131	2	9	26-0	0.0	17-32	144	6	-2
107,506	Buffalo	22	39-191	4.9	20-27	202	1	20	35-56	1.6	29-41	339	4	0
111,310	at Michigan	14	29-101	3.5	15-31	169	2	25	56-166	3.0	16-30	170	2	0
57,078	at Illinois	18	36-129	3.6	21-38	298	4	17	38-216	5.7	11-27	120	0	-2
108,951	Iowa	26	50-256	5.1	18-32	233	2	8	28-48	1.7	16-29	146	5	-3
109,754	Wisconsin	27	47-221	4.7	16-29	216	1	17	34-87	2.6	17-34	244	5	+2
41,251	at Indiana	25	47-192	4.1	22-32	195	2	25	30-68	2.3	30-48	318	6	+2
110,134	Ohio St	14	23-139	6.0	16-26	124	2	24	48-200	4.2	19-26	253	1	-1
108,318	Purdue	29	41-251	6.1	22-36	210	1	22	23-68	3.0	27-48	255	4	0
69,029	at Temple	25	41-202	4.9	22-33	260	1	16	23-4	0.2	26-43	238	4	-1
72,251	at Michigan St	20	40-167	4.2	16-37	188	0	21	39-145	3.7	17-22	280	1	+3
66,166	† Texas A&M	23	41-270	6.6	15-31	143	0	17	38-164	4.3	19-31	164	1	+1
TOTALS		289	528-2519	4.8	240-415	2682	20	228	449-1219	2.7	256-437	2788	46	+2
AVERAGES		22.2	41-194	4.8	18-32	206	1.5	17.5	35-94	2.7	20-34	214	3.5	0.2

2003 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Temple	-25	23-10
–	Boston College	-9	14-27
–	at Nebraska - #18	+10	10-18
–	Kent St	-24'	32-10
–	Minnesota - #24	+2	14-20
–	Wisconsin	+1'	23-30
–	at Purdue - #18	+12	14-28
–	at Iowa - #16	+10'	14-26
–	Ohio St - #8	+7	20-21
–	at Northwestern	-5'	7-17
–	Indiana	-18'	52-7
–	at Michigan St	+5'	10-41

2004 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Akron	-15'	48-10
–	at Boston College	-3	7-21
–	UCF	-23	37-13
–	at Wisconsin - #20	+3	3-16
–	at Minnesota - #18	+15	7-16
–	Purdue - #9	+10'	13-20
–	Iowa - #25	-3	4-6
–	at Ohio St	+6'	10-21
–	Northwestern	-3'	7-14
–	at Indiana	-3'	22-18
–	Michigan St	+4	37-13

2005 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #3 Score
–	USF	-21	23-13
–	Cincinnati	-18	42-24
–	C Michigan	-22	40-3
–	at Northwestern	-8	34-29
–	Minnesota - #18	+2'	44-14
#16	Ohio St - #6	+3'	17-10
#8	at Michigan	+3'	25-27
#12	at Illinois	-18'	63-10
#11	Purdue	-15	33-15
#10	Wisconsin - #14	-12	35-14
#5	at Michigan St	-8'	31-22

2006 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
#19	Akron	-17'	34-16
#19	at Notre Dame - #4	+8'	17-41
#25	Youngstown St	NL	37-3
#24	at Ohio St - #1	+17	6-28
–	Northwestern	-19'	33-7
–	at Minnesota	-3	28-27 OT
–	Michigan - #4	+5'	10-17
–	Illinois	-18	26-12
–	at Purdue	-3	12-0
–	at Wisconsin - #17	+7	3-13
–	Temple	-36	47-0
–	Michigan St	-17'	17-13

2007 RESULTS

PSU Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#17	Florida Int'l	-37'	59-0
#14	Notre Dame	-17'	31-10
#12	Buffalo	-33'	45-24
#10	at Michigan	-2'	9-14
#21	at Illinois	-3	20-27
–	Iowa	-9	27-7
–	Wisconsin - #19	-6'	38-7
–	at Indiana	-7	36-31
#24	Ohio St - #1	+3'	17-37
–	Purdue	-8	26-19
–	at Temple	-25	31-0
–	at Michigan St	-2'	31-35

WISCONSIN BADGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - John Stocco (PS#37) was a three year starter who in 2005 set the school record for passing yds with 2,920 (60.1%) with a 21-9 ratio as he was surrounded by 2 WR's and 2 TE's who were NFL DC's. His numbers dropped to 2,185 (59%) with a 17-6 ratio in 2006 when the receiving corps was decimated (see Receivers). His backup all three years was Tyler Donovan (PS#29) who drew comparisons to Brooks Bollinger due to his mobility. In his first two years, Donovan had 9 total att's. In 2006 with Stocco injured, Donovan started the final two regular season gms. Donovan had career numbers of 620 (63%) with a 5-2 ratio (277 rush) going into '07. Last year he beat out Kan St transfer Allan Evridge (PS#50). Evridge had 6 starts at K-St in '05 throwing for 1,365 (47.9%) with a 6-7 ratio (414 rush). Donovan took almost every snap throwing for 2,607 (58%) with a 17-11 ratio (510 rush). Evridge played in 7 hitting 5 of 12. This year they must replace Donovan. Evridge will battle Dustin Sherer (PS#47), James Stallons (6'5" 173 rFr, PS#49), Scott Tolzien (6'3" 201 So, PS#109), Jon Erickson (6'3" 185 So, PS#324) and true frosh Curt Phillips (PS#18) who was in for the spring. OC Chryst usually produces a solid QB but I'll call this unit down a few notches.

RUNNING BACKS - The Badgers had a streak of 10 straight years with a 1,000 yard rusher until '03 and '04 when the top back was plagued by injuries. In 2005 Colorado trans Brian Calhoun rushed for 1,636 (4.7) with 22 TD's and also had 53 rec (10.8). Calhoun left early for the NFL (#3DC) and the leading returning rusher in '06 was Jamil Walker (PS#25) who had 96 (5.3). RFr PJ Hill rushed for 130 in the opener and never looked back. He became just the 7th frosh in NCAA history to rush for more than 1,500. Injuries did slow him as he had just one 100 yard effort in the final 5. Much was expected of true frosh Lance Smith (PS#64) but poor practice habits cost him playing time early. He had 21 carries vs Illinois (due to Hill's inj) but gained just 46 yds and finished #2 with 345 (3.6). Last year they both returned. VHT true frosh John Clay (PS#3) was not cleared until mid-Aug and he RS. Hill's only problem has been injuries and he led again with 1,212 (5.2) but missed 2 full games and only had 5 rushes vs Mich. Smith had 60 in the opener but was susp for all of the road games. He finished with 429 and the best ypc of the RB's (6.0). True frosh Zach Brown (PS#151) avg just 3.5 ypc on 90 carries in 11 of his 12 games (exception was Minn where he powered for 250 on 29 carries). All 3 return and with the addition of Clay this is clearly one of the top RB corps in the Big Ten.

TB PJ Hill

RECEIVERS - UW had the least experienced receiving corps in the NCAA heading into '06 (3 WR's combined for 3 rec '05 & top 2 TE's were converted LB's). They then lost their top WR in Aug, Marcus Randle El. Paul Hubbard, a walk-on from the track team (6'4" 215, 10.6 100m), emerged with 627 (16.5). TE Travis Beckum (PS#4LB) led with 903 (14.8). Luke Swan (PS#123) was the team's best route runner and had 595 and a team high 17.0 ypc. Chryst's offense uses 2 TE's and Andy Crooks (PS#74LB) added 206 (10.8). Last year the unit added some promising true frosh like VHT's Nick Toon (PS#14) and Daven Jones (PS#33). Toon RS and Jones had 1 rec. Marcus Randle El was injured again (1 rec). Hubbard missed 5 and so had just 305 but avg 21.8 ypc. Swan opened with 8 catches for 170 vs Wash St but was lost for the season vs Illinois and finished with 451 (18.0). Beckum (Mackey Finalist) led with 982 (13.1). Garrett Graham (PS#18TE) had 328 (10.9) and true frosh Kyle Jefferson (PS#36) had 412 (15.8). This year they lose Hubbard (8 st, #6DC CLE) and Swan (5 st) as well as TE's Crooks (1 rec, 3 st) and Sean Lewis (1 rec). They were without Hubbard and Swan a good portion of the 2007 season anyway, so I'll call this a much improved receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - UW traditionally fields a strong O-line. They had to replace 3 starters in 2006 but Joe Thomas turned down an early shot at the NFL. New OL coach Bob Palcic installed a zone blocking system. Thomas was 1st Tm AA and the Outland Trophy winner and the unit improved to 3.9 ypc rush with 7 fewer sacks (30). Last year they had to replace Thomas (#1DC CLE) but had 9 of the top 10 back making it their most experienced front in years. It was the first time in years they had a legitimate 5-man #2 O-line. It was a 3-horse race to replace Thomas but rFr Gabe Carimi (PS#57) won the job and started all 13 at LT. Returning starter LG Andy Kemp battled rFr John Moffitt (PS#99) and the two split snaps. Due to injuries, over the last six they had two rFr starters on the left side. The unit opened holes for 201 ypg and 4.4 ypc (best since '99). While they allowed 33 sacks (9.5%), 10 of those came vs Ohio St when the group was banged up. This year they must replace C Marcus Coleman (13 st, 1st Tm Big Ten, 2Y st'r), 2nd stringers LT Danny Kaye (6 gm) and C Brad Thorson (10 gm) and 3rd stringers Andrew Weininger and Steve Johnson. Despite the losses UW ranks in the top 10 size-wise (316 lbs, #9) and experience-wise (105 career sts, #6) and I look for improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Badgers had one of the best D-lines in the NCAA in '04 but in '05 had to replace all 4 starters (#1, #5, and two #6 DC's) as well as two backups. They then lost their top 2 DL's to injury and as you would expect, UW allowed 4.6 ypc (worst S/'90). In 2006 the unit returned almost intact and improved to allowing just 115 ypg rush (3.8) while the D had 29 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter. They lost DT Chapman after 10 (inj) and backup Jamal Cooper (4 sk '06) in Aug. Surprisingly the Badgers slipped to allowing 4.1 ypc rush (28 sk). This year it is an even more veteran unit as the only losses are HM Big Ten DT Nick Hayden (48 tkl, 4.5 sk, #6DC CAR), DE Brandon Kelly (5 tkl), DT Kurt Ware (4 tkl) and DE Jamil Walker (2 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back and not listed below are Brandon Hoey (6'5" 277 So, PS#93OL) and Ricky Garner (6'5" 238 So). Both DT Chapman and DE DeCremer missed the spring with injuries and DE Shaughnessy broke his leg in April but is expected to be 100% in August. The Badgers should have their best defensive ypc allowed in eight years.

LINEBACKERS - Last year UW had to replace one starter (#1 tkl'r) but the unit was even more athletic adding Elijah Hodge who is said to be more talented than his brother (GB Packer Abdul). Hodge was bothered by a knee injury and missed 2 but still finished as the #3 tackler (67). Jonathan Casillas was #1 and DeAndre Levy was #2 and all 3 return as do three backups. The only loss is Casey Hogan (11 tkl) This has the makings of one of the top LB units in the Big Ten.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UW usually fared well in my pass D rankings under Alvarez with a #7 finish in '04 and even with an inexperienced secondary in '05 they finished #19. In '06 they finished #2 thanks to their excellent CB combo of Jack Ikegwuonu and Allen Langford. Last year they had the CB's back but had to replace both S's and UW slipped to #57. Langford was injured vs Ohio St and Ikegwuonu was banged up but still held Indy WR Hardy to 17 yds on 4 rec. FS Carter led the Big Ten in int but the overall S play was inconsistent. Ikegwuonu left early for the NFL draft (13 st, 24 tkl, 15 pbu, #4DC PHI) and also gone are CB Ben Strickland (1 st, 35 tkl) and FS Kim Royston (14 tkl). Not listed below is Chukwuma Offor (6'0" 177 rFr). Three of the top 4 are back and the Badgers could move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 UW finished just #44 in my ST rankings due to the coverage and return units. Last year they had K Mehlhaff and P DeBauche back and moved up to #13. UW has blocked 4 punts in Bielema's 2 seasons and he personally took over coaching the ST unit in '07. Mehlhaff, even with the KO's being moved back, had 27 TB (#4 NCAA). He connected on 21 of 25 FG's (long of 51). While DeBauche avg'd 41.6 his net surprisingly dropped from 37.5 to 35.3. The unit did lose one of its top cover men in James Kamoku prior to the season (Achilles). They added dangerous true frosh returnman David Gilreath (PR 14.0, KR 23.0). Gilreath's avg would have been higher but he was tackled by the K or P 3 times and had zero TD's. He set the UW school record for KR yds in a season (Brandon Williams 673 in '02). This year they must replace DeBauche, Mehlhaff (#6DC NO), backup P Paul Stranding and 3 year LS Steve Johnson so expect the Badgers to drop in the ST rankings.

COACHES - After 17 years, Barry Alvarez stepped aside in '06 as UW's all-time leader in wins (118) but he remains the AD. He handpicked his successor, Bret Bielema, who was brought in as the DC in '04 (from K-St). When he first took over Bielema was the NCAA's 2nd youngest HC. After a 12-1 debut in '06, Bielema was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and was given a new 5-year, $7.5 million contract. Paul Chryst, who was the OC at Oreg St in '03-'04, came in as the "co" OC in '05 and took over as the main OC in '06. Although Chryst has received overtures from the NFL and colleges for HC jobs he has stayed. The last 2 years they have had co-DC's but Mike Hankwitz has moved on to Northwestern so Dave Doeren takes over as the primary DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Badgers' 2005 offense set a school record with 34.3 ppg but returned just 3 starters in 2006. UW came into the season unranked in Bielema's debut and in their first six games beat five unranked teams and lost to #6 Michigan to stand 5-1. They did not have to play Ohio St and benefitted from 3 net close wins. They won their last 8 regular season games (all vs unranked teams) to finish 11-1. They did upset #2 Arkansas in the Capital One Bowl, a game in which they were outgained 368-201. Bielema became the first rookie Big Ten coach (3rd ever in NCAA) to win 12 games. Last year the Badgers were #7, their highest preseason AP ranking since 2000 (#4). Most publications had them ranked #1 or #2 in the Big Ten and I did not make a lot of friends in Madison as I had them lower. UW would finish just 4th and only outgained conf foes by 18 ypg (6th best). They were fortunate at UNLV getting a TD with 1:53 left to pull out the win. They were tied at 21 at the half vs IAA The Citadel. Against Iowa they trailed 10-7 in the 4Q. Mich St outgained them 564-461 but they came away with another win to move to #5. UW was clearly an overrated team and were throttled at Illinois and Penn St (38-7) the following 2 weeks! After a couple of easy wins they led #1 OSU 17-10 in the 3Q before losing. The following week in a meaningless game for Michigan (rested Henne and Hart), UW prevailed 37-21. UW got another fortunate win vs Minn, a game they were outgained 501-443. They moved up to #18 but lost to Tenn in the bowl and finished #24. UW did have 30 starts lost to injury but benefitted from 2 net close wins. UW is now 25-1 in Camp Randall since 2004. They are one of only 3 teams to have played in a Jan bowl in each of the last 4 years (USC, WV). With 17 returning starters, the Badgers have a great shot at making it 5 in a row.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 4 Allan Evridge Sr. 6-2 216 **PS#50. 6 st rFr Kan St,** 1365 (48%) 6-7 ratio, 414 rush. 12 att here LY. **10 Curt Phillips PS#18.** Dustin Sherer (6'4" 214 Jr) PS#47. 3 att 2Y.

TB 39 PJ HILL JR. 5-11 228 22 st 2Y (inj), **2781 yds** (5.2), 32 rec. **32 John Clay (6'2" 231 rFr) PS#3. 5** Lance Smith (5'10" 200 Jr) PS#64. 1 st, 20 gm, 774 yd (4.7) 2Y.

TE 89 GARRETT GRAHAM JR. 6-4 241 **PS#18TE.** 10 st LY, 328 (10.9). **FB 44 Chris Pressley** (6-1 259 Sr) **PS#48.** 3 st '05. Inj '06. 9 st LY. **34** Bill Rentmeester (6'1" 248 Sr) 5 st '06.

WR 14 KYLE JEFFERSON SO. 6-5 176 **PS#36.** 7 st true, 412 (15.8). **8** Nick Toon (6'3" 215 rFr) **PS#14. 22** Maurice Moore (5'11" 168 So). **6** Isaac Anderson (5'11" 177 So) PS#142.

WR 85 David Gilreath So. 5-11 154 PS#51.1 rec true but 1331 ret yds. **81** Daven Jones (6'1" 192 So) **PS#33.** 1 rec true. **2** Xavier Harris (5'11" 179 Jr) PS#135. Cody Rose (6'4" 192 rFr).

TE 9 TRAVIS BECKUM SR. 6-4 223 **PS#4LB.** 10 st '06, 903 (14.8). 7 st '07, **3rd Tm AA,** 982 (13.1), **Mackey Finalist.** Mickey Turner (6'4" 236 Jr) PS#46. Lance Kendricks (6'4" 226 So) **PS#17WR.**

C 74 John Moffitt So. 6-4 317 **PS#99.** L/6 st LG, 8 gm rFr. **75** Bill Nagy (6'4" 300 So) PS#92DL. 4 gm rFr. **LS 81** Dave Peck (6'5" 247 Sr) PS#133DL. **60** Zach Opsal (6'2" 214 So).

RG 63 KRAIG URBIK SR. 6-6 328 PS#64. 13 st RT rFr. 13 st RG '06. 13 st LY (10RG, 3RT), **2nd Tm B10.** Joe Schafer **PS#56.** Kevin Zeitler (6'4" 285 Fr). Kenny Jones (6'2" 256 So).

LG 75 ANDY KEMP SR. 6-6 316 **PS#13.** 2nd string, letter true. 13 st LG '06. 10 st LY (7LG, 3RG). **60** Jake Current (6'4" 277 Fr) PS#92. In spg. Chris Cromwell is PS#525. Walk-on.

RT 71 ERIC VANDEN HEUVEL SR. 6-7 321 **PS#57.** 2nd string rFr, letter. 13 st RT, **HM Big Ten** '06. 10 st RT LY (inj 3). **67 Josh Oglesby** (6'7" 338 rFr) **PS#8.** Robert Burge (6'7" 305 Fr).

LT 68 GABE CARIMI SO. 6-8 299 **PS#57.** 13 st LT rFr, Tm Rookie of the Year. **78** Jake Bscherer (6'7" 297 Jr) **PS#7.** 1 st as 2nd TE true, 10 gm. 2nd string RT, 12 gm '07.

K 18 Philip Welch rFr. 6-3 187 PS#25.17-20 inside 50, long 56 Sr in HS. Strong leg. **96** Matt Fischer (5'11" 182 Jr) PS#90. Backup 3Y. **66** Aaron Ehlers (6'0" 185 rFr).

DE 92 MATT SHAUGHNESSY SR. 6-6 253 PS#71. 7 st true, 39 tkl, 7.5 tfl, **HM B10.** 13 st '06, 35 tkl, 4 sk. **2nd Tm B10 '06 & '07.** 13 st, 60 tkl, 5 sk. 13 tfl LY. **45** Dan Moore PS#170JC in for spg.

DT 91 JASON CHAPMAN SR. 6-4 285 8 st rFr, 27 tkl. 13 st '06, 25 tkl, 5 sk. 10 st LY until inj, 26 tkl, 2 sk. Jeff Stehle (6'6" 298 Jr) PS#50TE. 9 tkl LY. Patrick Butrym (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#37TE.

DT 54 MIKE NEWKIRK SR. 6-3 261 PS#151. 4 st, 52 tkl, 5 sk '05-'06. 13 st LY, 41 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **51** Jasper Grimes (6'2" 294 rFr) PS#245. Dan Cascone (6'3" 298 Jr) PS#200. Joshua Neal (5'10" 250 Sr).

DE 99 Kirk DeCremer So. 6-5 238 PS#47TE. 2 st rFr, 30 tkl, 5.5 sk. Out spg. **50** O'Brien Schofield (6'3" 238 Jr) PS#81DL. 1 st (bowl), 8 tkl LY. **93** Louis Nzegwu (6'3" 231 rFr) PS#68RB.

WLB 2 JONATHAN CASILLAS SR. 6-2 220 PS#187. 13 st '06, 83 tkl, 12.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 96 tkl, 9 tfl, fastest LB. Jaevery McFadden (6'3" 220 Jr) PS#52TE. 23 tkl, 2Y. Evan Millard (6'1" 217 rFr).

MLB 52 ELIJAH HODGE JR. 6-1 226 **PS#40.** 25 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 11 st LY (inj) 67 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **15** Culmer St Jean (6'1" 229 So) PS#301DB. 2 st, 17 tkl rFr. Kevin Rouse (6'0" 228 rFr) **PS#35.**

SLB 11 DeANDRE LEVY SR. 6-3 234 PS#118. 13 st '06, 50 tkl, 6 sk. 13 st LY, 70 tkl, 10 tfl. **27** Blake Sorensen (6'1" 223 So) PS#62. 14 tkl true. Ryan Flasch (6'1" 225 Sr) PS#171.

CB 7 Aaron Henry So. 6-0 187 PS#139. 2 st true, 38 tkl, 3.5 sk, 2 pbu. Niles Brinkley (5'10" 176 So) PS#79WR. Otis Merrill (5'11" 174 rFr). Prince Moody (5'11" 194 Jr) PS#212.

CB 17 ALLEN LANGFORD SR. 5-11 188 PS#119. 9 st rFr, 39 tkl, 4 pbu. 12 st '06, 35 tkl, 3 int. 10 st '07, 33 tkl, 6 pbu (miss 3 inj). **23** Mario Goins (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#209. Josh Nettles (5'10" 184 Jr) 13 tkl 2Y.

SS 8 AUBREY PLEASANT JR. 6-1 197 PS#165. 5 tkl true. RS '06. 13 st LY, 47 tkl, 2 sk. Jay Valai (5'9" 200 So) PS#239. 4 tkl rFr. Tyler Holland (5'11" 196 Jr). Adam Hampton (5'11" 181 rFr).

FS 25 SHANE CARTER JR. 6-2 202 PS#157WR. 13 st LY, 56 tkl, **#1 int B10. Chris Maragos** (6'0" 196 Jr). 8 st WR WMich, 25 rec '06. William Hartmann (5'11" 201 Jr). Tony Megna (6'0" 195 rFr).

P NA Brad Nortman Fr. 6-3 215 PS#39. 39.0 avg as Sr HS, 13 I20, 56 tkl. **95** Brad DeBauche (6'2" 218 rFr). Ken's bro. Philip Welch PS#25. Aaron Ehlers (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#82.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Curt Phillips 6-3 211 PS#18
DL	Tyler Westphal 6-6 240 PS#31
OL	Peter Konz 6-6 300 PS#52
OL	Joe Schafer 6-5 285 PS#56
LB	Leonard Hubbard 6-1 230 PS#43
DL	Brendan Kelly 6-6 230 PS#63
DL	Dan Moore 6-2 270 PS#170JC
LB	Michael Taylor 6-2 205 PS#66
OL	Kevin Zeitler 6-4 285 PS#90
OL	Jake Current 6-4 277 PS#92
RB	Dex Jones 6-1 220 PS#73
TE	Jake Byrne 6-5 250 PS#26
RB	Erik Smith 5-11 192 PS#85
WR	TJ Williams 6-0 180 PS#102
DL	Zach Davison 6-4 235 PS#153
DB	Marcus Cromartie 6-1 175 PS#142
DB	Kevin Claxton 6-2 195 PS#164
DB	Devin Smith 5-11 185 PS#180
DL	Anthony Mains 6-6 225 PS#191
DL	Eriks Briedis 6-5 265 PS#244
DB	Shelton Johnson 6-0 175 PS#265
K	Brad Nortman 6-3 215 PS#39
OL	Christopher Garner 6-5 315 PS#352
RB	Bradie Ewing 6-1 212 PS#329
DB	Antonio Fenelus 5-10 175 PS#416
TE	Ricky Wagner 6-7 262 PS#445OL
OL	Jordan Bergmann 6-6 280 PS#525
OL	Robert Burge 6-7 305 PS#525
OL	Chris Cromwell 6-3 305 PS#525

WISCONSIN BADGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#46

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	Akron	A						Wisconsin has won 12 straight Camp Randall openers w/the avg W by 20 ppg. These schools only gm was in '03 as they combined for 79 pts, 54 FD's & 1,125 total yds.
Sep. 6	Marshall	A						This will be the 1st meeting, but Wisky is a perfect 5-0 all-time vs current CUSA members. UW has started the L/6 seasons off 2-0 with an average score of 36-15.
Sep. 13	at Fresno St	G						These 2 split their only 2 meetings (both at UW). UW is 9-3 vs current WAC tms. Wisconsin is 7-0 since 2002 when traveling to a non-conf away/neutral site.
Sep. 20								
Sep. 27	at Michigan	A						UW is 11-5 S'92 in their Big Ten opener, but have beaten UM just once in Ann Arbor S/'65. The last time Wisky beat UM in B2B yrs was in 1993-'94, before that 1959-'60.
Oct. 4	Ohio St	A						Wisconsin is just 17-51-5 all-time in this series but have won 3 of the L/5 meetings. Badgers led 17-10 in the 3Q LY & were w/o RB Hill as UW rushed for just 12 yds.
Oct. 11	Penn St	A						Bielema angered Paterno (broke leg in 3Q) last gm in Madison w/clock stalling tactics. UW is 5-2 all-time hosting PSU as the losses were in '02 & '96, both by just 3 pts.
Oct. 18	at Iowa	G						HC Bielema is a former Iowa DB who also served as an asst coach there from 1993-'01. LY Wisconsin held Iowa to just 2-16 (13%) on 3D for the gm & 0 rush yds in the 1H.
Oct. 25	Illinois (HC)	A						Illinois' win last year snapped Wisconsin's 14 game win streak (nation's longest). Wisconsin is 51-44-5 all-time on HC winning the L/4 by an avg score of 34-12.
Nov. 1	at Michigan St	G						The Badgers are 3-8 in November road games since 2001. Wisconsin had lost 8 straight to Michigan St from 1985-'92, but are 8-3 since.
Nov. 8	at Indiana	A						The Badgers are 9-2 the L/11 meetings with the Hoosiers, avg win by 25 ppg. UW held Indiana 123 yds below its ypg pass avg LY allowing just 113 (52%) w/a 0-2 ratio.
Nov. 15	Minnesota	A						These two schools have met more times than any other NCAA rivalry with UM leading the series for Paul Bunyan's Axe 59-50-8, but UW has won 11 of the last 13.
Nov. 22	Cal Poly	A						Cal Poly was 7-4 LY & lost to FBS Idaho 20-13 as members of the Great West Conf. Cal Poly avg a school record 39.2 ppg & has 10 starters back for their option offense (3 RB's).
Nov. 29								UW is 11-4-2 in home finales S/'91 & 4-0 in reg ssn finales since 1928 vs non-B10 tms.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Darrell Bevell 7,686 '92-'95
2. John Stocco 7,227 '03-'06
3. Brooks Bollinger 5,627 '99-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ron Dayne 7,125 '96-'99
2. Anthony Davis 4,676 '01-'04
3. Billy Marek 3,709 '72-'75

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lee Evans 3,468 '99-'03
2. Brandon Williams 2,924 '02-'05
3. Al Toon 2,103 '82-'84

BRET BIELEMA (Career 21-5)

3rd Year at Wisconsin — Bielema's Bowl Record: 1-1

Bielema's records AT WISCONSIN

21-5	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
14-0	Home	2-3	Vs Top 25
5-4	Away	2-1	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
12-4	Vs Conference	3-1	Off A Loss

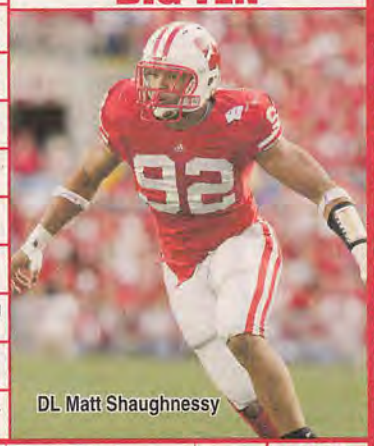
2007 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (25,23,0)
Lost: 24 (10,10,4)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,747 (#15)

BIG TEN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STADIUM: CAMP RANDALL STADIUM (80,321) (#19)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-4	5-7	8-6	7-6	9-3	10-3	12-1	9-4	69-34
Home	4-3	3-4	5-3	4-3	6-0	5-1	7-0	7-0	41-14
Away	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-1	2-3	23-17
Neutral	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	2-0	0-1	5-3
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	5-3	7-1	5-3	36-28
vs Non-Conf	5-0	2-2	6-0	3-2	3-1	5-0	5-0	4-1	33-6
ATS	4-9	5-6	7-6	6-7	7-4-1	8-5	9-3	4-8	50-48-1
Home Fav (Barry Alvarez)	1-4	0-4	3-4	1-3	4-1-1	3-2	4-2	3-2	19-22-1
Home Dog (Barry Alvarez)	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	6-4
Away Fav (Barry Alvarez)	2-2	0-1	1-1	3-1	0-2	2-2	3-0	0-2	11-11
Away Dog (Barry Alvarez)	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-3	9-8
Neutral (Barry Alvarez)	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	5-3
vs Conf (Barry Alvarez)	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-2-1	3-5	6-2	2-6	33-30-1
vs Non-Conf (Barry Alvarez)	0-5	1-2	3-2	1-4	2-2	5-0	3-1	2-2	17-18
Off SU Win (Barry Alvarez)	2-6	2-2	3-3	3-4	5-3-1	5-4	7-3	1-7	28-32-1
Off SU Loss (Barry Alvarez)	2-2	3-3	4-2	2-3	1-1	2-1	1-0	2-1	17-13
Home Fav (Bret Bielema)	4-2	3-2	19-22-1						
Home Dog (Bret Bielema)	0-0	1-0	6-4						
Away Fav (Bret Bielema)	3-0	0-2	11-11						
Away Dog (Bret Bielema)	0-1	0-3	9-8						
Neutral (Bret Bielema)	2-0	0-1	5-3						
vs Conf (Bret Bielema)	6-2	2-6	33-30-1						
vs Non-Conf (Bret Bielema)	3-1	2-2	17-18						
Off SU Win (Bret Bielema)	7-3	1-7	28-32-1						
Off SU Loss (Bret Bielema)	1-0	2-1	17-13						

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Music City	+3'	Auburn	14-28
04	Outback - #16	+8	Georgia - #8	21-24
05	Capital One - #21	+10	Auburn - #7	24-10
06	Capital One - #6	+2'	Arkansas - #12	17-14
07	Outback - #18	+1'	Tennessee - #16	17-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Wisconsin's All-Time Bowl Record 10-9

WISCONSIN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9	29.5	21	201	4.4	208	57.3	13.9	-2	2007	7	23.2	18	134	4.1	223	55.3	15.4
3*	29.2	19	162	3.9	211	58.9	12.8	0	2006	8	12.1	14	115	3.8	138	47.8	21.0
6*	34.3	21	168	3.8	228	59.3	11.6	+13	2005	3	23.8	21	168	4.6	250	51.7	17.6
9	20.8	19	161	3.6	167	52.6	15.8	+2	2004	6	15.4	16	124	3.8	167	48.8	18.9
7	27.3	21	177	4.0	218	55.4	14.5	-3	2003	8	23.5	18	142	3.9	213	53.9	15.1
7*	26.6	20	190	4.1	165	53.1	13.4	+18	2002	2	23.0	18	149	4.0	224	54.9	16.2

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
PJ Hill	233	1236	24	1212	14	5.2
Zach Brown	119	586	18	568	5	4.8
Lance Smith	71	436	7	429	3	6.0
Tyler Donovan	112	510	233	277	5	2.5
Chris Pressley	8	56	0	56	1	7.0
Bill Rentmeester	9	39	0	39	1	4.3
Quincy Landingham	5	19	0	19	0	3.8
David Gilreath	7	35	20	15	0	2.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tyler Donovan	333	193	58.0	2607	17	11
Allan Evridge	12	5	41.7	66	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Travis Beckum	75	982	13.1	6	46	
Luke Swan	25	451	18.0	2	43	
Kyle Jefferson	26	412	15.8	2	64	
Garrett Graham	30	328	10.9	4	25	
Paul Hubbard	14	305	21.8	0	50	
PJ Hill	14	89	6.4	1	12	
Paul Standring	1	31	31.0	0	31	
Xavier Harris	2	30	15.0	0	16	
Zach Brown	4	23	5.8	0	8	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ken DeBauche	58	2412	41.6	7	35.3	0	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Taylor Mehlhaff	42-43	11-11	5-7	4-6	1-1	21-25	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jonathan Casillas	96	1	8	1	0
DeAndre Levy	70	3	7	2	0
Elijah Hodge	67	0.5	7	0	0
Matt Shaughnessy	60	5	13	3	0
Shane Carter	56	0	0	2	7
Nick Hayden	48	4.5	4	2	0
Aubrey Pleasant	47	2	1	0	0
Mike Newkirk	41	1	9.5	1	0
Aaron Henry	38	3.5	0	2	1
Ben Strickland	35	0	0	4	1
Allen Langford	33	0	1	6	1
Kirk DeCremer	30	5.5	3.5	1	0
Jason Chapman	26	2	0.5	1	0
Jack Ikegwuonu	24	0	0	15	1
Culmer St Jean	17	0	0.5	0	0
Blake Sorensen	14	0	0	0	0
Kim Royston	14	0	0	0	0
Jaevery McFadden	13	0	1	1	0
Paul Standring	11	0	0	0	0
Casey Hogan	11	0	0	1	0
Jeffrey Stehle	9	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
David Gilreath	26	364	14.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
David Gilreath	42	967	23.0	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

UW 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
81,547	Washington St	25	46-182	4.0	20-30	304	1	17	32-157	4.9	17-28	171	1	0
38,250	at UNLV	17	41-210	5.1	14-26	138	1	15	27-48	1.8	23-36	258	2	+1
80,327	The Citadel	24	46-253	5.5	15-21	210	3	23	36-123	3.4	23-35	254	2	0
82,630	Iowa	17	49-166	3.4	12-23	138	3	13	26-59	2.3	17-37	169	4	-3
82,164	Michigan St	25	52-214	4.1	17-25	247	2	22	37-241	6.5	22-36	323	5	-1
57,078	at Illinois	28	31-127	4.1	27-49	392	2	18	44-289	6.6	12-19	121	1	-2
109,754	at Penn St	17	34-87	2.6	17-34	244	5	27	47-221	4.7	16-29	216	1	-2
81,883	N Illinois	20	55-331	6.0	12-20	100	0	6	18-(-13)	-0.7	12-25	112	3	+1
81,324	Indiana	23	55-279	5.1	12-21	144	2	13	31-145	4.7	17-33	113	3	+3
105,449	at Ohio St	15	37-12	0.3	18-30	269	10	21	36-211	5.9	17-28	166	2	-2
82,352	Michigan	24	52-232	4.5	14-28	245	0	17	25-47	1.9	14-41	273	4	+2
59,116	at Minnesota	19	48-325	6.8	7-15	118	1	23	35-149	4.3	21-37	352	0	+2
60,121	† Tennessee	16	41-192	4.7	14-25	155	3	18	29-66	2.3	25-43	365	0	-1
TOTALS		270	587-2610	4.4	199-347	2704	33	233	423-1743	4.1	236-427	2893	28	-2
AVERAGES		20.8	45-201	4.4	15-27	208	2.5	17.9	33-134	4.1	18-33	223	2.2	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #21	Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#21	at	West Virginia	-3	24-17
#18		Akron	-24'	48-31
#14		UNLV	-20	5-23
–		North Carolina	-14'	38-27
–	at	Illinois	-2'	38-20
–	at	Penn St	-1'	30-23
#23		Ohio St - #3	+2'	17-10
#14		Purdue - #13	+2	23-26
#20	at	Northwestern	-10	7-16
–	at	Minnesota - #24	+8	34-37
–		Michigan St - #21	-1'	56-21
–		Iowa - #17	-3	21-27

2004 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #21	Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#21		UCF	-23	34-6
#21		UNLV	-15'	18-3
#20	at	Arizona	-11	9-7
#20		Penn St	-3	16-3
#20		Illinois	-14'	24-7
#15	at	Ohio St - #18	+4	24-13
#10	at	Purdue - #5	+7	20-17
#6		Northwestern	-12	24-12
#5		Minnesota	-6'	38-14
#4	at	Michigan St	-8	14-49
#9	at	Iowa - #17	+3	7-30

2005 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre -	Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
–		Bowling Green	-1'	56-42
–		Temple	-32'	65-0
–	at	North Carolina	-3'	14-5
–		Michigan - #14	+2'	23-20
#17		Indiana	-17'	41-24
#14	at	Northwestern	-6	48-51
#23	at	Minnesota - #22	+3	38-34
#19		Purdue	-7'	31-20
#15	at	Illinois	-21	41-24
#14	at	Penn St - #10	+12	14-35
#19		Iowa	-2'	10-20
#24	at	Hawaii	-7	41-24

2006 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre -	Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
–		† Bowling Green	-10'	35-14
–		Western Illinois	NL	34-10
–		San Diego St	-13'	14-0
–	at	Michigan - #6	+13'	13-27
–	at	Indiana	-11'	52-17
–		Northwestern	-21	41-9
#25		Minnesota	-8	48-12
#21	at	Purdue	-6'	24-3
#17		Illinois	-21'	30-24
#17		Penn St	-7	13-3
#16	at	Iowa	-2'	24-21
#12		Buffalo	-38	35-3

2007 RESULTS

UW Rank	Pre #7	Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
#7		Washington St	-14	42-21
#5	at	UNLV	-25'	20-13
#7		The Citadel	NL	45-31
#9		Iowa	-7	17-13
#9		Michigan St	-7	37-34
#5	at	Illinois	+2'	26-31
#19	at	Penn St	+6'	7-38
–		N Illinois	-23'	44-3
–		Indiana	-9	33-3
–	at	Ohio St - #1	+16	17-38
–		Michigan - #13	+2'	37-21
#24	at	Minnesota	-13'	41-34

IOWA HAWKEYES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Jake Christensen (PS#6) threw for 256 and 2 TD's in his first career start vs N Illinois. Christensen later struggled in relief of 3 year starter Drew Tate vs Minn and Texas and ended the season throwing for 285 (65.7%) with a 2-2 ratio. He became the first left-handed starter since Phil Suess (1980). Christensen became Iowa's first QB in the modern era to make his first two starts vs the same team when he started the 2007 opener. The backup spot was battled for by rFr Arvell Nelson (PS#32) and Ricky Stanzi (PS#76). Nelson split time between WR and QB (1 att in '07) and was booted from the squad in the spring of '08. Christensen took almost every snap and while he had the fewest amount of int by a Big Ten starter (6), he completed a Big Ten low 53.5% throwing for 2,269 yards and 17 TD's (last in conf pass eff). Ironically his worst game came in a win over Mich St where he hit just 3 of 12 for 23 in regulation. On 2nd & 20 he hit a 23 yard TD pass to send it to a 2nd OT. Added to the mix are rFr Marvin McNutt (PS#43) and this year's true frosh. I would expect more production from the Hawkeye QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Albert Young (PS#14) and Damian Sims (PS#114DB) were the top 2 rushers in each of the last 3 seasons. In 2005 Young rushed for 1,334 (5.4) and last year nearly got to the 1,000 mark again with 968 (4.7). He departs as the Hawks' #3 career rusher. Sims rushed for 664 (5.0) in '06 and 499 (5.0) last year. Surprisingly the team only had 100 yard rushers in 2 games with Young (144) and Sims both going over in the opener vs NI and Young had 179 vs Mich St. True frosh Jevon Pugh (PS#335) rushed for 40 (2.4) but transferred. This year they must replace both Young and Sims as well as top FB Tom Busch (PS#46LB). They did sign VHT JUCO Nate Guillroy and bring back Shonn Greene (PS#75) who had 378 here in '05 and '06. Not listed in the PSL are Jayme Murphy (5'11" 207 So, PS#84DB) and Paki O'Meara (5'11" 210 So). While this is the least experienced unit on the team (no RB on the roster had a carry in '07) it would not surprise me if they put up better numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the Hawkeyes were extremely young at WR with the leading returnee, Herb Grigsby, having 335 (13.4) in '05. They did have a veteran TE in Scott Chandler who had 552 (11.7) in '05. Andy Brodell (PS#79), who had just 6 rec in '05, led in '06 with 724 (18.6) including an Alamo Bowl record 159. True frosh Dominique Douglas had 654 (13.3). Last year it appeared they only had to replace Chandler (#4DC SD) but the unit was wiped out (inj & susp). Douglas and Anthony Bowman (PS#77) were susp prior to the season so Brodell and Trey Stross (PS#24), who is a member of the indoor track team, were the only two WR's that had caught a pass. Iowa dropped 8 passes in the opener and Brodell tore his hamstring vs Wisc. Tony Moeaki (PS#2TE) has the potential to be the next in a long line of Hawkeye NFL TE's but was also lost vs Wisc. Stross missed 4 (272, 17.0) and was not 100% all season. Against Purdue they had just 3 scholarship WR's available. RFr (PS#57) Derrell Johnson-Koulianos ("DJK") who has been compared to Steve Breaston got better as the season progressed and led with 482 (12.7). RFr James Cleveland (PS#50) had 464 (12.9) and TE Brandon Myers added 208 (9.9). Not listed in the PSL are Ben Evans (6'0" 180 So, PS#291), Don Nordmann (6'5" 205 So), TE's Allen Reisner (6'3" 220 So), Zach Furlong (6'5" 220 rFr, PS#148) and Tyler Gerstandt (6'6" 248 Jr). This year they lose Cleveland (11 st) but get back both Brodell and Moeaki. This should be one of the most improved receiving corps in the NCAA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Kirk Ferentz was an OL coach in the NFL which means this unit is always one of his top priorities. In 2002 he developed what was arguably the best OL in the NCAA. They paved the way for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 13 sacks. From '03-'07 they had 7 OL selected in the NFL draft. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm Big Ten OG as well as two other starters who were both NFL DC's. The 2007 unit had just 2 returning starters and one of them, LT Dace Richardson (PS#5) only played in 2 games due to injury. Julian Vandervelde started 6 of the first 7 at RG but was injured and Dan Doering (PS#3) took his place. Travis Meade lost his job to Bryan Bulaga (PS#5). Ferentz said the top OL was Seth Olsen. Iowa averaged just 3.5 ypc rush with their 46 sacks allowed ranking #114 in the NCAA. This year every OL in the 2 deep at the end of last year returns as the unit had zero seniors and 5 first-time starters. This unit will power the way to an improved Hawkeye offense.

DT Matt Kroul

DEFENSIVE LINE - Ferentz only had one DL coach here in his first 8 years and that was Ron Aiken who moved on to the NFL last year. In 2005 7 of the top 8 were underclassmen and they allowed 3.2 ypc rush (2.96 L/7gm). They only had to replace one starter in '06 but it was a banged up unit that slipped to 3.6 ypc rush with 21 sacks. Last year all four starters returned but they were undersized and wore down early in games. They only improved to 3.2 ypc while the D recorded 27 sacks. This year they lose 2nd Tm Big Ten DE Bryan Mattison (12 st, 61 tkl, 9 sk) and HM Big Ten DE Kenny Iwebema (#4DC ARZ, 11 st, 28 tkl, 3.5 sk). They do have six of their top 8 back including the NCAA's most experienced DT tandem in King and Kroul (both 3Y st'r). I like the overall talent but it is less experienced in 2008.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 Iowa had one of the top LB corps in the country but in 2006 they had to replace #1 and #3 DC's. Last year they only had to replace one starter and Mike Klinkenborg (#2 tkl'r Big Ten '06) returned. Klinkenborg missed 4 in '07 (conc) and was only the #3 tackler. True frosh Jacody Coleman was supposed to replace him but he was also injured and Bryon Gattas got the start. Mike Humpal had 18 tackles vs Illinois earning the Nagurski National Def POW Award. This year they lose Klinkenborg (2 st, 79 tkl, 3 tfl), 2nd Tm Big Ten Humpal (#6DC PIT, 12 st, 123 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and Gattas (2 st, 26 tkl). Ferentz usually develops solid LB's but this unit is my biggest concern on the 2008 Iowa squad.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After 3 straight top 25 finishes, the Hawks had an experienced secondary in 2005 but allowed over 60% completions for the first time ever due to an inexperienced front four and finished #91. Iowa moved up to #49 in 2006 and last year had to replace 2 starting safeties and 2 backups. They had 4 frosh in the 2 deep. Several DB's missed time due to off field incidents. Ferentz also commented that the lack of depth at WR hurt the DB's prep vs the scout team. Surprisingly the Hawks moved up to #36 with a 13-14 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm Big Ten CB Charles Godfrey (65 tkl, 5 int, 9 pbu, #3DC CAR) and CB Adam Shada (9 st-inj, 56 tkl, 5 pbu). They welcome back Amari Spievey who had a great year at JC in 2007 and the other projected starting CB is Jordan Bernstine (PS#11) but both missed spring. It's always tough to lose your top two CB's but this unit is more experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ferentz believes his ST unit should be the great equalizer allowing Iowa to contend with teams with superior talent. Heading into '06, Iowa had finished #2, #2, #18 and #20 in my ST rankings. The unit was on par with VT and Ohio St and had 10 blocked punts from '03-'05. In '06 not much went right for the Hawkeyes and they finished #76. Last year they had to replace their top K and P. New P Ryan Donahue has a powerful leg and vs Mich St avg 51.6 on 8 punts earning Big Ten POW honors. Austin Signor missed a 37 yd FG, an xp and had a KO go OOB in the opener and rFr Daniel Murray took over for the last 9. Murray hit 7 of 10 FG's (long 47) while Signor hit 3 of 6 (long 41). The 2 combined for 7 TB on 47 KO. Andy Brodell had 14 PR (14.4) until inj. Johnson-Koulianos avg 23.7 on KR. This year their unit returns intact and after another subpar finish at #62, I look for good sized improvement.

COACHES - Kirk Ferentz is among the highest paid coaches in the NCAA and was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year in '02 and '04. In '02 he led the team to its first Big Ten Title since '90 and also the most wins in school history (11). NFL scouts feel this coaching staff is one of the NCAA's best and there has been little staff turnover. Ken O'Keefe has been the OC for 10 years. He was the HC at Fordham in '98 and at Allegheny from '90-'97. DC Norm Parker also enters his 10th year. Parker was named the SEC DC of the Year in '97 while at Vandy. He was also a finalist in both '04 and 2005 for the Broyles Award.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kirk Ferentz got off to a slow start here as he was 2-18 in his first 20. He is 59-31 since that rough start. The 2002 team went undefeated vs the Big Ten and played in the Orange Bowl despite being outFD'd 102-66 in their first four Big Ten games. In 2003 they slipped to 5-3 in Big Ten play and in the final 2 were outFD'd 46-24. They managed to pull both out and got their first January win since 1959 when they upset Florida in the Outback Bowl. In 2004 they had just 9 starters back and the O-line looked to be a weak spot. They also had a tough Big Ten schedule (no Ind or NW) and suffered numerous injuries at RB. They opened the season just 2-2 but rallied for a 10-2 year including a bowl win over LSU. That marked their 3rd straight double-digit win season and Top 10 finish (#8 all 3 years)! The 2004 Hawks benefitted from +13 in turnovers. In 2005 the Hawks had 12 returning starters and were #11 in the preseason AP poll but suffered through a disappointing year including an Outback Bowl loss to Florida for a 7-5 finish. Heading into 2006, Iowa was one of 4 teams to have 4 straight Jan bowl appearance and their 25 Big Ten wins were the most from 2002-'05. They returned 14 starters and had a veteran senior QB but surprisingly went 6-6 and after their close bowl loss to Texas, had their first losing season since 2000. Their 31 TO's (-11) were the most since 1989. Ferentz opted to play more true frosh last year as in his first 8 seasons combined just 32 frosh played but 11 played in '07. After going 20-4 vs the Big Ten from 2002-'04 they are just 11-13 the last 3 years. Fourteen players have been arrested since April '07 and there were some problems with photos on Facebook. Last year the defense did not allow a TD in the first 3 games (first time S'84) but still lost to Iowa St on a 28 yd FG with :01 left. They led Wisconsin 10-7 in the 4Q but Christensen just missed an open receiver on 4th down in a 4 point loss. The next week they were stunned at home by Indiana and they suffered their 8th straight Big Ten loss at Penn St. They had just 2 FD's and 54 yards after 3Q's vs PSU. They caught Illinois off of a couple of upsets of ranked teams and pulled an upset themselves but then were whipped by Purdue. Iowa was on the ropes vs Mich St trailing 17-3 at the half and were outgained 468-283 by the Spartans but pulled out a 2 OT win. They trailed Northwestern after 3Q's but won. After beating Minn they needed a win over W Mich to get to a bowl but trailed 19-0 and were outgained 489-397 and the fans booed a good portion of the game. They fell to 6-6 and stayed at home for the post season for the first time since 2000. While Iowa was 4-4 in Big Ten play, they were outgained by 89 ypg (2nd worst). They benefitted from +8 in TO's. For the 2nd straight year, they do not face Ohio St or Michigan so I'll call for the Hawks to have their first winning season in 3 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB **6** **JAKE CHRISTENSEN JR.** 6-1 215 **PS#6**. 1 st, 285 (66%) rFr. 12 st LY, 2269 (54%) 17-6 ratio, 285 rush. **12** Ricky Stanzi (6'4" 215 So) PS#76. 0-4 LY. **7** Marvin McNutt (6'4" 195 rFr).

RB **21** **Nate Guillory Jr.** 5-10 185 PS#26JC. 4.37 spd. 2141 (6.6) 2Y JC. In spg. **23** Shonn Greene (5'11" 225 Jr) PS#75. 378 (5.5) '05-'06. Jeff Brinson (5'11" 215 Fr) PS#120.

FB **38** **Jordan McLaughlin Sr.** 6-0 230 PS#322LB. Iowa wresting tm. **36** Brett Morse (6'3" 230 So) PS#92QB. **47** Wade Leppert (6'0" 225 rFr). Bryce Griswold (6'1" 244 Jr) JUCO LY.

WR **15** **DERRELL JOHNSON-KOULIANOS SO.** 6-1 205 PS#57. 8 st rFr, 482 (12.7). **86** Trey Stross (6'3" 195 Jr) **PS#24**. 1 st, 461 (15.9) 2Y. **22** Colin Sandeman (6'1" 195 So) PS#32. 4 rec LY.

WR **80** **Andy Brodell Sr.** 6-3 200 PS#79. 6 st '06, 724 (18.6). 4 st LY (inj), 96 (7.4). **28** Paul Chaney (5'9" 165 So) PS#89DB. 210 (11.1) rFr. Shane Prater PS#141.

TE **81** **TONY MOEAKI SR.** 6-4 255 **PS#2**. 252 (13.3) '05-'06. 4 st LY, 170 (12.1). **88** Brandon Myers (6'4" 250 Sr) 8 st LY, 208 (9.9). **85** Michael Sabers (6'5" 245 Sr) PS#29.

C **52** **RAFAEL EUBANKS JR.** 6-3 285 **PS#16**. 9 st C rFr. 12 st C LY, HM B10. **59** Rob Bruggeman (6'3" 287 Sr) PS#200DL. **67** Josh Koeppel (6'1" 260 So). **LS** Andrew Schulze (6'6" 255 So).

RG **71** **SETH OLSEN SR.** 6-5 305 **PS#47**. 9 st '06 (4RG, 5RT). 12 st LY, HM B10. **61** Travis Meade (6'2" 285 Jr) PS#187. 7 st LG LY. **69** Kyle Haganman (6'5" 265 So) 1 gm LY.

LG **74** **DAN DOERING JR.** 6-6 300 **PS#3**. 1 gm rFr. Last 5 st RG LY. **63** Julian Vandervelde (6'3" 295 So) PS#128DL. 6 st RG rFr. **78** Adam Gettis (6'4" 235 rFr) PS#197DL.

RT **60** **KYLE CALLOWAY JR.** 6-7 305 **PS#70**. 2nd string rFr. 12 st LY. Tyler Blum (6'6" 285 Jr) **PS#5TE**. 22 gm 2Y. **75** Wesley Aeschliman (6'8" 318 Sr). **66** Markus Zusevics (6'5" 240 rFr).

LT **79** **BRYAN BULAGA SO.** 6-6 290 **PS#5**. Last 5 st LG true, 7 gm. **78** Dace Richardson (6'6" 305 Sr) 8 st '06 (inj). 1 st LT LY, inj. **68** Andy Kuempel (6'7" 295 Jr) 5 gm 2Y.

K **1** **DANIEL MURRAY SO.** 5-10 175 PS#41. 52 yd FG in HS. Hit 7 of 10 rFr, long 47. **39** **Austin Signor** (6'4" 230 Jr) 5 of 8 FG 2Y, long 41. Trent Mossbrucker **PS#15**.

DE **94** **Adrian Clayborn So.** 6-3 275 **PS#17**. 20 tkl, 2 tfl rFr, 12 gm. **98** Chad Geary (6'3" 261 Jr) PS#200LB. 1 st DE LY, 11 tkl, 2 tfl. **72** Mark Mahmens (6'3" 255 Jr) PS#210LB.

DT **47** **MITCH KING SR.** 6-3 264 **PS#56LB**. 9 st rFr, 60 tkl, 10.5 tfl. 11 st '06, 56 tkl, 5.5 sk. 12 st LY, 58 tkl, 14.5 tfl. **64** Cody Hundertmark (6'4" 260 So) PS#74. **98** Mike Daniels (6'1" 240 rFr).

DT **53** **MATT KROUL SR.** 6-3 277 PS#64LB. 12 st, 48 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 13 st '06, 59 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 74 tkl, 2 tfl. **95** Karl Klug (6'4" 235 So) PS#232RB. **59** Anton Narinskiy (6'4" 265 Sr) 3 tkl LY.

DE **46** **Christian Ballard So.** 6-4 270 **PS#6TE**. 15 tkl, 2.5 sk true. **91** Broderick Binns (6'2" 245 rFr) **PS#31LB**. **96** Lebron Daniel (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#121LB. Thomas Nardo (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#243.

OLB **49** **AJ EDDS JR.** 6-4 244 **PS#26**. 1 st, 9 tkl true. 12 st LY, 80 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **41** Dezman Moses (6'2" 215 So) PS#197. 8 tkl LY. Troy Johnson (6'2" 215 So) PS#307. 2 tkl.

ILB **55** **Jacody Coleman So.** 6-3 240 PS#130DL. 1 st true, 24 tkl, 4 tfl. **43** Pat Angerer (6'1" 230 Jr) **PS#28**. 6 tkl, 2Y. **57** Bruce Davis (5'11" 255 rFr) PS#233. Ross Petersen (6'1" 230 So).

ILB **42** **Jeremiha Hunter So.** 6-2 222 PS#13. 10 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. 33 Jeff Tarpinian (6'3" 220 So) PS#52QB. 13 tkl rFr. 45 Tyler Nielsen (6'4" 215 rFr) PS#9. Gavin McGrath (6'2" 235 Sr) 10 gm 3Y.

CB **45** **Amari Spievey So.** 6-0 190 7 int, 4 blk punt, 2 KR TD at JC LY. **29** Bradley Fletcher (6'2" 200 Sr) PS#89RB. 8 st 2Y, 91 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. Chris Rowell (6'1" 197 Jr) PS#159.

CB **4** **Jordan Bernstine So.** 5-11 200 **PS#11**. 4.38 spd. 9 tkl true. **18** Drew Gardner (5'10" 178 Sr) 10 tkl 2Y. DeMarco Paine PS#69. Nick Kuchel (5'11" 195 So). Shaun Prater PS#132.

SS **2** **HAROLD DALTON SR.** 6-1 201 PS#73. 12 st LY, 49 tkl, 4 pbu. **9** Tyler Sash (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#83. **18** Lance Tillison (6'2" 205 So) 2 tkl LY. **36** Taylor Herbst (6'1" 218 Jr).

FS **30** **BRETT GREENWOOD SO.** 6-0 200 L/7 st FS rFr, 45 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **3** Diauntae Morrow (6'0 190 So) PS#62. 5 tkl true. **1** Justin Greiner (5'10" 190 So). **20** Joe Conklin (5'11" 200 Jr) ISU trans.

P **5** **RYAN DONAHUE SO.** 6-3 175 **PS#3**. 86 punts as rFr, 41.1 avg and net of 36.0, 24 inside the 20, 44.0 avg over the last 5 gm. **6** Eric Guthrie (6'6" 205 rFr) 44.2 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Nate Guillory 5-10 180 PS#26JC
QB	John Wienke 6-5 225 PS#26
OL	James Ferentz 6-2 250 PS#61
DL	Riley Reiff 6-6 250 PS#76
DB	DeMarco Paine 5-10 175 PS#69
TE	Jonathan Gimm 6-3 235 PS#29
QB	James Vandenberg 6-3 195 PS#56
LB	Khalif Staten 6-3 219 PS#113WR
DB	Shaun Prater 5-11 172 PS#132
RB	Jeff Brinson 5-11 215 PS#120
QB/WR	David Blackwell 6-2 210 PS#133LB
WR	Shane Prater 6-1 170 PS#141
DB	David Cato 5-11 190 PS#200
K	Trent Mossbrucker 6-0 190 PS#15
DB	William Lowe 5-9 165 PS#205
DB	Jack Swanson 5-11 180 PS#209
RB	Jewel Hampton 5-9 200 PS#186
TE	JD Griggs 6-5 225 PS#233DL
LB	Brad Herman 6-5 225 PS#77TE
DL	Joe Gaglione 6-5 230 PS#270
OL	Casey McMillan 6-4 295 PS#275DL
DL	Steve Bigach 6-3 220 PS#233LB
DL	Jason Semmes 6-3 218 PS#278
DB	Greg Castillo 5-11 170 PS#408

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#66

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Maine	G					
Sep. 6	Florida Int'l	G					
Sep. 13	Iowa St	G					
Sep. 20	at Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 27	Northwestern (HC)	G					
Oct. 4	at Michigan St	G					
Oct. 11	at Indiana	A					
Oct. 18	Wisconsin	G					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at Illinois	A					
Nov. 8	Penn St	G					
Nov. 15	Purdue	G					
Nov. 22	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chuck Long 10,461 '81-'85
2. Drew Tate 8,292 '03-'06
3. Chuck Hartlieb 6,934 '86-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Sedrick Shaw 4,156 '93-'96
2. Ladell Betts 3,686 '98-'01
3. Albert Young 3,173 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Tim Dwight 2,271 '94-'97
2. Danan Hughes 2,216 '89-'92
3. Ronnie Harmon 2,045 '82-'85

Iowa HC Ferentz was the Bears' HC from '90-'92 compiling a 12-21 record. The Black Bears were 4-7 last year losing to FBS member Connecticut 38-0.

Not only will this be the 1st meeting with FIU, but the 1st vs a current SBC member as well. Coming into '08, UI had won 12 straight non-conf HG's before losing their finale vs W Mich LY.

Last year ISU won despite failing to score an offensive TD nailing 5 of 6 FG's. UI is 3-7 vs their instate rival S/'98 with the Hawks scoring 17+ just 4 times in the L/10.

Iowa is 1-3 in true AG's vs non-conf opp's the L4Y being outscored 82-23 in their 3 losses. Their lone victory was a double OT win at Big East member Syracuse in '06.

Iowa is 26-6 S/'74 in this series but the 6 losses have come in the last 11 games. Last yr Iowa overcame a 14 pt deficit snapping a two game series losing streak.

The home team is 8-0 winning by an avg of 16 ppg since '96 in this series. In last yr's OT meeting, RB Young rushed for 179 yds (2nd highest career total).

Since 1980, Iowa has won 14 out of 22 series matchups but has lost the last 2. Hawkeye QB Christensen threw for a career high 308 yds in last year's loss.

Wisconsin HC Bielema is 2-0 vs his alma-mater with UI losing by a combined 7 pts. Hawkeyes were 17-0-1 from 1977-'96 but 4-7 since vs the Badgers.

Iowa has won 5 straight vs Illinois for the first time ever in this series. LY Iowa was the only team to hold Illinois without an offensive TD in a 10-6 win.

Under Ferentz the Hawks are 5-2 vs the Lions. HT is 3-6 S/'95 in this series. PSU dominated last year's 27-7 win with 26-8 FD and 489-194 yd edges.

The home team is 9-1-1 in this series since '93 with the avg win by 15 ppg. The Hawks are 6-2 in their home finale since 2000 but have lost their last 2.

The Hawkeyes have won 6 of the last 7 in the Battle for Floyd of Rosedale. Iowa had a 13-7 FD & 218-115 yd edge LY at HT vs Minny (4 FD & 78 yds in 2H).

KIRK FERENTZ (Career 61-49) (IAA 12-21)
10th Year at Iowa
Ferentz's Bowl Record: 3-3

Ferentz's records AT IOWA

61-49	Straight Up	3-12	Vs Top 10
40-17	Home	12-21	Vs Top 25
17-28	Away	9-13	Vs BCS Teams
4-4	Neutral	5-7	Off A Bye
38-34	Vs Conference	18-25	Off A Loss

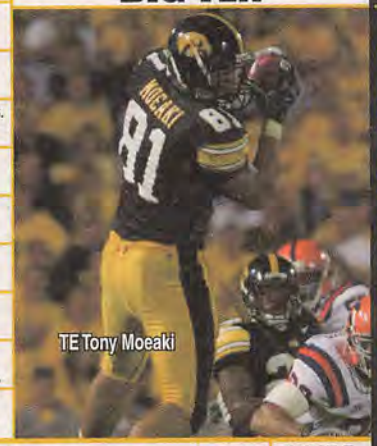
2007 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (26,22,4)
Lost: 14 (5,8,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 70,585 (#21)

BIG TEN



TE Tony Moeaki

STADIUM: KINNICK STADIUM (70,585) (#28)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Kirk Ferentz	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	7-5	11-2	10-3	10-2	7-5	6-7	6-6	60-39
Home	2-4	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	5-1	4-3	4-2	39-12
Away	1-4	1-4	5-0	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-4	17-23
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	4-4
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	8-0	5-3	7-1	5-3	2-6	4-4	38-26
vs Non-Conf	0-4	3-1	3-2	5-0	3-1	2-2	4-1	2-2	22-13
ATS	8-4	7-4-1	9-4	10-3	8-3-1	6-5	2-10	6-6	56-39-2
Home Fav	0-1	4-1	5-2	6-0	3-1	4-1	1-3	1-3	24-12
Home Dog	3-2	0-0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-2	2-0	8-4-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-1	0-2	0-3	0-1	4-11
Away Dog	4-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1-1	2-1	0-2	2-2	14-10-1
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-2
vs Conf	6-2	4-3-1	7-1	5-3	6-1-1	5-3	1-7	4-4	38-24-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	2-3	5-0	2-2	1-2	1-3	2-2	18-15
Off SU Win	2-1	2-3-1	7-4	6-3	6-3	3-4	0-6	2-4	28-28-1
Off SU Loss	5-3	4-1	1-0	3-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-4	3-2	21-11-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Orange - #3	+4'	USC - #5	17-38
03	Outback - #13	+3'	Florida - #17	37-17
04	Capital One - #11	+6'	LSU - #12	30-25
05	Outback - #25	E	Florida - #16	24-31
06	Alamo	+8'	Texas - #18	24-26

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Albert Young	206	987	19	968	6	4.7
Damian Sims	100	528	29	499	3	5.0
Jevon Pugh	17	42	2	40	1	2.4
Ricky Stanzi	1	13	0	13	0	13.0
Jake Christensen	99	285	285	0	1	0.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jake Christensen	370	198	53.5	2269	17	6
Ricky Stanzi	4	0	0.0	0	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	38	482	12.7	2	38	
James Cleveland	36	464	12.9	0	40	
Trey Stross	16	272	17.0	4	53	
Albert Young	23	212	9.2	1	37	
Paul Chaney	19	210	11.1	1	29	
Brandon Myers	21	208	9.9	5	22	
Tony Moeaki	14	170	12.1	3	52	
Andy Brodell	13	96	7.4	0	15	
Damian Sims	10	76	7.6	0	20	
Colin Sandeman	4	55	13.8	0	22	
Allen Reisner	2	31	15.5	0	25	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ryan Donahue	86	3533	41.1	21	36.0	1	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Austin Signor	8-10	1-1	1-3	1-2	0-0	3-6	41
Daniel Murray	16-18	1-2	3-4	3-4	0-0	7-10	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mike Humpal	123	1	4.5	2	3
AJ Edds	80	0	3.5	4	1
Mike Klinkenborg	79	1	2	1	1
Matt Kroul	74	0	2	1	0
Charles Godfrey	65	0	1	9	5
Bryan Mattison	61	9	2.5	4	0
Mitch King	58	4.5	10	7	0
Adam Shada	56	1	0.5	5	0
Bradley Fletcher	53	0	0.5	3	2
Harold Dalton	49	0	0.5	4	0
Brett Greenwood	45	0	1	7	2
Kenny Iwebema	28	3.5	1.5	2	0
Bryon Gattas	26	0.5	0.5	1	0
Jacody Coleman	24	0	4	0	0
Adrian Clayborn	20	2	0.5	1	0
Devan Moylan	17	1	0	0	0
Christian Ballard	15	2.5	1.5	0	0
Jeff Tarpinian	13	0	0	0	0
Chad Geary	11	1	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Andy Brodell	14	202	14.4	0	
Colin Sandeman	12	92	7.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	22	521	23.7	0	
Paul Chaney	13	234	18.0	0	

IOWA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	18.5	17	126	3.5	190	52.9	17.1	+8	2007	8	18.8	19	122	3.2	229	58.0	18.7
7*	23.8	20	143	4.3	240	58.6	16.1	-11	2006	7	20.7	19	134	3.6	210	57.0	16.6
7*	30.0	23	175	4.8	258	60.6	14.4	-1	2005	5	20.0	21	126	3.2	257	62.0	19.1
2	24.3	17	73	2.0	240	62.1	12.8	+13	2004	7	17.6	17	93	2.8	201	55.2	16.7
4	28.7	17	173	4.2	161	53.4	11.6	+4	2003	7	16.2	17	93	2.5	222	55.6	19.5
6	37.2	21	214	5.0	210	58.0	11.4	+15	2002	5	19.7	22	82	2.6	273	56.1	18.0

UI 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2007 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
61,500	† N Illinois	20	46-250	5.4	12-29	133	1	14	21-21	1.0	26-42	214	3	+3
70,585	Syracuse	22	41-118	2.9	24-37	290	2	5	30-24	0.8	7-20	79	6	-2
49,516	at Iowa St	16	34-115	3.4	12-23	118	4	17	39-143	3.7	21-29	157	0	+1
82,630	at Wisconsin	13	26-59	2.3	17-37	169	4	17	49-166	3.4	12-23	138	3	+3
70,585	Indiana	22	37-120	3.2	24-42	308	9	17	35-73	2.1	19-26	322	0	0
108,951	at Penn St	8	28-48	1.7	16-29	146	5	26	50-256	5.1	18-32	233	2	+3
70,585	Illinois	21	47-141	3.0	17-25	182	2	15	35-137	3.9	12-20	150	1	+1
58,123	at Purdue	14	29-77	2.7	17-40	177	5	29	42-121	2.9	29-49	315	2	-1
70,585	Michigan St	13	44-230	5.2	5-15	53	1	23	52-160	3.1	25-44	308	4	+1
30,173	at Northwestern	18	34-70	2.1	21-36	299	6	24	33-116	3.5	28-55	277	6	+2
70,585	Minnesota	17	40-139	3.5	14-25	157	3	18	33-125	3.8	24-41	190	0	0
70,585	W Michigan	19	32-148	4.6	20-38	249	4	22	35-122	3.5	26-45	367	0	-3
TOTALS		203	438-1515	3.5	199-376	2281	46	227	454-1464	3.2	247-426	2750	27	+8
AVERAGES		16.9	37-126	3.5	17-31	190	3.8	18.9	38-122	3.2	21-36	229	2.3	0.7

2003 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post #8 Score
–		Miami, Oh	-10	21-3
–		Buffalo	-35'	56-7
#23	at	Iowa St	-4	40-21
#18		Arizona St - #16	-7'	21-2
#13	at	Michigan St	-7	10-20
#23		Michigan - #9	+3	30-27
#9	at	Ohio St - #8	+3'	10-19
#16		Penn St	-10'	26-14
#13		Illinois	-26	41-10
#10	at	Purdue - #16	+3	14-27
#20		Minnesota - #19	-5'	40-22
#17	at	Wisconsin	+3	27-21

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #19	Opponent	Line	Post #8 Score
#19		Kent St	-30'	39-7
#16		Iowa St	-22	17-10
#16	at	Arizona St	+1'	7-44
–	at	Michigan - #18	+13	17-30
–		Michigan St	-7	38-16
–		Ohio St - #25	+1	33-7
#25	at	Penn St	+3	6-4
#23	at	Illinois	-12'	23-13
#20		Purdue	+1	23-21
#19	at	Minnesota	+4	29-27
#17		Wisconsin - #9	-3	30-7

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #11	Opponent	Line	Post – Score
#11		Ball St	-42	56-0
#8	at	Iowa St	-9	3-23
#22		Northern Iowa	NL	45-21
#21	at	Ohio St - #8	+7'	6-31
–		Illinois	-19'	35-7
–	at	Purdue	+4'	34-17
–		Indiana	-16	38-21
–		Michigan	-3	20-23 OT
–	at	Northwestern	-3	27-28
–	at	Wisconsin - #19	+2'	20-10
–		Minnesota	-6	52-28

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre #16	Opponent	Line	Post – Score
#16		Montana	NL	41-7
#14	at	Syracuse	-20'	20-13 2OT
#16		Iowa St	-14	27-17
#14	at	Illinois	-21	24-7
#13		Ohio St - #1	+7	17-38
#19		Purdue	-11	47-17
#15	at	Indiana	-19'	28-31
–	at	Michigan - #2	+12'	6-20
–		N Illinois	-16'	24-14
–		Northwestern	-20	7-21
–		Wisconsin - #16	+2'	21-24
–	at	Minnesota	+3	24-34

2007 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–		† N Illinois	-12	16-3
–		Syracuse	-22'	35-0
–	at	Iowa St	-17	13-15
–	at	Wisconsin - #9	+7	13-17
–		Indiana	-10	20-38
–	at	Penn St	+9	7-27
–		Illinois - #18	+4'	10-6
–	at	Purdue	+7	6-31
–		Michigan St	+3	34-27 OT
–	at	Northwestern	+1'	28-17
–		Minnesota	-14'	21-16
–		W Michigan	-14	19-28

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Lloyd Carr did a good job with QB's and last year four NFL QB's were former Wolverines, including Tom Brady. With the projected starter in '04 injured prior to the opener, true frosh Chad Henne (PS#1) started all 12 throwing for 2,743 (60%) with a 25-12 ratio. His remarkable performance was the best statistically by a true frosh QB in Big Ten history. Last year was his fourth as a starter and unfortunately Henne suffered an injury plagued season as he missed 3 full games and was clearly not 100% vs OSU (11 of 34 for 68). Despite the injuries he threw for 1,938 (58.3%) with a 17-9 ratio. True frosh Ryan Mallett (PS#1) made 3 starts but completed just 43.3% with a 7-5 ratio and had issues hanging onto the ball with 10 fumbles. This year they must replace the school's all-time leading passer in Henne (#2DC MIA) as well as Mallett who opted to transfer due to the coaching change. The top returnees are GT transfer Steven Threet (PS#26), David Cone (PS#40), walk-on Nick Sheridan and this year's true frosh. This unit goes from a QB who threw for 9,715 career yards to a unit with 1 career pass attempt which is learning a new offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Surprisingly in the last 12 years, UM has averaged over 4.0 ypc rushing just three times. True frosh Mike Hart rushed for 1,455 (5.2) while starting the last 8 in 2004. Hart suffered through an injury-plagued 2005 rushing for 662 (4.4) in 8 games, while true frosh Kevin Grady (PS#2) had 483 (4.0). Hart became the 5th UM back to top 1,500 with 1,562 (4.9) in '06. Grady was banged up and only rushed for 187 (3.4). Brandon Minor (PS#25) had 238 (5.7) as a true including 108 vs Ball St. Last year Hart became the first UM RB in history to top 100 in each of the first 6 and was leading the NCAA in rushing and carries when he was injured in the 2Q vs Purdue (Gm 7). Grady had a torn ACL (RS) and Minor was injury plagued as was Carlos Brown (PS#12). Brown was the only healthy RB and led with 113 vs Illinois. Minor (157) and Brown (132) each topped 100 the next week (Minn). Hart rushed for 110 vs Mich St but was injured in the 3Q, missed Wisc and was not 100% vs Ohio St (44 yd). He did have 129 in the bowl and departs (#6DC IND) as UM's all-time leading rusher. Amazingly he had a stretch of 1,004 carries without a fumble end with 2 fumbles near the goal line vs Florida. Hart is just the 4th back in Big Ten history to top 5,000 joining Ron Dayne (Wisc), Archie Griffin (Ohio St) and Anthony Thompson (Ind). New coaches like their own recruits so keep an eye on this year's true frosh and also adding depth are Avery Horn (5'10" 185 rFr, PS#84) and Mike Milano (5'7" 193 Jr) who is on the UM wrestling team and had 5 carries LY due to the RB injuries. Not listed below is FB John McColgan (6'1" 220 rFr). Despite the loss of Hart, I like the potential of this group.

RECEIVERS - The Wolves have produced a lot of NFL WR's. In 2005 they had to replace their career receiving leader, Braylon Edwards (#1DC CLE) and in stepped true frosh Mario Manningham (PS#6) who had 443 (16.0). Manningham led in '06 with 703 (18.5) while Steve Breaston had 670 (11.6) and Adrian Arrington (PS#10) added 544 (13.6). Last year they had to replace Breaston (#5DC) as well as TE Tyler Ecker (#7DC) but had 2 of the top 3 back. Manningham was suspended for one and was in and out of the doghouse but had a streak of six straight 100+ efforts in the games he played. Manningham finished with 1,174 (16.3). Arrington drew high praise from Carr often and finished with 882 (13.2). Greg Mathews, who probably has the best hands of the WR's, had 366 (9.4) and TE Carson Butler added 246 (12.3). Their top TE Mike Massey (PS#25DL) tore his ACL after 5. This year Manningham (#3DC NYG) and Arrington (#7DC NO) opted to leave early. Not listed below are Ryan Meyers (6'3" 197 rFr), Caleb White (5'9" 184 So), Benjamin Sutton (5'11" 190 So), David Middleton (6'2" 191 So), Ricky Reyes (5'11" 170 So), Marcos Esparza (6'1" 191 rFr), Jon Bills (6'3" 225 rFr), Mike Therman (6'4" 236 So), Doug Rogan (6'1" 185 rFr), Steve Watson (6'4" 242 rFr, PS#15TE) and James Rogers (6'1" 180 So, PS#115) who moves over from DB. This unit will probably get fewer passes thrown its way and the two departed players combined for 72% of the team's '07 receiving yards.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Wolves had to replace 2 starters and 1 backup but did have 1st Tm AA Jake Long and 1st Tm Big Ten LG/C Adam Kraus returning. Returning starter RG Alex Mitchell was injured and missed 5. Jeremy Ciulla (PS#19) took his place but was also injured and got in just 5 starts. LG Kraus started the last 5 at C but 4 players started all 13. Surprisingly UM dropped to 165 ypg (4.0) allowing 28 sacks (6.6%). This year they must replace LT Long (1st Tm AA, #1 pick in NFL draft!), 1st Tm Big Ten Kraus (8 st LG, 5 st C), Mitchell (5 st), Ciulla (5 st) and Brett Gallimore. HM Big Ten LG/C Justin Boren (13 st) made headlines when he transferred to Ohio St in the spring. Carr (who was not big on praise) was very high on RT Stephen Schilling saying , "He's something. Great athlete. Loves to play." UM's O-line has just 16 career starts which is #118 in the NCAA and is learning a new offense. While the rushing numbers may improve with a more mobile QB, this group is in a rebuilding year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UM surprisingly allowed 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.8 ypc from 2002-2005. They had to replace two starters in 2006 but Wisconsin OT Joe Thomas (#1DC) said the UM D-line was the best he'd ever seen in his college career. Lloyd Carr said it was the best front 4 he'd had. UM led the NCAA in rush defense allowing a school record 43 ypg and 1.9 ypc (best since 1971) and the D recorded 43 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters including a pair of #2DC's and had just 3 of the top 8 back. While the numbers were expected to get weaker, it was surprising that the Wolves allowed 157 ypg rush and 4.0 ypc (worst since 1962) although the D did have 33 sacks. Ironically eight times last year they opened in a 3-3-5 stack (WV's D) with DB Harrison starting for a DE. This year the entire 2 deep returns and is loaded with VHT's. Despite learning a new defense, this figures to be one of the most improved D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - Much like the D-line, UM had all 3 starters back in '05 and the Wolves allowed just 268 total ypg. Last year they had to replace their top 2 tacklers (#2 & #6DC's). Carr signed UM's 1st JUCO since '97 in Austin Panter (PS#9JC) but he did not crack the 2 deep. Last year's squad did have 2 players back with 8 or more career starts. This year they lose 2nd Tm B10 SLB Shawn Crable (90 tkl, 7.5 sk, 21 tfl!, #3DC NE), HM B10 WLB Chris Graham (90 tkl, 7 tfl) and 2nd string SLB Max Pollock (3 tkl). This group has 14 career starts returning but loses their #2 and #3 tacklers, which makes it a little less experienced than 2007.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year UM had to replace a #1DC CB and four other DB's who combined for 9 starts (66 tkl). The Wolves dropped to #27 (from #17) although they allowed just 55.2% with a 14-14 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm B10 SS Jamar Adams (92 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu), HM B10 FS Brandent Englemon (12 st, 86 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu), CB Johnny Sears (1 st, 1 tkl) and SS Anton Campbell (11 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Tony Anderson (5'11" 181 rFr), Jermaine Jackson (5'11" 213 Sr), Bobby Centrelivre (6'0" 180 So), Nick Koenighsknecht (5'10" 178 So) and rFr's Zach Johnson (6'2" 197), Jordan Reilly (5'10" 185) and Karl Tech (5'10" 191). Three players return who started 10+ last year including a pair of quality CB's and I'll call for the Wolves to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2003 Carr's ST unit had its lowest finish at #94 and the poor play cost the team several games. Mike DeBord was hired as a ST coor in '04 and the Wolves improved to #26 and #15 the next two years thanks in part to Steve Breaston became the school's all-time career leading KR and PR (topping Anthony Carter in both). Surprisingly with everyone back in 2006, they only finished #60. Last year they had to replace their fine K Garrett Rivas (17-20 FG) as well as Breaston. The unit dropped to #95. Jason Gingell hit just 3 of 9 FG's (including two 4Q misses vs App St) and was replaced by KC Lopata. Lopata hit 11 of 12 (long 42). P Zoltan Mesko (PS#2, benches 225 lbs 17x!) improved his net to 35.9 in '07. The replacement KR and PR's were below average. Bryan Wright (PS#30) had 12 TB on 67 KO. Rodriguez's final five ST units at WV finished #38, #35, #32, #8 and #37. This year everyone returns and I expect improvement.

COACHES - Lloyd Carr delivered Michigan a National Title in 1997 and finished his career 18-9 all-time vs Top 10 competition. He went out on a high note with an upset of #9 Florida in the Capital One Bowl. There was some controversy about the hiring of Rich Rodriguez and he brings in his new spread offense. Rodriguez was the OC at both Tulane and Clemson under Tommy Bowden and took over at W Virginia in 2001. After a 3-8 inaugural season, he guided WV to six straight bowl games and in his final three years the team finished the season ranked #5, #10 and #6 in the AP Polls. His OC is Calvin Magee who the last 3 years has been the OC at WV and called plays in the Mountaineers' bowl upset of Oklahoma. Rod made a solid hire of DC Scott Shafer. Shafer was the W Michigan DC in '05 and '06 and his '06 WM defense led the NCAA in int. Last year he was the DC at Stanford.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Wolverines have had 40 straight winning years and have gone to 33 straight bowls, both of which are currently the NCAA's longest streaks. While the Wolverines have lost 4 straight to Ohio St, they have played in the Rose Bowl three out of the past 5 years. In 12 of Lloyd Carr's 13 seasons, they have finished ranked, including five Top 10 finishes. They nearly played in the National Title game in 2006 moving up to #2 in the polls but lost at #1 Ohio St by 3 and then lost in the Rose Bowl. Last year they were the preseason favorites to win the Big Ten despite having just 10 returning starters (fewest in Big Ten). LT Long, RB Hart and QB Henne all were quoted as saying that they returned for their senior seasons to beat OSU, win the Big Ten and the National Title. Those goals unravelled quickly as Michigan became the first ever ranked IA team to lose to a IAA foe when Appalachian St, a defending two-time IAA National Champ, upset them 34-32 in the opener. It was the first time in history that a team opened in the Top 5 in the polls but dropped out after 1 week. There were many writers that said they would not put Michigan in their Top 25 for the rest of the year because they lost to a IAA foe. A stunned Michigan turned its attention to the Big Ten title and were ripped apart by Oregon's spread offense (624 yds) the next week 39-7 (worst loss S/'68). It was the first time they had 2 straight home losses to open the year since 1959 and suffered their 4th straight loss (dating back to '06) for the first time in four decades. For the first time since 1909 (before polls existed) neither Michigan nor Notre Dame were ranked and the Wolves thrashed the Irish 38-0. They got their 9th straight win over Penn St and moved up to #15 on the strength of an 8 game win streak. With no shot at a BCS berth unless they won the conference, Michigan's attention went to the Big Ten deciding game vs Ohio St which would be at home in the season finale. They rested both RB Hart and QB Henne vs Wisconsin and lost what was basically a meaningless game. They lost to Ohio St 14-3 at home in the rain but still landed the Capital One Bowl berth vs #9 Florida. They sent Carr out on a winning note in a game they could have won much more easily than the 41-35 final. Eleven players have left the team with eligibility remaining since Rodriguez took over and they will be below the 85 scholarship limit. UM has just 10 returning starters (fewest in Big Ten) and suffer from some major losses like QB Henne, RB Hart, WR Manningham, OL Long (#1DC) and are dramatically changing the offense. This is a rebuilding year and I don't see them matching last year's 9 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 10 Steven Threet rFr. 6-6 230 **PS#26**. GT trans. Justin Feagin (6'0" 190 Fr) PS#174DB. **8** Nick Sheridan (6'1" 212 So) 2 gm rFr. **12** David Cone (6'7" 214 So) PS#40.

RB 23 Carlos Brown Jr. 6-0 213 **PS#12**. 423 (4.6) 2Y. **4** Brandon Minor (6'1" 214 Jr) **PS#25**. 623 (4.7) 2Y. **24** Kevin Grady (5'9" 228 Jr) **PS#2**. 670 (3.8) 2Y. Sam McGuffie **PS#7**.

WR 82 LaTerryal Savoy Jr. 6-3 210 **PS#33**. 1 rec LY. **FB 44 Mark Moundros** (6'1" 232 So) 8 st rFr, 11 rush yd. **32** Vince Helmuth (6'1" 261 So) **PS#37**. Jim Potempa (5'7" 175 So) PS#256.

WR 13 GREG MATHEWS JR. 6-3 207 **PS#10**. 8 st, 434 (9.4) 2Y. Junior Hemingway (6'1" 214 So) **PS#17**. 4 rec true. Martavious Odoms **PS#49**. Jon Conover (6'3" 199 So).

WR 17 Toney Clemons So. 6-3 201 **PS#16**. 1 st true, 1 rec. **22 Darryl Stonum PS#12**. Roy Roundtree PS#68. **26** Zion Babb (6'1" 189 So) PS#75. **36** Jacob Stoll (6'0" 176 So).

TE 85 CARSON BUTLER JR. 6-5 250 PS#42. 7 st rFr. 6 st LY. 412 (10.6) 2Y. **83 Mike Massey** (6'5" 225 Sr) **PS#25DL**. 7 st 3Y, 161 (8.1). **80** Martell Webb (6'4" 249 So) **PS#24WR**.

C 60 David Moosman Jr. 6-5 292 **PS#39**. 2nd string at C, 7 gm 2Y. **50** David Molk (6'2" 282 rFr) **PS#35**. **LS 59** Sean Griffin (6'2" 243 Sr) 1 gm '06. 1 tkl. 13 gm LY.

RG 62 Tim McAvoy Jr. 6-5 288 **PS#44**. 2 gm rFr. 1 st RG LY, 5 gm. Elliot Mealer (6'6" 280 Fr) **PS#31**. **69** Michael Ramirez (6'3" 288 So). **91** Tom Pomarico (6'4" 248 rFr) PS#143TE.

LG 75 Cory Zirbel Jr. 6-5 292 **PS#20**. 2nd string rFr, 8 gm. 2nd string LY, 13 gm. Kurt Wermers (6'5" 260 Fr) **PS#55**. **57** Zac Ciullo (6'1" 268 rFr). Rocko Khoury (6'5" 280 Fr) **PS#65**.

RT 52 STEPHEN SCHILLING SO. 6-5 295 **PS#4**. 13 st rFr (11 RT, 2 RG). Carr called a "Great athlete". Dann O'Neill (6'7" 295 Fr) **PS#20**. **68** Bryant Nowicki (6'9" 326 So) PS#233.

LT 71 Mark Ortmann Jr. 6-7 294 PS#33TE. 2nd string 2Y, 13 gm, 2 st. Perry Dorrestein (6'7" 308 So) **PS#84**. 4 gm rFr. Mark Huyge (6'6" 292 rFr) PS#275. Patrick Omameh PS#195DL.

K 84 KC LOPATA SR. 6-2 233 11 of 12 FG LY, long 42. **34** Jason Gingell (5'9" 194 Sr). 3 of 9 FG LY, long 42. **43** Bryan Wright (6'1" 219 So) PS#30. 12 TB on 67 KO.

DE 55 BRANDON GRAHAM JR. 6-2 270 **PS#2LB**. 5 st LY, 25 tkl, **8.5 sk**. **92** Greg Banks (6'4" 258 So) PS#66. 7 tkl rFr. **53** Ryan Van Bergen (6'6" 265 rFr) **PS#43**. **39** Will Heininger (6'6" 239 rFr).

NG 67 TERRANCE TAYLOR SR. 6-0 319 **PS#11**. 11 st '06, 23 tkl, 5 tfl. **2nd Tm B10** LY, 13 st, 55 tkl, 8.5 tfl. Marques Slocum (6'5" 336 Jr) **PS#6OL** '05. 8 tkl LY. Jason Kates (6'2" 339 So) **PS#21**.

DT 97 WILL JOHNSON SR. 6-5 285 **PS#29**. 12 st LY, 40 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 435 bench. Mike Martin **PS#24**. **94** John Ferrara (6'4" 274 So) PS#76. Renaldo Sagesse (6'4" 308 So) PS#349.

DE 90 TIM JAMISON SR. 6-3 263 **PS#28**. 23 tkl, 8 sk '05-'06. 13 st LY, 52 tkl, 5.5 sk. **99** Adam Patterson (6'3" 259 Jr) **PS#11**. 6 tkl 2Y. Tim North (6'1" 260 Jr). Andre Criswell (6'2" 264 Jr).

SLB 54 Austin Panter Sr. 6-3 231 **PS#9JC**. 7 tkl, 7 gm LY. **33** Marell Evans (6'3 231 So) PS#200DB. 6 gm true on ST, 0 tkl. Marcus Witherspoon **PS#16**. **52** Kevin Leach (6'1" 202 rFr).

MLB 45 OBI EZEH SO. 6-2 247 PS#80RB. 10 st rFr, 68 tkl, 4 tfl. **49** John Thompson (6'1" 239 Sr) **PS#51**. 3 st LY, 29 tkl. JB Fitzgerald **PS#17DL**. **50** Ohene Opong-Owusu (6'2" 233 Jr).

WLB 8 Jonas Mouton So. 6-2 230 **PS#11**. 5 tkl rFr. **46** Brandon Logan (6'1" 208 Sr) **PS#24**. 1 st, 15 tkl 3Y. **58** Brandon Herron (6'2" 218 rFr) PS#89. Kenny Demens **PS#29**.

CB 6 DONOVAN WARREN SO. 6-0 180 **PS#9**. 11 st true, 52 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. **35** Doug Dutch (5'11" 204 Sr) **PS#14WR**. WR '05-'06, 1 st. Boubecar Cissoko PS#5. **29** Troy Woolfolk (6'0" 195 So) PS#79.

CB 14 MORGAN TRENT SR. 6-1 188 **PS#19WR**. 11 st '06, 45 tkl. 13 st LY, 41 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. **27 Brandon Harrison** (5'9" 206 Sr) **PS#19**. **19 st** 3Y, 96 tkl, 8 pbu. Sprinter on track tm.

SS 5 Charles Stewart Sr. 6-2 206 **PS#26**. 3 st 2Y, 38 tkl, 3 pbu. **38** Artis Chambers (6'0" 202 So) **PS#66**. 5 gm, 7 tkl on ST. **25** Shakir Edwards (6'0" 210 Sr). 8 gm, 2 tkl LY.

FS 3 Stevie Brown Jr. 6-0 209 **PS#9**. 13 gm, 14 tkl true. 1 st, 13 gm, 28 tkl, 1 int, 1 pbu LY. Brandon Smith **PS#7**. **40** Michael Williams (5'11" 185 rFr) **PS#33**. JT Floyd PS#63.

P 41 ZOLTAN MESKO JR. 6-5 235 **PS#2**. 50 punts '06, 41.6 avg, net 34.9. 70 punts LY, 41.1 avg, net 35.9. **37** Chris Berry (6'3" 205 So). **99** Sam Buckman (6'4" 216 So) PS#17K.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Boubacar Cissoko 5-9 175 PS#5
DB	Brandon Smith 6-3 210 PS#7
RB	Sam McGuffie 5-11 185 PS#7
WR	Darryl Stonum 6-2 190 PS#12
LB	JB Fitzgerald 6-3 230 PS#17DL
OL	Dann O'Neill 6-7 295 PS#20
LB	Marcus Witherspoon 6-2 225 PS#16
DL	Mike Martin 6-2 285 PS#24
OL	Elliott Mealer 6-6 280 PS#31
TE	Brandon Moore 6-6 221 PS#9
RB	Michael Shaw 6-0 185 PS#26
LB	Kenny Demens 6-1 226 PS#29
TE	Kevin Koger 6-4 220 PS#15
LB	Taylor Hill 6-2 205 PS#36
OL	Kurt Wermers 6-5 260 PS#55
WR	Martavious Odoms 5-9 171 PS#49
OL	Rocko Khoury 6-5 280 PS#65
WR	Roy Roundtree 6-0 154 PS#68
DB	JT Floyd 6-0 190 PS#63
RB	Michael Cox 6-0 206 PS#88
OL	Ricky Barnum 6-2 265 PS#153
QB	Justin Feagin 6-0 190 PS#174DB
WR	Terrence Robinson 5-9 170 PS#145RB
OL	Patrick Omameh 6-4 260 PS#195DL

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#15

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Utah	A					
Sep. 6	Miami, Oh	A					
Sep. 13	at Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Wisconsin	A					
Oct. 4	Illinois (HC)	A					
Oct. 11	Toledo	A					
Oct. 18	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 25	Michigan St	A					
Nov. 1	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 8	at Minnesota	A					
Nov. 15	Northwestern	A					
Nov. 22	at Ohio St	A					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chad Henne 9,715 '04-'07
2. John Navarre 9,254 '00-'03
3. Elvis Grbac 6,460 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Hart 5,040 '04-'07
2. Anthony Thomas 4,472 '97-'00
3. Jamie Morris 4,393 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Braylon Edwards 3,541 '01-'04
2. Anthony Carter 3,076 '79-'82
3. Amani Toomer 2,657 '92-'95

UM is 4-1 vs MWC foes including a 10-7 win over the Utes in '02. The Wolves have won 16 of 18 home openers & LY dropped out of the polls (#5) after the Appalachian St upset.

Michigan is 23-0 all-time vs MAC tms including 4-0 vs the RedHawks winning by 31 ppg. The last 2 years Michigan has played 3 MAC teams winning by only 14 ppg.

Mich & ND rank #1 & #2 in IA wins & winning %. Michigan has won 2 straight but they've split the L/8. LY's 38-0 win by UM tied their series record for margin of victory ('03).

The Wolverines are 25-1 the L26Y in Big Ten conference openers. Last yr the Badgers won 37-21 as UM QB Henne sat out most of the game & RB Hart didn't play.

UM is 82-25 all-time in Homecoming games & 39-4-2 vs Illinois S/'59. In 2007 UM QB Henne tossed 2 TD passes despite a serious shoulder injury in a 27-17 win.

This is the first meeting between these two schools which are 54 miles apart. Rockets are 4-12 vs Big Ten opponents all-time (last win in 2001 vs Minnesota).

UM has won the L/9 series matchups, the longest streak in Paterno's career. The Lions have avg'd 17 ppg vs UM with their highest pt total being 31 (in '94).

The Wolverines have won the L/6 in this series and the L/8 in Ann Arbor. The team with more rush yds has won 35 out of the last 38 series matchups.

UM has won 19 of 22 & is 41-12 all-time vs the Boilers holding them to 13 ppg. Michigan has split their L/4 gms in West Lafayette with the losses by a combined 7 pts.

Since '68 the Wolves are 35-3 in this series & have never lost in the Metrodome (11-0). These teams play for the Little Brown Jug, the 2nd oldest trophy in college football.

Michigan is 8-1 in this series since 1997. The Cats have won just once ('95) in Ann Arbor since 1960. The Wolverines are 10-1 the week prior to archrival Ohio St.

Michigan is 1-6 vs Ohio St w/Tressel as HC including 0-3 at Columbus. UM was held to under 100 yds (91) for the 1st time since 1962 vs Purdue ('97).

RICH RODRIGUEZ (Career 60-26) (Div I 43-28-2) (NAIA 2-8)
1st Year at Michigan Rodriguez's Bowl Record: 2-3

Rodriguez's records AT MICHIGAN

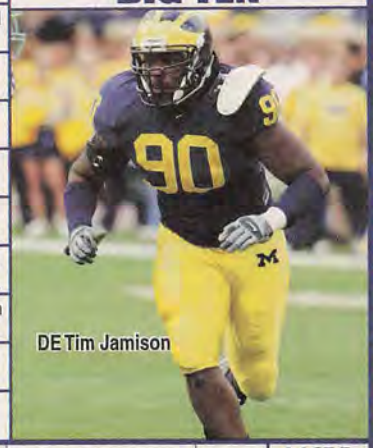
0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (15,25,5)
Lost: 23 (16,6,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 110,264 (#1)
BIG TEN


DE Tim Jamison

STADIUM: MICHIGAN STADIUM (106,201) (#2)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

Last Can		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
	Straight Up	9-3	8-4	10-3	10-3	9-3	7-5	11-2	9-4	73-27
	Home	6-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-0	4-3	7-0	5-3	46-8
	Away	2-3	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-1	4-1	3-1	24-14
	Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	3-5
	vs Conf	6-2	6-2	6-2	7-1	7-1	5-3	7-1	6-2	50-14
	vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	4-1	3-2	2-2	2-2	4-1	3-2	23-13
	ATS	6-6	5-6-1	5-8	9-4	5-6-1	5-7	8-5	6-5-1	49-47-3
	Home Fav	4-2	4-2	2-5	6-1	2-3-1	2-4	3-4	3-2	26-23-1
	Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-2
	Away Fav	0-3	1-2-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	1-1	3-0	1-2-1	12-15-2
	Away Dog	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	0-0	7-2
	Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	3-5
	vs Conf	4-4	4-3-1	3-5	6-2	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	4-3-1	35-26-3
	vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-4	2-2	14-21
	Off SU Win	3-5	3-4-1	3-6	7-3	3-5-1	3-4	8-3	4-3-1	34-33-3
	Off SU Loss	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	2-2	12-10

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Rose - #4	+7	USC - #1	14-28
04	Rose - #13	+7'	Texas - #6	37-38
05	Alamo - #20	-10	Nebraska	28-32
06	Rose - #3	+1	USC - #8	18-32
07	Capital One	+11	Florida - #9	41-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 19–20

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Mike Hart	265	1419	58	1361	14	5.1
Brandon Minor	90	429	44	385	1	4.3
Carlos Brown	75	399	17	382	4	5.1
Mario Manningham	19	120	1	119	0	6.3
Mike Milano	5	23	0	23	0	4.6
Greg Mathews	2	17	0	17	0	8.5
Ryan Mallett	33	64	102	-38	1	-1.2
Chad Henne	24	14	134	-120	0	-5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chad Henne	278	162	58.3	1938	17	9
Ryan Mallett	141	61	43.3	892	7	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mario Manningham	72	1174	16.3	12	97
Adrian Arrington	67	882	13.2	8	39
Greg Mathews	39	366	9.4	3	26
Carson Butler	20	246	12.3	2	65
Mike Hart	8	50	6.2	0	11
Mike Massey	4	38	9.5	0	18
Junior Hemingway	4	37	9.2	0	23
Andre Criswell	2	32	16.0	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Zoltan Mesko	70	2876	41.1	22	35.9(t)	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
KC Lopata	28-29	2-2	7-7	2-3	0-0	11-12	42
Jason Gingell	14-14	1-3	1-3	1-3	0-0	3-9	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamar Adams	92	1	1.5	10	3
Shawn Crable	90	7.5	21	1	0
Chris Graham	90	1	6	3	0
Brandent Englemon	86	1	1	4	3
Obi Ezeh	68	2	2	2	1
Terrance Taylor	55	3.5	5	1	0
Donovan Warren	52	1	0.5	5	1
Tim Jamison	52	5.5	4.5	2	1
Brandon Harrison	42	0.5	6	4	1
Morgan Trent	41	0	2	8	2
Will Johnson	40	0.5	2	0	0
John Thompson	29	0	2	0	1
Stevie Brown	28	0	0	1	1
Brandon Graham	25	8.5	1	1	0
Charles Stewart	14	0	1	1	0
Anton Campbell	11	0	0	0	0
Mark Moundros	11	0	0	0	0
Brandon Logan	9	0	0	0	0
Marques Slocum	8	0	0.5	0	0
Austin Panter	7	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Greg Mathews	28	224	8.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Carlos Brown	16	306	19.1	0
Brandon Minor	13	257	19.8	0

MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	27.2	21	165	4.0	220	53.2	14.1	+2	2007	4	21.4	18	157	4.0	179	55.2	15.7
6*	29.2	19	176	4.3	195	62.2	12.7	+14	2006	8	15.9	15	43	1.9	225	53.7	16.9
8*	28.8	22	162	3.9	223	58.2	13.4	+5	2005	6	20.3	19	137	3.8	208	57.0	17.0
6	30.8	21	154	3.8	233	59.8	12.5	+6	2004	6	23.3	17	133	3.6	203	55.8	14.5
7*	35.4	24	176	4.3	271	59.7	12.6	+2	2003	6	16.8	15	117	3.5	181	53.9	17.6
7*	27.8	20	148	3.8	233	54.9	13.7	+9	2002	8	20.4	18	123	3.4	225	53.6	17.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

UM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
109,218	Appalachian St	23	40-246	6.2	19-37	233	1	19	44-160	3.6	17-23	227	4	+1
109,733	Oregon	22	44-144	3.3	18-40	221	4	28	51-331	6.5	17-26	293	1	-3
111,178	Notre Dame	25	61-289	4.7	7-16	90	0	10	33-(-6)	-0.2	13-22	85	8	+2
111,310	Penn St	25	56-166	3.0	16-30	170	2	14	29-101	3.5	15-31	169	3	0
40,604	at Northwestern	21	38-120	3.2	23-38	260	1	22	34-128	3.8	22-42	289	4	+5
108,415	E Michigan	22	37-255	6.9	18-28	204	1	16	36-135	3.8	18-36	169	3	+2
110,888	Purdue	25	43-189	4.4	22-30	269	1	13	25-39	1.6	29-47	253	2	+2
57,078	at Illinois	23	46-115	2.5	21-33	228	4	15	31-137	4.4	14-26	116	1	-1
109,432	Minnesota	22	49-307	6.3	12-21	254	1	16	36-132	3.7	14-30	99	3	-1
77,009	at Michigan St	18	30-100	3.3	18-33	211	2	17	43-191	4.4	19-35	161	3	0
82,352	at Wisconsin	17	25-47	1.9	14-41	273	4	24	52-232	4.5	14-28	245	0	-2
111,941	Ohio St	8	24-15	0.6	12-37	76	4	16	59-229	3.9	7-13	50	0	+1
69,748	† Florida	28	47-151	3.2	25-39	373	3	18	32-230	7.2	18-34	169	1	-4
TOTALS		279	540-2144	4.0	225-423	2862	28	228	505-2039	4.0	217-393	2325	33	+2
AVERAGES		21.5	42-165	4.0	17-33	220	2.2	17.5	39-157	4.0	17-30	179	2.5	0.2

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#4	C Michigan	-33	45-7
#5	Houston	-27'	50-3
#5	Notre Dame - #15	-10	38-0
#3	at Oregon - #22	-7	27-31
#11	Indiana	-33'	31-17
#9	at Iowa - #23	-3	27-30
#20	at Minnesota - #17	-2	38-35
#17	Illinois	-27'	56-14
#13	Purdue - #10	-4'	31-3
#11	at Michigan St - #9	-3'	27-20
#5	at Northwestern	-17'	41-10
#5	Ohio St - #4	-7	35-21

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Post #14 Score
#8	Miami, Oh	-13	43-10
#8	at Notre Dame	-12	20-28
#17	San Diego St	-20	24-21
#18	Iowa	-13	30-17
#19	at Indiana	-18	35-14
#14	Minnesota - #13	-3'	27-24
#14	at Illinois	-19	30-19
#13	at Purdue - #12	+4	16-14
#12	Michigan St	-11	45-37 3OT
#9	Northwestern	-14	42-20
#7	at Ohio St	-5'	21-37

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#4	N Illinois	-18'	33-17
#3	Notre Dame - #20	-7	10-17
#14	E Michigan	-29	55-0
#14	at Wisconsin	-2'	20-23
–	at Michigan St - #11	+6	34-31 OT
#21	Minnesota	-7'	20-23
–	Penn St - #8	-3'	27-25
–	at Iowa	+3	23-20 OT
#25	at Northwestern - #21	-2	33-17
#21	Indiana	-25'	41-14
#17	Ohio St - #9	+3	21-25

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #14 Opponent	Line	Post #8 Score
#14	Vanderbilt	-26'	27-7
#10	C Michigan	-28	41-17
#11	at Notre Dame - #2	+5'	47-21
#6	Wisconsin	-13'	27-13
#6	at Minnesota	-9'	28-14
#6	Michigan St	-15'	31-13
#4	at Penn St	-5'	17-10
#2	Iowa	-12'	20-6
#2	Northwestern	-29'	17-3
#2	Ball St	-34	34-26
#2	at Indiana	-19	34-3
#2	at Ohio St - #1	+6'	39-42

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#5	Appalachian St	NL	32-34
–	Oregon	-7	7-39
–	Notre Dame	-9'	38-0
–	Penn St - #10	+2'	14-9
–	at Northwestern	-17	28-16
–	E Michigan	-29'	33-22
–	Purdue	-5	48-21
#24	at Illinois	-1	27-17
#19	Minnesota	-23	34-10
#15	at Michigan St	-4	28-24
#13	at Wisconsin	-2'	21-37
#23	Ohio St - #7	+4	3-14

ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 true frosh Juice Williams (PS#11) engineered a road upset vs Mich St in his 2nd start. Williams threw for just 1,489 (39.5%) with a 9-9 ratio but broke Tim Brasic's record for net rush yards by a QB (576). Williams had beaten out Brasic by mid-season and Brasic had thrown 66 passes. Last year added to the mix was athletic rFr Eddie McGee (PS#72). After Williams was KO'd in the opener vs Missouri, McGee threw for 257 which is more yards than Williams has thrown for in any game in his 2 years but McGee also had 4 TO's in that game. McGee came in during the 4Q vs Penn St and had a 53 yard run that set up a FG. He ran for a 4Q TD vs Wisc and had a go ahead 83 yard TD pass called back vs Iowa. He is considered to be a better passer and faster than Juice but does not know the offense as well. After the loss to Michigan, Zook opted to stick with Williams the rest of the way and McGee would have just one pass att in the final 5. Williams raised his completion % to 57.3 throwing for 1,743 with a 13-12 ratio. McGee had a 2-3 ratio hitting 52.7% for 444. Williams reset the Illini QB rushing record with 755 (4.6). He convinced Zook to go for it on 4th & inches at their own 34 with 6:53 left vs Ohio St which was his best move of the season. Adding depth are Phil Haig (6'3" 205 rFr, PS#31), Ryan Baise (6'3" 205 rFr, PS#180) and true frosh Jacob Charest (PS#23). Juice should continue to improve as a passer.

QB Juice Williams

RUNNING BACKS - Pierre Thomas led the Illini in rushing 3 straight years with 895 (5.9) in '04, 664 (5.2) in '05 and 755 (5.8) in '06. Rashard Mendenhall (PS#8) had 218 (4.5) as a true and in 2006 avg'd a gaudy 8.2 ypc with 640 yards. Mendenhall added 20 lbs prior to '07 (405 bench) and Zook (former Steelers asst) compared him to Jerome Bettis. Mendenhall (1,681, 6.4) became the Illini's first ever Big Ten Off MVP and broke the school's single season record in rushing yards (Antoineo Harris, 1,330 '02) and TD's (Howard Griffith, 15 '90). The school record for 100 yard games in a season (6) was held by JC Caroline (1953) and Jim Grabowski (1965) and he topped that with 8 including 201 vs Minn and 214 vs Indiana. Unfortunately he left early for the NFL (#1DC PIT) and was the first IL #1DC since Grabowski in 1966 so the top returning RB is Daniel Dufrene (PS#207JC). Dufrene, who was 24 lbs lighter than Mendenhall, broke off an 80 yd run in the first series vs Ohio St and finished the year with 294 (6.3). Three of the top 5 rushers were either QB's or WR's. True frosh Troy Pollard (PS#66) added 148 (6.4) in first 4 games before RS due to knee surg. They also lose FB Russ Weil (6 st), Walter Mendenhall (57 yd) and FB Justin Ijei (6 yd). Not listed in the PSL are FB Darius Purcell (5'10" 219 rFr, PS#140DB), Rahkeem Smith (6'1" 255 Jr, PS#104LB, 1 st), Tyler Pacha (5'10" 200 Sr) and Nick Levanti (6'0" 223 Sr). There is talent here but Mendenhall's production will not be matched.

RECEIVERS - Zook started 2006 by landing true frosh Jeff Cumberland (PS#13), who drew comparisons to the 49ers Vernon Davis (1st Tm AA at Maryland, #1DC). TE Cumberland was #3 as a true with 232 (14.5). Dropped passes were a huge problem for this unit throughout 2006. Soph Kyle Hudson led with 403 (13.4) and former walk-on Jacob Willis was #2 with 313 (19.6). Everyone returned in '07 but I made true frosh PS#1 WR Arrelious Benn (676, 12.5) 2nd Tm Big Ten on my preseason All Conf team. Benn suffered a shoulder injury in Aug and re-injured it in Oct and was not 100% all year. In fact, he said he had to pop his shoulder back into its socket during games and basically played with one arm. He still was the Big Ten Frosh of the Year (first here since Simeon Rice in '92) and broke the Illini frosh records in rec's (Ty Douthard, 43 in '93) and yards (Brandon Lloyd 511 in '99). The injury plagued Hudson dropped to 127 (10.6). Willis was #2 with 330 (15.0) and true frosh Brian Gamble had 170 (10.6). Cumberland avg 20.2 on his 12 rec after a midseason move to WR. This year they must replace DaJuan Warren (1 st, 7 rec), Willis (10 st), Frank Lenti (0 rec) and Joe Morgan (2 st, 3 rec). Despite the losses, this unit looks even stronger with the new true frosh and a 100% healthy Benn.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Illini had all 5 starters returning. They did shuffle the O-line and one '05 starter was not even on the 2 deep. Thanks to mobile QB Juice Williams (770 gross rush yards) the Illini led the Big Ten in ypg rushing as they avg 5.2 ypc but allowed 30 sacks (9.0%). Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 3 backups and then lost RT Charles Myles (12 st '06) to injury. They moved over Xavier Fulton (10 st DL '04 & '05, RS '06) who started 13 at LT. The unit started the same lineup in all 13 and improved to 257 ypg (#1 Big Ten again) and 5.6 ypc while the sacks decreased to 16 (4.9%). LG Martin O'Donnell became the first 1st Tm AP AA here since LB Kevin Hardy in 1995. This year they must replace LG O'Donnell (13 st, PS#7), RT Akim Millington (PS#19, 13 st, 2Y st'r) and backup Dan Motuliak. With the loss of 2 of the 3 VHT's on the 2 deep, I'll call this unit down a notch or two.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Illini had an experienced defensive front in 2005 but surprisingly allowed 5.5 ypc rush, their worst total of the modern era and the D had just 11 sacks. In 2006 they had to replace two starters but made remarkable improvement allowing just 128 ypg (106 less than 2006) and trimming the ypc to 3.3 (best since 1995). Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back. Surprisingly they dropped to 3.7 ypc but the D did record 40 sacks. They used a 10 man rotation and 8 of the 10 return with the only losses being DT Chris Norwell (13 st, 32 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and Mike Ware (14 tkl, 2.5 sk). Norwell set a school DL record with 46 starts but even with his departure this looks likes the Illini's best D-line since the early 90's.

LINEBACKERS - Illinois had Butkus Award winners in 1994 and 1995 but this unit has struggled most of this decade. The top 5 LB's returned in 2006, perhaps the reason the team allowed 12.7 ppg less than in 2005. Last year the top 6 LB's returned including 1st Tm Big Ten and 1st Tm AA J Leman (132 tkl, 10.5 tfl). This year they lose Leman (13 st) and Antonio Steele (13 st, 89 tkl, 5 tfl) but 4 of the top 6 are back. I expect a huge year from Martez Wilson (PS#7) and OLB Brit Miller (62 tkl, 8.5 tfl) moves inside. While this is a solid unit, it will be tough to replace the #1 and #2 tacklers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Illini finished a frightening #118 in my pass D rankings in 2005 allowing a 27-4 ratio. They had 3 starters back in 2006 and added true frosh Vontae Davis (PS#50) who quickly became the team's top cover CB. The Illini made a huge climb to #39 allowing 55.5% with an 11-10 ratio. Last year they had 3 starters back but surprisingly slipped to #52. This year Davis returns but they lose a pair of multi-year starters in SS Justin Harrison (13 st, 80 tkl, 7 pbu) and FS Kevin Mitchell (12 st, 75 tkl, 5 int, 11 pbu) along with main backup S Justin Sanders (57 tkl, 4 tfl). Also gone are S Tyler Rouse (14 tkl) and Drew McMahon (4 tkl). Not mentioned below is Andrew Harweger (6'1" 209 So). While this group is not as experienced, they could still move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Zook's first two Illini units were only #111 and #116 in my ST rankings. Last year I mentioned with both K's back and some dangerous VHT KR's available that they should have significant improvement. The Illini moved up to #42. P Kyle Yelton (PS#54, 29.4 net '06) was beaten out by walk-on Utah transfer Anthony Santella. Due to shoulder injuries, Benn was limited to 10 KR (28.0) including a 90 yd TD vs Penn St. He should see more ST action this season. Kyle Hudson was the top PR (7.5). Jason Reda hit 16 of 18 including 3 from 50+! Mike Cklamovski had 6 TB on 59 KO. This year they lose their outstanding K Reda (PS#10) as well as 4 year LS Kyle Knezetic but could still move up.

COACHES - Ron Zook had to replace the ever popular Steve Spurrier at Florida and was under fire from day one. He finished 23-14 in his three seasons before being shown the door. He's an excellent recruiter and gained a lot of respect in 2006 when Florida's team, comprised mostly of Zook's recruits, won the National Title. He now enters his 4th year here. The OC is Mike Locksley who was the RB coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida in '03-'04. This is the first time in his Illini tenure that Zook will have the same DC 2 years in a row. The co-DC's are Dan Disch (4th season) and Curt Mallory (4th season).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Illinois has won fifteen Big Ten Titles including 2001 when they went a stunning 10-1. They were ranked #7 and defeated 3 ranked teams before losing in the Sugar Bowl. It was their first outright Big Ten Title since 1983. Illinois was just 13-45 the next five years and finished above .500 in Big Ten play just once from 1995-2006. I called the Illini the #2 most improved team in the country last year as they were far better than their 2-10 record of 2006. They outgained foes in 2006 by an avg of 346-310 but were -15 in TO's and had 5 net close losses. They could have easily beaten Penn St and Wisconsin on the road in 2006 and despite their 1-7 conf record, actually outgained league foes by an average of 24.1 ypg. They had a 13,000 seat increase in the sale of season tickets in '07. The Illini gave Missouri, a team that would finish #5, a solid game losing by 6. What followed was a tremendous season for the Illini. They won their first conf opener since 1993 when they beat Indiana and then knocked off ranked teams in back-to-back weeks at home (Penn St and Wisconsin). When they beat the #5 Badgers it was the first top 5 team they'd knocked off since 1989. They suffered a letdown the next week and lost at Iowa and then fumbled a late PR vs Michigan which sealed their fate. Not only did they win their final 4, they got their first win over a #1 ranked team since 1956 when they beat Ohio St in Columbus. The Illini team which had a combined 8 wins the previous 4 years actually won 9 and got to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1983. Once in Pasadena, however, USC waxed them, tying a Rose Bowl record with 49 points and rolling up 633 yards offense. The Illini have won two straight Big Ten rushing titles. Illinois only had two starts lost all year to injury in 2007, outgained Big Ten foes by 25.9, a number very similar to 2006. This time they finished 6-2 and in a tie for 2nd. Illinois has not had back to back winning seasons since '89-'90. They lose 24 lettermen (most in Big Ten) and must play Penn St, Mich and Wisc all on the road. My biggest ? is at RB as nobody really stepped up to be Rashard Mendendall's replacement in the spring. It should be another successful season for the Illini but I don't see them matching last year's 9 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 JUICE WILLIAMS JR. 6-2 233 **PS#11**. 9 st '06, 1489 (39.5%) 9-9. 13 st LY, 1743 (57%) 13-12, 755 net rush. **10** Eddie McGee (6'4" 200 So) PS#72. 444 pass, 186 rush rFr.

RB 22 Daniel Dufrene Jr. 5-11 204 PS#207JC. 294 (6.3) LY. **29** Troy Pollard (5'8" 180 rFr) PS#66. 148 (6.4) 3 gm true but inj & RS. **5** Mikel LeShoure PS#63 in for spring.

WR 9 ARRELIOUS BENN SO. 6-2 214 **PS#1**. 12 st true, 676 (12.5) 158 rush. **3** Marques Wilkins (6'0" 191 Jr) PS#43. 1 st, 3 rec rFr. Cordale Scott PS#29. Alex Reavy (6'2" 195 So).

WR 21 KYLE HUDSON SR. 5-11 167 25 st 3Y, #1 rec '06. 999 (13.7) 3Y. **26** Brian Gamble (6'0" 197 So) PS#107DB. 2 st 170 (10.6) true. **15** Chris Duvalt (5'11" 175 Jr) PS#162DB.

WR 17 Jeff Cumberland Jr. 6-5 247 **PS#13TE**. 8 st 2Y. 475 (17.0). **6** Chris James (6'0" 188 So) **PS#23**. 11 gm, 3 st true, 5 rec ACL LY. **13** Will Judson (5'8" 163 Sr) 6 rec, 12 gm '07.

TE 16 MIKE HOOMANAWANUI JR. 6-5 265 PS#70. 7 st 2Y, 5 rec LY. **89** Tom Sullivan (6'4" 234 Jr) 1 st 2Y. Hubie Graham PS#32WR. **65** Mike Nabolotny (6'5" 281 Sr) 1 st 2Y.

C 60 RYAN McDONALD SR. 6-5 296 PS#149. 11 st T rFr. 12 st C '06. 13 st C LY. **2nd Tm B10**. 941 snap. **62** Eric Block (6'3" 292 Sr) PS#132. 111 snap LY. **LS** Tad Keely (6'1" 220 So).

RG 52 JON ASAMOAH JR. 6-5 309 PS#370. 5 gm, 48 play true. 13 st RG LY, 991 snap, 80 kd. 400 bench **73** Jack Cornell (6'5" 329 rFr) PS#62. **71** Jeff Allen PS#141. In for spg.

LG 74 Brandon Jordan So. 6-5 318 **PS#61**. 2nd string rFr. 2 gm. **66** Randall Hunt (6'6" 303 So) 2nd string '06 but RS. 2nd string LY, 2 gm. **57** Mike Garrity (6'6" 289 rFr). PS#126.

RT 78 Ryan Palmer So. 6-7 300 PS#121. 2nd string rFr. 11 gm, 111 snap, 8 kd. **76 Graham Pocic PS#23** in spg. **75** Mark Jackson (6'5" 302 rFr) PS#181. No spg-acad.

LT 68 XAVIER FULTON SR. 6-5 295 PS#90DL. 10 st DL, 19 tkl '04-'05. RS '06. 13 st LT LY, 997 snap. 109 kd, **2nd Tm B10**. **79** Craig Wilson (6'5" 317 rFr). **87** CJ Jackson (6'8" 279 Jr).

K 35 Mike Cklamovski Jr. 6-4 261 1 TB on 6 KO as true. 6 TB on 59 KO in '07. **38** Matt Brandabur (6'0" 220 So) 171 points in HS. **84** Matt Eller (6'1" 201 rFr) PS#74.

DE 81 WILL DAVIS SR. 6-3 268 **2nd Tm B10 '07**, 9 st, 41 tkl, 9.5 sk. **99** Jerry Brown (6'4" 251 So) PS#78. 13 gm, 9 tkl, 2.5 sk rFr. **90** Antonio James (6'5" 255 Jr) 15 tkl 2Y.

DT 94 DAVID LINDQUIST SR. 6-3 288 2 st '06, 33 tkl, 5 tfl. 13 st LY, 46 tkl, 4.5 sk. **92 Josh Brent** (6'2" 325 So) **PS#25**. 10 gm, 8 tkl true. **98** Daryle Ballew (6'1" 313 rFr) PS#131.

DT 93 D'Angelo McCray rFr. 6-4 333 **PS#8**. **56** Sirod Williams (6'0" 292 Sr) 4 st 3Y, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. **55** Anterio Jackson (6'2" 270 So) PS#111LB. Corey Liuget (6'3 260 Fr) **PS#16TE**.

DE 95 DOUG PILCHER JR. 6-5 266 PS#96. 11 st rFr. 9 st LY, 49 tkl, 5.5 sk, 7.5 tfl 2Y. **91 Derek Walker** (6'4" 270 Sr) PS#140. **31 st** 3Y. 77 tkl, 9 sk. **97** Clay Nurse (6'3" 263 So).

SLB 2 Martez Wilson So. 6-4 246 **PS#7**. 29 tkl, 2 sk, 1 tfl true. **38** Ian Thomas (6'0" 223 rFr) PS#143. **39** Conor Gillen (6'2" 233 Jr) PS#129. 6 gm 2Y. Nate Palmer PS#20TE.

MLB 44 BRIT MILLER SR. 6-1 252 PS#124. 5 st, 46 tkl true. 11 st '06, 43 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 10 st LY, 62 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **43** Sam Carson (6'1" 249 Sr) PS#23. 2 st, 32 tkl, 2.5 tfl.

WLB 45 Rodney Pittman Sr. 6-2 242 PS#155. 10 gm, 8 tkl true. 1 st, 7 tkl last 2 years. **53** Dustin Jefferson (6'0" 230 So) PS#67. Justin Staples PS#69. Supo Sanni is PS#69WR.

CB 1 VONTAE DAVIS JR. 6-0 204 **PS#50. 1st Tm B10 LY**. 11 st, 52 tkl, 8 pbu true. 12 st LY, 76 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. **32** Ashante Williams PS#138RB in spg. **10** Cody Stunkard (5'11" 200 So).

CB 28 DERE HICKS JR. 5-10 179 1 st true. 13 st LY. 52 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Miami Thomas (5'11" 176 So) PS#85. 1 st, 17 tkl LY. Tavon Wilson PS#140. Patrick Nixon PS#156RB.

SS 24 Bo Flowers So. 6-2 218 **PS#31QB**. 4 years baseball, 13 gm "true", 5 tkl. Donsay Hardeman PS#35JC. **31** Travon Bellamy (6'0" 207 So) PS#146. 1 st, 15 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu.

FS 18 Nate Bussey So. 6-2 210 **PS#46QB**. 9 tkl true. **20** Garrett Edwards (6'2" 205 So) PS#93. 1 tkl, 5 gm rFr. **27** Antonio Gully (6'1" 193 So) PS#77. Mike Locksley (5'11" 205 rFr).

P 87 ANTHONY SANTELLA SO. 6-2 190 PS#71. Utah trans. 64 punt here LY, 37.7 avg. Kyle Yelton (6'0" 195 Jr) PS#54. 49 punt '06, 37.4 avg. Jared Bosch (6'1" 200 So) 8 punt '06.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Donsay Hardeman 6-2 220 PS#35JC
OL	Graham Pocic 6-7 316 PS#23
DL	Reggie Ellis 6-2 278 PS#26OL
WR	Cordale Scott 6-3 200 PS#29
WR	Hubie Graham 6-4 240 PS#32
RB	Jason Ford 6-0 209 PS#32
DB	Jack Ramsey 5-11 182 PS#34
DL	Corey Liuget 6-3 260 PS#16TE
QB	Jacob Charest 6-4 200 PS#23
DL	Glenn Foster 6-4 223 PS#60
WR	AJ (Alfred) Jenkins 6-0 175 PS#54
RB	Mikel LeShoure 6-0 237 PS#63
OL	Tyler Sands 6-5 290 PS#78
DL	Nate Palmer 6-3 228 PS#20TE
LB	Supo Sanni 6-3 197 PS#WR
LB	Justin Staples 6-4 215 PS#69
WR	Russell Ellington 6-2 203 PS#93
OL	Ryan Sedlacek 6-4 292 PS#120
TE	London Davis 6-4 255 PS#39
OL	Jeff Allen 6-4 324 PS#141
DL	Whitney Mercilus 6-3 242 PS#144
OL	Corey Lewis 6-6 278 PS#150
DB	Tavon Wilson 6-0 179 PS#140
DB	Ashante Williams 5-10 191 PS#138RB
DB	Patrick Nixon 5-10 180 PS#156RB
DL	Ugochukwu Uzodinma 6-4 240 PS#206
WR	Fred Sykes 6-0 175 PS#195
LB	Evan Frierson 6-2 217 PS#388
K	Derek Dimke 6-0 175 PS#72

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#18

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	† Missouri *(St Louis)*	A					
Sep. 6	E Illinois	A					
Sep. 13	Louisiana-Lft	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	at Penn St	G					
Oct. 4	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 11	Minnesota (HC)	A					
Oct. 18	Indiana	A					
Oct. 25	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 1	Iowa	A					
Nov. 8	† W Michigan *(Detroit)*	A					
Nov. 15	Ohio St	A					
Nov. 22	at Northwestern	G					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jack Trudeau 8,725 '81-'85
2. Kurt Kittner 8,722 '98-'01
3. Jason Verduzco 7,532 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Robert Holcombe 4,105 '94-'97
2. Antoineo Harris 2,985 '99-'02
3. Thomas Rooks 2,887 '82-'85

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Williams 3,392 '83-'85
2. Brandon Lloyd 2,583 '99-'02
3. Walter Young 2,382 '98-'02

Since this "Bragging Rights" series has been restored, Illinois has lost 3 straight in St Louis. LY QB Williams was KO'd by an uncalled blow to the head early 2Q in a 40-34 loss.

Panthers finished with an 8-4 record LY. Their lone FBS gm LY was a 52-6 loss at Purdue. These tms played once, a 42-17 win for UI to open the '06 season.

First meeting. Illinois is 4-0 vs current Sun Belt teams outscoring them 183-36. The Cajuns are 0-3 vs Big Ten competition with all 3 losses to Minnesota.

Illinois is 1-13 in Big Ten openers the L14Y with LY's win over Indy being their 1st S/'93. The Fighting Illini are 2-9 vs PSU since the Lions joined the Big Ten Conference.

Illinois is 4-39-2 vs Michigan S/'59 including 6 straight losses. LY with the score tied in the 4Q, UI muffed a punt deep in UM territory which set up the gm winning TD.

LY UI broke a 3 gm series losing streak to UM with a 44-17 win in which they led 34-10 at the half. Illinois is 7-2 at home S/'81 in the series but 1-2 the last 3.

Illinois had won 10 straight at home vs Indiana prior to getting upset in 2006. LY the Fighting Illini recorded 7 sks vs Indiana which marked the most in 1 gm under Zook.

Last year's 31-26 win marked Illinois' first win over a Top 5 team since 1989. Wisconsin has the upper hand in this series with a 9-3-1 record the L/13 matchups.

Illinois is 4-10 in November games since 2003, but did go 3-0 last year. LY Iowa was the only team to hold Illinois without an offensive TD in a 10-6 win.

Illini are 11-3 all-time vs current MAC tms including 2-0 vs WM winning by 25 ppg. This will be UI's 2nd NFL venue TY as Ford Field is home to the NFL's Lions.

Last year UI defeated their 1st #1 team S/'56 with their 28-21 win in Columbus. OSU allowed a Tressel-era record 260 rush yds as the Illini held the ball for the final 8:09.

Last yr's win marked the 1st for the Illini in the series S/'02 as they finished with 32-21 FD and 321-69 rush yd edges. The 41 pts was Illinois' series high since 1989.

RON ZOOK (Career 36–37)

4th Year at Illinois — Zook's Bowl Record: 0-3

Zook's records AT ILLINOIS

13-23	Straight Up	2-2	Vs Top 10
8-11	Home	3-10	Vs Top 25
5-10	Away	2-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
7-17	Vs Conference	3-17	Off A Loss

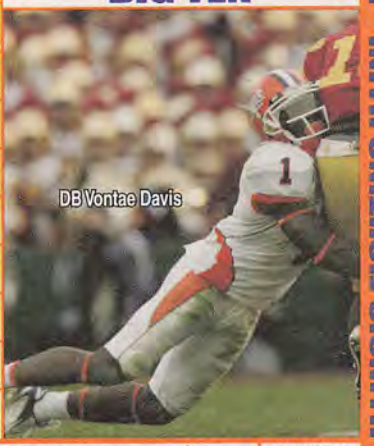
2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (21,21,2)
Lost: 24 (12,10,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 54,872 (#37)

BIG TEN



STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (65,000) (#36)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	10-2	5-7	1-11	3-8	2-9	2-10	9-4	37-57
Home	4-2	6-0	3-3	1-5	3-4	2-4	1-6	5-1	25-25
Away	1-4	4-1	2-3	0-5	0-4	0-5	1-4	4-1	12-27
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-5
vs Conf	2-6	7-1	4-4	0-8	1-7	0-8	1-7	6-2	21-43
vs Non-Conf	3-0	3-1	1-3	1-3	2-1	2-1	1-3	3-2	16-14
ATS	4-7	7-5	7-5	1-10	5-5	4-7	5-6	7-5	40-50
Home Fav (Ron Turner)	1-3	3-3	2-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-4	2-1	10-14
Home Dog (Ron Turner)	2-0	0-0	2-1	0-4	3-1	2-3	2-0	1-1	12-10
Away Fav	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	6-5
Away Dog	0-3	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-3	1-4	3-1	1-0	12-16
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-5
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	5-3	0-8	5-3	1-7	5-3	6-2	30-34
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-2	0-2	3-0	0-3	1-3	10-16
Off SU Win	3-2	5-5	3-1	1-0	2-1	2-0	0-2	7-2	23-13
Off SU Loss	1-4	1-0	4-3	0-9	3-4	1-7	5-4	0-2	15-33

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rashard Mendenhall	262	1742	61	1681	17	6.4
Juice Williams	165	871	116	755	7	4.6
Daniel Dufrene	47	332	38	294	2	6.3
Arrelious Benn	32	186	28	158	0	4.9
Eddie McGee	31	186	33	153	2	4.9
Troy Pollard	23	157	9	148	0	6.4
Walter Mendenhall	4	57	0	57	0	14.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Juice Williams	267	153	57.3	1743	13	12
Eddie McGee	55	29	52.7	444	2	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Arrelious Benn	54	676	12.5	2	56
Jacob Willis	22	330	15.0	3	47
Rashard Mendenhall	34	318	9.4	2	55
Jeff Cumberland	12	243	20.2	3	48
Brian Gamble	16	170	10.6	1	30
Kyle Hudson	12	127	10.6	1	41
Marques Wilkins	3	78	26.0	1	36
Mike Hoomanawanui	5	64	12.8	2	27
DaJuan Warren	7	63	9.0	0	18
Russ Weil	2	34	17.0	0	31

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Anthony Santella	64	2410	37.7	13	33.1(t)	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Reda	44-45	3-4	5-5	5-6	3-3	16-18	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
J Leman	132	2.5	8	3	1
Antonio Steele	89	0	5	1	2
Justin Harrison	80	0	0	7	1
Vontae Davis	76	0	4	8	4
Kevin Mitchell	75	0	1	11	5
Brit Miller	62	1	7.5	5	0
Justin Sanders	57	3	1	8	1
Dere Hicks	52	0	1.5	5	2
David Lindquist	46	4.5	2.5	0	0
Will Davis	41	9.5	3	0	0
Chris Norwell	32	0.5	3	2	0
Martez Wilson	29	2	1	1	0
Doug Pilcher	25	5.5	1.5	0	0
Derek Walker	22	2.5	1	2	0
Marcus Thomas	17	0	0.5	0	1
Mike Ware	14	2.5	1	0	0
Tyler Rouse	14	0	0	0	0
Nate Bussey	9	0	0	0	0
Jerry Brown	9	2.5	1	2	0
Josh Brent	8	1.5	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kyle Hudson	17	128	7.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jacob Willis	12	201	16.8	0
Arrelious Benn	10	280	28.0	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Holiday	E	Hawaii	17-27
94	Liberty	-7	East Carolina	30-0
99	Micronpc.com	+2'	Virginia	63-21
01	Sugar - #7	+2	LSU - #12	34-47
07	Rose - #13	+14	USC - #6	17-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Illinois All-Time Bowl Record 6–9

ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	27.8	21	257	5.6	168	56.3	15.3	-2	2007	9	21.8	20	132	3.7	245	59.3	17.3
8*	19.6	17	189	5.2	157	42.2	17.6	-15	2006	9	26.8	17	128	3.3	182	55.5	11.6
7	17.0	20	158	4.0	196	59.8	20.9	-11	2005	7	39.5	23	234	5.5	235	67.0	11.9
8*	21.8	20	153	4.2	185	56.8	15.5	-6	2004	5	29.4	22	194	4.6	230	64.1	14.4
6*	16.9	19	111	3.5	230	60.8	20.1	-18	2003	7	33.2	24	224	4.7	202	60.4	12.9
7	28.8	23	164	4.3	282	56.8	15.5	-8	2002	7	25.6	22	190	4.3	230	56.2	16.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

UI 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
62,352	† Missouri	23	34-119	3.5	23-40	316	3	25	33-70	2.1	37-54	359	2	-3
48,301	W Illinois	21	52-277	5.3	12-26	123	2	4	34-81	2.4	11-21	71	0	-1
34,188	at Syracuse	26	51-378	7.4	15-20	130	0	14	34-63	1.9	19-29	223	5	0
34,707	at Indiana	23	55-288	5.2	13-28	98	1	26	35-134	3.8	26-52	263	7	+1
57,078	Penn St	17	38-216	5.7	11-27	120	0	18	36-129	3.6	21-38	298	4	+2
57,078	Wisconsin	18	44-289	6.6	12-19	121	1	28	31-127	4.1	27-49	392	2	+2
70,585	at Iowa	15	35-137	3.9	12-20	150	1	21	47-141	3.0	17-25	182	2	-1
57,078	Michigan	15	31-137	4.4	14-26	116	1	23	46-115	2.5	21-33	228	4	+1
55,578	Ball St	22	52-324	6.2	7-15	145	1	19	38-170	4.5	16-33	167	4	-2
46,604	at Minnesota	27	50-448	9.0	14-21	207	0	18	31-95	3.1	21-35	242	4	-1
105,453	at Ohio St	19	51-260	5.1	12-22	140	1	18	36-180	5.0	13-23	156	2	+3
54,116	Northwestern	32	65-321	4.9	15-23	220	0	21	18-69	3.8	29-49	310	2	0
93,923	† USC	19	37-144	3.9	22-36	301	5	30	43-344	8.0	26-38	289	2	-3
TOTALS		277	595-3338	5.6	182-323	2187	16	265	462-1718	3.7	284-479	3180	40	-2
AVERAGES		21.3	46-257	5.6	14-25	168	1.2	20.4	36-132	3.7	22-37	245	3.1	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Missouri	+3'	15-22
–	Illinois St	NL	49-22
–	at UCLA	+10	3-6
–	California	-3	24-31
–	Wisconsin	+2'	20-38
–	at Purdue - #22	+14	10-43
–	Michigan St - #21	+3'	14-49
–	at Michigan - #17	+27'	14-56
–	Minnesota	+15'	10-36
–	at Iowa - #13	+26	10-41
–	at Indiana	-1	14-17
–	Northwestern	+3'	20-37

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida A&M	NL	52-13
–	UCLA	+1'	17-35
–	W Michigan	-8'	30-27
–	Purdue - #15	+21'	30-38
–	at Wisconsin - #20	+14'	7-24
–	at Michigan St	+7'	25-38
–	Michigan - #14	+19	19-30
–	at Minnesota	+17'	0-45
–	Iowa - #23	+12'	13-23
–	Indiana	-2	26-22
–	at Northwestern	+12'	21-28 OT

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Rutgers	+2'	33-30 OT
–	San Jose St	-14	40-19
–	at California - #15	+21'	20-35
–	Michigan St - #17	+10	14-61
–	at Iowa	+19'	7-35
–	at Indiana	+7	13-36
–	Penn St - #12	+18'	10-63
–	Wisconsin - #15	+21	24-41
–	at Ohio St - #12	+34'	2-40
–	at Purdue	+23	3-37
–	Northwestern	+15	21-38

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Illinois	NL	42-17
–	at Rutgers	+11'	0-33
–	Syracuse	-3	21-31
–	Iowa - #14	+21	7-24
–	at Michigan St	+26	23-20
–	Indiana	-8'	32-34
–	Ohio	-6	17-20
–	at Penn St	+18	12-26
–	at Wisconsin - #17	+21'	24-30
–	Ohio St - #1	+24	10-17
–	Purdue	-3	31-42
–	at Northwestern	-2'	16-27

2007 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
–	† Missouri	+4'	34-40
–	W Illinois	NL	21-0
–	at Syracuse	-11'	41-20
–	at Indiana	-2	27-14
–	Penn St - #21	+3	27-20
–	Wisconsin - #5	-2'	31-26
#18	at Iowa	-4'	6-10
–	Michigan - #24	+1	17-27
–	Ball St	-13'	28-17
–	at Minnesota	-12	44-17
–	at Ohio St - #1	+15	28-21
#20	Northwestern	-13'	41-22

MICHIGAN ST SPARTANS

QB Brian Hoyer

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Drew Stanton was constanly banged up in his MSU career. In 2005 his backup Brian Hoyer (PS#23) hit 15 of 23 for 187 yards in 5 games. In 2006 Stanton went down against Minn and Hoyer came off the bench and threw 50 passes, the 4th highest total in school history. The next week at Penn St with Stanton out and in his first road start in front of 108,607, Hoyer set the school record for att's with 61 for 291 with no int. He threw for 863 (57%) with a 4-3 ratio in '06. Last year in the spring game rFr Connor Dixon (PS#61) led his team to an upset of the Hoyer-led squad but the job was clearly Hoyer's. True frosh Nick Foles (PS#33) battled Dixon for #2 but RS despite playing in the opener (5 of 8 for 57). Dixon also played in the opener (3 of 5 for 37) but neither would attempt another pass. Hoyer threw for 2,725 (59.3%) with a 20-11 ratio. Hoyer actually had just 7 int during the reg season to finish #2 in the Big Ten in pass eff in conf play before tossing 4 in the bowl. This year Hoyer returns for his senior season and Foles, who is a Dantonio recruit, has a shot at earning some playing time. Adding depth to the unit are Kirk Cousins (6'3" 197 rFr, PS#179) and Clay Charles (6'1" 200 Jr, PS#312). Interestingly, Cousins led the Green team to a victory over Hoyer's White team in the spring game this year. I look for Hoyer to be one of the Big Ten's top QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Coming into 2007 the Spartans had not had a 1,000 yard rusher in 5 years. In 2005 true frosh Javon Ringer (PS#27) led with 817 (6.7) and his 194 vs Illinois was a school frosh rushing record. Good-sized Jehuu Caulcrick (255 lbs, PS#55) had 478 (5.4). In 2006 then-HC John L. Smith wanted to rotate Ringer, Caulcrick and rFr AJ Jimmerson (PS#59). Unfortunately Ringer hurt his knee and while he returned to play the final three, he was not 100% but still led with 497 (5.8). Caulcrick had 426 (3.9) and Jimmerson was slow to adapt to pass blocking and finished with 140 (3.8). Last year they nearly produced a pair of 1,000 yard rushers. Ringer, who is 5'9" with sub-4.4 speed had 144 vs ND, 145 vs Wisc, 185 vs NW and 203 vs Indy. Surprisingly in the final 6 his top performance was 128 vs Michigan. Caulcrick had 872 (3.9) with 21 rushing TD's as he usually replaced Ringer in goal line situations. Jimmerson only had 12 carries (4.2). This year they lose Caulcrick and FB Devin Pritchett (2 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ashton Leggett (5'11" 232 rFr), Mike Parrelly (5'7" 196 Jr) and FB's Adam Setterbo (6'3" 248 rFr) and Nick Bendzuck (6'3" 247 So). With the loss of Caulcrick, I'll call this unit down a notch but Ringer should have a fine year.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace their top 3 receivers and the leading returnee, TJ Williams (25, 11.2) moved to CB. Terry Love (PS#45) was the top returning WR with 234 (13.0). Love missed the 1H of Aug (acad), lost his job and finished with just 84 (9.3). After barely seeing the field in '06 under Smith (1st, 6 rec), Devin Thomas (6'2") lived up to his PS#87JC billing. Thomas set the Spartans' record for rec in a season with 79 (Charles Rogers 68 in '02). He also had seven 100 yard games. He was clearly the most talented receiver as the #2 in rec's was RB Ringer. Kellen Davis, who was also used as a pass rushing DE, had 513 (16.0), Deon Curry (PS#45) added 200 (8.3) and true frosh Mark Dell (PS#22) had 220 (11.0). Thomas opted to leave early for the NFL (12 st, 1,260, 15.9, #2DC WAS) and also gone are Davis (12 st, #5DC CHI), TE Eric Andino (3 st, 5 rec) and Love. This group is about as experienced as last year but I do not see a WR with Thomas' ability.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Spartans had to replace 3 starters and then were hit hard by injuries. Nine different OL started and one of the 2 returning starters was lost after 6 starts. As you would expect the unit struggled to run the ball avg just 129 ypg (4.0) and allowed 28 sacks (6.7%). Last year they had to replace one starter and 7 players returned with starting experience. New OL coach Dan Roushar switched from a zone blocking to a power blocking scheme. The unit was banged up and once again 8 different players earned starts. They still managed to improve to 198 ypg rush (4.4) while allowing 30 sacks (7.6%). The line avg'd 316 lbs and wore teams down as the game went on. This year they must replace LT Pete Clifford (13 st, 2nd Tm Big Ten, 2Y st'r), RG Mike Gyetvai (6 st, inj), C John Masters (6 st, inj) and LG Kenny Shane (9 st). Three players return that had 8 or more starts and 6 have starting experience. This year's group is still in the top third size-wise (avg 308 lb) and while a little less experienced, could even improve as they figure to stay healthier than in the last two seasons.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Spartans had to replace 3 starters from the DL in 2006 but brought in a pair of JUCO's including VHT Ervin Baldwin (PS#26JC) who led the team in sacks (4). The Spartans allowed just 133 ypg rush (3.8), their best totals since '99 but only recorded 16 sacks (#103 NCAA). Last year they had to replace a #5DC and a backup (6 st). The results were surprising as Jonal Saint-Dic (4 st DT '06) moved to DE and earned 1st Tm Big Ten honors with 10 sacks and a Big Ten record 8 FF. DC Narduzzi felt that Baldwin was their best DE and he had 58 tackles, 8.5 sacks and 10 tfl. This year they must replace Saint-Dic (10 st), Baldwin (13 st, #7DC CHI) and NT Ogemdi Nwagbuo (12 st, 31 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Losing the top two DL's is tough but they do get an outstanding addition in transfer Trevor Anderson who was Cincinnati's top DL in '06. Five players are back with starting experience. While it will be tough to match last year's numbers (3.6 ypc, 40 sk) this unit is more experienced than you would think.

LINEBACKERS - John L Smith ran a 4-2-5 defense but last year Dantonio shifted to a 4-3 and this unit was smaller than traditional Big Ten LB's. They had two starters returning but SirDarean Adams (6 st) got into Dantonio's doghouse (susp). True frosh Greg Jones did not get his first start until Wk 6 but had 14 tackles vs Ohio St and ended as #1 tackler. This year they must replace MLB Kaleb Thornhill (13 st, 64 tkl, 10 tfl), Adams (47 tkl) and Rob Tabatchnick (1 st, 17 tkl, 3 tfl). With 3 players back who started as frosh last year and now in the 2nd year of Dantonio's system, this is an improved group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Spartans had an experienced secondary in 2006 but surprisingly dropped to #102 in my pass D rankings allowing a 32-8 ratio. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's. DB Coach Barnett felt that Nehemiah Warrick, Travis Key and Otis Wiley formed the best safety trio in the country. Starting CB Ross Weaver did miss 5 and true frosh DB Chris L Rucker (4 st) missed the final 5 regular season games. Despite the injuries, the Spartans moved up to #64. This year they lose SS Warrick (11 st, 61 tkl) and FS Key (8 st, 69 tkl) but have six of the top eight back (5 w/starting exp). This group should continue to improve in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 Brett Swenson hit 15 of 19 FG (long 46) and P Brandon Fields had a fine 37.2 net but due to a poor return game, the unit only finished #67 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace Fields (#7DC) and I noted Dantonio's Cincy units had finished just #106, #113 and #82 so moving up would be difficult. Despite having one of the best KR in the country in Devin Thomas (29.1, #11 NCAA), the Spartans finished just #77. Swenson hit 15 of 22 (long 46) but missed a pair from 53. True frosh P Aaron Bates (PS#54) only avg'd 39.7 (33.8 net). Todd Boleski did hit 10 TB on 79 KO. This year they must replace Thomas and top PR Terry Love (4.8) but have everyone else back.

COACHES - Michigan St wanted an old school disciplinarian so they brought in Mark Dantonio last year. Dantonio served on Nick Saban's staff as the Spartans' DB coach from '95-'00. He moved on to become DC at Ohio St for 3 years including its National Championship season in 2002 before taking over at UC in 2004 where he produced two bowl seasons in 3 years. His OC is Don Treadwell who was the Mich St WR Coach from 2000-'02 and UC's OC for 3 years. The DC is Pat Narduzzi who was Miami, Oh's DC in '03 and the Bearcats' DC from '04-'06.

PHIL'S FORECAST

MSU entered last year as arguably the Big Ten's biggest underachiever in this decade. In John L Smith's debut season in '03 they opened vs a soft early slate. Unfortunately after that 7-1 start, they went just 15-25 through 2006 and Smith got the ax. The team was known for its late season collapses under Smith including 2006 when they opened 3-0 and had a 37-21 4Q lead vs ND. MSU blew that game and won just once more the rest of the year. That one win came in the NCAA's biggest comeback ever (trailed NW 38-3). That 2006 squad finished 1-7 and was outgained by 90.8 ypg in Big Ten play (3rd worst). Teams that have early success under a new HC usually buy into the program and Dantonio, despite having just 12 returning starters, got that benefit. The Spartans won their first four including an amazing 6th straight win in South Bend, a game in which they had a 354-203 yard edge. They had a 564-461 yd edge at Wisconsin but came up 3 points short and the next week lost in OT to NW, a game where they yielded 611 yards. MSU buried Indiana with a 558-193 yd edge but lost at #1 Ohio St with 2 def TD's keeping it close. Things looked bleak for the post season when they blew a 17-3 halftime lead vs Iowa and they lost in 2OT despite having a 468-283 yd edge. When Dantonio was hired he mentioned Nov 3rd date vs rival Michigan at a basketball game, much like Jim Tressell did at Ohio St. The Spartans led 24-14 in the 4Q vs Mich with 7:40 left but lost 28-24. They were outgained by Purdue 517-416 but came away with the win and the next week vs Penn St trailed 24-7 in the 3Q but rallied for the miracle win. The Spartans landed a bowl game in the state of Florida vs #14 BC but were without 5 susp players including star DE Saint-Dic and top PR Love and came up just short, 24-21 (5 TO's). MSU did not lose a single game by more than 7 points so in the Best Case/Worst Case Scenario (see Big Ten Regional Magazine) the Spartans could actually have been 12-0 as they had 6 net close losses. They were 3-5 in Big Ten play but they outgained conf foes by 37 ypg. The Spartans suffer significant losses this year like WR Thomas, TE Davis and DE Saint-Dic but 4 of my 8 sets of power ratings call them the 4th best team in the Big Ten. Despite just 13 returning starters (3rd fewest Big Ten) they should get to their 2nd straight bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 7 BRIAN HOYER SR. 6-3 212 **PS#23**. 1 st '06. 13 st LY. 3755 yd (59%) 26-14 ratio, 131 rush 3Y. **17** Nick Foles (6'5" 243 rFr) **PS#33**. **10** Connor Dixon (6'4" 197 So) PS#61.

RB 23 JAVON RINGER SR. 5-9 200 **PS#27**. 13 st 3Y, 2761 yd (6.1!), 68 rec (7.8). **20** AJ Jimmerson (5'10" 202 Jr) PS#59. 191 (3.9) 2Y. **28** Andre Anderson (5'9" 188 rFr) PS#139.

WR NA Fred Smith Fr. 6-2 207 **PS#33**. David Williams (5'9" 176 So). **FB 45 Andrew Hawken** (6'2" 238 Jr) **PS#50LB**. 10 tkl '06. 2 st LY. **35** Jeff McPherson (6'1" 245 Sr) 2 st LY, 4 rec.

WR 6 MARK DELL SO. 6-2 185 **PS#22**. 8 st true, 220 (11.0). 4 Carl Grimes (5'9" 183 Sr). **PS#25**. 7 rec 3Y. **25** Blair White (6'2" 202 Jr) 3 rec LY. Myles White PS#293.

WR 84 DEON CURRY SR. 6-1 208 **PS#45**. 1 rec '05-'06 (inj). 10 st LY, 200 yd (8.3). **86** BJ Cunningham (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#198. **16** Chris D Rucker (5'10" 172 rFr) PS#163DB.

TE 83 Charlie Gantt So. 6-4 256 PS#32. 4 gm rFr, 0 rec. Garrett Celek (6'5" 230 rFr) PS#95. David Duran (6'5" 241 rFr) PS#58. Michael Jordan (6'5" 276 Jr) PS#198JC. 3 tkl DL LY.

C 65 JOEL NITCHMAN JR. 6-3 300 **PS#68**. 2nd string rFr. 8 st LY (7C, 1TE), miss 3 w/inj. **60** Mike Bacon (6'4" 298 Sr) 1 st LG, 9 gm 2Y. **LS 56** Alex Shackleton (6'2" 240 So).

RG 64 Brendon Moss Jr. 6-6 292 PS#451. 1 st TE rFr. 2 gm OG LY. **67** Joel Foreman (6'3" 299 rFr) PS#270. **62** Abre Leggins (6'3" 314 So) PS#270DL. DL in '06. OL in '07.

LG 73 ROLAND MARTIN SR. 6-5 325 **PS#2**. 7 gm rFr. 12 st RG '06, 30 panck. 10 st LG LY (inj 2). **66** John Stipek (6'5" 298 Jr) 4 tkl DL 2Y. **75** Jared McGaha (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#212.

RT 79 JESSE MILLER SR. 6-6 320 PS#157. 4 gm rFr. 12 st RT '06, 34 panck. 13 st RT LY. **76** Mike Schmeding (6'8" 320 Jr) PS#142. Jason Diehl (6'3" 290 So) PS#389.

LT 57 Rocco Cironi Jr. 6-6 305 **PS#93**. 7 gms, 2 st in '06. 3 gms, 2nd string '07. **77** J'Michael Deane (6'5" 291 So) Canadian. 1 gm rFr. **88** Patrick Rigan (6'5" 260 So) PS#96DL.

K 14 BRETT SWENSON JR. 5-8 160 PS#32. 15-19 FG as true, long 46, **HM B10**. 15-22, long 46 LY. Matt Haughey (5'9" 170 Sr). Todd Boleski (6'6" 212 Sr) 16 TB '06. 10 TB LY.

DE 47 Brandon Long Sr. 6-4 240 PS#97LB. 11 tkl '05 & '06. 3 st DE LY. 18 tkl, 4 tfl. **Tyler Hoover PS#44 in spg. 57** Jonathon Strayhorn (6'0" 240 rFr). Todd Anderson (6'2" 240 rFr).

NT 70 Oren Wilson So. 6-3 292 PS#134. '06 Cincy. 1 st NT "true" LY, 10 tkl. **93** Antonio Jeremiah (6'5" 315 So) PS#31. 6 tkl true, 1 sk. **96** Kevin Pickelman (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#404LB.

DE 97 JUSTIN KERSHAW SR. 6-5 278 PS#158. 4 tkl rFr. 8 st '06, 26 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st LY, 34 tkl, 5 tfl. **59** Ryan Wheat (6'5" 310 rFr) **PS#90OL**. **89** Colin Neely (6'1" 249 So) PS#76LB.

DE 58 Trevor Anderson Jr. 6-2 255 PS#144. **8 st Cincy** true, 11 gm, 31 tkl, 4 sk. 13 st '06, 44 tkl, 6 sk, 7 tfl. RS here LY. **49** Dwayne Holmes (6'0" 283 Sr) **PS#33LB**. 4 st TE, 7 rec 3Y.

WLB 43 ERIC GORDON SO. 6-0 220 **PS#44**. 10 st rFr, 62 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **34** Brandon Denson (5'11" 216 Jr) 10 tkl LY. Steve Gardiner is PS#57. **35** Marcus Webb (5'11" 210 Jr).

MLB 55 Adam Decker Jr. 6-2 233 PS#142. 10 tkl rFr. 2 gm LY. **44** Josh Rouse (6'3" 235 Jr) 9 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **56** Kyle Smith (6'2" 232 Sr). 3 gm LY. **52** Andrew Pendy (6'1" 235 Jr).

SLB 53 GREG JONES SO. 6-1 222 PS#146. L/7 st as **true #1 tkl'r** w/ 78, 4.5 sk, 4 tfl. **36** Jon Misch (6'2" 210 So) 2 st, 12 gm, 22 tkl. **42** Ryan Allison (6'3" 209 Sr) **PS#34WR**. 92 ttl yd 3Y.

CB 38 KENDELL DAVIS-CLARK SR. 5-11 204 **PS#63**. 3 st '06, 39 tkl. 12 st LY, 72 tkl, 4 sk, 8 pbu. **37** Ross Weaver (6'1" 203 Jr) 5 st LY (inj) 19 tkl. **28** Mike Bell (5'11" 182 Sr) **PS#30WR**. Jeremy Ware (5'10" 187 Jr).

CB 29 CHRIS L. RUCKER SO. 6-2 194 PS#165. 4 st, 8 gm true til inj, 24 tkl. **Ashton Henderson** (5'11" 184 Jr) PS#272. 4 st, 18 tkl LY. Johnny Adams PS#61 in spg. Emmanuel Johnson (5'6" 165 So).

SS 21 OTIS WILEY SR. 6-2 210 PS#92. 12 st '06, **HM B10**, 94 tkl, 10 pbu. 7 st LY, 49 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. **11** Marcus Hyde (6'0" 206 So) PS#345QB. **26** Jesse Johnson (5'10" 185 So).

FS 40 Roderick Jenrette Jr. 6-1 200 20 tkl, 2Y. **33** Dan Fortener (6'1" 197 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y. Enrique Shaw (6'1" 188 So) PS#200. Brynden Trawick PS#94 in spg. Keshawn Martin 4.38 spd.

P 18 AARON BATES SO. 6-0 190 PS#54. 69 punts true, 39.7 avg, net 33.8, 23 inside 20. 4 Ed Wagner (6'5" 242 So) PS#79. 2 Matt Haughey (5'9" 170 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Fred Smith 6-2 207 PS#33
DL	Tyler Hoover 6-7 273 PS#44
OL	Ethan Ruhland 6-6 270 PS#72
LB	Steve Gardiner 6-1 210 PS#57
DB	Johnny Adams 5-11 170 PS#61
DL	Jerel Worthy, 6-3 290 PS#112
DB	Brynden Trawick 6-3 218 PS#94
RB	Caulton Ray 5-9 197 PS#114
LB	Jamiihr Williams 6-3 230 PS#121
DL	Chris McDonald 6-5 271 PS#171
DB	Trenton Robinson 5-10 180 PS#203
OL	Anthony Woods 6-3 305 PS#257
LB	Drew Stevens 6-4 220 PS#203
DL	Cameron Jude 6-3 235 PS#260
OL	John Deyo 6-6 265 PS#275
DB	Charles Burrell 6-2 207 PS#285
RB	Glenn Winston 6-2 215 PS#250
DB	Keshawn Martin 6-0 185 PS#339
WR	Myles White 6-1 160 PS#293
LB	David Rolf 6-3 225 PS#320
OL	Zach Hueter 6-7 295 PS#398

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#13

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at California	A					
Sep. 6	Eastern Michigan	G					
Sep. 13	Florida Atlantic	G					
Sep. 20	Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 27	at Indiana	A					
Oct. 4	Iowa (HC)	G					
Oct. 11	at Northwestern	G					
Oct. 18	Ohio St	G					
Oct. 25	at Michigan	A					
Nov. 1	Wisconsin	G					
Nov. 8	Purdue	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	at Penn St	G					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jeff Smoker 8,932 '00-'03
2. Drew Stanton 6,524 '03-'06
3. Dave Yarema 5,809 '82-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Lorenzo White 4,887 '84-'87
2. Tico Duckett 4,212 '89-'92
3. Blake Ezor 3,749 '86-'89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Andre Rison 2,992 '85-'88
2. Charles Rogers 2,821 '01-'02
3. Kirk Gibson 2,347 '75-'78

MSU is 2-1 all-time vs the Bears but Cal won the last matchup 46-22 in '02. The Spartans are 8-3 since 1997 in road openers winning the last 3 straight.

MSU has won 13 straight vs current MAC tms & all 7 vs EM with avg score of 37-7. Michigan St has won 9 straight home openers by an average of 20 ppg.

Coming into '08, Michigan St is 14-1 at home vs non-conference non-BCS schools. FAU did beat Minnesota last year for its first win over a Big Ten team.

MSU is 8-3 in this series but the home team has lost 7 straight. Last time in East Lansing the Irish rallied from a 31-14 3Q deficit for their biggest comeback S/'79.

MSU is 9-2 in the Old Brass Spittoon series. They combined to avg 59 ppg w/an avg margin of victory of 22 ppg. Spartans are 10-5-1 in Big Ten openers but have lost 2 straight.

Last year Iowa QB Christensen threw for just 23 yds in regulation but the Hawks won 34-27 in 2 OT's. The home team has won 8 straight series matchups.

Coming into '08, the Spartans are 8-24 since '00 on the Big Ten road. In their last matchup in Evanston, MSU rallied from a 38-3 3Q deficit for the NCAA's largest-ever comeback.

MSU has lost 6 straight in this series and are 1-5 in East Lansing S/'92. LY MSU scored 2 defensive TD's but OSU held on to win 24-17 with 22-9 FD & 422-185 yd edges.

Michigan has claimed the Paul Bunyan Trophy 6 straight times. Since 1968 the Spartans are 3-17 in Ann Arbor with their last win coming in '90.

The Spartans are 3-8 vs the Badgers S/'93. Last year MSU had a 564-461 yd edge but lost 37-34 as they were SOD with 1:09 left on Wisky's 38 yd line.

Michigan St is only 2-7 vs Purdue the L9Y including back-to-back home losses with 5 of them by 7 pts or less. The Spartans are 18-5 in home finales since 1985.

Penn St has won the Land Grant Trophy in 11 out of the last 15 attempts. Last year Michigan St rallied from a 24-7 3Q deficit to win 35-31 in East Lansing.

MARK DANTONIO (Career 25-23)

2nd Year at Michigan St — Dantonio's Bowl Record: 1-1

Dantonio's records AT MICHIGAN ST

7-6	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
5-2	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
2-3	Away	2-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
3-5	Vs Conference	2-3	Off A Loss

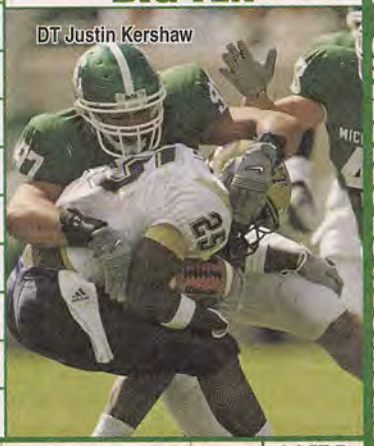
2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,19,3)
Lost: 20 (11,9,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 70,540 (#22)

BIG TEN


DT Justin Kershaw

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (75,005) (#21)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	7-5	4-8	8-5	5-7	5-6	4-8	7-6	45-51
Home	4-2	4-2	3-5	5-2	4-2	3-3	2-5	5-2	30-23
Away	1-4	2-3	1-3	3-2	1-5	2-3	2-3	2-3	14-26
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	2-6	5-3	4-4	2-6	1-7	3-5	22-42
vs Non-Conf	3-0	4-0	2-2	3-2	1-3	3-0	3-1	4-1	23-9
ATS	6-5	6-6	2-9-1	6-7	5-7	4-7	3-8-1	8-4-1	40-53-3
Home Fav (Bobby Williams)	3-1	1-4	1-5	2-3	1-1	2-3	1-3	2-3	13-23
Home Dog	1-1	1-0	0-1-1	1-1	2-2	0-1	0-2-1	1-0-1	6-8-3
Away Fav (Morris Watts (10-12))	0-2	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-3	1-1	0-2	1-1	4-10
Away Dog (John L. Smith)	2-1	3-1	1-3	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	3-0	15-11
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	2-6	1-7	5-2-1	26-36-2
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	1-3	1-4	0-4	2-1	2-1-1	3-2	14-17-1
Off SU Win (Bobby Williams (1-9))	2-3	4-2	0-3-1	4-4	2-3	2-3	2-1-1	5-2	21-21-2
Off SU Loss (Mac Dixon)	3-2	2-3	1-6	2-2	3-3	1-4	1-6	2-2-1	15-28-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Javon Ringer	245	1484	37	1447	6	5.9
Jehuu Caulcrick	222	891	19	872	21	3.9
Devin Thomas	27	186	9	177	0	6.6
AJ Jimmerson	12	56	5	51	0	4.2
Kellen Davis	6	44	1	43	0	7.2
Andre Anderson	8	27	11	16	1	2.0
Brian Hoyer	47	94	199	-105	1	-2.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Hoyer	376	223	59.3	2725	20	11
Nick Foles	8	5	62.5	57	0	0
Conner Dixon	5	3	60.0	37	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Devin Thomas	79	1260	15.9	8	80
Kellen Davis	32	513	16.0	6	32
Javon Ringer	35	295	8.4	0	28
Mark Dell	20	220	11.0	2	25
Deon Curry	24	200	8.3	1	18
Terry Love	9	84	9.3	0	20
Andrew Hawken	10	81	8.1	1	21
Eric Andino	5	44	8.8	2	19
Jeff McPherson	4	43	10.8	1	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Aaron Bates	69	2742	39.7	10	33.8	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brett Swenson	53-54	7-9	5-6	3-5	0-2	15-22	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Greg Jones	78	4.5	4	2	0
Kendell Davis-Clark	72	4	1.5	8	0
Travis Key	69	0	1	6	2
Kaleb Thornhill	64	2	8	4	0
Eric Gordon	62	1	6.5	2	1
Nehemiah Warrick	61	0	1	3	0
Ervin Baldwin	58	8.5	10	0	0
Otis Wiley	49	0	1	5	4
Jonal Saint-Dic	47	10	4.5	1	0
SirDarean Adams	47	0	4.5	1	2
Justin Kershaw	34	1.5	3.5	0	0
Ogemdi Nwagbuo	31	1	3.5	0	0
Chris L Rucker	24	0	0	1	1
Jon Misch	22	0.5	0	0	0
Ross Weaver	19	0	2	1	0
Ashton Henderson	18	0	0	2	0
Brandon Long	18	2	2	0	0
Rob Tabatchnick	17	1	2	4	0
Roderick Jenrette	15	0	0	1	1
Oren Wilson	10	0	0.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terry Love	22	105	4.8	0
Devin Thomas	7	18	2.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Thomas	39	1135	29.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Aloha - #25	+5	Washington - #21	23-51
99	Citrus - #9	+2'	Florida - #10	37-34
01	Silicon Valley	+4'	Fresno St - #20	44-35
03	Alamo	+3	Nebraska - #22	3-17
07	Champs Sports	+5'	Boston College - #14	21-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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MICHIGAN STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	33.1	20	198	4.4	219	59.0	12.6	+2	2007	6	26.6	18	126	3.6	220	58.2	13.0
7*	25.2	18	129	4.0	228	59.5	14.2	-1	2006	6	28.4	19	133	3.8	231	58.0	12.8
8*	33.8	26	202	4.9	295	66.1	14.7	-1	2005	5	28.7	22	165	4.6	245	60.6	14.3
7	29.4	22	239	5.7	222	58.6	15.6	-10	2004	5	27.2	19	172	4.4	209	54.9	14.0
6*	27.9	19	97	3.2	270	61.7	13.2	+11	2003	8	22.5	21	125	3.2	255	54.2	16.9
8*	26.3	21	142	4.0	229	55.2	14.1	-7	2002	7	33.2	21	214	4.7	189	49.4	12.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

MSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
67,796	UAB	28	48-298	6.2	22-30	295	1	17	32-12	0.4	21-39	214	5	+1
67,276	Bowling Green	20	41-142	3.5	17-29	250	1	20	25-47	1.9	32-51	295	7	0
68,620	Pittsburgh	19	51-144	2.8	14-28	183	6	15	38-207	5.4	9-20	85	5	+3
80,795	at Notre Dame	19	49-219	4.5	11-24	135	1	9	35-117	3.3	11-20	86	4	-1
82,164	at Wisconsin	22	37-241	6.5	22-36	323	5	25	52-214	4.1	17-25	247	2	+1
67,378	Northwestern	20	32-287	9.0	17-31	194	0	29	34-91	2.7	38-49	520	1	0
73,449	Indiana	28	67-368	5.5	20-23	190	3	9	17-22	1.3	13-19	171	5	+1
105,287	at Ohio St	9	28-59	2.1	12-24	126	4	22	47-229	4.9	15-23	193	2	+1
70,585	at Iowa	23	52-160	3.1	25-44	308	4	13	44-230	5.2	5-15	53	1	-1
77,009	Michigan	17	43-191	4.4	19-35	161	3	18	30-100	3.3	18-33	211	2	0
55,630	at Purdue	22	54-150	2.8	22-31	266	1	21	25-173	6.9	29-45	344	3	+3
72,251	Penn St	21	39-145	3.7	17-22	280	1	20	40-167	4.2	16-37	188	0	-3
46,554	† Boston College	18	39-172	4.4	14-36	131	0	17	30-27	0.9	22-47	249	3	-3
TOTALS		266	580-2576	4.4	232-393	2842	30	235	449-1636	3.6	246-423	2856	40	+2
AVERAGES		20.5	45-198	4.4	18-30	219	2.3	18.1	35-126	3.6	19-33	220	3.1	0.2

2003 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Michigan	-13'	26-21
–	Rutgers	-19	44-28
–	Louisiana Tech	-11'	19-20
–	at Notre Dame	+11'	22-16
–	Iowa - #13	+7	20-10
#25	Indiana	-16	31-3
#21	at Illinois	-3'	49-14
#15	at Minnesota - #25	+5'	44-38
#9	Michigan - #11	+3'	20-27
#14	at Ohio St - #7	+6'	23-33
#21	at Wisconsin	+1'	21-56
–	Penn St	-5'	41-10

2004 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Rutgers	-4'	14-19
–	C Michigan	-25	24-7
–	Notre Dame	+3	24-31
–	at Indiana	-3	30-20
–	at Iowa	+7	16-38
–	Illinois	-7'	38-25
–	Minnesota - #19	+9	51-17
–	at Michigan - #12	+11	37-45 3OT
–	Ohio St	+2	19-32
–	Wisconsin - #4	+8	49-14
–	at Penn St	-4	13-37
–	at Hawaii	-6	38-41

2005 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Kent St	-21	49-14
–	Hawaii	-31'	42-14
–	at Notre Dame - #10	+6	44-41 OT
#17	at Illinois	-10	61-14
#11	Michigan	-6	31-34 OT
#16	at Ohio St - #15	+6'	24-35
#22	Northwestern	-13'	14-49
–	Indiana	-17'	46-15
–	at Purdue	-4'	21-28
–	at Minnesota	+6	18-41
–	Penn St - #5	+8'	22-31

2006 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Idaho	-29'	27-17
–	E Michigan	-25'	52-20
–	at Pittsburgh	+3	38-23
–	Notre Dame - #12	+3	37-40
–	Illinois	-26	20-23
–	at Michigan - #6	+15'	13-31
–	Ohio St - #1	+14'	7-38
–	at Northwestern	-8	41-38
–	at Indiana	-7	21-46
–	Purdue	-2'	15-17
–	Minnesota	+1	18-31
–	at Penn St	+17'	13-17

2007 RESULTS

MSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UAB	-22	55-18
–	Bowling Green	-18	28-17
–	Pittsburgh	-11'	17-13
–	at Notre Dame	-10'	31-14
–	at Wisconsin - #9	+7	34-37
–	Northwestern	-16'	41-48 OT
–	Indiana	-3'	52-27
–	at Ohio St - #1	+18'	17-24
–	at Iowa	-3	27-34 2OT
–	Michigan - #15	+4	24-28
–	at Purdue	+4	48-31
–	Penn St	+2'	35-31

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

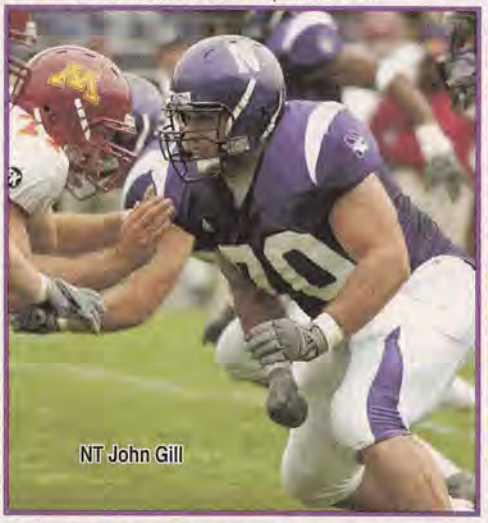
QUARTERBACKS - Brett Basanez (PS#26) left as the school's all-time leading passer. In 2006 three QB's battled for the job. Basanez's backup in '05, CJ Bachér (PS#35) who had played in 5 (15 passes), was the favorite but was injured in August and missed the first 7. Mike Kafka (PS#41) opened as the starter after only starting for one year in HS. He is big with a strong arm. He led in rushing vs Miami and Nevada but injured his leg and Andrew Brewer (PS#44) started the next 3. Brewer led in rushing vs Penn St and Wisc but completed just 50% with a 0-4 ratio. Bachér finally played vs Purdue and started the final 5 throwing for 1,172 (59%) with a 6-8 ratio and the Wildcats' offense was more potent with him at the helm. Last year Bachér led the Big Ten in passing ypg (305) and had 19 TD's. On the negative side he also had 19 int with most of them coming in the last 4 games (11) and many at crucial times. Kafka played in 4 (3 passes). Both return and adding depth are Joe Mauro (6'4" 215 So, PS#106) and Dan Persa (6'1" 205 rFr, PS#53). Brewer moved to WR last year. Despite a new OC, I look for Bachér to cut down on his int and be a much improved QB in 2008.

RUNNING BACKS - The Wildcat RB's were very inexperienced in 2005. Brandon Roberson (PS#85) started the opener but injured his ankle in the 1Q and became NU's version of Wally Pipp. True frosh Tyrell Sutton (2004 HS Mr. Football in Ohio) rushed for 104 in his debut and went on to win the Big Ten Frosh of the Year. He broke Greg Boykin's 1972 frosh mark of 625 and also Darnell Autry's mark of 171 in a game (214). After 7 he had 970, just 30 yards short of becoming the 4th frosh to top 1,000 yards in his first seven games with the others being Marshall Faulk, Emmitt Smith and Adrian Peterson. Sutton finished with 1,474 (5.9) and 16 TD's and was on billboards across Chicago promoting the team in 2006. Sutton was de-emphasized in the offense early on, but once QB Bachér entered the lineup, Sutton was back to his normal self. Over the final 5 he rushed for 172 vs Mich St, 168 vs Iowa and 110 vs Illinois and finished at the magical 1,000 yard mark (5.3). Roberson, who had 171 (4.6) in '05, had just 3 attempts. Both returned last year but Sutton, who rushed for 108 in the opener was injured in the 2Q vs Nevada and missed 5 and parts of others. In the final 4 he rushed for 400 and led with 522 (4.8). By early 3Q vs Michigan, Omar Conteh had 98 yd on 12 carries but he surprisingly got in just 3 more carries the rest of the game finishing with 115. He led in five straight games including 122 vs EM and finished the season with 447 (4.7). Roberson had 348 (4.6). This year they only lose Roberson (2 st). Adding depth are Stephen Simmons (5'8" 175 So, PS#147), Scott Concannon (5'10" 185 rFr, PS#120) and Jacob Schmidt (5'10" 205 rFr). If Sutton remains healthy the Cats should have a much improved rush attack as he is one of the Big Ten's top RB's.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cats had to replace their top WR but had 3 of the top 4 back. The leading returnee was 6'3" Ross Lane (PS#134) who had 401 (13.4). Eric Peterman (PS#46QB) had 349 (15.2) in '06 and Rasheed Ward (PS#130) had 212 (9.6). The fastest of the receivers were Peterman, 6'4" Kim Thompson and Jeff Yarbrough (PS#164). Due to QB problems in '06, the top receiver had just 494 but last year 4 WR's topped 434. Andrew Brewer (PS#44QB), who had 3 starts at QB in '06, moved to WR but missed the year due to injury. This year they lose Thompson (6 st, 678) and Tonjua Jones (10 st, 196). Not listed below are Mark Ison (6'0" 195 So), Mark Woodsum (6'0" 235 Jr) and Cameron Joplin (6'5" 265 rFr). I like the talent of this group and it figures to be one of the NCAA's most underrated receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Wildcats had a veteran O-line with 4 VHT starters and I called them the #7 O-line in the country. They opened holes for 4.6 ypc rush and allowed just 12 sacks (2.6%). They had to replace three starters in 2005 but surprisingly the ypc increased to 5.0 and the sacks dropped to 11 (2.1%!). They became just the second offense in Big Ten history to top 500 total ypg. In 2006 they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm AA OT but did get back a 2 year starter (C Trevor Rees-inel '05) so they basically had four starters returning. Surprisingly the ypc dropped to 4.0, their lowest since 1999 (26 sk, 7.8%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and star TB Sutton missed 5 due to injury. The rushing dropped again (120, 3.6) while the sacks rose to 32 (6.0%) despite the fact that the unit did not have any missed starts due to injury. This year they lose 3 starters in C Rees (11 st, 4Y st'r), LG Adam Crum (12 st) and LT Dylan Thiry (12 st, 3Y st'r). The 36 career starts returning ranks just #103 in the NCAA and the unit averages just 6'4" 289 lbs. This is my main question mark on the 2008 squad.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2002 Northwestern had a small, young, inexperienced D-line that allowed a shocking 314 ypg rush (5.4) and the D only had 6 sacks on the year. Two years later with a veteran group they only allowed 139 ypg (3.6). An inexperienced group in 2005 yielded 218 ypg (5.2) and had just 12 sacks. In 2006 they had to replace two starters but improved to 158 ypg (4.3) with 23 sacks. Last year the entire 2 deep returned. Ex-DC Colby said that DE Corey Wootton doesn't "know his own potential but when he does he's going to be a sight to see" and the staff compared John Gill to Luis Castillo (SD NFL). It was surprising that the veteran group allowed 167 ypg (4.4) and the sack total dropped to 18. This year they lose DE David Ngene (6 st, 16 tkl, 5 sk) and DE Mark Koehn (14 tkl). The top 4 DL tacklers are back and all have 7+ starts. I look for a much improved D-line.


NT John Gill

LINEBACKERS - The Cats had to replace two of their 3 starters in 2007. OLB Prince Kwateng and Eddie Simpson split one spot with Kwateng better vs the run and Simpson vs the pass. Adam Kadela who led in tackles in 2006 (80), had 125 last year which was 47 more than the #2. This year they lose Kadela (12 st, HM Big Ten), Simpson (4 st, 26 tkl) and Chris Malleo (19 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Ryan Barrett (6'2" 250 Jr) and Kyle Petty (6'0" 205 rFr). Four players return with starting experience and even with the loss of their top guy, this looks like a solid group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cats were #37 in my pass D rankings in 2005. They had to replace 2 starters and then a returning starter lost his job so they slipped to #59 in 2006. Last year they only had to replace one starter but returning starter SS Brendan Smith (12 st '06, HM Big Ten) was lost after 4 and RS. Surprisingly the Cats dropped to #106 allowing 62.8% with a 24-9 ratio. This year they lose CB Deante Battle (12 st, 64 tkl, 5 pbu), FS Reggie McPherson (12 st, 78 tkl, 5 pbu) and 2nd stringers Ben Rothrauff (5 tkl) and Chaz Richart (6 tkl). Despite the losses, with Smith returning they basically have 3 starters back and can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Despite the team's recent success (four out of five 6+ win seasons from '03-'07), this unit has struggled. NU finished #90, #92, #95, #110, #106 and #79 in my ST rankings over the last six years. Last year they had to replace their P, K and top PR. A sore spot for the unit was the KR defense (24.7) which ranked #110 in the NCAA. The team had 6 TB on 58 KO all by rFr Stefan Demos (PS#9). Demos also did a fine job punting (36.8 net). Amado Villarreal hit 12 of 18 FG's (long 49) and CB Sherrick McManis avg 23.2 on KR's while rFr Stephen Simmons avg 26.8 with a 99 yd TD vs Ohio St's excellent ST unit. This year the unit returns intact and the Cats should easily have their best finish this decade.

COACHES - Randy Walker did a great job here before his tragic death in 2006. Walker had actually handpicked his successor, Pat Fitzgerald, who became the youngest coach in the NCAA (by 5 years!) at 31. Fitzgerald was the Big Ten's Def MVP on the 1995 Rose Bowl team and will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame this December. He also became the first NU HC since John Pont in 1973 to win his first game. This year he brings in a new OC in Mick McCall who was Bowling Green's OC in '07. BG went from 19.5 ppg in '06 to 30.2 in 2007 (QB cch BG '03-'06). They bring in DC Mike Hankwitz who was Wisconsin's DC the last two years, at Colorado (under Gary Barnett) in '04 and '05 and Arizona's DC and interim HC in '03. He was also A&M's DC from 1997-'02 and in his 38 years, his teams have had 32 winning seasons.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the last 13 years NU has an amazing three Big Ten titles (59 years between titles '36-'95). In 2000 the Big Ten media selected NU last in the league. I went out on a limb and called them the 4th most improved team in the country and they were an amazing 8-3. In 2001 the media overreacted picking them first. I didn't make too many Wildcat fans happy when I pegged them 9th and they fell to 4-7. In 2002, with just 9 starters back, they were 3-9. In 2003 they once again made my most improved list with 15 starters back and went to their first bowl in 3 years. In 2004 they finished 5-3 in conf play but at 6-6 did not get to a bowl. In 2005 the Cats lost 4 projected starters over the summer (8 back). They still became the first NU team since 1931 to win 6 or more games for 3 consecutive seasons and went bowling again. NU, 0-5 in bowls since 1948, led UCLA 22-0 in the 1Q but lost. After going 1-7 vs the Big Ten in 2002 including 49 and 52 point losses, they were 14-10 in Big Ten play from 2003-'05. In 2006 they had 13 returning starters but then suffered the tragic loss of HC Randy Walker over the summer. Under the circumstances, Pat Fitzgerald did a fine job getting the team to 2-6 in the Big Ten (-106 ypg) and 4-8 overall. They led Mich St 38-3 in the 3Q before allowing the NCAA's biggest comeback ever. The Cats were -7 in TO's and the offense had an 18.9 ypp (see For Better/For Worse). Last year Penn St and Wisconsin rotated off the schedule and were replaced by Indiana and Minn. I called for the Cats to be bowl eligible for the 5th time in eight years. They had 7 HG, which was the most in 61 years but they have not gone undefeated in non-league play since 1963. They opened the season with their first shutout since 1997 beating IAA Northeastern 27-0. They needed a 13 yd TD pass with :21 left to beat Nevada (trailed 24-10 at half). The next week Duke snapped the NCAA's longest losing streak (22 gms) with a 20-14 upset at Ryan Field. After trailing Ohio St 45-0 at the half, they led Michigan 16-14 into the 4Q but blew numerous opportunities and had 4 TO's in the last 11:00. They got past Mich St in OT, 48-41, but trailed lowly Minnesota 35-14 before rallying with an 8 yd TD pass on 4th down with :08 left and won it in 2OT. They led 17-14 into the 4Q vs Purdue but lost and then led Iowa by the same 17-14 score after 3Q's and again lost. They did get a 3 yd TD pass with :44 left to upset Indy (led 24-14 after 3Q's). After losing to rival Illinois in the finale, they were bowl eligible but were home for the holidays at 6-6. Their 47 returning lettermen are the most since 1992. With an experienced QB, new OC McCall moved the offense back to the no huddle which they used with great success under Mike Dunbar (OC '02-'05). New DC Hankwitz has 8 returning starters to work with from a defense that underachieved last year. This looks like Pat Fitzgerald's best team yet and 7 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for 7 or more wins.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 18 CJ BACHÉR SR. 6-2 210 PS#35. 5 st '06, 1172 (59%) 6-8 ratio. 12 st LY, 3656 (61%) 19-19, 284 rush. **13** Mike Kafka (6'3" 215 Jr) PS#41. 4 st '06. 811 ttl yds 2Y.

RB 18 TYRELL SUTTON SR. 5-9 200 **PS#24. Big Ten Fr of Yr** true. 26 st, 3Y (miss 5 LY), 2996 (5.5), 114 rec. **29** Omar Conteh (6'0" 210 Sr) PS#184. 6 st LY, 447 (4.7), 20 rec LY.

WR 10 ERIC PETERMAN SR. 6-1 195 PS#46QB. 15 st 3Y, 1274 (12.6) #1 rec LY. **7** Jeff Yarbrough (5'11" 185 Sr) 1 st, 219 (9.5) 3Y. **2** Lee Coleman (5'10" 175 So) PS#357QB.

WR 9 ROSS LANE SR. 6-3 190 PS#134. 24 st 3Y, 1428 (13.9). **6** Charles Brown (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#112. **81** Kevin Frymire (6'1" 180 Jr). **83** Kevin Mitchell (6'1" 215 Jr) 8 gm ST.

WR 8 RASHEED WARD SR. 5-11 180 PS#130. 10 st 3Y, 745 (9.9). **5** Sidney Stewart (6'1" 185 So) PS#100. **15** Carl Fisher (6'0" 200 So) PS#42. Zeke Markshausen (5'11" 185 Jr).

WR 12 Andrew Brewer Jr. 6-3 210 PS#44QB. 3 st QB '06, 679 all-purp yd. Inj LY. **TE** Brendan Mitchell (6'3" 255 Jr) PS#62. Drake Dunsmore (6'3" 225 So). Josh Rooks (6'6" 265 So) PS#30.

C 52 JOEL BELDING SR. 6-3 300 PS#130. 3 st C rFr. 7 st RG '06. 12 st RG LY. Elite lifter. Ben Burkett (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#227. **LS 86** Phil Brunner (6'2" 215 Sr) LS 2Y "automatic".

RG 63 Keegan Grant So. 6-2 295 PS#448. 12 gm rFr, 2nd string all yr. **76** Desmond Taylor (6'3" 290 Jr) 1 st at LT '06. 1 st LG LY. **73** Colin Armstrong (6'5" 280 rFr) **PS#88.**

LG 62 Keegan Kennedy Sr. 6-2 280 PS#383DL. 19 tkl 3Y DL. **59** Alex Rucks (6'4" 305 Sr) PS#117. 3 gm rFr. Inj '06. 2 gm as bkup LY. **71** Tanner Highlen (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#306DL.

RT 78 KURT MATTES JR. 6-6 285 **PS#23**. DNP rFr. 12 st RT LY. Mike Boyle (6'7" 275 So) PS#139TE '05. 2nd string LY. Doug Bartels (6'4" 275 rFr). Jeff Radek is PS#104.

LT 75 Al Netter rFr. 6-6 285 PS#390. 2nd string rFr, 9 gm. **60** Ramon Diaz (6'4" 295 Jr) PS#117DL. Inj plagued 3Y, no gms. **68** Tyler Compton (6'5" 310 Jr) PS#296.

K 96 AMADO VILLARREAL SR. 5-10 180 1-1 FG '05. DNP '06. 12 of 18 FG LY, long 49, 3-4 from 40+. **1** Stefan Demos (5'10" 180 So) **PS#9**. 51 yd FG HS. **97** Kyle Daley (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#29.

DE 99 COREY WOOTTON JR. 6-7 270 PS#238. 12 st '06, 51 tkl, 4.5 sk, **HM Big Ten**. 11 st LY, 39 tkl, 7 tfl. **56** Kevin Watt (6'4" 250 rFr) PS#93. **48** Rejaie Johnson (6'2" 250 Sr) PS#195LB.

NT 70 JOHN GILL SR. 6-3 290 7 st true, 26 tkl. 11 st '06, 40 tkl, 4 tfl. 12 st LY, 50 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **HM Big Ten**. Marshall Thomas (6'3" 275 Jr) 10 tkl LY. Andrew Struckmeyer (6'2" 255 rFr).

DT 79 ADAM HAHN JR. 6-4 290 PS#153OL. 8 st rFr, 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 33 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 pbu. **93** Niko Mafuli (6'3" 305 rFr) **PS#58OL. 90** Jack DiNardo (6'4" 265 rFr) **PS#29TE.**

DE 95 KEVIN MIMS SR. 6-3 260 PS#86. 11 st rFr, 41 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 7 st '06, 38 tkl. 7 st LY, 38 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **94** Vince Browne (6'5" 250 rFr) PS#73. **98** Corbin Bryant (6'4" 270 So) 5 tkl rFr.

OLB 31 Mike Dinard Sr. 6-2 230 PS#94RB. 3 st '06, 16 tkl. 5 st LY, 25 tkl, 1.5 tfl. Bryce McNaul (6'4" 220 rFr) **PS#41**. Quentin Williams (6'4" 235 Fr). Pat Pohlen (6'3" 220 rFr).

MLB 46 MALCOLM ARRINGTON SR. 6-2 235 PS#91. 15 tkl '05-'06. 4 st OLB LY, 47 tkl, 5 tfl, 1 int. Nate Williams (6'2" 225 So) PS#104. 6 tkl rFr. **50** Chris Jeske (6'1" 225 Jr) **PS#28**. Inj'd 3Y.

OLB 36 PRINCE KWATENG SR. 6-2 230 PS#259. 7 tkl '05-'06. 9 st LY, 45 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **41** Quentin Davie (6'4" 220 So) PS#73. 2 st rFr, 25 tkl. **35** Ben Johnson (6'4" 210 rFr) PS#182WR.

CB 24 SHERRICK McMANIS JR. 6-1 190 4 st true, 22 tkl, 5 pbu. 12 st LY, 75 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **16** David Oredugba (6'2" 195 Sr) 4 tkl '06. 15 tkl, 1 pbu LY. **47** Ricky Weina (5'11" 175 rFr).

CB 28 Justan Vaughn So. 6-0 180 PS#173. Med RS '06. 7 gm, 9 tkl, 1 int rFr. **26** Jordan Mabin (5'11" 175 rFr) **PS#55. 21** Mike Bolden (6'1" 170 rFr). **49** Scott Lilja (5'10" 190 So).

SS 4 Brendan Smith Jr. 6-1 210 PS#99. 4 st true, 29 tkl. **12 st '06**, 68 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu, **HM Big Ten**. 3 st LY til inj. **38** Brian Peters (6'4" 205 rFr). Todd Dockery (5'10" 190 Sr) 2 tkl LY.

FS 17 BRAD PHILLIPS JR. 6-4 210 PS#168. 7 tkl true. 9 st SS LY, 55 tkl, 4 pbu, 1 int. **32** David Arnold (6'1" 210 rFr) PS#65. **34** James Nussbaum (6'2" 215 So) PS#467.

P 1 STEFAN DEMOS SO. 5-10 180 **PS#9**. 54 punts rFr, **#2 Big Ten with 36.8 net**, 40.1 avg, 6 TB on 41 KO. **97** Kyle Daley (6'0" 195 Sr) PS#29. 39.0 avg HS. Rugby style punts.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Quentin Williams 6-4 235 PS#37DL
OL	Brian Mulroe 6-4 265 PS#59
OL	Nick Adamle 6-4 295 PS#74
RB	Brett Nagel 6-4 230 PS#63LB
OL	Jeff Radek 6-6 300 PS#104
OL	Chuck Porcelli 6-7 295 PS#121
OL	Neal Deiters 6-8 310 PS#122
RB	Alex Daniel 6-0 200 PS#168
WR	Jeremy Ebert 6-0 175 PS#223DB
WR	Jeravin Matthews 5-11 170 PS#185
DL	Brian Arnfelt 6-5 250 PS#251
LB	Stone Pinckney 6-0 215 PS#214
DB	Caleb Harper 5-11 180 PS#275
WR	Martin Bayless 6-2 205 PS#225
DL	Evan Luxenburg 6-3 275 PS#283
DB	Jared Carpenter 6-0 200 PS#304
DB	Hunter Bates 5-10 175 PS#333
LB	David Nwabuisi 6-0 215 PS#295
DB	Demetrius Dugar 5-11 175 PS#408
WR	Demetrius Fields 6-0 200 PS#326

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#70

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Syracuse	G					The Cats are 3-4 all-time in this series with the Orange winning the last 4. Northwestern is 6-2 in season openers including 3 straight wins.
Sep. 6	at Duke	G					LY Duke broke its NCAA longest 22 game losing streak by beating the Cats 20-14 in Evanston. Since 1996 NU is 7-2 in this series but trails all-time 7-8.
Sep. 13	Southern Illinois	G					The FCS Salukis finished 12-2 in 2007. This is the 1st meeting between the programs. S Illinois knocked off FBS N Illinois (34-31) last year & Indiana (35-28) in 2006.
Sep. 20	Ohio	G					In the Battle of the Cats, the Wildcats are 2-1 including a win in 2005. Northwestern is 12-9-1 vs current MAC teams winning the last 5 by 13 ppg.
Sep. 27	at Iowa	G					The Hawks are 26-6 S/'74 vs the Cats with the 6 losses coming in the L/11 games. LY Iowa outscored NU 14-0 in the 4Q in a 28-17 win in Evanston.
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Michigan St	G					Last time in Evanston MSU rallied from a 38-3 3Q deficit, for the NCAA's biggest comeback ever. The road team has won 5 out of the last 7 including the last 3.
Oct. 18	Purdue (HC)	G					The Wildcats are just 2-8 since 1998 in this series including 1-4 at home. Northwestern led 17-14 last year heading into the 4Q but couldn't hold on.
Oct. 25	at Indiana	A					The Cats have won 8 of 10 matchups vs IU but only have outscored the Hoosiers 31-27 on avg. This is the only Big Ten series which NU leads all-time with a 42-33-1 record.
Nov. 1	at Minnesota	A					Last yr the Cats rallied from a 35-14, 3Q deficit to win 49-48 in double OT. These teams have avg'd 70 ppg in the last 6 matchups with the winner scoring 40+ five times.
Nov. 8	Ohio St	G					Buckeyes are 32-2 in this series S/'64 with just 2 of the L/28 decided by 7 or less pts. Last year Ohio St led 45-0 at the half as NU failed to record a positive rush yd..
Nov. 15	at Michigan	A					Since 1960, NU is 1-19 in Ann Arbor with their lone win coming in 1995. Michigan outscored the Cats 14-0 in the 4Q for a 28-16 win in Evanston last yr.
Nov. 22	Illinois	G					Illinois broke a 4 game losing streak to the Cats with last year's 41-22 win in which they had a 321-69 rush yd edge. NU has won their last 4 games on senior day.
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brett Basanez 10,580 '02-'05
2. Len Williams 7,487 '90-'93
3. Zak Kustok 5,822 '99-'01

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Damien Anderson 4,485 '98-'01
2. Darnell Autry 3,793 '94-'96
3. Tyrell Sutton 2,996 '05-Present

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. D'Wayne Bates 3,370 '95-'98
2. Richard Buchanan 2,474 '87-'90
3. Shaun Herbert 1,926 '03-'06

PAT FITZGERALD (Career 10-14)

3rd Year at Northwestern — Fitzgerald's Bowl Record: 0-0

Fitzgerald's records AT NORTHWESTERN

10-14	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
6-7	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
3-7	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
5-11	Vs Conference	5-8	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,17,4)
Lost: 19 (7,11,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,589 (#86)

BIG TEN

RB Tyrell Sutton

STADIUM: RYAN FIELD STADIUM (47,130) (#64)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	4-7	3-9	6-7	6-6	7-5	4-8	6-6	44-52
Home	5-1	2-3	2-4	2-4	5-1	4-2	2-4	4-3	26-22
Away	3-2	2-4	1-5	4-2	1-5	3-2	2-4	1-3	17-27
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-3
vs Conf	6-2	2-6	1-7	4-4	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	28-36
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	2-3	1-3	2-2	2-2	3-1	16-16
ATS	8-4	3-7-1	6-6	9-4	5-6-1	7-5	5-6	4-7	47-45-2
Home Fav (Randy Walker)	4-0	0-4	0-1	0-0	1-3	1-1	0-1	0-4	6-14
Home Dog (Randy Walker)	1-1	0-1	3-2	3-3	2-0	3-1	2-2	2-0	16-10
Away Fav (Pat Fitzgerald)	0-1	2-1	0-0	3-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	7-3
Away Dog (Pat Fitzgerald)	3-1	1-1-1	3-3	2-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	1-3	16-16-2
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-2
vs Conf	6-2	1-6-1	5-3	5-3	3-4-1	6-2	4-4	3-5	33-29-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	4-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	14-16
Off SU Win	4-4	1-3	2-1	4-2	1-4-1	2-5	0-2	1-5	15-26-1
Off SU Loss	3-0	1-4-1	4-4	4-2	3-2	4-0	4-4	3-2	26-18-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Sutton	108	531	9	522	4	4.8
Omar Conteh	96	479	32	447	5	4.7
Brandon Roberson	76	372	24	348	4	4.6
Eric Peterman	13	67	9	58	0	4.5
CJ Bachér	86	284	253	31	4	0.4
Jeff Yarbrough	3	23	0	23	0	7.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
CJ Bachér	521	318	61.0	3656	19	19
Eric Peterman	3	1	33.3	13	0	0
Mike Kafka	3	2	66.7	11	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eric Peterman	66	744	11.3	3	70
Kim Thompson	46	678	14.7	3	71
Ross Lane	49	649	13.2	7	45
Rasheed Ward	46	434	9.4	0	64
Tyrell Sutton	30	262	9.4	0	32
Omar Conteh	20	215	10.8	2	52
Tonjua Jones	19	196	10.3	2	28
Jeff Yarbrough	18	188	10.4	2	78
Drake Dunsmore	11	141	12.8	0	35
Brandon Roberson	9	99	11.0	0	47

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Stefan Demos	54	2168	40.1	7	36.8	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Amado Villarreal	36-37	8-9	1-5	3-4	0-0	12-18	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Adam Kadela	125	1	5.5	3	1
Reggie McPherson	78	0	0.5	5	1
Sherrick McManis	75	1	5.5	6	1
Deante Battle	64	1	1	5	1
Brad Phillips	55	0	1.5	4	1
John Gill	50	4	4.5	3	0
Malcolm Arrington	47	0	5	1	1
Prince Kwateng	45	2	3.5	0	0
Corey Wootton	39	1	6	5	1
Kevin Mims	38	2	3.5	0	0
Adam Hahn	33	0	3	2	0
Eddie Simpson	26	0	0	1	1
Quentin Davie	25	0	1.5	1	0
Mike Dinard	25	0	1.5	0	0
Chris Malleo	19	0	0	0	0
David Ngene	16	5	0	0	0
David Oredugba	15	0	0	1	0
Mark Koehn	14	0	0	0	0
Marshall Thomas	10	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eric Peterman	11	67	6.1	0
Rasheed Ward	6	47	7.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Sherrick McManis	31	718	23.2	0
Stephen Simmons	12	321	26.8	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Rose - #3	+3	USC - #17	32-41
96	Citrus - #11	+8'	Tennessee - #9	28-48
00	Alamo - #18	+14'	Nebraska - #9	17-66
03	Motor City	+7	Bowling Green	24-28
05	Sun	+2'	UCLA - #17	38-50

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Northwestern's All-Time Bowl Record 1-5

NORTHWESTERN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	25.8	23	120	3.6	308	60.9	16.6	-9	2007	8	31.0	21	167	4.4	243	62.8	13.2
7	16.5	16	142	4.0	169	56.6	18.9	-7	2006	6	26.2	19	158	4.3	204	61.6	13.9
5*	32.3	27	194	5.0	307	62.5	15.5	+9	2005	3	33.9	25	218	5.2	262	58.1	14.2
8*	24.6	22	172	4.6	237	53.8	16.7	+4	2004	9	28.5	21	139	3.6	252	56.2	13.7
7*	20.2	19	212	4.7	163	53.1	18.6	-2	2003	8	25.1	21	164	4.1	253	61.1	16.6
4	22.7	21	157	4.3	232	57.9	17.2	-6	2002	5	41.1	25	314	5.4	189	60.3	12.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

NU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
16,199	Northeastern	27	49-163	3.3	25-31	254	3	14	24-109	4.5	19-32	151	0	0
17,653	Nevada	18	26-204	7.8	20-45	227	2	30	51-192	3.8	22-35	337	3	+2
23,716	Duke	25	34-138	4.1	30-51	368	2	15	32-63	2.0	19-23	246	0	-1
105,178	at Ohio St	11	33-0	0.0	17-33	120	5	20	42-191	4.5	14-20	205	1	-1
40,604	Michigan	22	34-128	3.8	22-42	289	4	21	38-120	3.2	23-38	260	1	-5
67,378	at Michigan St	29	34-91	2.7	38-49	520	1	20	32-287	9.0	17-31	194	0	0
23,314	Minnesota	28	28-119	4.3	41-59	470	0	26	44-239	5.4	25-38	341	0	+1
10,000	† E Michigan	28	34-155	4.6	25-42	361	2	21	29-99	3.4	28-48	282	3	+2
58,237	at Purdue	20	29-89	3.1	20-39	208	5	19	38-220	5.8	24-38	182	1	-4
30,173	Iowa	24	33-116	3.5	28-55	277	6	18	34-70	2.1	21-36	299	6	-2
20,466	Indiana	26	46-165	3.6	27-34	291	0	17	27-94	3.5	18-28	204	3	-1
54,116	at Illinois	21	18-69	3.8	29-49	310	2	32	65-321	4.9	15-23	220	0	0
TOTALS		279	398-1437	3.6	322-529	3695	32	253	456-2005	4.4	245-390	2921	18	-9
AVERAGES		23.3	33-120	3.6	27-44	308	2.7	21.1	38-167	4.4	20-33	243	1.5	-0.8

2003 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas	-6	28-20
–	Air Force	+7'	21-22
–	Miami, Oh	+3	14-44
–	at Duke	+3	28-10
–	at Ohio St - #4	+20'	0-20
–	Minnesota - #21	+11'	17-42
–	at Indiana	-3'	37-31 OT
–	Wisconsin - #20	+10	16-7
–	at Purdue - #18	+18	14-34
–	Penn St	+5'	17-7
–	Michigan - #5	+17'	10-41
–	at Illinois	-3'	37-20

2004 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at TCU	+6	45-48 2OT
–	Arizona St	-2	21-30
–	Kansas	-2'	20-17
–	at Minnesota - #19	+14'	17-43
–	Ohio St - #7	+11	33-27 OT
–	Indiana	-11	31-24 2OT
–	at Wisconsin - #6	+12	12-24
–	Purdue - #17	+10	13-10
–	at Penn St	+3'	14-7
–	at Michigan - #9	+14	20-42
–	Illinois	-12'	28-21 OT
–	at Hawaii	-6	41-49

2005 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Ohio	-14'	38-14
–	N Illinois	-2'	38-37
–	at Arizona St - #18	+14'	21-52
–	Penn St	+8	29-34
–	Wisconsin - #14	+6	51-48
–	at Purdue	+7'	34-29
–	at Michigan St - #22	+13'	49-14
#21	Michigan - #25	+2	17-33
–	Iowa	+3	28-27
#25	at Ohio St - #10	+19'	7-48
–	at Illinois	-15	38-21

2006 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Miami, Oh	-6	21-3
–	New Hampshire	NL	17-34
–	E Michigan	-17	14-6
–	at Nevada	+7	21-31
–	at Penn St	+19'	7-33
–	at Wisconsin	+21	9-41
–	Purdue	+7	10-31
–	Michigan St	+8	38-41
–	at Michigan - #2	+29'	3-17
–	at Iowa	+20	21-7
–	Ohio St - #1	+22'	10-54
–	Illinois	+2'	27-16

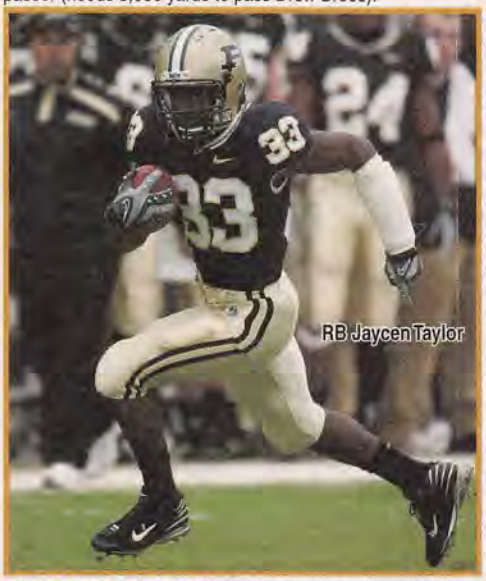
2007 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northeastern	NL	27-0
–	Nevada	-10	36-31
–	Duke	-16'	14-20
–	at Ohio St - #8	+23'	7-58
–	Michigan	+17	16-28
–	at Michigan St	+16	48-41 OT
–	Minnesota	-6'	49-48 2OT
–	† E Michigan	-10	26-14
–	at Purdue	+13'	17-35
–	Iowa	-1'	17-28
–	Indiana	+2'	31-28
–	at Illinois - #20	+13'	22-41

PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Purdue is known for their QB's and in 2006 Curtis Painter (PS#29) twice topped 400 yards passing in a game, joining six others in the PU 400+ club in Drew Brees, Kyle Orton, Scott Campbell, Mark Herrmann, Mike Phipps and Jim Everett. Painter took over the QB duties in the 2H of their disappointing 2005 season throwing for 932 (52.4%) with a 3-5 ratio (289 rush). At 6'4" 230 he is Tiller's strongest, most physical QB. In 2006 Painter set a Big Ten record with 3,985 (59.4%, 22 TD) although he led the NCAA with 19 int. Backup Joey Elliott (PS#27) only played in 3 (10 pass). In the first 3 of '07 vs 2 MAC teams and a IAA foe, Painter threw for 952 yards (68.7%) with an outstanding 13-0 ratio. In Big Ten play however the numbers fell to 262 ypg (61%) with an 11-7 ratio. In the rematch vs CM in the bowl he threw for a school record 546 and just missed resetting the Big Ten record throwing for 3,846 (62.6%) with a 29-11 ratio. Tiller was impressed with true frosh Justin Siller (PS#44) in bowl practices and said he may create some packages to get him on the field. Elliott played in 4 (24 passes). Adding depth are Jeff Panfil (6'5" 226 So, PS#239) and Chris Bennett (6'3" 201 Jr). I look for Painter to have his best season yet which would make him the Big Ten's all-time leading passer (needs 3,030 yards to pass Drew Brees).


RB Jaycen Taylor

RUNNING BACKS - The Boilermakers have had just one 1,000 yard rusher since 1995 (Joey Harris '02). Jerod Void led with 696 (5.4) in '05. Kory Sheets, who had the best speed of the RB's, was #2 with 571 (5.5). Void had to be replaced in '06 and Sheets led with 780 (4.9). JUCO addition Jaycen Taylor had 677 (6.0). Both returned last year and they added true frosh Dan Dierking (PS#45) and Malcolm Harris (PS#40). Dierking wears the same #25 that his father Scott did from 1973-'76 (see Career Rush Leaders). Taylor is a straight ahead power back while Sheets is the speedster. The two shared duties until Taylor broke his arm vs CM. He was originally thought to be lost for the year but missed just 4 games and had the team's top rushing total with 157 vs NW. While Taylor was out, Sheets was benched after a fumble vs Mich and FB Halliburton had 7 carries but for 16 yards. Sheets led with 859 (5.1) and Taylor had 560 (5.2) but he played in 4 fewer games. Dierking added 181 (4.3) and Harris RS'd. This year the group returns intact and could finally produce a 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - The Boilers have produced some top-notch receivers under Tiller including Taylor Stubblefield who departed in 2005 as the NCAA's career receiving leader and TE Tim Stratton who won the inaugural Mackey Award. Tiller said that Dustin Keller could be the best TE he's had here. After signing as a WR who weighed 185 lbs, Keller bulked up to 245. Tiller also said that Dorien Bryant was the most talented of all the receivers they've had at Purdue. Prior to 2007 Tiller concluded that this was the best group he's had in his 11 years. Bryant became the new career all-purp yard leader topping Mike Alstott ('92-'95) and Keller (#1DC NYJ) was the team's first TE to be named MVP since Dave Young in 1979. Bryant led with 936 (10.8) and Keller was #2 with 881 (13.0) but unfortunately both depart along with Selwyn Lymon (PS#11) who had 450 (11.2), Jake Standeford (3 st) and Byron Williams (1 rec). They add in JC WR Aaron Valentin (PS#141) who was named the team's top offensive newcomer in the spring and 6'5" true frosh Jordan Brewer. Not listed below are Roberto McBean (6'0" 192 Sr, PS#42JC), Kurt Lichtenberg (6'1" 179 rFr), Kris Staats (6'1" 197 So), Patrick Carroll (6'1" 181 rFr), DeAundre Muhammad (5'10" 175 rFr) and TE John Finch (6'3" 245 So). This group is less experienced and less talented.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Purdue ran the option more and increased the ypc to 4.9 and allowed just 9 sacks (2.1%). In 2006 they had 9 of the top 10 back so it appeared they would have their best O-line since the 2000 Rose Bowl version. Tiller even commented that they looked like a Big Ten OL with the smallest OL starter being 297 lbs. It was surprising to see the numbers drop to 4.3 ypc rush with 20 sacks allowed (3.7%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters who were both drafted (#5, #7) but had 3 players back that each started 14 in '06 and added in Vandy transfer Elliot Hood. Sean Sester (2Y st'r RT) moved to LT and Zach Jones was inserted at Sester's RT spot. They lost a pair of backups as Jason Kacinko (PS#28) transferred to Pitt and their co-Off MIP of the spring Dan Zaleski quit in Aug. Surprisingly the unit saw the ypc drop to 4.1 and the sacks rise to 25 (4.2%). This year they lose a pair of 3 year starters in C Robbie Powell (13 st, HM Big Ten) and RG Jordan Grimes (10 st, HM Big Ten) as well as backup Hood (1 st). Seven of the top 10 are back. They also add in VHT Jared Zwilling (PS#40DL) from DT. While this unit is even with '07 in terms of experience, they could have better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Tiller nine DE's have played in the NFL. His best defensive front was 2003 when they allowed just 97 ypg rush (2.7). It was an undersized and inexperienced unit in 2006 that got overrun for 191 ypg rush (4.9) while the D had 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace DE Anthony Spencer (#1DC DAL) but had 6 of the top 8 back. Tiller wanted to get this unit bigger and stronger and the rush D improved to 149 ypg (4.0). This year they lose 2nd Tm Big Ten DE Cliff Avril (41 tkl, 6.5 sk, #3DC DET), DE Eugene Bright (1 st, 28 tkl, 5 sk), DE Mike McDonald (8 tkl) and DT Jeff Benjamin (2 tkl). The DL had just 11 sacks after 7 games but 19 in the final six. This is a very experienced group that should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - The Boiler LB's were very experienced in both 2005 and 2006 but underperformed. They moved RB Anthony Heygood to LB in mid-2006 and last year was his first as a full-time starter. Tiller said that Jason Werner (PS#37) has more athleticism and range than any other LB here but he was coming off of two back surgeries and was not 100% (28 tkl). Those two both return to key this year's LB corps. They do lose MLB Josh Ferguson (11 st, 69 tkl, 6 pbu), WLB Stanford Keglar (13 st, 70 tkl, 4 tfl, #4DC TEN), MLB Dan Bick (2 st, 63 tkl, 4 sk) and WLB Mike Durrett (1 tkl). While I like the potential of this unit (I have Heygood 1st Tm Big Ten), they do have to replace 3 of their top 4 LB's so the group is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Boilermakers were extremely inexperienced at DB coming into 2006. SS Torri Williams, who Tiller compares to Rod Woodson, then broke his leg in the opener. Surprisingly Purdue only dropped to #69 in my pass D rankings. Last year all 4 starters returned. David Pender (PS#97) beat out Royce Adams (PS#121RB) as a starting CB mid-year. Williams was lost for the 3rd straight year and they burned the RS on true frosh Josh McKinley (1 st, 17 tkl). FS Brandon Erwin (14 st '06) lost his starting spot to Brandon King (PS#99) and then tore his ACL. Purdue managed to move up to #42. This year they lose 2nd Tm Big Ten CB Terrell Vinson (13 st, 84 tkl, 12 pbu, 5 int), SS Justin Scott (13 st, 73 tkl, 3 int) and CB Aaron Lane (17 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Danny Williams (6'2" 197 rFr), Mark Thompson (6'0" 200 rFr), Frank Duong (5'8" 178 Sr, 17 tkl) and TJ Stark (6'1" 173 rFr). Despite the loss of their top DB (Vinson) this group could come close to 2007's ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year I called for the team to make a huge leap in my ST rankings (#87 '06) and they moved all the way up to #4! Summers hit 18 of 22 FG's with a long of 50 and had 4 TB on 81 KO. Jared Armstrong, who avg 43.1 in '06 (35.5 net), avg 40.7 (36.6 net). The team was +4 in the TD/blk category with Dorien Bryant avg 28.0 on KR's with 2 TD's and Desmond Tardy avg 28.6 with 1 TD. This year they lose their top-notch punter in Armstrong and dangerous returnman Bryant and figure to drop some.

COACHES - Joe Tiller enters his 12th and final season here and has guided the team to 10 bowls in his 11 years. His OC is Ed Zaunbrecher who was the co-OC in 2007 and called the plays on the field in the bowl. Brock Spack enters his 12th season as the DC here. It was thought that Spack would be the successor to Tiller but it was announced in January that new OL coach, Danny Hope, will be the HC in 2009. Hope was E Kentucky's HC from 2003-'07 and went 35-22 in that span. Hope was previously Purdue's OL coach under Tiller from 1997-'01.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Purdue's last outright Big Ten Title came in 1929 although they've shared the crown 6 times since. In 2005 all the pieces were in place for a huge year as they had all 11 starters back from a defense that allowed just 17.2 ppg. They also did not have to play Ohio St or Michigan and had their toughest games at home. The team sold a school record 45,581 season tickets. They were #15 in the preseason AP poll, their highest since 1980 (#9). They were 2-0 and led Minny 28-20 but gave up a TD and 2 pt conv with 1:34 left and lost in 2 OT's. With their hopes of an unbeaten season down the drain, they imploded and dropped the next 5 before rebounding to win the final three (5-6). In 2006 they had 30 seniors including 15 fifth year seniors and 11 returning starters. This time they opened 4-0 before back-back losses at #12 ND and #19 Iowa and later were shutout by Penn St, the first time a Tiller team had ever been shutout. They did finish above .500 on the road in the Big Ten for the first time since 1997 and were 8-4 in the reg season before being dominated in the bowl by Maryland for the worst loss in Purdue bowl history. They did not have a win in 2006 over a IA team that had a winning record and also benefitted from 3 net close wins. Tiller wanted the team to be more physical in 2007 and had 18 returning starters. They opened strongly as they had 5 blowout wins to start the season and moved to #23. They were then dominated in back-to-back weeks by OSU and Michigan and of their 564 yards in those 2 games, 265 came in the 4Q vs backups. They won their next two to go to 7-2 and were thinking NY's Day bowl game but stunningly lost their last 3. They outgained Mich St 517-416 and Indy kicked a 49 yd FG with :30 left to pull out the win. They built up a big lead in the bowl vs CM but needed K Summers to hit a 40 yd FG as time expired for a 51-48 win. The Boilermakers should play with a lot of emotion in Joe Tiller's final season but do have just 12 returning starters (2nd fewest Big Ten). Purdue will be explosive offensively and it would be nice to see Tiller go out like Lloyd Carr did last year with a bowl victory.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 12 **CURTIS PAINTER SR.** 6-4 230 **PS#29.** 32 starts 3Y, 8763 (59.9%) 54-35 ratio, 741 rush (4.0). 14 Joey Elliott (6'2" 211 Jr) **PS#27.** 5 Justin Siller (6'4" 220 rFr) **PS#44.**

RB 24 **KORY SHEETS SR.** 6-0 206 23 st 3Y, 2210 (5.1), 71 rec (7.9). 33 **Jaycen Taylor** (5'10" 180 Sr) 4 st 2Y, 1237 (5.6), 37 rec (8.8). Dan Dierking (5'10" 186 So) **PS#45.**

WR 8 **Keith Smith Jr.** 6-2 226 PS#137QB. 1 st SS, 11 tkl. RS LY. Derrick Sherman (5'11" 191 rFr) PS#110. **FB** 44 **Frank Halliburton** (6'3" 251 Jr) PS#136. **Jeff Lindsay** (6'4" 238 Jr) **PS#18QB.**

WR 5 **Desmond Tardy Sr.** 6-1 199 PS#92DB. 2 st 2Y, 181 yd (10.6). Aaron Valentin PS#141JC. In spg. 3 Waynelle Gravesande (6'0" 169 rFr) PS#167. Joe Whitest (6'2" 195 Sr) 1 rec 2Y.

WR 21 **GREG ORTON SR.** 6-3 199 **PS#32.** 11 st '06, 790 (13.6), 13 st LY, 752 (11.2) Arsenio Curry (6'4" 210 So). Brandon Whittington (6'2" 213 Sr) 3 st FS '05. Dray Mason (5'10" 193 Jr).

TE 85 **Kyle Adams Jr.** 6-5 251 PS#89. 2 st 2Y, 167 (11.9). Jordan Brewer is PS#36. 80 Jerry Wasikowski (6'4" 255 Sr) PS#55. 4 rec 2Y. 89 Colton McKey (6'5" 256 rFr).

C 78 **Cory Benton Sr.** 6-3 287 2nd string 3Y. 12 gm LY. 54 Jared Zwilling (6'4" 293 Jr) **PS#40DL.** 23 gm, 14 tkl, 1 sk, 2Y DL. **LS** 62 Andy Huffman (6'3" 287 Jr). 2 year LS.

RG 72 **Justin Pierce So.** 6-4 314 PS#462. Last 3 st RG LY. 50 **Eric Hedstrom** (6'6" 292 Jr) **PS#60.** 10 gm LY. Andrew Brewer PS#162. Connor McCulley (6'1" 265 rFr).

LG 75 **ZACH RECKMAN JR.** 6-6 308 PS#444DL. 13 st LG LY after inj plagued '06. 76 Rick Schmeig PS#235. In spg. Dan Barry (6'2" 309 rFr) PS#194. Austen Moret (6'2" 282 So).

RT 61 **ZACH JONES JR.** 6-5 300 PS#338. Inelg rFr. 12 st RT LY. 51 Garret Miller (6'8" 275 Sr) PS#443. 2nd string 3Y, 26 gms. 63 James Shepherd (6'6" 309 rFr) PS#208.

LT 74 **SEAN SESTER SR.** 6-7 325 **PS#91.** 11 st rFr, **HM B10.** 14 st RT '06. 13 st LT LY, HM B10. 73 Ken Plue (6'7" 361 Fr) PS#93. In spg (Milford). 77 Ryan Prater (6'5" 286 So) PS#467.

K 13 **CHRIS SUMMERS JR.** 6-1 179 PS#85. 8-20 FG's as true, L/47. 18-22 FG LY, L/50, 4-7 from 40+. Carson Wiggs (6'0" 200 Fr) PS#37. 15-23 FG HS. Brody McKnight (5'10" 188 rFr).

DE 94 **Ryan Kerrigan So.** 6-4 255 PS#27TE. 18 tkl, 1 sk true. 97 Gerald Gooden (6'3" 235 rFr) PS#404LB. 99 Nick Mondek (6'6" 275 rFr) PS#125. Corey Chapman (6'2" 234 So).

DT 90 **RYAN BAKER SR.** 6-5 280 **PS#17.** 11 st '06, 25 tkl, 6 sk. 12 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 tfl. 92 Mike Neal (6'4" 293 Jr) PS#83. 31 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y. 70 Andrew Quintana (6'1" 276 So).

DT 71 **ALEX MAGEE SR.** 6-4 295 PS#70. 7 st '06, 33 tkl, 2.5 sk. 13 st LY, 38 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 79 **Jermaine Guynn** (6'1" 288 Sr) PS#212LB. **9 st, 38 tkl '06.** Preston Numa (6'3" 275 So) 1 st true.

DE 95 **KEYON BROWN JR.** 6-3 241 PS#100LB. 0 tkl as rFr. 12 st DE LY, 21 tkl, 3.5 sk. 49 Nickcaro Golding (6'5" 225 rFr) PS#129. LaSalle Cooks PS#172. Monroe Brooks PS#199.

SLB 42 **ANTHONY HEYGOOD SR.** 6-2 230 PS#57RB. 36 yd rFr. Move LB mid '06. 12 st LY, 81 tkl, **15 tfl**, 3 pbu. 81 DeVarro Greaves (6'2" 208 rFr) PS#160. Dwayne Beckford PS#120.

MLB 57 **Tyler Haston So.** 6-3 222 PS#241LB. GS in '06. 8 gms, 8 tkl as true '07. 27 Kevin Green (6'2" 236 So) **PS#52.** 7 tkl rFr. Chris Carlino PS#107. Derek Jackson PS#127.

WLB 28 **Jason Werner Jr.** 6-4 221 **PS#37DB.** 6 gm true. RS '06, back surgery. 28 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 39 John Humphrey (6'1" 237 So) PS#78. 48 Jared Crank (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#403RB.

CB 10 **Royce Adams Jr.** 6-0 190 PS#121RB. Last 12 st true, 37 tkl, 1 int. First 6 st LY, 13 gm, 30 tkl, 1 int. 15 Charlton Williams (6'2" 200 So) 4 tkl true. 41 Mike Conway (5'11" 189 rFr).

CB 35 **DAVID PENDER JR.** 6-1 180 PS#97. 1 st, 13 tkl as true. L/7 st LY, 44 tkl, 6 pbu. 30 Joe Holland (6'1" 211 rFr) PS#63RB. 4 Fabian Martin (5'11" 199 Sr) **PS#52WR.** 9 tkl '06.

SS 2 **Torri Williams Sr.** 6-2 208 1 st in 4 inj plagued yrs, 33 tkl, 2 pbu. 31 Josh McKinley (6'1" 218 So) PS#328. 1 st, 17 tkl, 1 sk LY. 37 Logan Link (6'1" 218 rFr). Dwight McLean PS#478JC.

FS 7 **BRANDON KING JR.** 5-11 192 PS#99. 4 tkl true. Inel '06. 13 st FS, 44 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu, 1 tfl LY. **Brandon Erwin** (6'0" 179 Jr) **14 st FS '06,** 46 tkl. 2 tkl LY. Adam Wolf (5'11" 204 Jr) 11 tkl 2Y.

P 13 **Chris Summers Jr.** 6-1 179 36.5 avg in HS and hit 52 yd FG. 16 TB on 67 KO as true. 4 TB on 81 KO '07. Carson Wiggs (6'0" 200 Fr) PS#37. 37.0 avg as P in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Aaron Valentin 6-1 205 PS#141JC
WR	Arsenio Curry 6-4 210 PS#169JC
DB	Tommie Thomas 6-2 175 PS#53
OL	Ken Plue 6-7 361 PS#93 '07
RB	Ralph Bolden 5-9 185 PS#93
WR	Jordan Brewer 6-5 220 PS#36TE
DL	Kawann Short 6-4 280 PS#125
LB	Chris Carlino 6-2 215 PS#107
RB	Albert Evans 6-0 195 PS#118
OL	Andrew Brewer 6-4 250 PS#162
OL	Peters Drey 6-6 275 PS#167
DL	Robert Maci 6-4 225 PS#159
LB	Dwayne Beckford 6-3 210 PS#120
LB	Derek Jackson 6-2 215 PS#127
DL	LaSalle Cooks 6-3 225 PS#172
DL	Monroe Brooks 6-6 240 PS#199
OL	Rick Schmeig 6-3 312 PS#235
DB	Kevin Green 5-10 180 PS#232
QB	Caleb TerBush 6-5 210 PS#137
WR	Alvin Blackmon 6-1 190 PS#211
DB	Gavin Roberts 6-1 205 PS#273
OL	Mike Chacksfield 6-5 292 PS#290
DL	Eric Mebane 6-4 225 PS#281
K	Carson Wiggs 6-0 200 PS#37
DB	Dwight McLean 6-1 210 PS#478JC
LB	Nnamdi Ezenwa 6-2 210 PS#450

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JOE TILLER (Career 122-84-1)
12th Year at Purdue (Tiller's Bowl Record: 4-7)

Tiller's records AT PURDUE

83-54	Straight Up	5-9	Vs Top 10
52-18	Home	12-34	Vs Top 25
27-30	Away	12-14	Vs BCS Teams
4-6	Neutral	9-8	Off A Bye
51-37	Vs Conference	27-21	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,20,2)
Lost: 23 (10,12,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 59,326 (#33)

BIG TEN

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#20

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	Northern Colorado	G					
Sep. 13	Oregon	G					
Sep. 20	Central Michigan	G					
Sep. 27	at Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 4	Penn St	G					
Oct. 11	at Ohio St	A					
Oct. 18	at Northwestern	G					
Oct. 25	Minnesota (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	Michigan	G					
Nov. 8	at Michigan St	G					
Nov. 15	at Iowa	G					
Nov. 22	Indiana	G					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Drew Brees 11,792 '97-'00
2. Mark Herrmann 9,946 '77-'80
3. Kyle Orton 9,337 '01-'04

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Alstott 3,635 '92-'95
2. Otis Armstrong 3,315 '70-'72
3. Scott Dierking 2,863 '73-'76

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. John Standeford 3,788 '00-'03
2. Taylor Stubblefield 3,629 '01-'04
3. Dorien Bryant 3,548 '04-'07

PU is 10-1 under Tiller in West Lafayette openers with the avg score of 41-16.

NC Coach Scott Downing was an assistant under Tiller at Wyoming & Purdue. The Bears finished 1-11 LY as Big Sky Conf members, including a 63-6 loss to Hawaii.

PU is 10-18-3 all-time vs the Pac-10 & 12-34 under Tiller vs Top 25 opponents. Purdue is 11-1 at home vs non-conf teams & played Oregon once in 1979.

This will be the 3rd meeting within a yr as Purdue is 4-0 vs CM averaging 51 ppg. Coming into 2008, PU has scored 40+ in 33 gms under Tiller (33-0 record).

With former QB Drew Brees in attendance LY, PU started 5-0 for just the 2nd time S/'45. PU & ND have played every yr S'46. PU has won in South Bend just once S/'76 (1-14 since).

Purdue is 10-1 in their Big Ten Conference opener the last 11 years. The Boilermakers are just 2-9 vs Penn St since PSU joined the Big Ten in '93.

Could Apply: Coming into 2008, Purdue has lost 14 straight gms to ranked tms. Purdue punted 12x's LY, tying a single-gm rec set in '70 vs the same OSU team.

QB Painter had 3 career highs (35 of 49 for 431 yds) the last time PU visited Evanston. PU overcame a 17-14 deficit LY scoring 21 unanswered pts & outgaining NU 220-4 in the 4Q.

Under Tiller the Boilermakers are 8-1 vs Minnesota while never scoring less than 27 pts. The Purdue Boilermakers are 10-3 the last 13 yrs on Homecoming.

Purdue has dropped 5 straight to Michigan and S/'69 are just 5-28 avg'g just 12 ppg. The Boilermakers have gone 13-6 their L/19 Nov gms, but have dropped 4 straight.

MSU leads this series 29-28-3 but since Tiller took over the Boilermakers are 7-2 & the avg score is just Purdue 28-27 (5 wins by 7 pts or less).

Purdue is just 5-15-1 S/'83, scoring over 28 pts just 2x's (31 LY & 36 in '98) vs Iowa. PU held Iowa out of the EZ LY, marking the 1st time S/'76 when they beat Iowa 21-0.

Tiller is 9-2 in the Battle for the Old Oaken Bucket & the L/time PU dropped 2 straight was in '93-'94. Purdue was down 24-3 LY vs IU & battled back only to lose on a 49-yd FG w/:30 left.

K Chris Summers

STADIUM: ROSS-ADE STADIUM (62,500) (#39)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

Joe Tiller	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	6-6	7-6	9-4	7-5	5-6	8-6	8-5	58-42
Home	6-0	4-2	4-3	6-1	4-2	3-3	5-2	5-2	37-15
Away	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	3-3	2-3	19-22
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-5
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	6-2	4-4	3-5	5-3	3-5	35-29
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	3-2	3-2	3-1	2-1	3-3	5-0	23-13
ATS	6-6	5-6-1	7-4-1	8-4-1	5-7	3-7-1	6-7	6-6	46-47-4
Home Fav	4-2	3-2-1	2-2	6-1	4-2	1-4	0-3	3-2	23-18-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-2	0-1	4-3
Away Fav	2-3	1-1	1-1-1	1-1	1-4	1-0-1	1-0	2-1	10-11-2
Away Dog	0-0	0-3	1-1	0-1-1	0-0	0-3	4-1	1-1	6-10-1
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-5
vs Conf	5-3	3-4-1	6-1-1	5-2-1	2-6	3-5	4-4	4-4	32-29-3
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-3	3-2	3-1	0-2-1	2-3	2-2	14-18-1
Off SU Win	3-5	3-3	4-2	6-2-1	3-4	2-1-1	4-4	4-2	29-23-2
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-2-1	3-2-1	2-1	1-3	1-5	2-3	1-4	14-21-2

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Sun	+3	Washington	34-24
03	Capital One - #12	+3'	Georgia - #11 (OT)	27-34
04	Sun	-8	Arizona St - #21	23-27
06	Champs Sports	-1	Maryland	7-24
07	Motor City	-7'	Central Michigan	51-48

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Purdue's All-Time Bowl Record 8-7

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kory Sheets	168	895	36	859	11	5.1
Jaycen Taylor	107	576	16	560	4	5.2
Dan Dierking	42	193	12	181	2	4.3
Dorien Bryant	14	97	12	85	0	6.1
Frank Halliburton	11	31	5	26	1	2.4
Joey Elliott	2	5	0	5	0	2.5
Curtis Painter	53	164	184	-20	3	-0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Curtis Painter	569	356	62.6	3846	29	11
Joey Elliott	24	13	54.2	147	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dorien Bryant	87	936	10.8	8	53
Dustin Keller	68	881	13.0	7	80
Greg Orton	67	752	11.2	3	44
Selwyn Lymon	40	450	11.2	2	69
Jake Standeford	35	396	11.3	3	43
Kory Sheets	30	216	7.2	2	41
Kyle Adams	8	109	13.6	2	28
Desmond Tardy	10	93	9.3	0	26
Jaycen Taylor	11	65	5.9	0	14
Dan Dierking	5	52	10.4	0	13

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Armstrong	67	2724	40.7	14	36.6	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Summers	56-56	7-7	7-8	3-6	1-1	18-22	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Terrell Vinson	84	3	4	12	5
Anthony Heygood	81	1	14	3	0
Justin Scott	73	1	3	6	3
Stanford Keglar	70	0	4	3	0
Josh Ferguson	69	0	4	6	0
Dan Bick	63	4	2	2	1
Brandon King	44	0	1	3	1
David Pender	44	0	1	6	1
Cliff Avril	41	6.5	8.5	5	1
Alex Magee	38	0	4.5	2	0
Royce Adams	30	0	0	1	0
Eugene Bright	28	5	1	4	0
Jason Werner	28	1	1	0	0
Ryan Baker	22	0	4	1	0
Mike Neal	22	2	1.5	1	0
Keyon Brown	21	3.5	0.5	0	0
Ryan Kerrigan	18	1	0	0	0
Aaron Lane	17	0	0	0	0
Josh McKinley	17	1	0	0	0
Torri Williams	17	1	0.5	1	2

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dorien Bryant	15	93	6.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dorien Bryant	36	1007	28.0	2
Desmond Tardy	8	229	28.6	1

PURDUE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	34.3	24	129	4.1	307	62.1	12.7	+1	2007	9	26.5	21	149	4.0	240	56.9	14.7
6	26.0	22	124	4.3	292	59.5	16.0	-1	2006	5	26.7	22	191	4.9	241	61.3	16.2
6	30.0	22	187	4.9	242	56.3	14.3	+3	2005	11	28.1	23	143	3.5	287	58.8	15.3
8*	31.8	23	125	3.5	321	61.1	14.1	-3	2004	3	17.2	18	105	3.1	240	55.5	20.1
7*	26.8	20	149	3.5	224	60.6	13.9	+12	2003	9	17.4	16	97	2.7	206	52.9	17.4
8	29.7	23	197	4.4	256	60.0	15.2	-10	2002	8	22.2	16	116	3.3	201	48.2	14.3

2007 STATS BY GAME

PU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
26,100	at Toledo	25	34-244	7.2	14-32	244	0	19	43-172	4.0	20-42	154	3	-1
52,504	E Illinois	32	38-178	4.7	39-51	355	1	11	22-83	3.8	19-38	153	1	+1
60,038	C Michigan	30	37-223	6.0	29-40	360	1	23	33-101	3.1	35-56	364	2	-2
47,483	at Minnesota	28	33-166	5.0	33-48	338	0	25	37-232	6.3	23-44	237	1	+3
65,250	Notre Dame	27	42-119	2.8	22-37	252	2	21	26-49	1.9	34-52	377	2	+1
65,497	Ohio St	15	17-4	0.2	31-60	268	3	20	45-181	4.0	17-29	200	1	+2
110,888	at Michigan	13	25-39	1.6	29-47	253	2	25	43-189	4.4	22-30	269	1	-2
58,123	Iowa	29	42-121	2.9	29-49	315	2	14	29-77	2.7	17-40	177	5	+1
58,237	Northwestern	19	38-220	5.8	24-38	182	1	20	29-89	3.1	20-39	208	5	+4
108,318	at Penn St	22	23-68	3.0	27-48	255	4	29	41-251	6.1	22-36	210	1	0
55,630	Michigan St	21	25-173	6.9	29-45	344	3	22	54-150	2.8	22-31	266	1	-3
50,741	at Indiana	25	32-78	2.4	28-45	281	4	24	41-219	5.3	23-39	216	1	0
60,624	† C Michigan	28	27-41	1.5	35-54	546	2	22	44-143	3.3	17-35	292	6	-3
TOTALS		314	413-1674	4.1	369-594	3993	25	275	487-1936	4.0	291-511	3123	30	+1
AVERAGES		24.2	32-129	4.1	28-46	307	1.9	21.2	37-149	4.0	22-39	240	2.3	0.1

2003 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#16	Bowling Green	-11	26-27
–	at Wake Forest - #20	E	16-10
#25	Arizona	-27'	59-7
#22	Notre Dame	-10'	23-10
#22	Illinois	-14	43-10
#18	Penn St	-12	28-14
#13	at Wisconsin - #14	-2	26-23
#10	at Michigan - #13	+4'	3-31
#18	Northwestern	-18	34-14
#16	Iowa - #10	-3	27-14
#11	at Ohio St - #4	+3	13-16 OT
#16	at Indiana	-24'	24-16

2004 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#24	Syracuse	-12'	51-0
#25	Ball St	-30'	59-7
#15	at Illinois	-21'	38-30
#15	at Notre Dame	-2'	41-16
#9	at Penn St	-10'	20-13
#5	Wisconsin - #10	-7	17-20
#12	Michigan - #13	-4	14-16
#17	at Northwestern	-10	10-13
–	at Iowa - #20	-1	21-23
–	Ohio St	-6	24-17
–	Indiana	-20'	63-24

2005 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#13	Akron	-34'	49-24
#12	at Arizona	-7	31-24
#11	at Minnesota	+3	35-42 OT
#22	Notre Dame - #13	-3	28-49
–	Iowa	-4'	17-34
–	Northwestern	-7'	29-34
–	at Wisconsin - #19	+7'	20-31
–	at Penn St - #11	+15	15-33
–	Michigan St	+4'	28-21
–	Illinois	-23	37-3
–	at Indiana	-11	41-14

2006 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Indiana St	NL	60-35
–	Miami, Oh	-17	38-31 OT
–	Ball St	-17	38-28
–	Minnesota	+3	27-21
–	at Notre Dame - #12	+14'	21-35
–	at Iowa - #19	+11	17-47
–	at Northwestern	-7	31-10
–	Wisconsin - #21	+6'	3-24
–	Penn St	+3	0-12
–	at Michigan St	+2'	17-15
–	at Illinois	+3	42-31
–	Indiana	-12'	28-19
–	at Hawaii - #25	+18'	35-42

2007 RESULTS

PU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Toledo	-6'	52-24
–	E Illinois	NL	52-6
–	C Michigan	-21'	45-22
–	at Minnesota	-13'	45-31
–	Notre Dame	-21'	33-19
#23	Ohio St - #4	+7	7-23
–	at Michigan	+5	21-48
–	Iowa	-7	31-6
–	Northwestern	-13'	35-17
–	at Penn St	+8	19-26
–	Michigan St	-4	31-48
–	at Indiana	-1'	24-27

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Gophers had to replace Bryan Cupito who was a 3 year starter who had thrown for 2,819 (59.6%) with a 22-9 ratio as a senior setting most of the school's passing records. Tony Mortensen (6'3" 230 Sr, PS#79) was the backup and coaches said he fared well in closed practices. He appeared in 3 hitting just 2 of 10 with 2 int in '06. Last year Mortensen was beaten out by Adam Weber (PS#47), a dual-threat QB with a strong arm, while HC Brewster's son, Clint (PS#40), redshirted. Mortensen did not att his first pass until Wk 10. Weber set the school's single season records in passing yards (2,895), completions (258), TD passes (24) and total offense (3,512) but also threw for a Big Ten leading 19 int (tied with NU's Bachér). Surprisingly Brewster signed JUCO QB David Pittman this year who set a national JC record with 303 completions (67%) for 3,643 with a 35-10 ratio (572 rush). While it is speculated Pittman may end up at a different position, he says he came to UM to compete at QB. Not listed in the PSL are Mike Maciejowski (6'3" 215 Sr, PS#69) and VHT true frosh MarQueis OJ Gray (PS#13). This is a deep group that is vastly more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - The Gophers had a tremendous tradition at RB under Glen Mason. They had produced a 1,000 yard runner each season since 1999 and became the first school in NCAA history to have 2 backs each top 1,000 yards in 3 consecutive seasons ('03-'05). Mason sent many RB's to the NFL including Laurence Maroney (#1DC). In Mason's final season Amir Pinnix rushed for 1,272 (5.0). Prior to the 2007 season Brewster said that Pinnix would likely top 1,500 (which would be a school record). He did rush for 168 in the opener and 126 vs Miami but suffered from turf toe and a pulled quad and lost his starting job. True frosh Duane Bennett (PS#166) started vs Ohio St but was injured vs Indiana and soph Jay Thomas (PS#167) took over. Thomas was lost to injury vs NDSt and in three of the last 5 QB Weber was the leading rusher. Surprisingly Pinnix had just 5 carries in the last 4 but still led the RB's with 563 (5.3) with Weber finishing as the leading rusher. Bennett had 442 (4.1) while had Thomas 215 (5.4). FB Justin Valentine (PS#75) had 96 total yards. This year they lose Pinnix (4 st) and Valentine (1 st). Not listed below are this year's true frosh as well as Damola Ogundipe (5'7" 175 So), RJ Buckner (5'11" 205 So, PS#268) and Tyler Johnson (5'10" 195 So). Despite the loss of their top RB, this group should put up better numbers in 2008.

RECEIVERS - The Gophers had an outstanding receiving corps in 2006. Good-sized Ernie Wheelwright (6'5") led with 654 (21.8) in '04 and 568 (15.4) in '05. They also returned the most complete TE in football in Matt Spaeth. Logan Payne was #2 in '05 with 529 (14.3) and all 3 were back. Spaeth won the John Mackey Award and Payne led with 804 (13.6). Wheelwright's numbers dropped to 437 (16.8). Both Payne and Spaeth had to be replaced last year and Eric Decker who had 378 (14.5) in '06 emerged with 909 (13.6) while Wheelwright added 775 (11.7). True frosh Ralph Spry was a late signee that did not even make it into my magazine and finished #4 with 226 (9.8). Another true frosh, Tray Herndon (PS#240) was #3 with 235 (10.7). Much was expected of PS#17 TE Jack Simmons (134 in '06 bowl) but he was injured in the opener and not 100% all year. This year they lose Wheelwright (12 st) and Mike Chambers (6 rec) and in the spring Marcus Sherels and Harold Howell were moved to CB. I look for Simmons to emerge as one of the better TE's in the Big Ten now that he is healthy, making this group stronger than 2007.

WR Eric Decker

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Gophers under Mason, much like the NFL's Broncos, used cut blocking which weighs heavily on the minds of opposing DL's. In 2004 the O-line paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing allowing a minuscule 9 sacks and 3 OL's were named 1st Tm Big Ten. They had just 2 starters back in 2005 but still paved the way for 273 ypg rush (5.4) while allowing the fewest sacks in the NCAA (3, less than 1%). In 2006 the unit had just 2 returning starters and RB Maroney left for the NFL. The ypg rush dropped to 154 (4.3) while they allowed 18 sacks (4.8%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 8 of the top 10 OL back although they did have to learn new blocking schemes. The numbers improved as Minny moved to 162 ypg (4.5) rush while allowing just 13 sacks (2.9%). The improvement can be traced to going from a QB that had 60 gross yards rushing to Adam Weber (736 rush). RFr DJ Burris (PS#110) was the team's strongest player and took over at RG starting 11. Eight different OL got starts with only 2 starting all 12. This year they must replace a pair of 3 year starters in C Tony Brinkhaus (12 st, Captain), LT Steve Shidell (12 st) along with RT Matt DeGeest (7 st, lost job) and backup OT John Jakel. This year's unit is less experienced but is now in the 2nd year of the new schemes and could improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 thanks to the emergence of Willie VanDeSteeg (led the team with 10 sacks) the Gophers had 25 sacks as a team and decreased the ypc rush allowed to 4.2. Last year they had 3 starters returning and added in VHT Tennessee transfer Raymond Henderson (PS#9LB) and JUCO Eric Small. Henderson had lost 40 lbs over the summer due to heat fatigue and was never 100% while the appropriately named Small was undersized for a Big Ten DT and lost his job after six games. The Gophers sack total dropped to a paltry 11 (tied #116 NCAA) as VanDeSteeg got just one due to wrist and shoulder injuries. The ypc rush allowed was a ghastly 5.7, their worst since '83. This year they lose DT Todd Meisel (12 st, 20 tkl, 1.5 tfl) and DT Neel Allen (3 st, 18 tkl, 12 st '06). Six players return with starting experience and with improved health, this group can only improve upon 2007's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Gophers had 5 of their top 6 LB's back and they moved in starting DE Steve Davis so they had 4 players with 9 or more career starts back. All 3 starters were injured with no LB starting more than 9. This year they lose 2 of their top 3 LB's in John Shevlin (9 st, 63 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and Mike Sherels (7 st, 55 tkl, 7.5 tfl). Not listed in the 3 deep are Jon Hoese (6'2" 200 So), Steve Moore (6'2" 230 Sr, PS#162), Patrick Sveum (6'1" 220 Jr) and Thomas Hennessey (5'11" 225 Jr). While less experienced, this unit can only stay healthier and should improve especially with the additions of rFr Andre Taté (PS#39), true frosh Sam Maresh (PS#25) and JUCO Rex Sharpe.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UM was #65 in my pass D rankings in 2005 but slipped to #85 in 2006. Last year their top CB, Dominic Jones, was lost over the summer and the unit was torched weekly as they finished #118. Three true frosh started vs Michigan. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are CB Jamal Harris (8 st, 44 tkl, 10 pbu), 2nd Tm B10 SS Dominique Barber (12 st, 100 tkl, 8 pbu, #6DC HOU), CB Desi Steib (4 st, 26 tkl, 2 int), FS Duran Cooley (4 st, 34 tkl), FS Curtis Thomas (5 st, 28 tkl) and Daron Love (4 tkl). Two of the departees were frosh last year. Brewster has gone for the quick fix bringing in 3 JUCO's and some top-notch true frosh. FS Tramaine Brock (PS#45JC) was the star of the spring and ex-WR Sherels (1st '07) may battle JC Simmons for a CB job in August. This unit is slightly less experienced but can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year their top returnman, Dominic Jones (24.6 KR, 11.5 PR), was lost over the summer. Brewster did sign true frosh Harold Howell who he said was electrifying and would be a game changing returnman. Howell avg 23.1 on KR but just 4.8 on PR. RB Thomas had a 91 yard KR TD vs FAU and avg 31.3. Jason Giannini (PS#47) missed 3 FG's vs Miami and lost his job to walk-on Joel Monroe. Monroe hit 7 of 9 FG's including a 54 yarder on the last play of the half vs Iowa. Monroe also had 11 TB on 55 KO. Justin Kucek, who was infamous for his fumbled punt snap late vs Wisc as a rFr, has improved his avg each year from 39.4 in '05 to 40.3 in '06 and 42.7 LY. They must replace 4 year LS Robert McGarry who had 366 snaps without an error and K Giannini. They finished a respectable #61 last year and with almost everyone back should move higher.

COACHES - UM had been in 3 bowls in the 21 years prior to Glen Mason's arrival, but appeared in 7 over Mason's last 8 years. In 2007 the new HC was Tim Brewster who had been the Denver Broncos' TE Coach. He was the captain of Illinois' 1983 Rose Bowl team and coached under Mack Brown from 1989-2001 (solid recruiter). Brewster has never been a coordinator. He made a terrific hire at OC in Mike Dunbar who did a GREAT job as the OC at Northwestern from 2001-'05 and was Cal's OC in 2006. Their '07 DC, Everett Withers, left for N Carolina so the new DC is Ted Roof. He was Duke's HC the past 5 years (6-45 record) and their DC in 2002 when his unit actually finished #1 in the ACC in rush D. He was a Broyles Award nominee as the DC of GT in 2000 and is the 6th different DC here this decade.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Minnesota went to 7 bowl games in 8 years under Coach Glen Mason but never to a Jan bowl. Their best season was 2003 when they finished 10-3 and #20. Their highest ranking under Mason came in 1999 (#12). Mason's two biggest upsets were in 1999 vs #2 Penn St and in 2000 vs #6 Ohio St. In 2005 the Gophers were just 4-4 in Big Ten play but outgained conf foes by 44.0 ypg (4th best). In 2006 they had a tough schedule with only 12 returning starters and it looked like a rebuilding year. They were outgained by 92.3 ypg in Big Ten play (2nd worst) but benefitted from +18 in turnovers (pg 312). UM ran a power running game under Mason but switched to the spread under Brewster. I did not make Gopher fans happy in '07 when I pegged them for LAST in the Big Ten. They opened the season with a pair of OT games at home vs MAC teams that were both coming off losing records and split them at 1-1. In the Florida heat they were dominated by Florida Atlantic, the first ever win by an SBC team over a Big Ten foe. After being non competitive in their first three Big Ten games, they did lead Northwestern 35-14 but gave up a TD with :08 left and lost in 2 OT's. On my website I predicted that #1 (IAA) N Dakota St would "upset" Minnesota and the Bison not only won 27-21 but they manhandled the Gophers with a 394-125 rush yd edge. After two more Big Ten blowouts including allowing Illinois 655 yards, they only lost to Iowa by 5 but trailed in that game 14-0 and 21-10. Against Wisconsin they had a 501-443 yd edge but came up 7 points short. The Gophers finished just 1-11 and were a missed 33 yd FG by Miami, OH away from finishing 0-12! Brewster had dismissed 3 defensive players over the summer including star CB and ST player Dominic Jones. Their stats were as bad as the record would indicate as they were 0-8 in Big Ten play and outgained by 108.5 ypg. Numerous factors point to an improved season this year as it is Brewster's 2nd as a HC, UM was -15 in TO's and had 5 net close losses. As bad as the Gophers were last season (almost 0-12) this year they make my Most Improved list meaning I think they have a shot at becoming bowl eligible. This should be a much more enjoyable season for Gopher fans.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 8 ADAM WEBER SO. 6-3 220 PS#47. 12 st rFr, 2895 (58%) 24-19 ratio, 736 rush. **9** David Pittman is **PS#6JC**. Playing QB/RB/WR/DB/KR. **4** Clint Brewster (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#40.

RB 22 DUANE BENNETT SO. 5-9 195 PS#166. 7 st true, 442 (4.1), 18 rec (8.1). **20** Jay Thomas (6'0" 195 Jr) PS#167. 1 st 2Y, 440 (5.7). 31.3 avg KR LY. Kevin Whaley PS#55.

WR 6 TRAY HERNDON SO. 5-10 180 PS#240. 7 st true, 235 (10.7). **14** Damien White (6'0" 170 rFr) PS#230. 4.4 spd. Kyle Moore (6'1" 180 rFr). Scout Tm Off POY. Da'Jon McKnight PS#189DB.

WR NA Brandon Green Fr. 6-0 180 **PS#22. 81 Ralph Spry** (5'11" 175 So) 5 st true, 226 (9.8). **84** Jimmy Thompson (6'1" 180 rFr) PS#341RB. **16** Ben Kuznia (6'0" 185 Jr) 5 gm 2Y.

WR 7 ERIC DECKER JR. 6-2 215 PS#119. 2 st rFr, 378 (14.5). 12 st LY, #1 w/909 (13.6). Tm Off Award. Vince Hill (6'0" 190 Fr) PS#60 '07. Orig comm to Virg. HS rec 43 TD.

TE 15 JACK SIMMONS SR. 6-4 240 **PS#17**. 9 st '06, 229 (13.5). 6 st LY (inj), 202 (10.1). **48** Nick Tow-Arnett (6'4" 250 Jr) 2 st, 149 (14.9) LY. **88** Collin McGarry (6'4" 230 So) PS#35.

C 52 Jeff Tow-Arnett Jr. 6-2 275 1 gm, 12 plays rFr. 3 st LG LY. Trey Davis (6'2" 275 rFr) **PS#68**. Nick Weber (6'6" 300 Jr) PS#346JC. **LS 47** Ryan Coleman (6'1" 230 So).

RG 53 DJ BURRIS SO. 6-2 280 PS#110. **455 bench**. 11 st RG rFr. **75** Otis Hudson (6'5" 300 Jr) PS#139. 9 gm, 5 tkl DL 2Y. **78** Ryan Orton (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#152.

LG 66 NEDWARD TAVALE JR. 6-2 320 **PS#73**. 13 st RG rFr, 801 plays. 12 gm, 7 st LG LY. **74** Ryan Ruckdashel (6'5" 275 Jr) **PS#83**. 75 plays rFr. 3 st LY (2LG, 1RG), 10 gm.

RT 76 DOMINIC ALFORD SO. 6-3 315 PS#162. 2nd string as true but RS. Last 5 st rFr RT LY. **63** Andy Brinkhaus (6'3" 300 So) PS#135. **68** Chris Bunders (6'3" 305 rFr) PS#152.

LT 73 Jason Meinke Jr. 6-5 270 2 gm, 21 plays rFr. 1 gm LY. **60** Ryan Wynn (6'5" 240 rFr) PS#167. 450 squat. **71** Chris Mensen (6'5" 255 Jr) PS#105TE.

K 36 JOEL MONROE SR. 5-11 190 1-1 in '05. 2-3 FG '06, long 32. 7-9 FG LY, **long of 54**, 11 TB on 55 KO. **37** Eric Ellestad (6'2" 205 So) PS#16. 18-26 FG, long 47 in HS.

DE 30 LEE CAMPBELL JR. 6-3 250 PS#211LB. 11 tkl true. 12 st DE LY, 40 tkl, 6 tfl. **90** Raymond Henderson (6'6" 250 Jr) **PS#9LB**. Tenn trans. 1 st LY. William Brody (6'4" 240 Sr) 12 tkl.

DT 99 Garrett Brown Jr. 6-2 290 PS#91. 3 st DT LY, 24 tkl, 1 sk. **Tim McGee PS#66JC. 97** Anthony Jacobs (6'2" 285 So) PS#60. **57** Stevee Herold (6'0" 270 rFr).

DT 51 ERIC SMALL JR. 6-2 280 PS#188JC. 6 st, 12 gm DT LY, 18 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **96** Matt Stommes (6'7" 270 Jr) 12 tkl LY. Jewhan Edwards PS#111. **89** Barrett Moen (6'3" 270 Jr) 4 tkl LY.

DE 91 WILLIE VanDeSTEEG SR. 6-4 255 13 st, 40 tkl, 10 sk, **2nd Tm B10** '06. 6 st LY, 29 tkl, 8 tfl. **93** Derrick Onwuachi (6'5" 250 Jr) 3 st LY, 16 tkl, 2 sk. Cedric McKinley PS#174JC.

SLB 56 STEVE DAVIS SR. 6-2 225 PS#117. 31 st (miss 3 inj LY) 3Y, 139 tkl, 11 sk, 8 tfl. **32** Nathan Triplett (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#105. 9 tkl LY. **42** Logan U'u (5'10" 225 Jr) PS#399JC.

MLB 44 DEON HIGHTOWER SR. 6-3 215 9 st '06, 74 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 8 st LY, 70 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **Sam Maresh** (6'3" 235 Fr) **PS#25. 94** Willie Dyson (6'3" 230 So) PS#125DL. 1 st, 3 tkl true. RS LY.

WLB 33 Rex Sharpe Jr. 6-3 245 PS#176JC in spring. 4.5 spd. **34** Andre Taté (6'2" 210 rFr) **PS#39RB**. Scout Tm Def POY. **28** Kevin Mannion (6'2" 215 Sr) 6 st 2Y, 53 tkl, 2 int.

CB NA Traye Simmons Jr. 5-11 175 **PS#77JC**. 4.4 spd. **24** Marcus Sherels (5'11" 165 Jr) 1 st WR, 417 all-purp yd LY. **3** Harold Howell (5'8" 160 So) 780 all-purp yd RB true.

CB 2 RYAN COLLADO SO. 5-9 170 PS#159. 9 st CB true, 51 tkl, 4 pbu. Michael McKelton (5'10" 185 Jr) 3 tkl LY. **20** Justin Chatman (5'9" 180 rFr) PS#219. **38** Marcus Singletary (5'11" 190 Jr).

SS 27 KYLE THERET SO. 5-11 185 PS#222. 5 st true (2CB, 3SS) 39 tkl, 3 int, 2 pbu. Keanon Cooper **PS#49**. Simoni Lawrence (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#210JC. Scott Jilek (5'11" 205 So).

FS 1 Tramaine Brock Jr. 6-0 187 **PS#45JC** in spg. Ryan Grant PS#89. Nicholas Stommes (6'1" 195 Jr). **19** Andrew Allison (5'10" 180 Jr). Troy Stoudermire (5'10" 185 Fr) PS#226.

P 41 JUSTIN KUCEK SR. 6-0 200 PS#53. 37 punts rFr, 39.4 avg, 34.2 net. 56 punts '06 (40.3) net 34.1. 62 punt LY (42.7) net 34.3. **38** Blake Haudan (6'0" 210 Jr) PS#76.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	David Pittman 5-11 185 PS#6JC
DB	Tramaine Brock 6-0 187 PS#45JC
WR	Brandon Green 6-0 180 PS#22
DL	Tim McGee 6-4 300 PS#66JC
QB	MarQueis OJ Gray 6-4 215 PS#13
DB	Traye Simmons 5-11 175 PS#77JC
LB	Sam Maresh 6-3 235 PS#25
RB	Kevin Whaley 5-9 180 PS#55
LB	Spencer Reeves 6-2 200 PS#56
DB	Keanon Cooper 6-0 200 PS#49
DL	Cedric McKinley 6-5 250 PS#174JC
LB	Rex Sharpe 6-3 245 PS#176JC
RB	Brandon Kirksey 6-2 265 PS#95
RB	Shady Salamon 5-10 185 PS#74
DB	Simoni Lawrence 6-1 205 PS#210JC
DL	Jewhan Edwards 6-2 320 PS#111
DB	Ryan Grant 6-2 215 PS#89
QB	John Nance 6-4 185 PS#60
DB	Tim Dandridge 6-1 180 PS#128
WR	Vince Hill 6-0 190 PS#60 '07
TE	Eric Lair 6-3 210 PS#47
RB	Terrell Combs 6-2 250 PS#149
LB	Gary Tinsley 6-1 220 PS#146
WR	Da'Jon McKnight 6-3 200 PS#189DB
DL	D.L. Wilhite 6-4 235 PS#158RB
RB	DeLeon Eskridge 5-11 190 PS#163
DB	Troy Stoudermire 5-10 185 PS#226
WR	Xzavian Brandon 6-3 185 PS#182
DB	Johnny Johnson 5-9 180 PS#231
WR	Brodrick Smith 6-3 200 PS#201

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

Minneapolis, Minnesota
HHH Metrodome

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#41

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Northern Illinois	A					
Sep. 6	at Bowling Green	A					
Sep. 13	Montana St	A					
Sep. 20	Florida Atlantic	A					
Sep. 27	at Ohio St	A					
Oct. 4	Indiana	A					
Oct. 11	at Illinois	A					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Purdue	G					
Nov. 1	Northwestern (HC)	A					
Nov. 8	Michigan	A					
Nov. 15	at Wisconsin	A					
Nov. 22	Iowa	A					
Nov. 29							

Date	Opponent	Comments
Aug. 30	Northern Illinois	UM had won 12 straight home openers prior to last year's upset OT loss. The Gophers are 15-3 at home S/'00 vs non-conf opponents with 2 losses LY.
Sep. 6	at Bowling Green	Coming into '08, Minnesota is 24-3-1 vs current MAC tms but lost to the Falcons 32-31 in HC Brewster's debut last year. Minny came from a 21-0 HT deficit to force OT.
Sep. 13	Montana St	The FCS Bobcats play in the Big Sky Conference and finished 6-5 in 2007. First meeting. Montana St played 1 FBS team LY losing to Texas A&M 38-7.
Sep. 20	Florida Atlantic	The Owls became the 1st SBC tm to defeat a Big Ten foe with their 42-39 win LY. The Golden Gophers are 10-1 all-time vs Sun Belt teams.
Sep. 27	at Ohio St	Since 1969 Minnesota is 2-33 vs the Buckeyes including 1-17 in Columbus. Minnesota is 2-15 in Big Ten road openers S/'91 including 4 straight losses.
Oct. 4	Indiana	The home team is 9-1 the last 10 games in this series. The tms have combined for 69 ppg the L7Y. The Hoosier's last win in the dome came in 1993, 23-19.
Oct. 11	at Illinois	UM HC Brewster is an Illinois alum who campaigned to get the Illini job 2 yrs ago. The Gophers are 6-2 in this series S/'96 but lost 44-17 in Brewster's 1st test vs Zook.
Oct. 18		
Oct. 25	at Purdue	The Gophers have lost 9 out of the last 10 vs the Boilermakers. Minnesota hasn't won in West Lafayette S/'90. The tms combined for 973 yds LY
Nov. 1	Northwestern (HC)	LY the Cats rallied from a 35-14 3Q deficit to win 49-48 in double OT. Northwestern last won in the dome on HC in 2000, 41-35 on a Hail Mary TD pass.
Nov. 8	Michigan	Since 1968 Michigan is 35-3 in the Battle for the Little Brown Jug. Minnesota is 0-11 vs Michigan in the Metrodome with an avg loss of 28 ppg.
Nov. 15	at Wisconsin	These teams have met more times than any other NCAA rivalry (118th meeting). The Gophers have lost 11 of 13 but has outgained Wisconsin in 5 of the last 9.
Nov. 22	Iowa	Iowa is 11-4 in the Battle for Floyd of Rosedale. This is the Gophers' Metrodome finale with UM moving to the 50,000 seat open-air horseshoe TCF Bank Stadium in '09.
Nov. 29		

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bryan Cupito 7,446 '03-06	1. Darrell Thompson 4,654 '86-'89	1. Ron Johnson 2,989 '98-'01
2. Cory Sauter 6,834 '94-'97	2. Laurence Maroney 3,933 '03-'05	2. Tutu Atwell 2,640 '94-'97
3. Asad Abdul-Khaliq 6,660 '00-'03	3. Thomas Hamner 3,810 '96-'99	3. Ernie Wheelwright 2,434 '04-'07

TIM BREWSTER (Career 1-11)

2nd Year at Minnesota (Brewster's Bowl Record: 0-0)

Brewster's records AT MINNESOTA

1-11	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
1-6	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
0-5	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-8	Vs Conference	1-9	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,19,3)
Lost: 18 (6,11,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51,791 (#40)

BIG TEN

DE Willie VanDeSteeg

STADIUM: HHH METRODOME (64,172) (#37)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	4-7	8-5	10-3	7-5	7-5	6-7	1-11	49-49
Home	4-2	4-2	5-2	5-2	5-1	4-2	4-2	1-6	32-19
Away	2-3	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-4	3-2	2-4	0-5	14-27
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	3-3
vs Conf	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	3-5	0-8	24-40
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	5-0	5-0	4-0	3-1	3-2	1-3	25-9
ATS	5-7	4-6	5-7	7-6	6-5	7-5	7-5	4-7	45-48
Home Fav (Glen Mason)	2-3	1-0	2-2	3-3	3-2	4-1	3-0	0-2	18-13
Home Dog (Glen Mason)	1-0	2-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	2-2 (Tim Brewster)	6-9
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	1-0	4-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-1	11-6
Away Dog	1-2	1-4	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-2	7-17
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	3-3
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	27-37
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-1	3-1	3-2	3-0	3-1	3-1	0-3	18-11
Off SU Win	2-4	0-2	3-4	5-4	3-2	4-3	3-3	0-1	20-23
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-3	2-3	1-2	2-3	2-2	3-2	4-5	20-23

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Adam Weber	146	736	119	617	5	4.2
Amir Pinnix	106	602	39	563	5	5.3
Duane Bennett	107	460	18	442	3	4.1
Jay Thomas	40	222	7	215	1	5.4
Justin Valentine	14	43	1	42	1	3.0
Mike Chambers	1	38	0	38	0	38.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Adam Weber	449	258	57.5	2895	24	19
Tony Mortensen	4	3	75.0	34	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Eric Decker	67	909	13.6	9	59	
Ernie Wheelwright	66	775	11.7	9	46	
Tray Herndon	22	235	10.7	1	60	
Ralph Spry	23	226	9.8	3	71	
Jack Simmons	20	202	10.1	0	37	
Nick Tow-Arnett	10	149	14.9	0	56	
Duane Bennett	18	145	8.1	1	35	
Jay Thomas	7	81	11.6	0	30	
Amir Pinnix	11	66	6.0	1	18	
Justin Valentine	8	54	6.8	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Justin Kucek	62	2645	42.7	14	34.3	1	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Joel Monroe	28-28	3-3	2-2	1-3	1-1	7-9	54
Jason Giannini	9-9	0-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-4	33

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dominique Barber	100	1	4.5	8	0
Deon Hightower	70	0	9.5	1	0
John Shevlin	63	0	3.5	0	0
Mike Sherels	55	2.5	5	2	0
Steve Davis	54	0.5	2.5	3	0
Ryan Collado	51	0	2	4	0
Jamal Harris	44	0	0.5	10	2
Lee Campbell	40	2	4	0	0
Kyle Theret	39	0	2	2	3
Duran Cooley	34	0	1	3	0
Kevin Mannion	34	0	0	1	0
Willie VanDeSteeg	29	1	7	0	0
Curtis Thomas	28	0	1	0	0
Desi Steib	26	0	1	2	2
Garrett Brown	24	1	0	0	0
Todd Meisel	20	0	1.5	2	0
Eric Small	18	1	1.5	1	0
Neel Allen	18	0	0.5	0	0
Derrick Onwuachi	16	2	1	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Harold Howell	15	72	4.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Harold Howell	30	693	23.1	0	
Marcus Sherels	17	364	21.4	0	
Jay Thomas	10	313	31.3	1	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Music City	+7'	Arkansas - #25	29-14
03	Sun - #24	-4'	Oregon	31-30
04	Music City	+1	Alabama	20-16
05	Music City	-6'	Virginia	31-34
06	Insight	+7	Texas Tech (OT)	41-44

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Minnesota's All-Time Bowl Record 5-7

MINNESOTA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	26.3	22	162	4.5	246	57.7	15.5	-15	2007	8	36.7	24	229	5.7	289	64.0	14.1
6*	28.9	19	154	4.3	221	58.4	13.0	+18	2006	6	26.0	22	158	4.2	268	62.2	16.4
9*	35.8	24	273	5.4	222	57.3	13.8	-1	2005	7	29.0	21	156	4.4	257	56.8	14.2
7	30.1	20	257	5.4	182	47.6	14.6	+7	2004	7	22.8	21	131	3.7	266	60.1	17.4
7*	38.7	25	289	5.5	205	61.3	12.8	-1	2003	9	21.9	20	123	3.5	218	59.0	15.5
5*	28.9	21	210	4.7	183	52.3	13.6	0	2002	8	24.5	19	177	4.3	179	55.3	14.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

UM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
49,253	Bowling Green	24	48-246	5.1	15-31	188	1	24	22-100	4.5	35-53	412	1	-3
45,383	Miami, Oh	28	53-306	5.8	26-40	271	0	27	34-159	4.7	30-54	418	0	+1
10,759	at Fla Atlantic	29	28-135	4.8	31-47	335	0	24	41-117	2.9	27-44	463	2	-7
47,483	Purdue	25	37-232	6.3	23-44	237	1	28	33-166	5.0	33-48	338	0	-3
51,611	Ohio St	15	29-45	1.6	27-44	232	1	24	47-250	5.3	18-29	209	0	-1
32,009	at Indiana	20	29-112	3.9	24-44	280	2	22	42-228	5.4	24-36	235	2	-1
23,314	at Northwestern	26	44-239	5.4	25-38	341	0	28	28-119	4.3	41-59	470	0	-1
63,088	N Dakota St	17	30-125	4.2	11-23	182	1	27	49-394	8.0	20-25	191	1	0
109,432	at Michigan	16	36-132	3.7	14-30	99	3	22	49-307	6.3	12-21	254	1	+1
46,604	Illinois	18	31-95	3.1	21-35	242	4	27	50-448	9.0	14-21	207	0	+1
70,585	at Iowa	18	33-125	3.8	24-41	190	0	17	40-139	3.5	14-25	157	3	0
59,116	Wisconsin	23	35-149	4.3	21-37	352	0	19	48-325	6.8	7-15	118	1	-2
TOTALS		259	433-1941	4.5	262-454	2949	13	289	483-2752	5.7	275-430	3472	11	-15
AVERAGES		21.6	36-162	4.5	22-38	246	1.1	24.1	40-229	5.7	23-36	289	0.9	-1.3

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
–	Tulsa	-30'	49-10
–	Troy	-24'	48-7
–	at Ohio	-19'	42-20
–	Louisiana-Lft	-35	48-14
#24	at Penn St	-2	20-14
#21	at Northwestern	-11'	42-17
#17	Michigan - #20	+2	35-38
#25	Michigan St - #15	-5'	38-44
–	at Illinois	-15'	36-10
#24	Indiana	-28	55-7
#24	Wisconsin	-8	37-34
#19	at Iowa - #20	+5'	22-40

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #25 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#25	Toledo	-11'	63-21
#22	Illinois St	NL	37-21
#22	at Colorado St	-3'	34-16
#19	Northwestern	-14'	43-17
#18	Penn St	-15	16-7
#13	at Michigan - #14	+3'	24-27
#19	at Michigan St	-9	17-51
–	Illinois	-17'	45-0
#24	at Indiana	-17'	21-30
–	at Wisconsin - #5	+6'	14-38
–	Iowa - #19	-4	27-29

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Tulsa	-17	41-10
–	Colorado St	-13	56-24
–	Florida Atlantic	-30'	46-7
–	Purdue - #11	-3	42-35 2OT
#18	at Penn St	-2'	14-44
–	at Michigan - #21	+7'	23-20
#22	Wisconsin - #23	-3	34-38
–	Ohio St - #12	+3'	31-45
–	at Indiana	-13	42-21
–	Michigan St	-6	41-18
–	at Iowa	+6	28-52

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kent St	-15	44-0
–	at California - #22	+8	17-42
–	Temple	-41'	62-0
–	at Purdue	-3	21-27
–	Michigan - #6	+9'	14-28
–	Penn St	+3	27-28 OT
–	at Wisconsin - #25	+8	12-48
–	North Dakota St	NL	10-9
–	at Ohio St - #1	+27'	0-44
–	Indiana	-5'	63-26
–	at Michigan St	-1	31-18
–	Iowa	-3	34-24

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Bowling Green	-14	31-32 OT
–	Miami, Oh	-8'	41-35 3OT
–	at Florida Atlantic	-7	39-42
–	Purdue	+13'	31-45
–	Ohio St - #8	+24	7-30
–	at Indiana	+13'	20-40
–	at Northwestern	+6'	48-49 2OT
–	North Dakota St	NL	21-27
–	at Michigan - #19	+23	10-34
–	Illinois	+12	17-44
–	at Iowa	+14'	16-21
–	Wisconsin - #24	+13'	34-41

INDIANA HOOSIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Blake Powers set IU's single season pass record in 2005 and began 2006 as the starter before injury rFr Kellen Lewis stepped in to start the last 9 and was the team MVP throwing for 2,221 (54.9%) with a 14-7 ratio (638 rush). He had a streak of 146 passes without an int. Powers hit 52.9% with a 1-5 ratio and moved to TE. Powers moved back to QB in the fall and he and Ben Chappell (PS#44) were the backups. Lewis had a great 2007 and I named him 1st Tm Big Ten. He threw for 3,043 (60%) with a 28-10 ratio and led in rushing with 736 (1,004 gross) including 199 net yards vs Akron. He did however have 6 fumbles and 3 int in a 3 game stretch vs PSU, Wisc and Ball St. Against NW Lewis was injured and Chappell played one snap and threw a key int that was ret'd 41 yards for a TD in a 3 point loss. Chappell played in 3 with 1 other att. This year both return while Powers departs and adding depth are Teddy Schell (6'5" 218 rFr, PS#69) and Dustin Hass (6'1" 222 Sr). Lewis set single season school records for yards and TD's last year but could improve upon those numbers even though he was suspended in the spring.

RB Marcus Thigpen

RUNNING BACKS - The Hoosiers had to replace their top 2 RB's in 2006 and the leading returning RB rusher was FB Josiah Sears (103 yd). Sears shifted to TB in the one back offense. Demetrius McCray (PS#222) was the Scout Team Off MVP in 2005 and the staff even coined the phrase "You got McCrayed" meaning a defender tried to tackle him and didn't come close. They also added former WR Marcus Thigpen, who is one of the fastest players in the Big Ten (track team). Thigpen had an amazing year with returns but was injured and missed the 2H of 3 games. He still led all RB's with 387 (3.9) and had 18 rec. McCray added 320 (3.6) and Sears, who was the leading rusher early on, finished with 232 (5.8). Last year they all ret'd along with Bryan Payton (5'9" 205 Jr), Trea Burgess (6'1" 218 So), Zach Walker (5'8" 185 rFr, PS#228) and Shawn Major-Winston (5'10" 205 rFr). McCray rushed for 75 vs W Mich and 60 vs Akron but missed the last 9. With Thigpen and Sears banged up vs Minny, Payton had 13 carries for 90 yards and 3 TD's. Thigpen did have 81 vs WM, 70 vs Wisconsin and 140 vs Purdue. He led the RB's with 568 (4.1) and Payton added 381 (4.2). This year the only loss is Sears (3 st, 114). I look for much stronger production from the Hoosier RB's and newcomer Darius Willis (PS#53) could challenge immediately.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 Courtney Roby (#3DC TEN) became the school's all-time career leader in receiving yards. In 2005 the leading returnee was Jahkeen Gilmore (308, 13.4) who was banged up to start the season. Former basketball player James Hardy (6'7") was the star and had an amazing 744 in the first six (#2 NCAA, 124 ypg). Unfortunately he was injured and had just 149 in the final five. He did break Ernie Jones' 1987 mark of 5 straight games with a TD rec (6). Both he and Gilmore ret'd in 2006. Hardy (susp 2) had a big finish and led with 722 (14.2). Soph James Bailey (401, 10.0) and rFr Nick Polk (326, 10.2) also contributed. Last year Gilmore (419, 15.0) was the only loss. Hardy made my 1st Tm AA list and became Indy's career leader and had a school record 16 TD's. Soph Andrew Means was #2 with 559 (11.6) and Ray Fisher (1 st, 215 '06) was #3 with 482 (9.3). Bailey's numbers surprisingly slipped to 268 (10.3). This year Hardy (13 st) opted to leave early (#2DC BUF), Bailey transferred in the spring and they also lose TE Nick Sexton (6 st, 3 rec). Means is a MLB prospect who didn't participate in the spring while playing baseball full-time. This unit's experience would be even further depleted if he opts to pursue a career on the diamond. First Tm AA WR's are tough to replace at a school like Indiana so this unit will be down a notch or two.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With a mobile QB in Antwaan Randle-El in 2001 the Hoosiers avg 5.5 ypc rush but the next 5 years they failed to top 3.5 ypc rush and that included 2006 when they had the mobile Kellen Lewis at QB (638 gross rush). That unit allowed 26 sacks (6.0%). Last year they had to replace one starter and two backups who combined for 20 starts. Hoeppner wanted to build a big, tall, athletic O-line like Iowa's 2002 unit so in 2006 he recruited the "Seven Blocks of Limestone". Two played in '06 and 5 RS. They had 5 players back who started 5 or more games in '06 but into Aug nobody's starting job was sealed. The unit was hit hard by injuries but at the end of the year 3 players did start all 13. With Lewis increasing his gross yards rushing to 1,004 the team's ypg rush improved to 157 (4.3) although they allowed 31 sacks (7.0%). This year they lose 3 starters in C Ben Wyss (11 st), RT Charlie Emerson (10 st, 3Y st'r) and HM Big Ten RG Jonathan Sandberg (13 st, 2Y st'r) along with backups LT Sean Edmundson and C Matt Moses. While the unit is less experienced, they do have 3 players back with 5 or more starts and are a bigger group as this year's line avg's 305 lbs.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Hoosiers allowed 5.0 ypc rushing in 2004 and 2005. They had zero returning starters in 2006 but surprisingly improved to 4.6 ypc allowed. Last year 7 of the top 8 were back but no one could have expected soph DE Greg Middleton (6 tkl, 1 tfl true) to explode and lead the NCAA with 16 sacks while his DE cohort Jammie Kirlew added 12.5 tfl. Indy improved allowing just 3.8 ypc rush and the team recorded a school record 42 sacks. This year they lose NG Joe Kremer (11 st, 26 tkl, 3.5 sk) and DE Brian Faires (13 tkl, 2 sk) but have 6 of the top 8 back. This is a prototype DL with the starters being a couple of 300+ lb DT's with two fierce pass rushing DE's. While it will be tough for Middleton to improve his sack total, Indy's D-line figures to be stronger.

LINEBACKERS - The Hoosiers emphasize speed over size at LB but are getting bigger. Last year they added the athleticism of Will Patterson (235 lb, 4.6 spd) and in his first full year as a starter he was the #2 tackler. Not listed in the PSL are Jamie Lukaszewski (5'9" 201 So) and Leon Beckum (5'10" 208 rFr). The Hoosiers had 2.5 starters back last year and in '08 their only loss is MLB Adam McClurg (13 st, 99 tkl, 11.5 tfl).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 Indy was #61 in my pass D rankings and in 2006 had all 4 starters back including NFL caliber CB Tracy Porter. Thanks in part to an inexperienced front seven, they plummeted to #111 in '06. Last year they had to replace their top 2 tacklers but returned their excellent CB combo of Porter (4.38 spd) and Leslie Majors. Indy rose to #67 with a 21-19 ratio. This year they are strong at S but the question mark is at corner as they must replace Majors (11 st, 62 tkl, 6 pbu) and 1st Tm Big Ten Porter (83 tkl, 6 int, #2DC NO). Not listed in the PSL are Brandon Mosley (5'8" 204 Sr), Rayshun Calhoun (5'10" 215 Sr) and Matt Kurz (5'11" 191 Jr). Six of the top 8 are back again but with the loss of their CB's, it will be tough to move up.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After a #115 finish in 2005 in my ST rankings (#16 in '04). I called IU one of the most improved ST units in the NCAA in 2006 and they moved up to #38. Marcus Thigpen set a school record with 3 KR TD's in the same year and was #1 in the NCAA in KR (30.1). Tracy Porter avg 18.6 on PR's and Austin Starr connected on 12 of 15 FG's (long 46). Last year they only had to replace their punter. New P Michael Hines increased the team's net to 35.0 (21 I20). Starr had a phenomenal season hitting 21 of 23 FG's (long 49) including 11 of 12 from 40+ and the game winning 49 yarder vs Purdue. Ironically he missed a 42 yarder earlier in the 4Q which snapped his school record streak of 16 straight. He set a school record for FG's in a year beating out Pete Stoyanovich (1988) and was a finalist for the Groza Award. Starr had 15 TB on 79 KO. Surprisingly the return avg dropped (Thigpen 22.9 KR, Porter 11.0 PR). This year they lose Porter, Hines and LS Tim Boss. Despite the losses, I give the Hoosiers a shot at topping last year's #54 ST finish.

COACHES - In 2005 Terry Hoeppner took over an Indiana team that had not had a winning season since 1994 and built the team back up with the results paying off last year in a rare bowl game. Unfortunately, Hoeppner was not around to see his accomplishments as he sadly lost his battle with cancer in June of 2007. Bill Lynch took over and was the OC here the previous two seasons. He was the HC at Ball St from 1995-2002 and led Ball St to a MAC Title in 1996 and they were MAC West co-Champs in 2001. The OC is Matt Canada who was the QB coach from 2004-'06 and N Illinois' OC in '03. This is his 2nd year. They have co-DC's in Brian George and Joe Palcic. The two have shared the position at Miami in 2004 and here the last three years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Indiana got to six bowl games under the tutelage of Bill Malloy from 1986-1993 but entered last year having gone through 12 straight losing seasons. Terry Hoeppner inherited just 13 returning starters in his first season here ('05) and renamed Memorial Stadium "The Rock" adding emphasis to the home games. He actually opened up his first year at 4-1 but they lost their last six thanks in part to being -8 in turnovers. In 2006 Hoeppner missed two early winnable games and the team lost both. The Hoosiers got to 5-4 but lost their last three and narrowly missed out on a bowl. Last year Hoeppner made the team's motto "Play 13" (the # of games played if in a bowl). Hoeppner passed away in June after courageously battling cancer and the Hoosier players vowed to deliver his goal. They wore a patch with his initials and #13 on their helmets. Indy rolled over their first 3 non-conf foes but lost the Big Ten opener to Illinois. They crushed Iowa by the largest margin of victory since 1945 while the Hoosiers 9 sacks were their most in a game since 1992. After blasting Minnesota, they were throttled by Mich St. A loss to Penn St at home was followed up by a thrashing at Wisconsin the next week. They beat Ball St the next week to become bowl eligible but blew a late lead to Northwestern, yielding a TD with 1:05 left. They had lost 5 straight to Purdue but got a 49 yd FG with :30 left to pull out the win in a game they had led 24-3. They had five All Big Ten players, their most since 1988. This team still has not been ranked since Sept. 20th, 1994 and were blown out in the bowl by Okla St. While Indy was 3-5 in the Big Ten they were outgained by 70.5 ypg (3rd worst). IU welcomes back 13 starters and only that includes 20 lettermen but lose #2DC WR James Hardy and 3 OL's. Their star QB Kellen Lewis was susp for the spring and is a ? to return. They're strong up front defensively with my main concern being replacing two long-time starting CB's. The Hoosiers do avoid Ohio St in Big Ten play but may find it tough to match last year's 7 win total.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE	JERSEY # IN RED
QB	**15 KELLEN LEWIS JR.** 6-1 185 22 st, 2Y. 5264 (58%). 42-17 ratio. 1642 rush, **2nd Tm B10**. Susp'd spg. **4** Ben Chappell (6'3" 232 So) PS#44. 2 att as rFr. 20 ttl yards.
RB	**2 MARCUS THIGPEN SR.** 5-9 199 4.22 spd. 11 st WR '05, 32 rec. 18 st RB 2Y, 955 (4.0). **27** Bryan Payton (5'9" 205 Jr). 1 st, 381 (4.2). **22** Demetrius McCray (5'11" 200 Jr) 138 (6.3).
WR	**7 RAY FISHER JR.** 5-9 172 PS#119. 1 st, 215 (9.0) true. 9 st LY, 482 (9.3). **19** Brandon Walker-Roby (5'11" 195 Sr) 6 st, 182 (9.6) 3Y. **8** Nick Polk (6'0" 215 Jr) 326 (10.2) '06.
WR	**81 Terrance Turner So.** 6-3 200 PS#232. 4 st rFr. 1 rec. **80** Chris Banks (6'2" 180 Jr) PS#127TE. Collin Taylor (6'0" 198 Jr). Jeff Kocal (5'10" 180 Jr). Jeff Sanders (6'4" 245 So) PS#74.
WR	**13 ANDREW MEANS JR.** 6-0 215 5 st, 263 (13.1) rFr. 12 st, 559 (11.6) LY. MLB prospect. **84** Matt Ernest (6'2" 187 rFr) PS#66. Armando Bustamante (5'8" 185 rFr). Aaron Burks (5'11" 178 So).
TE	**41 Max Dedmond rFr.** 6-5 240 **PS#24. 87** Troy Wagner (6'5" 255 Jr) PS#152. 2 st LY, 2 rec. **83** Taylor Donnell (6'5" 241 Jr) 1 st LY. **86** Brad Martin (6'4" 255 So) PS#92.
C	**71 Alex Perry So.** 6-7 292 PS#164. 4 gm rFr. 1L. **67** Dan Rutigliano (6'3" 300 rFr) PS#510. **LS 53** Brandon Bugg (6'0" 250 Jr) 1 gm rFr. **89** Brian Zematis (6'3" 255 Jr). 8 gm.
RG	**79 Cody Faulkner So.** 6-5 315 **PS#54**. 2nd string rFr 2 gm. **77** Kenny Love (6'3" 307 Sr) PS#113DL. 2nd string '06, 1 gm. 0 gm LY. **59** Mike Reiter (6'2" 300 Jr). 1 gm.
LG	**64 PETE SAXON JR.** 6-6 320 PS#228. 5 st true (5 of last 6). 13 st LG LY. **52** Jarrod Smith (6'4" 300 So) PS#197. 2 gm rFr. **51** Emile Bass (6'3' 297 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y.
RT	**68 Mike Stark So.** 6-7 292 PS#152. 5 st RT rFr. 12 gm. **74** Josh Hager (6'9" 280 rFr) PS#421DL. **66** Dennis Zeigler (6'3" 350 rFr). Will Matte is PS#86.
LT	**76 RODGER SAFFOLD JR.** 6-5 306 PS#396. 6 st LT true until inj. 13 st LT in '07. **73** James Brewer (6'8" 340 So) PS#397. **72** Andrew McDonald (6'5" 280 rFr) PS#276.
K	**18 AUSTIN STARR SR.** 6-3 204 12 of 15 FG '06, long of 46. Hit 21 of 23 FG LY long of 49. **11 of 12 from 40+!** 48-48 xp. 15 TB on KO. **91** Nick Ford (5'9" 203 So) PS#85.

DEFENSE	JERSEY # IN RED
DE	**57 JAMMIE KIRLEW JR.** 6-3 266 PS#44TE. 7 st rFr. 27 tkl, 5 tfl. 13 st LY, 57 tkl, **12.5 tfl. 35** Ryan Marando (6'2" 251 Sr) PS#137LB. **71** Terrance Thomas (6'1" 256 So) 5 tkl true.
DT	**62 GREG BROWN SR.** 6-2 300 4 st rFr. 17 tkl, 4 tfl. 12 st '06. 42 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 50 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **97** Keith Burrus (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#257. 2 st 27 tkl 2Y. Jeff Boyd (6'3" 306 rFr) PS#106.
NG	**98 Kevin Burrus Jr.** 6-2 312 PS#267JC. 2 st LY, 11 tkl. **55** Deonte Mack (6'3" 282 So) PS#245. 18 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. **90 Eric Thomas** (6'4" 265 rFr) **PS#61**. Nick Sliger PS#108.
DE	**92 GREG MIDDLETON JR.** 6-3 275 **1st Tm B10**. 13 st LY, **#1 NCAA 16 sk,** 50 tkl, 1 tfl. **93** Fred Jones (6'4" 265 rFr) PS#234. **49** Isaac Price (6'2" 250 Sr) PS#129WR. 5 tkl.
SLB	**56 GENO JOHNSON SR.** 6-2 228 PS#274. 2 st true. 22 tkl, 12 st '06, 52 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 58 tkl, 3 tfl. **44** Darius Johnson (6'0" 245 rFr) PS#76, **45** Dane Conwell (6'0" 228 rFr) PS#107.
MLB	**43 Matt Mayberry Jr.** 6-2 236 PS#108RB. 12 tkl true. 42 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. Tyler Replogle (6'2" 235 So) PS#123. 8 tkl true. **47** Ian Reeves (6'0" 245 rFr). **39** Brandon McGhee (6'1" 236 rFr).
WLB	**34 WILL PATTERSON JR.** 6-1 235 PS#220DB. 5 st, 41 tkl, 4.5 tfl as true. 13 st LY, 104 tkl, 8 tfl. **25** Justin Carrington (6'0" 220 Jr) 1 st, 37 tkl LY. **4** Jerry Williams (5'9" 230 Sr) 11 tkl 2Y.
CB	**16 Christopher Phillips Sr.** 6-0 195 PS#132. 6 tkl rFr. 8 st '06, 24 tkl, 3 pbu. 2 st LY, 3 int, 4 pbu. **29 Chris Adkins** (6'1" 185 rFr). Impressive RS yr. **18** Richard Council (6'1" 188 So).
CB	**23 Adrian Burks So.** 6-0 177 PS#373. 2 tkl rFr. **10** Donnell Jones (5'10" 205 rFr) PS#491. Co-Def Scout Tm POY. **17** Bruce Hampton (5'10" 195 Jr) PS#152. 4.48 spd, 1 tkl.
SS	**20 AUSTIN THOMAS JR.** 6-2 200 6 st SS '06, 49 tkl. 12 st SS LY, 112 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **HM B10. 5** Mitchell Evans (6'3" 210 So) **PS#84QB**. 12 tkl, 1 st true. QB in spring.
FS	**8 NICK POLK JR.** 6-0 215 32 rec WR rFr. 13 st FS LY, 74 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **33** Joe Kleinsmith (5'11" 195 Sr) PS#9K. 2 st, 32 tkl 2Y. **30** Jarrell Drane (6'2" 186 rFr).
P	**12 Chris Hagerup rFr.** 6-5 207 PS#52QB. 44.5 avg in HS, L/76, 1100 yd pass, 450 rush. In spg '07 but RS. Charlie Klingensmith (6'0" 175 Jr). **39** Kyle Lambeck (6'3" 211 So) PS#85.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Darius Willis 6-0 220 PS#53
OL	Will Matte 6-2 270 PS#86
DL	Nocholas Sliger 6-3 275 PS#108
RB	Shane Covington 6-1 185 PS#84
DL	Mick Mentzer 6-4 290 PS#121
RB	Cortez Smith 5-11 190 PS#98
WR	Marquelo Suel 6-2 180 PS#110
OL	Justin Pagan 6-5 290 PS#156
WR	Tandon Doss 6-3 185 PS#128
OL	Marc Damisch 6-6 280 PS#172
WR	Tyler Adetona 6-1 200 PS#134
RB	Alex Hunt 6-0 205 PS#134
DL	Larry Black 6-2 285 PS#190
QB	Adam Follett 6-4 200 PS#103
LB	Chad Sherer 6-0 205 PS#173
OL	AJ Thompson 6-2 290 PS#255
DB	Peter St Fort 6-0 180 PS#260
WR	Charles Love 6-2 200 PS#224
DL	Kyle Kozak 6-4 235 PS#421
WR	Damario Belcher 6-5 210 PS#400

INDIANA HOOSIERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#59

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score IU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	W Kentucky	A						Indiana has won 6 straight home openers by an avg of 23 ppg. Last year vs Indiana St they outgained them 516-176 in a 55-7 win. First meeting vs WKU.
Sep. 6	Murray St	A						The Racers finished 2-9 last yr playing one FBS team, Louisville losing 73-10. Murray St is just 2-16 the L3Y on the road (0-3 vs FBS being outscored 158-23).
Sep. 13								
Sep. 20	Ball St	A						Indiana is 32-4-2 vs current MAC teams. They are 4-0 vs Ball St including wins the past two years. Lewis threw for a career high 354 yds LY as IU became bowl eligible.
Sep. 27	Michigan St	A						IU is 15-39-2 in the Old Brass Spittoon series including 2-9 the last 11. The Hoosiers are 1-15 their L/16 Big Ten openers with their last win coming in 2000.
Oct. 4	at Minnesota	A						The home team is 9-1 in this series. Hoosiers' QB Lewis has accounted for 353 ypg vs the Gophers in 2 career starts. The teams have avg'd 69 ppg over the last 7.
Oct. 11	Iowa	A						LY Indiana sk'd QB Christensen 9 times, recording their biggest win over Iowa S/'45 (52-20). QB Lewis has avg'd 305 total ypg while accounting for 7 TD's in 2 career sts vs Iowa.
Oct. 18	at Illinois	A						Coming into 2008, Indiana is 2-23 their L/25 Big Ten RG's. Last year was the first time in 5 years that the loser of this game didn't finish in the conference basement.
Oct. 25	Northwestern (HC)	A						IU is 2-8 in this series S/'94. LY the gm ended controversially as IU's Lewis appeared to get the ball away as he was being sk'd but the officials awarded a fmbl to the Cats which replay upheld.
Nov. 1	C Michigan	A						
Nov. 8	Wisconsin	A						Indiana is 2-9 in this series S/'93. The winner has averaged 46 ppg in the last 7. IU is 2-7 in their L/9 home finales. LY UW dominated w/23-13 FD & 423-258 yd edges.
Nov. 15	at Penn St	G						The Lions are the only Big Ten opponent that the Hoosiers have never beaten as IU is 0-11 in the series being outscored by 17 ppg. IU is 1-26 the L27Y prior to PU.
Nov. 22	at Purdue	G						Indiana is 2-9 S/'97 in this series but LY it gave IU 5 home wins for the 1st time S/'93. Starr hit a 49 yd FG with :30 left to give them a 27-24 win.
Nov. 29								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Antwaan Randle El 7,469 '98-'01
2. Steve Bradley 6,579 '83-'85
3. Dave Schnell 5,470 '86-'89

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Anthony Thompson 5,299 '86-'89
2. Antwaan Randel El 3,895 '98-'01
3. Alex Smith 3,492 '94-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. James Hardy 2,740 '05-'07
2. Courtney Roby 2,524 '01-'04
3. Ernie Jones 2,361 '84-'87

BILL LYNCH (Career 44-59) (Div II 36-12-3) (Div III 8-2)
2nd Year at Indiana Lynch's Bowl Record: 0-2

Lynch's records AT INDIANA

7-6	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
5-2	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
2-3	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
3-5	Vs Conference	3-2	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (22,26,2)
Lost: 20 (11,6,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 37,004 (#63)

BIG TEN

QB Kellen Lewis

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (49,225) (#63)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-6	3-9	2-10	3-8	4-7	5-7	7-6	32-61
Home	3-3	3-3	3-3	2-4	2-3	3-3	3-4	5-2	24-25
Away	0-5	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-5	1-4	2-3	2-3	8-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	1-7	1-7	1-7	1-7	3-5	3-5	16-48
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-2	1-3	2-1	3-0	2-2	4-1	16-13
ATS	3-8	5-6	4-7	3-8	4-7	3-6-1	5-6	7-5	34-53-1
Home Fav (Cam Cameron)	1-2	2-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	11-5
Home Dog (Gerry DiNardo)	1-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-3	0-3	2-2	2-1	10-18
Away Fav (Terry Hoeppner)	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3-1
Away Dog (Bill Lynch)	1-4	2-3	2-3	1-5	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	12-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	2-6	3-5	2-6	2-6	4-4	4-4	23-41
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	2-1	0-3	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	3-1	11-12-1
Off SU Win	0-3	2-2	1-2	0-2	1-2	2-1	1-3	3-4	10-19
SU Loss	3-4	3-3	3-5	3-5	2-5	1-5	3-3	4-1	22-31

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kellen Lewis	147	1004	268	736	9	5.0
Marcus Thigpen	138	654	86	568	0	4.1
Bryan Payton	90	406	25	381	4	4.2
Demetrius McCray	22	154	16	138	0	6.3
Josiah Sears	36	123	9	114	4	3.2
Trea Burgess	18	79	2	77	1	4.3
Ray Fisher	7	52	18	34	0	4.9
Ben Chappell	4	6	3	3	0	0.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kellen Lewis	442	265	60.0	3043	28	10
Ben Chappell	2	1	50.0	14	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
James Hardy	79	1125	14.2	16	79
Andrew Means	48	559	11.6	0	40
Ray Fisher	52	482	9.3	4	60
James Bailey	26	268	10.3	2	30
Marcus Thigpen	21	181	8.6	3	31
Josiah Sears	14	147	10.5	2	24
Kellen Lewis	1	87	87.0	1	87
Bryan Payton	12	69	5.8	0	22
Brandon Walker-Roby	4	64	16.0	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Hines	59	2301	39.0	9	35.0	2	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Austin Starr	48-48	4-4	6-7	11-12	0-0	21-23	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Austin Thomas	112	0	0	3	1
Will Patterson	104	2	6	3	1
Adam McClurg	99	1.5	10	2	0
Tracy Porter	83	1	4.5	4	6
Nick Polk	74	0	2.5	5	2
Leslie Majors	62	0	2.5	6	2
Geno Johnson	58	1	2	1	1
Jammie Kirlew	57	4.5	8	2	0
Greg Middleton	50	16	1	4	0
Greg Brown	50	1.5	2	2	0
Matt Mayberry	42	0	1.5	1	0
Justin Carrington	37	0	2	1	0
Joe Kremer	26	3.5	1	0	0
Ryan Marando	20	5	1	0	0
Joe Kleinsmith	19	0	0.5	0	1
Deonte Mack	18	0	1	0	0
Brian Faires	13	2	2	2	0
Mitchell Evans	12	0	0	1	2
Chris Phillips	12	1	0	4	3
Keith Burrus	9	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tracy Porter	23	254	11.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
James Bailey	18	456	25.3	1
Marcus Thigpen	18	413	22.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
88	Liberty	-3	South Carolina	34-10
90	Peach	+9'	Auburn	23-27
91	Copper	+3'	Baylor	24-0
93	Independence - #21	+3	Virginia Tech - #22	20-45
07	Insight	+5	Oklahoma St	33-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Indiana's All-Time Bowl Record 3-6

INDIANA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	31.7	20	157	4.3	236	59.9	12.4	+2	2007	7	28.5	23	160	3.8	244	61.6	14.2
7*	23.1	19	114	3.5	222	54.0	14.6	-4	2006	6	32.8	19	174	4.6	228	61.6	12.3
4	22.5	20	131	3.4	220	55.3	15.6	-8	2005	9	32.8	21	215	5.0	203	55.1	12.7
10*	23.8	17	136	3.2	186	55.3	13.5	+4	2004	7	31.2	23	197	5.0	256	56.4	14.5
6	14.8	20	155	3.4	167	52.7	21.8	+3	2003	6	32.3	22	193	4.5	237	67.1	13.3
7	21.5	19	117	3.2	252	51.1	17.1	-12	2002	5	37.1	22	235	5.4	194	60.3	11.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

IU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
34,715	Indiana St	25	51-217	4.3	13-22	299	1	12	29-46	1.6	20-36	130	5	+1
32,129	at W Michigan	22	53-221	4.2	20-40	221	1	19	30-30	1.0	29-54	354	8	+4
31,196	Akron	25	49-338	6.9	19-24	137	0	24	41-120	2.9	19-27	250	4	+1
34,707	Illinois	26	35-134	3.8	26-52	263	7	23	55-288	5.2	13-28	98	1	-1
70,585	at Iowa	17	35-73	2.1	19-26	322	0	22	37-120	3.2	24-42	308	9	0
32,009	Minnesota	22	42-228	5.4	24-36	235	2	20	29-112	3.9	24-44	280	2	+1
73,449	at Michigan St	9	17-22	1.3	13-19	171	5	28	67-368	5.5	20-23	190	3	-1
41,251	Penn St	25	30-68	2.3	30-48	318	6	25	47-192	4.1	22-32	195	2	-2
81,324	at Wisconsin	13	31-145	4.7	17-33	113	3	23	55-279	5.1	12-21	144	2	-3
34,406	Ball St	19	31-108	3.5	22-35	354	1	22	32-67	2.1	27-49	345	2	-1
20,466	at Northwestern	17	27-94	3.5	18-28	204	3	26	46-165	3.6	27-34	291	0	+1
50,741	Purdue	24	41-219	5.3	23-39	216	1	25	32-78	2.4	28-45	281	4	0
48,892	† Oklahoma St	21	33-179	5.4	23-44	220	1	29	49-211	4.3	24-34	302	0	+2
TOTALS		265	475-2046	4.3	267-446	3073	31	298	549-2076	3.8	289-469	3168	42	+2
AVERAGES		20.4	37-157	4.3	21-34	236	2.4	22.9	42-160	3.8	22-36	244	3.2	0.2

2003 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Connecticut	+6	10-34
–	at Washington - #22	+24'	13-38
–	Indiana St	NL	33-3
–	Kentucky	+8'	17-34
–	at Michigan - #11	+33'	17-31
–	at Michigan St - #25	+16	3-31
–	Northwestern	+3'	31-37 OT
–	Ohio St - #8	+20'	6-35
–	at Minnesota - #24	+28	7-55
–	Illinois	+1	17-14
–	at Penn St	+18'	7-52
–	Purdue - #16	+24'	16-24

2004 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	C Michigan	-10'	41-10
–	at Oregon - #24	+20'	30-24
–	at Kentucky	+2	32-51
–	Michigan St	+3	20-30
–	Michigan - #19	+18	14-35
–	at Northwestern	+11	24-31 2OT
–	at Ohio St	+13'	7-30
–	Minnesota - #24	+17'	30-21
–	at Illinois	+2	22-26
–	Penn St	+3'	18-22
–	at Purdue	+20'	24-63

2005 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at C Michigan	-7	20-13
–	Nicholls St	NL	35-31
–	Kentucky	-1'	38-14
–	at Wisconsin - #17	+17'	24-41
–	Illinois	-7	36-13
–	at Iowa	+16	21-38
–	Ohio St - #14	+15'	10-41
–	at Michigan St	+17'	15-46
–	Minnesota	+13	21-42
–	at Michigan - #21	+25'	14-41
–	Purdue	+11	14-41

2006 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Michigan	-6'	39-20
–	at Ball St	-3'	24-23
–	S Illinois	NL	28-35
–	Connecticut	-1	7-14
–	Wisconsin	+11'	17-52
–	at Illinois	+8'	34-32
–	Iowa - #15	+19'	31-28
–	at Ohio St - #1	+30'	3-44
–	Michigan St	+7	46-21
–	at Minnesota	+5'	26-63
–	Michigan - #2	+19	3-34
–	at Purdue	+12'	19-28

2007 RESULTS

IU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Indiana St	NL	55-7
–	at W Michigan	E	37-27
–	Akron	-13'	41-24
–	Illinois	+2	14-27
–	at Iowa	+10	38-20
–	Minnesota	-13'	40-20
–	at Michigan St	+3'	27-52
–	Penn St	+7	31-36
–	at Wisconsin	+9	3-33
–	Ball St	-7	38-20
–	at Northwestern	-2'	28-31
–	Purdue	+1'	27-24

BIG XII CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 BIG XII TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chase Daniel, Missouri	Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	Colt McCoy, Texas
RB	DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	Mike Goodson, Texas A&M	Jorvorskie Lane, Texas A&M	Foswhitt Whittaker, Texas
RB	Marlon Lucky, Nebraska	Darrell Scott, Colorado	Jake Sharp, Kansas	Beau Johnson, Okla St
WR	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	Jordan Shipley, Texas	David Gettis, Baylor	Dezmon Briscoe, Kansas
WR	Juaquin Iglesias, Oklahoma	Quan Cosby, Texas	Deon Murphy, Kansas St	Nate Swift, Nebraska
WR	Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech	Dez Bryant, Oklahoma St	Edward Britton, Texas Tech	Markques Simas, Colorado
TE	Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma	Chase Coffman, Missouri	Brandon Pettigrew, Oklahoma St	Jeron Mastrud, Kansas St
C	David Washington, Oklahoma St	Jon Cooper, Oklahoma	Chris Hall, Texas	Daniel Sanders, Colorado
OG	Louis Vasquez, Texas Tech	Matt Slauson, Nebraska	Brandon Carter, Texas Tech	Chet Hartley, Kansas
OG	Duke Robinson, Oklahoma	Cedric Dockery, Texas	Brandon Walker, Oklahoma	Reggie Stephens, Iowa St
OT	Phil Loadholt, Oklahoma	Lydon Murtha, Nebraska	Colin Brown, Missouri	Jason Smith, Baylor
OT	Rylan Reed, Texas Tech	Ryan Miller, Colorado	Adam Ulatoski, Texas	Russell Okung, Okla St
DE	Ian Campbell, Kansas St	Stryker Sulak, Missouri	Jake Ratliff, Texas Tech	Barry Turner, Nebraska
DT	DeMarcus Granger, Oklahoma	Roy Miller, Texas	Lamarr Houston, Texas	Ndamukong Suh, Nebraska
DT	George Hypolite, Colorado	Gerald McCoy, Oklahoma	Brandon Nicolas, Colorado	Ziggy Hood, Missouri
DE	Auston English, Oklahoma	Brian Orakpo, Texas	Zach Potter, Nebraska	Kurtis Taylor, Iowa St
LB	Joe Mortensen, Kansas	Andre Sexton, Oklahoma St	Sergio Kindle, Texas	Brock Christopher, Missouri
LB	Mike Rivera, Kansas	Joe Pawelek, Baylor	Rashad Bobino, Texas	James Holt, Kansas
LB	Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri	Jared Norton, Texas	Brian Duncan, Texas Tech	Brad Jones, Colorado
LB	Ryan Reynolds, Oklahoma	Patrick Lavine, Oklahoma St	Olu Hall, Kansas St	Roddrick Muckelroy, Texas
CB	Jamar Wall, Texas Tech	Lendy Holmes, Oklahoma	Jordan Pugh, Texas A&M	Armando Murillo, Nebraska
CB	Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St	Ryan Palmer, Texas	Deon Beasley, Texas	Allen Bell, Iowa St
S	Nic Harris, Oklahoma	Larry Asante, Nebraska	Devin Gregg, Texas A&M	Daniel Dykes, Colorado
FS	William Moore, Missouri	Jordan Lake, Baylor	Ryan Walters, Colorado	Chykie Brown, Texas
K	Jeff Wolfert, Missouri	Ryan Bailey, Texas	Brooks Rossman, Kansas St	Aric Goodman, Colorado
P	Justin Brantly, Texas A&M	Dan Titchener, Nebraska	Matt DiLallo, Colorado	Mike Knall, Oklahoma
KR	Marcus Herford, Kansas	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	Quan Cosby, Texas
PR	Deon Murphy, Kansas St	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	Perrish Cox, Oklahoma St	Raimond Pendleton, Kansas

Missouri
FS William Moore

Kansas
LB Mike Rivera

Big XII Notes: A few years ago it was Oklahoma and Texas and a very weak Big XII North. Just two years ago they only had 3 wins (regular season non-conference) vs BCS conf schools which was the weakest of the BCS conf's. In the bowls they went just 3-5 and did not defeat a team with a winning record and had ZERO teams in the Top 10 (only two ranked in the Top 25). What a difference a year made. The weak Big XII North produced not one but TWO TOP TEN TEAMS! Overall last year the Big XII went 5-3 in bowls with the avg win by 14 ppg and had five teams ranked in the Top 25 including four in the Top 10!

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 BIG XII FORECAST

BIG XII SOUTH

1. Oklahoma - Last year only two publications even called for Oklahoma to win the Big XII South (*Phil Steele's and Street & Smith*) and the Sooners delivered finishing the regular season #3, but they had another disappointing BCS bowl loss. This year the Sooners get Texas Tech and Kansas at home, avoid Missouri out of the North and play Texas at the usual neutral site (Dallas). They are my top rated team in the Big XII talent-wise and I will call for them to repeat as Big XII South and overall Big XII Champs.

2. Texas Tech - This is the best TT team that Leach has fielded. They have 18 returning starters (most in the Big XII) and get a key game vs Texas at home. Last year they outgained Big XII foes by 104.4 ypg (best in the South). It's possible that on Nov 22nd TT and Oklahoma could each be 10-0, playing for the Big XII South Title and remember, TT has beaten OU two out of the last 3 years.

3. Texas - It concerns me to put the Horns this low in the Big XII South standings as they have never finished below 2nd in any of Mack Brown's 10 seasons. The Horns have just 11 returning starters (tied for 2nd fewest in the Big XII, Nebraska) including just 4 on defense and are the only Big XII South team to play both Missouri and Kansas out of the North. They also face division rivals TTech and Oklahoma (neutral) away from home. It still wouldn't surprise me at all to see Texas back in the Title game, as these top 3 teams are closely bunched. They do however have the toughest schedule of the big 3 of the South and that puts them third.

4. Oklahoma St - The Cowboys finished in a 3-way tie for 3rd in the South last year and figure to be a stronger team as the D looked much stronger in the spring. The Cowboys however have to face Missouri, Texas and Texas Tech on the road (3 likely Top 10 teams) but should still make it to a 3rd straight bowl game. The team may be improved but actually finish lower in the standings.

5. Texas A&M - The Aggies play in the 2nd toughest division in all of college football and have just 10 returning starters (fewest Big XII) plus must adapt to new schemes on both sides of the ball. They do have a favorable schedule having winnable road games in conference play and despite being outgained by 22.6 ypg in conf play last year, the Aggies could surprise some this year.

6. Baylor - Former HC Morriss had his shot at getting his team to a bowl. He did a fine job considering this is Baylor and they play in the Big XII South which features annual powerhouses like Oklahoma and Texas. Baylor has had four winless Big XII seasons, including last year ('99, '00, and '01). They have a couple of opportunities to bag wins this year, and despite being an improved team they play in a brutal division and have a lot of ground to make up in this competitive division. They were outgained by a league worst 181.4 ypg last year and will finish in the cellar again this year.

BIG XII NORTH

1. Missouri - Missouri did benefit from +13 in turnovers last year but have 14 returning starters from a team that outgained Big XII foes by 135 ypg, the best mark in the league. The Tigers have a favorable schedule as two of their four road games are against Baylor and Iowa St while they also avoid my top 2 picks from the South (Oklahoma and TTech). I had one of the few magazines to project Missouri to be the Big XII North champ last season but I think a few more will join me this year.

2. Nebraska - To put Nebraska #2 in the North ahead of Kansas is a little scary. The Huskers were just 2-6 in the Big XII last year and were outgained by 55.6 ypg (3rd worst). Their 11 returning starters are tied for the 2nd fewest in the Big XII (Texas) plus they are learning new schemes on both sides of the ball with a coaching change. Those factors should have me considering them at the bottom of the Big XII but I felt the Huskers underperformed last year and keep in mind that just two years ago, this was a team that was in the Big XII Title game. The more run based offense will help the D and I list the Huskers O-line and D-line each in the top 4 of the Big XII which is a good thing to have your strength up front. I know Kansas fans won't appreciate this, as they are a Top 10 team and waxed Nebraska 76-39 last year, but I'll call for the Huskers to be one of the surprise teams in the Big XII this season.

3. Kansas - The Jayhawks outgained Big XII foes by 92.3 ypg (3rd best) and have 15 returning starters from the #7 ranked team in the country. Picking KU here probably has Jayhawk fans shredding my magazine but the key reason is the schedule. Last year they avoided the top 3 of the South and this year OU, TX and TTech all appear on their schedule and they must play teams like USF and Missouri (neutral) away from home. I do not see a BCS bowl berth awaiting Kansas at the end of this year.

4. Kansas St - The Wildcats have just 12 returning starters but get a solid JUCO infusion, much like they did during the Bill Snyder era. Keep in mind, last year at one point they were 5-3 and had a win over #7 Texas under their belt but then surprisingly collapsed in the last 4. I look for a much stronger defense and give the Cats a good shot at getting to a bowl.

5. Colorado - The Buffs were outgained by 55.4 ypg in Big XII play last year (4th worst). This is Hawkins' best team yet with 14 starters back but they play 3 of their Big XII North rivals on the road and outside their division have to play teams like Texas, West Virginia and Florida St and will likely be an underdog in at least 7 of their 12 games. If true frosh RB Darrell Scott lives up to his advanced billing (PS#1), the Buffs, who have already proven they are capable of pulling upsets (#3 Oklahoma in '07) could find their way back to the postseason.

6. Iowa St - The Cyclones surprised me last year as they were the least talented team in the Big XII but still beat Kansas St and Colorado and played #4 Oklahoma down to the wire. This year's squad has 14 returning starters and will be stronger in Chizik's 2nd season but with 25 out of 52 lettermen lost it looks like a rebuilding year.

2007 BIG XII vs BIG XII OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
2	Missouri	41.9	1	488.9	3	155.8	7	3.97	9	333.1	2	72.7	1	11.7	3	9	3	13	5
4	Texas Tech	34.1	7	513.8	1	46.9	12	2.78	12	466.9	1	71.8	2	15.1	9	19	10	13	5
5	Oklahoma	35.0	6	405.3	9	164.8	5	4.17	7	240.5	9	63.5	4	11.6	1	12	5	9	2
7	Texas	35.5	4	467.6	4	206.1	2	5.03	2	261.5	6	61.6	6	13.2	6	17	9	19	12
9	Oklahoma St	35.4	5	504.9	2	263.6	1	5.49	1	241.3	8	58.5	8	14.3	8	9	3	5	1
14	Kansas	39.8	2	460.3	5	181.5	4	4.65	3	278.8	5	65.4	3	11.6	2	7	1	16	11
15	Nebraska	32.1	8	456.1	6	132.5	9	4.26	5	323.6	3	59.4	7	14.2	7	19	10	13	5
33	Kansas St	35.6	3	418.6	7	133.3	8	4.21	6	285.4	4	62.7	5	11.8	4	14	6	14	8
44	Texas A&M	23.8	10	407.4	8	200.0	3	4.38	4	207.4	11	58.1	9	17.2	10	8	2	10	3
52	Colorado	29.8	9	384.6	10	163.4	6	4.15	8	221.3	10	56.8	11	12.9	5	15	8	11	4
99	Iowa St	17.6	11	315.1	12	113.5	10	2.96	10	201.6	12	57.2	10	17.9	11	14	6	14	8
101	Baylor	13.5	12	321.5	11	66.0	11	2.84	11	255.5	7	56.0	12	23.8	12	28	12	14	8

2007 BIG XII vs BIG XII DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
5	Oklahoma	21.5	2	369.8	3	115.0	4	3.61	4	254.8	2	63.0	8	17.2	2	17	8	13	4
15	Kansas	21.1	1	368.0	2	89.8	1	3.14	1	278.3	7	59.9	5	17.4	1	22	12	12	6
23	Missouri	22.6	3	353.9	1	93.0	2	3.17	2	260.9	3	62.4	6	15.6	4	17	8	19	1
30	Texas	27.9	5	407.0	4	105.4	3	3.23	3	301.6	10	63.8	9	14.6	5	12	4	11	7
47	Colorado	34.5	8	440.0	9	137.3	6	4.71	9	302.8	11	59.6	3	12.8	8	17	8	10	10
49	Texas Tech	29.8	6	409.4	5	201.0	10	4.29	7	208.4	1	57.4	1	13.8	7	11	3	11	7
52	Texas A&M	26.6	4	430.0	6	155.3	7	4.44	8	274.8	5	62.4	7	16.2	3	12	4	13	4
61	Iowa St	35.6	10	433.0	7	133.9	5	4.17	6	299.1	9	70.4	12	12.2	10	14	6	11	7
62	Kansas St	34.8	9	435.4	8	157.4	8	4.13	5	278.0	6	57.7	2	12.5	9	20	11	17	2
68	Oklahoma St	33.3	7	483.0	10	177.1	9	4.74	10	305.9	12	68.6	11	14.5	6	14	6	15	3
85	Nebraska	42.4	11	511.8	12	246.5	12	5.18	12	265.3	4	59.6	4	12.1	11	5	1	10	10
87	Baylor	44.0	12	502.9	11	215.8	11	4.88	11	287.1	8	66.3	10	11.4	12	10	2	9	12

Kansas
KR/WR Marcus Herford

Baylor
OT Jason Smith

Oklahoma St
TE Brandon Pettigrew

2007 BIG XII STANDINGS

NORTH	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
Missouri	7	1	335	181	12	2	558	326	+135.0	+10.4	+8.5
Kansas	7	1	318	169	12	1	556	213	+92.3	-31.7	-11.5
Colorado	4	4	238	276	6	7	355	383	-55.4	-29.7	+10.4
Kansas St	3	5	285	278	5	7	442	370	-16.8	-18.0	-110.3
Nebraska	2	6	257	339	5	7	401	455	-55.6	+23.5	-22.3
Iowa State	2	6	141	285	3	9	218	381	-117.9	-113.1	+31.4
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**2007**	**2006**	**2005**
Oklahoma	6	2	280	172	11	3	592	284	+35.5	+98.7	+85.0
Texas	5	3	284	223	10	3	484	329	+60.6	+43.9	+211.0
Texas Tech	4	4	273	238	9	4	532	337	+104.4	+95.3	+115.0
Texas A&M	4	4	190	213	7	6	363	337	-22.6	+50.5	-51.3
Oklahoma St	4	4	283	266	7	6	450	384	+21.9	+4.7	-148.7
Baylor	0	8	108	352	3	9	218	444	-181.4	-134.2	-117.0

Coach of the Year: Mark Mangino, Kansas
BIG XII TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 38 Missouri 17

2006 BIG XII STANDINGS

NORTH	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Nebraska	6	2	236	173	9	5	428	256
Missouri	4	4	214	178	8	5	391	254
Kansas St	4	4	188	218	7	6	296	309
Kansas	3	5	234	225	6	6	348	306
Colorado	2	6	160	199	2	10	196	267
Iowa State	1	7	120	262	4	8	226	369
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Oklahoma	7	1	208	121	11	3	424	242
Texas	6	2	270	173	10	3	467	238
Texas A&M	5	3	193	174	9	4	362	267
Texas Tech	4	4	240	235	8	5	422	326
Oklahoma St	3	5	264	243	7	6	458	303
Baylor	3	5	194	320	4	8	283	391

Coach of the Year: Bob Stoops, Oklahoma
TITLE GAME: Oklahoma 21 Nebraska 7

2005 BIG XII STANDINGS

NORTH	Conf W	Conf L	Conf PF	Conf PA	All Games W	All Games L	All Games PF	All Games PA
Colorado	5	3	219	167	7	6	305	307
Iowa St	4	4	232	158	7	5	339	230
Nebraska	4	4	201	208	8	4	296	252
Missouri	4	4	200	236	7	5	369	350
Kansas	3	5	127	210	7	5	269	264
Kansas St	2	6	179	258	5	6	289	305
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**	**W**	**L**	**PF**	**PA**
Texas	8	0	405	137	13	0	652	213
Texas Tech	6	2	264	182	9	3	473	226
Oklahoma	6	2	241	190	8	4	323	277
Texas A&M	3	5	218	279	5	6	352	343
Baylor	2	6	140	244	5	6	236	291
Oklahoma St	1	7	164	321	4	7	222	344

Coach of the Year: Mack Brown, Texas
TITLE GAME: Texas 70 Colorado 3

Texas
CB Ryan Palmer

2007 BIG XII CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Sam Bradford, Oklahoma	**341**	**237**	**69.5**	**8**	**3121**	**9.2**	**36**	**176.5**
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	**713**	**512**	**71.8**	**14**	**5705**	**8.0**	**48**	**157.3**
Zac Robinson, Okla St	**333**	**201**	**60.4**	**9**	**2824**	**8.5**	**23**	**149.0**
Todd Reesing, Kansas	**446**	**276**	**61.9**	**7**	**3486**	**7.8**	**33**	**148.8**
Chase Daniel, Missouri	**563**	**384**	**68.2**	**11**	**4306**	**7.6**	**33**	**147.9**
Colt McCoy, Texas	**424**	**276**	**65.1**	**18**	**3303**	**7.8**	**22**	**139.2**
Sam Keller, Nebraska	325	205	63.1	10	2422	7.5	14	133.7
Josh Freeman, Kansas St	**499**	**316**	**63.3**	**11**	**3353**	**6.7**	**18**	**127.3**
Cody Hawkins, Colorado	**463**	**263**	**56.8**	**17**	**3015**	**6.5**	**22**	**119.8**
Stephen McGee, Texas A&M	**364**	**211**	**58.0**	**8**	**2311**	**6.3**	**12**	**117.8**
Blake Szymanski, Baylor	**461**	**264**	**57.3**	**18**	**2844**	**6.2**	**22**	**117.0**
Bret Meyer, Iowa St	382	233	61.0	13	2151	5.6	9	109.3

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/PG	REC AVG	YDS/PG
Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech	**13**	**134**	**1962**	**22**	**10.3**	**14.6**	**150.9**
Jordy Nelson, Kansas St	12	122	1606	11	10.2	13.2	133.8
Danny Amendola, Texas Tech	13	109	1245	6	8.4	11.4	95.8
Adarius Bowman, Okla St	11	67	1006	8	6.1	15.0	91.5
Marcus Henry, Kansas	13	54	1014	10	4.2	18.8	78.0
Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	**14**	**80**	**1055**	**9**	**5.7**	**13.2**	**75.4**
Maurice Purify, Nebraska	11	57	814	9	5.2	14.3	74.0
Todd Blythe, Iowa St	12	52	779	5	4.3	15.0	64.9
Juaquin Iglesias, Oklahoma	**14**	**68**	**907**	**5**	**4.9**	**13.3**	**64.8**
Dexton Fields, Kansas	**13**	**63**	**834**	**6**	**4.8**	**13.2**	**64.2**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Deon Murphy, Kansas St	**26**	**454**	**1**	**17.5**
Jeremy Maclin, Missouri	**25**	**307**	**2**	**12.3**
Perrish Cox, Okla St	**17**	**188**	**1**	**11.1**
Chase McBride, Colorado	33	316	0	9.6
Quan Cosby, Texas	**19**	**178**	**0**	**9.4**
Eric Morris, Texas Tech	**23**	**211**	**0**	**9.2**
Joe Bennett, Baylor	**19**	**162**	**0**	**8.5**
Jordan Peterson, Texas A&M	**14**	**108**	**0**	**7.7**
Reggie Smith, Oklahoma	30	203	0	6.8

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Tim Reyer, Kansas St	12	58	2583	44.5
Justin Brantly, Texas A&M	**12**	**56**	**2475**	**44.2**
Jonathan LaCour, Texas Tech	**12**	**29**	**1236**	**42.6**
Matt Fodge, Oklahoma St	**13**	**51**	**2164**	**42.4**
Dan Titchener, Nebraska	**12**	**49**	**2023**	**41.3**
Justin Moore, Texas	10	34	1395	41.0
Matt DiLallo, Colorado	**13**	**64**	**2550**	**39.8**
Mike Brandtner, Iowa St	**12**	**69**	**2721**	**39.4**
Derek Epperson, Baylor	**12**	**66**	**2579**	**39.1**

Iowa St
DL Kurtis Taylor

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Graham Harrell, Texas Tech	**13**	**38**	**-91**	**713**	**5705**	**5614**	**431.8**
Chase Daniel, Missouri	**14**	**109**	**253**	**563**	**4306**	**4559**	**325.6**
Colt McCoy, Texas	**13**	**114**	**492**	**424**	**3303**	**3795**	**291.9**
Todd Reesing, Kansas	**13**	**92**	**197**	**446**	**3486**	**3683**	**283.3**
Zac Robinson, Okla St	**13**	**140**	**847**	**333**	**2824**	**3671**	**282.4**
Josh Freeman, Kansas St	**12**	**53**	**-40**	**499**	**3353**	**3313**	**276.1**
Blake Szymanski, Baylor	**11**	**61**	**98**	**461**	**2844**	**2942**	**267.5**
Sam Keller, Nebraska	9	25	-78	325	2422	2344	260.4
Stephen McGee, Texas A&M	**13**	**181**	**899**	**364**	**2311**	**3210**	**246.9**
Cody Hawkins, Colorado	**13**	**41**	**-19**	**463**	**3015**	**2996**	**230.5**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Jordon Dizon, Colorado	13	120	53	173	13.3
Curtis Lofton, Oklahoma	14	93	63	156	11.1
Jordan Lake, Baylor	**12**	**67**	**53**	**120**	**10.0**
Mark Dodge, Texas A&M	12	42	75	117	9.8
Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri	**14**	**77**	**53**	**130**	**9.3**
Alvin Bowen, Iowa St	12	67	32	99	8.2
Joe Pawelek, Baylor	**12**	**40**	**59**	**99**	**8.3**
William Moore, Missouri	**14**	**71**	**46**	**117**	**8.4**
Joe Mortensen, Kansas	**13**	**50**	**56**	**106**	**8.2**
Steve Octavien, Nebraska	12	56	36	92	7.7
James Holt, Kansas	**13**	**51**	**48**	**99**	**7.6**

PHIL'S BIG XII UNIT RANKING

South Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Oklahoma	**3**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**2**	**1**
Texas Tech	**1**	**9**	**1**	**2**	**4**	**8**	**5**	**9**	**3**
Texas	**4**	**4**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**1**
Oklahoma St	**6**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**6**
Texas A&M	**9**	**1**	**11**	**8**	**8**	**10**	**4**	**5**	**9**
Baylor	**10**	**12**	**6**	**12**	**10**	**9**	**11**	**11**	**7**
North Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Missouri	**2**	**11**	**2**	**7**	**4**	**2**	**3**	**3**	**3**
Nebraska	**8**	**1**	**7**	**4**	**3**	**11**	**8**	**6**	**11**
Kansas	**5**	**4**	**9**	**10**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**10**	**3**
Kansas St	**7**	**8**	**9**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**9**	**1**	**9**
Colorado	**10**	**7**	**7**	**9**	**4**	**7**	**5**	**8**	**7**
Iowa St	**12**	**10**	**12**	**11**	**12**	**12**	**11**	**12**	**11**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Auston English, Oklahoma	**9.5**	**64**
Lorenzo Williams, Missouri	6.5	61
Kurtis Taylor, Iowa St	**6.5**	**52**
George Hypolite, Colorado	**6.5**	**43**
Stryker Sulak, Missouri	**6**	**62**
Brandon Williams, Texas Tech	**6**	**45**
Nathan Peterson, Okla St	6	41
Frank Okam, Texas	5	50
Jason Lamb, Baylor	**5**	**29**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Nathan Peterson, Okla St	15	60
Joe Mortensen, Kansas	**15**	**52**
Auston English, Oklahoma	**13**	**83**
James Holt, Kansas	**13**	**56**
Brandon Williams, Texas Tech	**12.5**	**67**
Steve Octavien, Nebraska	12.5	52
Alvin Bowen, Iowa St	12.5	51
John Larson, Kansas	**11.5**	**30**
Stryker Sulak, Missouri	**11**	**71**
Ian Campbell, Kansas St	**11**	**56**

*Numbers come from Big XII final statistics.

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	**15**	**439**	**2**	**29.3**
Marcus Herford, Kansas	**31**	**888**	**2**	**28.6**
Juaquin Iglesias, Oklahoma	**29**	**826**	**0**	**28.5**
Kerry Franks, Texas A&M	25	644	0	25.8
Edward Britton, Texas Tech	**17**	**432**	**0**	**25.4**
Terrence Wheatley, Colorado	37	919	0	24.8
Hugh Charles, Colorado	20	490	0	24.5
Cortney Grixby, Nebraska	45	1094	1	24.3
James Johnson, Kansas St	16	388	1	24.2

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Garrett Hartley, Oklahoma	14	15	13	86.7	53
Jeff Wolfert, Missouri	**14**	**25**	**21**	**84.0**	**48**
Ryan Bailey, Texas	**13**	**22**	**18**	**81.8**	**52**
Brooks Rossman, Kansas St	**12**	**28**	**22**	**78.6**	**52**
Scott Webb, Kansas	13	26	18	69.2	48
Kevin Eberhart, Colorado	13	25	16	64.0	54
Alex Trlica, Texas Tech	13	21	13	61.9	51
Matt Szymanski, Texas A&M	**13**	**25**	**15**	**60.0**	**45**
Jason Ricks, Okla St	13	14	8	57.1	32

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Jamaal Charles, Texas	13	258	1619	18	6.3	124.5
Dantrell Savage, Okla St	11	223	1272	9	5.7	115.6
James Johnson, Kansas St	12	174	1106	12	6.4	92.2
Hugh Charles, Colorado	12	199	1058	8	5.3	88.2
Tony Temple, Missouri	12	186	1039	12	5.6	86.6
Brandon McAnderson, Kansas	13	190	1125	16	5.9	86.5
Marlon Lucky, Nebraska	**12**	**206**	**1019**	**9**	**4.9**	**84.9**
Allen Patrick, Oklahoma	13	173	1009	8	5.8	77.6
DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma	**11**	**127**	**764**	**13**	**6.0**	**69.5**
Stephen McGee, Texas A&M	**13**	**181**	**899**	**5**	**5.0**	**69.2**

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Jason White won the Heisman here in 2003. In his final two years he threw for 7,051 (63.4%) with a 75-19 ratio. Paul Thompson (PS#29) was his backup in '03 and redshirted in '04. Thompson started the opener in '05 but lost his job to Rhett Bomar who had a fine freshman season (2018 yds, 54.2% 10-10, 393 rush). Bomar was kicked off the team in '06 and Thompson, who had been playing WR in the spring and summer, was moved back to QB and bettered Bomar's performance throwing for 2,667 (60.7%) with a 22-11 ratio (275 rush). Last year the unit was inexperienced again but ironically some of Stoops' better teams have been helmed by an inexperienced QB (2001, 2002, 2006). Last year's QB combatants were rFr Sam Bradford (PS#20), JUCO Joey Halzle (2 att '06) and true frosh Keith Nichol (PS#7) who was in for the spring. I projected Bradford to win the job and he not only won it by mid-August, but he had a phenomenal season leading the NCAA in pass eff! At 6'5" he is the tallest QB to start at OU and he has a powerful arm. Bradford suffered a concussion vs TT with the Sooners up 7-3 and while Halzle performed well (21-41 291), the Sooners were upset, which cost them a shot at the National Title game. Bradford also set the NCAA record for TD passes (36) by a frosh, topping Colt McCoy (Texas, '06) and David Neill (Nevada, '98). Not listed in the 3 deep below is John Nimmo (6'1" 190 So). Nichol transferred after the spring. Bradford figures to be on everybody's list as a Heisman candidate. It will, however, be tough to top last year's 69.5% (36-8 ratio) as he will try to avoid a sophomore slump like Big XII counterpart Colt McCoy suffered last year (29-7 ratio to 21-18).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, Adrian Peterson (PS#1) rushed for a school record 1,925 (5.7) in just 8 starts as a true frosh and was #2 in the Heisman voting, the highest ever finish for a frosh. Peterson was plagued by ankle injuries in 2005 and saw his numbers drop to 1,104 (5.0). Peterson was slowed by injury again in '06 but despite playing in just 7 still rushed for 1,012 (5.4). He left early for the NFL where he had a phenomenal rookie season with the Vikings. Allen Patrick (PS#50JC) did well as Peterson's backup in '06 rushing for 761 (4.5) and Chris Brown added 343 (4.9). Brown and Patrick returned last year but rFr DeMarco Murray (PS#5) was the most explosive of the RB's and was leading the team in rushing (764, 6.0) when he was lost for the season vs TT while trying to recover an onside kick. Patrick rushed for 202 vs Okla St and topped 1,000 (1009, 5.8). Brown added 611 (3.9) while Mossis Madu (5'11" 190 So, PS#149) had 232 (5.8). This year they lose Patrick (13 st, #7DC BAL), Jacob Gutierrez (47 yd) along with FB's Dane Zaslaw (3 st, 32 rec yd) and Ian Pleasant (18 rec yd). I look for a big year out of Murray and they could even improve upon last year's numbers.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 OU had to replace three NFL DC's including Mark Clayton (#1DC BAL) who is their all-time leading receiver. Their leading WR was lost after 8 and true frosh Malcolm Kelly led with 471 (14.3). In 2006 Kelly had 993 (16.0) and 10 TD's. Juaquin Iglesias added 514 (12.5), Manuel Johnson (PS#14) had 378 (10.5) and TE Joe Jon Finley (PS#23) added 241 (12.7). The group returned intact last year and interestingly TE Brody Eldridge (8 st, 3 rec '06) was on the preseason Mackey Award Watch List but the most talked about TE was Jermaine Gresham (PS#3) who avg 20.1 on 8 rec as a true (2 st). OC Wilson said true frosh Tyler Stradford may be the fastest WR but he took a RS. This group was a key reason Bradford led the NCAA in pass eff and it was Iglesias who led with 907 (13.3) while Kelly added 821 (16.8). Gresham, who bulked up to 250 lbs yet also got faster, had 518 (14.0) and tied a school record with 4 TD's vs A&M (#1 OU TE w/11 TD). This year they lose Finley (13 st, 290) and Kelly (13 st, #2DC WAS) but could corne close to matching last year's fine unit.

OL Duke Robinson

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 OU had to replace four starters including #1 and #2 DC's and then lost a projected starter prior to the season. RT Branndon Braxton started the first 7 but broke his leg and true frosh Trent Williams started the last 7. Surprisingly the inexperienced group paved the way for 4.5 ypc and allowed just 16 sacks (4.7%). Of course, having a mobile QB like Paul Thompson helped. Last year they had to replace one starter but had 5 back with 7+ starts and also added in huge JUCO Phil Loadholt. They opened holes for 191 ypg rush (4.7) allowing just 14 sacks (3.5%). This year all 6 (with at least 6 starts) return and their 130 career starts returning are #1 in NCAA. This looks like the top O-line in the country and is also one of the biggest (avg 6'5" 317).

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Sooners had to replace 3 starters in 2005 but still allowed just 2.8 ypc rush while the team had 45 sacks. They had 3 starters back in 2006 and for the 3rd straight year, allowed under 100 ypg rushing (99) but the ypc rose to 3.3 (26 sk). Last year they had to replace 4 starters including a pair of 1st Tm Big XII DL's. The Sooners were the only team in the country to have two PS#1 DT starters in DeMarcus Granger and Gerald McCoy who plugged the middle and both return. DE Auston English earned 1st Tm Big XII thanks to his league leading 9.5 sacks. This year the only losses are DE Alonzo Dotson (10 st, 20 tkl, 2 sk) and DT Steven Coleman (1 st, 7 tkl,1 sk) who was a 13 game starter in '06 but was banged up last year. This year's line is much more experienced (8 with starting experience) and should be one of the NCAA's best.

LINEBACKERS - Last year this unit had to replace the teams top 2 tacklers. They did have 2 players back who combined for 8 starts. They expected JC Mike Reed (PS#28) to start but he played in just one game. Curtis Lofton (5 st '06) become the star earning AA honors while leading (#2 Big XII) with 156 tackles (10.5 tfl). Lewis Baker (7 st '05) was #2 tackler and had 7 tfl (12 st, HM BXII). This year both must be replaced (Lofton, #2DC ATL) as well as backup Demarrio Pleasant (14 gm, 18 tkl). Ryan Reynolds is another year removed from his ACL injury and should be a bigger factor. They have 2 super VHT's to plug into the open spots as well as a couple of JC's. While a question mark, this group is nearly as experienced (76 tkl back vs 96 in '07) and may get more production from the JUCO's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Sooners always fare well in my pass D rankings and even with a young, inexperienced unit in 2004 they were #29. They moved up to #16 in 2005 and with 3 starters back in 2006, #5. Last year the unit returned intact. Surprisingly they finished just #18 allowing 60.3% with a 17-19 ratio. They were missing 2 starters in the bowl and Dominique Franks (5 tkl) got his first start. This year they lose CB Marcus Walker (14 st, 47 tkl, 2 pbu), CB Reggie Smith (13 st, 78 tkl, 11 pbu, #3DC SF), 2nd Tm BXII SS DJ Wolfe (14 st, 87 tkl, 5 tfl) and FS Darien Williams (1 st, 22 tkl '07, 11 st '06). The three starters lost were PS#2, PS#6 and PS#7 which makes this my biggest concern on the Sooner D.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This area is always a strength under Stoops with SIX top 13 finishes in his 9 years. They have had a net punting of 37.1 or higher seven times with the "worst" being 35.0. Last year Michael Cohen improved the tm net from 36.7 to 37.1. Juaquin Iglesias improved his KR avg from 25.9 to 28.5 while Murray avg'd 29.3 with 2 TD's giving OU the NCAA's #1 KR unit (28.3). Garrett Hartley had 29 TB on 104 KO. PR Reggie Smith, who was a full-time starter at CB, struggled at times (crucial fmbl vs Colo) and avg just 6.8 while Dominique Franks avg 10.3. Hartley hit 13 of 15 FG's (long 53). This year they lose P Cohen (Knall beat him out Wk 10) and K Hartley (replaced by PS#3) and while they may drop some (#6 in '07), Stoops should field another fine ST unit.

COACHES - Prior to Bob Stoops' arrival, Oklahoma had five consecutive non-winning seasons. Stoops not only won a National Championship in his second season but played in the National Title game in each of the next two years. Their streak of 5 straight double-digit winning seasons and 74 consecutive weeks ranked were both snapped in 2005. Over the last 8 years, OU's 90 wins are 4 more than any other team in the NCAA. Stoops could make over $6 million this year. Kevin Wilson, who was the OC at Northwestern from 1999-'01 and had been the co-OC at OU from '02-'04, took over as the OC from 2005-'07. He is now the co-OC along with Jay Norvell. Norvell was the OC at Neb from '04-'06 and at UCLA last year. Co-DC Brent Venables enters his 10th year here along with co-DC Bobby Jack Wright (4th year as co-DC).

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000 Oklahoma did not have a single starter miss a single game due to injury. They stunned the nation winning the National Title despite not being ranked in the preseason Top 20. Thanks to a regular season-ending loss to Okla St in '01, the Sooners did not get to the Big XII Title game. They returned to the Big XII Title game in '02 despite another regular season ending loss to Okla St. In 2003 the Sooners lost in the conf title game and also lost the National Title game. The Sooners probably had their most talented and experienced team yet under Stoops in 2004. They went 12-0 getting to the National Title game vs USC but were embarrassed 55-19 in the school's worst loss since 1997. In 2005 they had just 9 returning starters and topped my NFL Draft Day Party Hangover list with 41 points (pg 308). They were also #12 in my experience ratings in the Big XII. RB Adrian Peterson was banged up early and Stoops, having never lost a non-conf home game, amazingly had a streak of 19 straight home wins snapped in a 17-10 loss to TCU. OU struggled through a 7-4 regular season and even needed 2 OT's to get past Baylor at home. OU finished on a high note knocking off #6 Oregon in the Holiday Bowl. Their offense had amazing balance with 2,130 rush and 2,131 pass. In 2006 they suffered some tough losses (see Hardcore) but still took home the Big XII Title, outgaining league foes by 98.7 ypg (#1 in conf). They had another amazing loss to Boise St in the bowl. Last year they only had to replace 10 lettermen yet just 2 preseason magazines called for OU to even win the South. The Sooners opened in dominating fashion including a 51-13 demolition of Miami, Fl. They rose to #3 and led Colorado 24-7 but suffered lookahead with their big game vs Texas on deck and lost in the 4Q. They beat #19 Texas and #11 Missouri and moved back up to #3 at 9-1 when they traveled to Lubbock. They lost QB Bradford in the 1Q to injury and lost the game. They bounced back and whipped #1 ranked Missouri 38-17 in Big XII Title game. "Big Game" Bob suffered his 4th straight BCS bowl loss as WV manhandled them 48-28 in the Fiesta Bowl and they finished #8. Of OU's last 7 losses, 4 have come on the game's final play. Despite winning the Big XII they only outgained conf foes by 35.5 ypg (5th best). They benefitted from +8 in TO's and there is a chance that Sam Bradford could suffer the soph jinx as Colt McCoy did last year at Texas. On the positive side, the Sooners have my #1 rated offense and #2 rated D in the Big XII and 7 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for OU to have an unbeaten season as they get their toughest games at home or at a neutral site and avoid Missouri out of the Big XII North. Oklahoma is once again a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 14 SAM BRADFORD SO. 6-5 213 **PS#20.** 14 st rFr, **#1 NCAA pass eff,** 3121 (70%) 36-8 ratio, 100 rush. **15** Joey Halzle (6'3" 208 Sr). 454 (59%) LY. Landry Jones (6'4" 210 Fr) PS#3.

RB 7 DeMarco Murray So. 6-0 191 **PS#5.** 4.37 spd. 1 st rFr, 764 (6.0), 29.3 KR, inj. **29** Chris Brown (5'10" 190 Jr) **PS#35.** 1 st, 954 (4.2) 2Y. Justin Johnson **PS#12** in spg.

TE/FB 83 Brody Eldridge Jr. 6-5 258 PS#166DL. **1st Tm BXII FB** '07. 14 st 2Y. **34** Matt Clapp (6'2" 244 Jr) **PS#30DB. WR** Corey Wilson (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#146. Brandon Caleb (6'1" 196 So).

WR 1 Manuel Johnson Sr. 5-11 177 **PS#14.** 5 st '06, 378 (10.5). 7 st LY, 448 (14.5). Adron Tennell (6'4" 184 Jr) **PS#3.** 5 rec (22.8) LY. Tyler Stradford (6'3" 180 rFr) PS#124. Tm fastest.

WR 9 JUAQUIN IGLESIAS SR. 6-1 201 4 st, 290 (15.3) true. 11 st '06, 514 (12.5). 10 st LY, 907 (13.3). Quentin Chaney (6'4" 213 Sr) **PS#28. Bowl MVP.** Ryan Broyles (6'0" 170 rFr) **PS#41DB.**

TE 18 JERMAINE GRESHAM JR. 6-6 250 **PS#3.** 4.6 spd. 5 st 2Y, 679 yds (15.1). James Hanna PS#25. **88** Eric Mensik (6'5" 246 So) PS#75. **86** Ryan Allgood (6'3" 229 So) PS#121.

C 50 JON COOPER SR. 6-2 285 PS#86DL. 2 st true, 7 gm (inj). 13 st '06, 763 snaps. 14 st LY, **HM BXII. 54** Jason Hannan (6'3" 270 rFr) **PS#41. LS** Derek Shaw (6'1" 210 Jr) 28 gm 2Y.

RG 73 BRANDON WALKER SR. 6-3 306 **PS#12JC.** 14 st, 125 kd '06. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm BXII,** top grade of OL. **74** Brian Simmons (6'4" 293 Jr) PS#275DL. 7 gm '06, 2 st LY, 71 kd.

LG 72 DUKE ROBINSON SR. 6-5 330 **1st Tm BXII.** 10 gm true. 14 st LG '06. 13 st LY. **78** Alex Williams (6'5" 300 rFr) **PS#40.** 1 gm still RS LY. **64** Kody Cooke (6'4" 315 rFr) PS#145.

RT 76 BRANNDON BRAXTON SR. 6-6 312 **PS#11.** 3 st true. First 7 st RT '06, inj. 7 st LY. **71 Trent Williams** (6'5" 321 Jr) **PS#33.** 7 st RT true. 7 st RT LY. Donald Stephenson (6'6" 275 rFr) **PS#75.**

LT 79 PHIL LOADHOLT SR. 6-8 350 **PS#29JC.** 14 st LT LY, 740 pl, 104 kd, **2nd Tm BXII.** Tallest ever here. Cory Brandon (6'7" 295 So) **PS#19.** 6 gm rFr. Stephen Good **PS#9DL.**

K 17 Jimmy Stevens rFr. 5-6 170 **PS#3.** National HS rec 50 career FG, long 52. Tress Way PS#29. 14-19 FG's in HS LY, L/47. Matthew Moreland (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#96.

DE 33 AUSTON ENGLISH JR. 6-3 257 **PS#70. 1st Tm BXII,** 9 st, 36 tkl, **9.5 sk LY. 44** Jeremy Beal (6'4" 254 So) PS#112LB. 2 st rFr, 21 tkl, 5 tfl. **99** Jonte Bumpus (6'4" 220 rFr) **PS#33LB.**

DT 96 DeMARCUS GRANGER JR. 6-3 300 **PS#1.** 20 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. 11 st '07, 35 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **97** Cory Bennett (6'2" 278 Sr) PS#61. **12 st '06.** 2 st LY, 58 tkl, 3 sk, 3Y. Stacy McGee **PS#21.**

DT 93 GERALD McCOY SO. 6-4 289 **PS#1. BXII Def FR of Yr,** 13 st, 19 tkl, 2 sk, 4.5 tfl. **86** Adrian Taylor (6'4" 293 So) PS#132. 1 st, 10 tkl rFr. **89** Cordero Moore (6'2" 297 Jr) PS#62.

DE 95 Alan Davis Sr. 6-2 253 **PS#47.** 8 tkl, 2 sk rFr. FB in '06. 4 st DL LY, 23 tkl, 3 tfl. **98** John Williams (6'5" 249 Sr) PS#112. 3 st, 15 tkl 3Y. **84** Frank Alexander (6'5" 235 rFr) PS#120.

WLB 42 Austin Box rFr. 6-3 220 **PS#6.** DB in HS. **48** Brandon Crow (6'1" 220 So) PS#69. 4 gm rFr. **28** Travis Lewis (6'2" 220 rFr) **PS#49DB.** Turner Troup (6'1" 210 rFr) PS#292.

MLB 8 RYAN REYNOLDS JR. 6-1 237 **PS#3.** 3 tkl true. ACL '06. 7 st LY (not 100%), 60 tkl, 8 tfl. Lamont Robinson (6'0" 227 Jr) **PS#25.** 4 tkl, 1 sk LY. Mike Balogun (6'2" 250 Jr) PS#81JC.

SLB 22 Keenan Clayton Jr. 6-1 210 **PS#13DB.** 2 st SS rFr. 14 tkl, 1 pbu. 360 bench. 12 tkl LY. **JR Bryant** (6'3" 230 Jr) **PS#4JC. 46** TC Bread (6'3" 225 rFr) 1 gm , 0 tkl LY.

CB 2 Brian Jackson Jr. 6-1 190 PS#78. 4 tkl rFr, 14 tkl, 1 int LY. **32** Jamell Fleming (5'11" 187 rFr) **PS#38. 6** Desmond Jackson (5'11" 187 rFr) **PS#58.** Cortney Carter (5'10" 180 Sr).

CB 15 Dominique Franks So. 5-11 183 **PS#21.** 4.6% body fat. 1 st rFr, 5 tkl. **3** Jonathan Nelson (5'11" 176 So) **PS# 38.** 2 gm rFr. Lamar Harris PS#53WR. Michael Hayes (5'10" 190 So).

SS 5 NIC HARRIS SR. 6-3 226 **PS#36.** 10 st '06, 68 tkl, 7 tfl, 4 int. 13 st LY, 74 tkl, 7 pbu, 9.5 tfl. **20** Quinton Carter (6'1" 190 Jr) PS#220QB. David Sims **PS#39JC.** 4.38 spd.

FS 11 Lendy Holmes Sr. 6-1 196 **PS#16WR.** 2 rec, 107 ret yd rFr. 11 st CB '06, 42 tkl, 7 pbu. **9 st** (7 NB, 2 FS) LY, 73 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu. **26** Brett Bowers (6'0" 203 Sr) **PS#31.**

P 13 Mike Knall Sr. 5-9 178 Avg 43.0 JC as Fr. 11 punts here '06, 33.5 but pooch P LY pooch P until won job in Wk 10, 24 (43.7l) tm net 37.1. Adam Schneberger (5'11" 186 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	JR Bryant 6-3 230 PS#4JC
DL	RJ Washington 6-4 242 PS#4
QB	Landry Jones 6-4 210 PS#3
RB	Jermie Calhoun 6-0 210 PS#2
WR	Jameel Owens 6-3 200 PS#8
OL	Stephen Good 6-5 305 PS#9DL
DB	David Sims 5-11 198 PS#39JC
RB	Justin Johnson 6-1 210 PS#12
DL	Stacy McGee 6-4 260 PS#21
LB	Joseph Ibiloye 6-4 205 PS#24DB
WR	Dejuan Miller 6-5 200 PS#21
WR	Joshua Jarboe 6-3 195 PS#23
LB	Mike Balogun 6-2 250 PS#81JC
OL	Ben Habern 6-4 275 PS#32
DL	David King 6-4 240 PS#57
DB	Lamar Harris 6-5 180 PS#53WR
LB	Daniel Franklin 6-3 220 PS#50
OL	Britt Mitchell 6-6 320 PS#68
TE	James Hanna 6-4 215 PS#25
DL	Casey Walker 6-3 285 PS#119
DB	Sherdeill Breathett 6-0 215 PS#461JC
K	Tress Way 6-1 190 PS#29

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#30

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Chattanooga	G				
Sep. 6	Cincinnati	G				
Sep. 13	at Washington	A				
Sep. 20						
Sep. 27	TCU	G				
Oct. 4	at Baylor	A				
Oct. 11	† Texas *(Dallas)*	G				
Oct. 18	Kansas (HC)	G				
Oct. 25	at Kansas St	A				
Nov. 1	Nebraska	G				
Nov. 8	at Texas A&M	G				
Nov. 15						
Nov. 22	Texas Tech	G				
Nov. 29	at Oklahoma St	A				

Oklahoma has gone 10-1 in home openers & 9-1 in season openers since 1998. The Mocs actually led 2-0 LY vs Ark & only trailed by 9 pts heading into the 4Q.

First meeting, but OU is 18-3-1 vs current BE tms (last reg ssn loss was in 1982). Under Stoops, OU is 7-2 vs BCS non-conf tms in the reg ssn with an avg score OU 37-23.

The Sooners have won 8 of 10 road openers, but have lost 2 of the L/3. OU is 19-7 on the road L6Y (excluding neutral sites) & 1-4 visiting non-conf BCS tms S/'91.

Bonus: OU is 7-1 since 2000 before taking on rival Texas with a avg MOV by 24 ppg.

In their L/meeting TCU upset #7 OU to open '05 in Norman & OU was outgained 284-215. OU is 13-6 vs current MWC teams & 6-4 vs TCU. HT is 2-8 in series.

OU held BU to -48 yds rush L/gm in Waco, 2nd best all-time (vs KU in '96, -52 yds). OU is 17-0 all-time vs BU & Stoops' OU squads have outscored Baylor by an avg of 42-12.

Last year was the 1st RRR gm since 1997 that was not decided by double digits. QB Bradford (21-32-66%-244-3-0) & RB Murray (17-128-7.5-1) made their RRR debut LY.

Oklahoma is 21-0 since 2002 when hosting Big XII opp's (avg score 42-14). Since '97 (5 gms) these schools have combined to avg just 42 ppg (51 pts the high).

Coming into '08, Not including RRR & BXII Champ gm, OU is 22-6 S/'00 in BXII AG's. Stoops was a co-DC/DB coach under Bill Snyder at KSU from 1989-1995.

Oklahoma is 16-2 since 2003 in November outscoring opp's by an avg of 23 ppg. OU is just 5-10 S'88 vs NU, but have won 4 of the L/5 including the '06 Big XII Title gm.

Last year TE Gresham (PS#3) tied a OU record with 4 TD receptions in 1 game. Oklahoma is 8-1 S/'99 vs A&M & the only loss was in '02 at Kyle Field ranked #1.

Bradford (concussion early) & Murray (knee cap) injuries effected OU LY vs TT. Kelly (PS#4) tied a school record w/11 rec that went for 153 yds in '06's game.

This is the most lopsided series in the Nation featuring 2 tms from the same state (OU 78-17-7). Last year's Bedlam win sealed Oklahoma's 6th Big XII South Title.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jason White 7,922 '99-'04
2. Josh Heupel 7,456 '99-'00
3. Cale Gundy 6,686 '90-'93

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Billy Sims 4,118 '75-'79
2. Joe Washington 4,071 '72-'75
3. Adrian Peterson 4,045 '04-'06

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mark Clayton 3,241 '01-'04
2. Malcolm Kelly 2,285 '05-'07
3. Antwone Savage 2,009 '99-'02

BOB STOOPS (Career 97–22)

10th Year at Oklahoma — Stoops' Bowl Record: 4-5

Stoops' records AT OKLAHOMA

97-22	Straight Up	11-6	Vs Top 10
54-2	Home	28-11	Vs Top 25
27-11	Away	11-7	Vs BCS Teams
16-9	Neutral	16-7	Off A Bye
65-13	Vs Conference	15-2	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (11–3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (22,18,2)
Lost: 21 (9,9,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 84,858 (#11)

BIG XII - SOUTH DIVISION

WR Juaquin Iglesias

STADIUM: OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL STADIUM (82,112) (#15)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	13-0	11-2	12-2	12-2	12-1	8-4	11-3	11-3	90-17
Home	6-0	6-1	6-0	7-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	7-0	49-2
Away	4-0	3-1	3-2	4-0	4-0	1-2	4-1	2-2	25-8
Neutral	3-0	2-0	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	2-1	16-7
vs Conf	9-0	6-2	7-2	8-1	9-0	6-2	8-1	7-2	60-10
vs Non-Conf	4-0	5-0	5-0	4-1	3-1	2-2	3-2	4-1	30-7
ATS	7-5-1	6-7	8-5-1	7-7	4-9	6-6	8-4-2	7-7	53-50-4
Home Fav	2-3	2-5	4-2	4-3	2-4	2-4	4-1-1	5-2	25-24-1
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-3-1	2-2	0-4	0-0	1-1-1	1-3	9-15-2
Away Dog	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-0	0-0	5-2
Neutral	2-0-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	13-9-1
vs Conf	4-4-1	4-4	6-3	5-4	3-6	5-3	6-2-1	3-6	36-32-2
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-3	2-2-1	2-3	1-3	1-3	2-2-1	4-1	17-18-2
Off SU Win	6-5-1	5-5	6-5	6-6	4-8	3-4	6-3-2	5-6	41-42-3
Off SU Loss	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	2-0	1-1	9-4

Bob Stoops

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Sugar - #3	-7	LSU - #2	14-21
04	Orange - #2	+1	USC - #1	19-55
05	Holiday	+3	Oregon - #6	17-14
06	Fiesta - #7	-7	Boise St - #9 (OT)	42-43
07	Fiesta - #3	-7'	West Virginia - #11	28-48

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Allen Patrick	173	1039	30	1009	8	5.8
DeMarco Murray	127	787	23	764	13	6.0
Chris Brown	158	638	27	611	9	3.9
Mossis Madu	40	241	9	232	2	5.8
Juaquin Iglesias	8	96	9	87	1	10.9
Jacob Gutierrez	13	47	0	47	1	3.6
Sam Bradford	31	100	93	7	0	0.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Sam Bradford	341	237	69.5	3121	36	8
Joey Halzle	51	30	58.8	454	3	1
Keith Nichol	7	2	28.6	15	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Juaquin Iglesias	68	907	13.3	5	51	
Malcolm Kelly	49	821	16.8	9	65	
Jermaine Gresham	37	518	14.0	11	43	
Manuel Johnson	31	448	14.5	4	65	
Joe Jon Finley	23	290	12.6	4	43	
Quentin Chaney	8	185	23.1	2	45	
Adron Tennell	5	114	22.8	1	61	
Chris Brown	10	83	8.3	1	18	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	in20
Michael Cohen	30	1263	42.1	8	37.1(t)	0	6
Mike Knall	24	1049	43.7	5	-	0	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Hartley	71-77	6-6	4-6	2-2	1-1	13-15	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Curtis Lofton	156	1	9.5	2	3
Lewis Baker	91	0	7	0	0
DJ Wolfe	87	0	5	4	4
Reggie Smith	78	1	6	11	3
Nic Harris	74	3.5	6	7	2
Lendy Holmes	73	0	2.5	3	3
Ryan Reynolds	60	2	6	0	1
Marcus Walker	47	0	1.5	2	0
Auston English	36	9.5	3.5	3	0
DeMarcus Granger	35	3.5	5	2	0
Alan Davis	23	1.5	1.5	4	0
Darien Williams	22	0	3	0	0
Jeremy Beal	21	1	4	0	0
Alonzo Dotson	20	2	1	0	0
Gerald McCoy	19	2	4.5	0	0
Demarrio Pleasant	18	0	0.5	0	0
Brian Jackson	14	0	0	0	1
Cory Bennett	13	0.5	0	1	0
Keenan Clayton	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Smith	30	203	6.8	0
Dominque Franks	12	124	10.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Juaquin Iglesias	29	826	28.5	0
DeMarco Murray	15	439	29.3	2

OKLAHOMA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	42.3	22	191	4.7	258	67.3	10.6	+8	2007	7	20.3	17	110	3.3	228	60.3	16.7
4	30.3	18	177	4.5	192	60.3	12.2	-1	2006	9	17.3	15	99	3.3	188	51.8	16.6
5	26.9	19	178	4.0	178	53.3	13.2	-1	2005	4	23.1	17	91	2.8	216	53.0	13.3
10*	34.8	24	208	4.8	254	66.0	13.3	+4	2004	6	16.8	16	95	3.1	204	54.4	17.7
4	42.9	23	146	3.8	293	62.3	10.2	+17	2003	9	15.3	14	113	3.4	146	52.0	17.0
8*	38.6	20	191	4.5	202	57.8	10.2	+19	2002	7	15.4	14	108	3.0	185	47.7	19.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

OU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,472	North Texas	26	45-265	5.9	25-28	403	0	13	31-15	0.5	19-38	232	6	+1
85,357	Miami, Fl	25	45-116	2.6	22-28	295	1	7	35-52	1.5	11-24	87	2	-1
84,403	Utah St	24	39-343	8.8	21-33	274	1	8	34-66	1.9	15-24	87	2	+2
35,542	at Tulsa	27	46-285	6.2	17-23	268	0	17	36-44	1.2	23-37	354	6	+1
50,031	at Colorado	12	27-118	4.4	8-19	112	1	19	46-161	3.5	22-36	220	2	-1
80,000	† Texas	20	41-170	4.1	21-32	244	1	16	29-61	2.1	19-26	324	4	+2
85,041	Missouri	21	33-118	3.6	24-34	266	1	24	30-57	1.9	38-49	361	3	+2
49,511	at Iowa St	21	45-133	3.0	16-28	183	3	15	34-95	2.8	19-32	174	1	-2
85,044	Texas A&M	26	43-186	4.3	21-30	284	0	18	34-128	3.8	15-28	155	2	+2
84,450	Baylor	24	37-180	4.9	20-25	353	0	20	26-170	6.5	25-42	280	0	+1
55,038	at Texas Tech	17	34-106	3.1	23-45	302	2	25	17-53	3.1	47-72	420	0	+1
85,238	Oklahoma St	27	56-307	5.5	13-17	180	1	17	39-195	5.0	9-23	104	1	0
62,585	† Missouri	19	40-166	4.2	18-26	209	0	23	32-98	3.1	23-39	219	2	+1
70,016	† West Virginia	25	43-177	4.1	21-33	242	3	17	39-349	8.9	10-19	176	0	-1
TOTALS		314	574-2670	4.7	270-401	3615	14	239	462-1544	3.3	295-489	3193	31	+8
AVERAGES		22.4	41-191	4.7	19-29	258	1.0	17.1	33-110	3.3	21-35	228	2.2	0.6

2003 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #3
#1	North Texas	-32'	37-3	
#1	at Alabama	-7'	20-13	
#1	Fresno St	-28'	52-28	
#1	UCLA	-19	59-24	
#1	at Iowa St	-21	53-7	
#1	† Texas - #11	-6	65-13	
#1	Missouri - #24	-26	34-13	
#1	at Colorado	-25	34-20	
#1	Oklahoma St - #14	-15'	52-9	
#1	Texas A&M	-30'	77-0	
#1	Baylor	-53	41-3	
#1	at Texas Tech	-19'	56-25	
#1	† Kansas St - #13	-14	7-35	

2004 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #2 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #3
#2	Bowling Green	-32	40-24	
#2	Houston	-37	63-13	
#2	Oregon	-28	31-7	
#2	Texas Tech	-25	28-13	
#2	† Texas - #5	-7	12-0	
#2	at Kansas St	-20	31-21	
#2	Kansas	-27	41-10	
#2	at Oklahoma St - #21	-13	38-35	
#2	at Texas A&M - #22	-12'	42-35	
#2	Nebraska	-30	30-3	
#2	at Baylor	-36'	35-0	
#2	† Colorado	-22	42-3	

2005 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #22
#7	TCU	-25	10-17	
#18	Tulsa	-30'	31-15	
#21	at UCLA	+6'	24-41	
–	Kansas St	-6'	43-21	
–	† Texas - #2	+14	12-45	
–	† Kansas	-6'	19-3	
–	Baylor	-14	37-30 2OT	
–	at Nebraska	+1'	31-24	
–	Texas A&M	-13'	36-30	
–	at Texas Tech - #21	+7'	21-23	
–	Oklahoma St	-18'	42-14	

2006 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #11
#10	UAB	-22'	24-17	
#15	Washington	-17	37-20	
#15	at Oregon - #18	+4'	33-34	
#17	Middle Tenn	-28	59-0	
#14	† Texas - #7	+3'	10-28	
#23	Iowa St	-19'	34-9	
#20	Colorado	-14	24-3	
#19	at Missouri - #23	+1'	26-10	
#18	at Texas A&M - #21	-2'	17-16	
#17	Texas Tech	-9	34-24	
#16	at Baylor	-21	36-10	
#13	at Oklahoma St	-6	27-21	
#8	† Nebraska - #19	-3'	21-7	

2007 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	Score	Post #6
#8	North Texas	-39'	79-10	
#5	Miami, Fl	-11	51-13	
#3	Utah St	-45'	54-3	
#4	at Tulsa	-23	62-21	
#3	at Colorado	-23	24-27	
#10	† Texas - #19	-12	28-21	
#6	Missouri - #11	-12	41-31	
#4	at Iowa St	-30	17-7	
#5	Texas A&M	-21	42-14	
#4	Baylor	-38	52-21	
#3	at Texas Tech	-7'	27-34	
#10	Oklahoma St	-13'	49-17	
#9	† Missouri - #1	-3	38-17	

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - 2006 marked the first time since 2001 that Tech did not have a senior starter at QB. The last time a soph started, Kliff Kingsbury broke the single season school record for passing in his first year (3,418) then reset it as a junior and again as a senior throwing for 5,017. The next 3 years they started a 5th year senior, who had no previous starting experience but was well versed in Leach's offense and most were walk-ons. In 2003 BJ Symons set the NCAA single season record with 5,833 (65.4%) with a 55-22 ratio (340 rush). Sonny Cumbie stepped in for 2004 and threw for 4,742 (65.6%) with a 32-18 ratio. In '05 it was Cody Hodges who threw for 4,238 (66.5%) and a 31-12 ratio. Kingsbury threw for 186 in his first start, Symons 297, Cumbie 470 and Hodges 454. In 2006 the position was finally filled by a VHT, Graham Harrell (PS#16), who threw for 422 (67.3%) with a 3-0 ratio as Hodges' backup in '05. In Harrell's first season as the starter he threw for 4,555 (66.8%) with a 38-11 ratio and attempted more passes than any other QB in the NCAA. Last year Harrell had the 4th best passing total in NCAA history with 646 vs Okla St (career high) and became just the 5th QB in NCAA history to have two 4,000+ yard seasons. Harrell improved to 5,705 (71.8%) with a 48-14 ratio. Backup Taylor Potts (PS#19) played in just 5 but hit 32 of 49. Adding depth are Steven Sheffield (6'4" 175 So) and Stefan Loucks (6'1" 163 rFr, PS#34). Harrell should have his best year yet as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - Taurean Henderson led the team in rushing in each of his four seasons and also avg'd an additional 76 rec per year. He departed in '06 as Tech's all-time leader in rec's (302) while setting an NCAA record for rec by a RB. He was also excellent at picking up blitzes (a key in the spread offense). Shannon Woods was the top backup in '05 (481 all-purp yd). Leach said he would use 3 RB's in 2006 including true frosh Baron Batch (PS#40) and rFr Kobey Lewis (PS#181). Woods led with 926 (6.1) and also had 75 rec (7.6). Batch played in 6 (84 ttl yd) before an injury while Lewis had just 44 ttl yds. Surprisingly, Leach demoted Woods to 3rd string after the spring due to poor practices but Woods won the job back in the fall LY. He got into Leach's doghouse again and after 8 was the leading rusher with 439 (5.2) and 34 rec but was demoted to the scout team. Woods' ypc dropped from 7.0 to 6.1 to 5.2 in his 3 years. True frosh Aaron Crawford (PS#54) rushed for 214 (4.0) with 38 rec (6.5). Kobey Lewis added 189 (3.8) and Batch who benches 400+ RS. Not listed in the PSL are Jared Flannel (5'11" 171 rFr, PS#223) and Joe Capp (5'10" 203 So). Last year's RB production was below average so I look for an increase this year, even if Woods, who was the Big XII all-purp leader in 2006, does not get back into Leach's good graces.

RECEIVERS - Naturally Tech has had many 1,000 yard receivers in Leach's pass happy offense. Last year they had to replace their top 2 WR's who combined for 2,171 yards and the leading returnees were Danny Amendola (487, 10.1) and Eric Morris (347, 13.9). After reshirting in '06 to concentrate on academics, Michael Crabtree (PS#63QB) emerged. Amendola led with 149 in the opener but Crabtree set NCAA frosh records for rec's (Taurean Henderson in '02, 98), yards (Mike Williams, USC '02, 1,265) and TD's. He had 17 TD's in the first 6 and appeared on course for the NCAA record (27) but had just 5 in the last 7. He led the NCAA with 1,962 (14.6) becoming the first frosh to win the Biletnikoff Award while Amendola had 1,245 (11.4). This year they lose Amendola (13 st), Grant Walker (353), Kelly Hildebrandt (1 rec) and LA Reed who moves to Saf (3 st, 189). Not listed below are Landon Hoefer (6'1" 195 Jr), Chris Scott (6'1" 175 So), Carter Todd (6'2" 185 rFr), Shane Jones (5'11" 198 So) and JJ Griffin (5'10" 206 Sr). If Crabtree plays like he did in the 1H of 2007, there could be many NCAA records broke. This is the most experienced receiving corps they've had recently and possibly the most talented under Leach.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Leach signed what he called a great crop of true frosh and the 5 players trained at all 5 positions. In 2006 the group had 4 starters back and opened holes for a Leach era high 4.7 ypc rush while allowing a miniscule 19 sacks (2.9%). Last year they had to replace 4 starters and then projected starter Ofa Mohetau (PS#1) did not return so they had just 5 of the top 10 back with that '05 class occupying all 5 starting spots. LT Rylan Reed spent 5 years in the White Sox organization and enrolled at 260 lbs in '05. Reed was up to 314 and broke the school bench press record at 565 lbs last year! The group avg 331 lbs and 4 of the OL's were 6'6" or taller. Tech was #2 in the NCAA in sacks allowed (18, 2.4%) but I was surprised to see the ypg rush drop to a school record low 59 ypg (3.1). This year the 2 deep returns intact and it is the nation's largest OL and one of the NCAA's best.

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DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 TT had two starters back and got back 2004 starting DE Seth Nitschmann. They allowed just 3.8 ypc rushing (best in the Leach era) with 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace five of their top six DL's and the numbers regressed to 177 ypg rush (4.0) with 25 sacks. Then DC Lyle Setencich said that true frosh DT Colby Whitlock was one of the best frosh DT he'd ever seen and Whitlock (8.5 tfl) started the last 10. Not listed in the PSL are Brandon Sharpe (6'3" 243 Sr, PS#284JC), Sean Estelle (6'2" 242 So, PS#264), Britton Barbee (6'2" 293 So), David Neill (6'2" 270 rFr, PS#175) and Kyle Hack (6'5" 260 So). The only losses are NT Brian Jones (5 tkl) and DE Tyler Yenzer (2 tkl). Six return with starting experience, plus they add in McKinner Dixon (PS#34 in '05) who started one game here as a true frosh in 2005 and had 9 sacks at JC last year. Tech's D got better as the D-line matured and this year it looks like the best D-line in Leach's tenure.

LINEBACKERS - Last year Tech had to replace two starters who were the top two LB tacklers. The one returning starter, Kellen Tillman, lost his job (4 st, 29 tkl). RFr Brian Duncan took over the starting job when new DC McNeal took over. This year they lose MLB Paul Williams (11 st, 71 tkl, 7.5 tfl), WLB Chad Hill (1 st, 13 tkl) and SLB Ty Linder (1 gm). Not listed in the PSL is Chris Wallace (5'11" 217 Jr). This time two starters return and they add in some promising rFr. Also look for a bigger impact from Bront Bird (6'3", 16 tkl true) who has bulked up to 222 lb and should fill the open spot.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year they only had to replace one starter and allowed the fewest passing yards in the Big XII. TT climbed to #33 in my pass D rankings. This year they lose CB Chris Parker (13 st, 42 tkl, 12 pbu) and SS Joe Garcia (12 st, #1 tkl'r, 6 tfl). They add in WR LA Reed (9 st, 39 rec 3Y). Not listed in the PSL are Trent Nickerson (6'4" 196 So), Nathan Stone (5'8" 170 So), Michael Rayos (5'10" 185 So), LaShawn Vation (5'9" 194 Jr), Brett Dewhurst (6'0" 203 So) and Franklin Mitchem (6'2" 194 So). This unit is not as experienced as 2007 but with a stronger front 7, could improve in the rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly Leach's best KR team avg in his first 7 years was 19.9 but they improved that to 21.9 in 2007 with the emergence of Edward Britton (25.4) and LA Reed (22.9). Alex Trlica hit 13 of 21 FG's (long 51) and had 26 TB on 90 KO. True frosh P Jonathan LaCour avg 42.6 (35.6 net) and the team moved to a Leach high #18. This year they lose Trlica but everyone else is back and the key will be how the new K performs.

COACHES - Mike Leach enters his 9th year here and his teams have led the NCAA in passing 5 out of the last 6 years and in total offense 2 out of the last 5. Dana Holgorsen is in his 9th year on the staff and his 4th as the OC. Make no mistake about it, this is Leach's offense and he calls the plays. In 2002 he brought in DC Lyle Setencich. Setencich resigned after the Okla St game and asst HC Ruffin McNeill took over. In his first game they allowed just 118 yards to NW St. The next week they did not allow Iowa St to cross the 50 on the first 8 poss and the following week TT held A&M to 7 points and the crowd chanted "Ruffin, Ruffin" at the end of the game. Baylor was shutout until they got a TD with :49 left 3 games later.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tech has now had 15 straight non-losing seasons and even more impressive to me is that they are the ONLY member of the Big XII with 13 straight winning seasons despite playing in the same division as Texas, Oklahoma and A&M. Tech is 12 games over .500 in conf play since the Big XII was formed. They outgained Big XII foes by 134.9 (3rd best) in '03, 103.7 in '04, 115 ypg (2nd best) in '05, 95.3 ypg (2nd best) in '06 and 104.4 ypg (2nd best) last year. In 2004 they were 8-4 and their #18 finish in the AP poll was the highest since 1976. Because the offense scores so quickly, I felt the D did a great job in '04 allowing 26.2 ppg and just 18.8 ppg in '05 with 8 starters back. Despite their recent success, Tech has not won 10 regular season games since 1976. In 2005 TT was ranked in the preseason Top 25 (#21) for the first time since 1977 (#8). They got off to their best start since 1998 at 6-0 but lost at #2 Texas (52-17). They were #13 after an 8-1 start but suffered a stunning loss to Okla St. TT then got a fortuitous win over Oklahoma thanks to a couple of ref calls. They played in just their 3rd ever Cotton Bowl (1939 & 1995) where they lost to #13 Alabama by 3. TT was +9 in turnovers which was the best TO margin in the Leach era. In 2006, they replaced their home surface with FieldTurf taking away the crown on the field. This time their first year starting QB was a soph and the ppg dropped to 32.5 with Harrell being pulled after a couple of IR TD's vs Missouri. TT had a fortunate season with 4 close wins. They recorded the NCAA's biggest bowl comeback after trailing Minny by 31 points in the Insight Bowl and finished 8-5. Last year they had the fewest amount of returning starters (10) in Leach's 8 years but were picked 5th in the Big XII South (media poll). Tech trailed UTEP by 14 but rallied for the win. At 3-0 they travelled to Stillwater and WR Crabtree dropped a TD pass with :11 left in a 4 pt loss. They blasted their next 3 foes including rival A&M to move to 6-1 (#22). Thanks to Leach going for it 7 times and being SOD four times on 4th down, they lost to Missouri by 31 on the road and the next week were stunned by Colo (CU led 24-6). After beating Baylor they lost to Texas by 16 and for the 2nd straight year Leach was unhappy with the officials after the Longhorns game. Oklahoma lost starting QB Bradford in the 1Q while leading 7-3 and Tech got the win at home and it was the 3rd time in six years that TT had beaten a ranked foe in their FHG. In another bowl comeback, they trailed Virginia by 14 but got 17 points in the final 3:31. UVA did lose QB Sewell at the start of the 4Q. For the 3rd time in the last 4 years they finished ranked (#22). TT led the Big XII in total defense over the last 8 games as the unit matured in 2007. With 18 returning starters (most in Big XII), this is Leach's best squad ever and all 8 sets of my power ratings call for them to get that elusive ten win season. Most of the ratings call for them to be a perfect 10-0 when they travel to Norman Nov 22nd in a game that could very well determine the Big XII South Title.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 6 GRAHAM HARRELL SR. 6-3 203 **Sammy Baugh Winner**. 13 st '06, 4555 (67%) 38-11 ratio. 13 st LY, **5705 (72%) 48-14**. **15** Taylor Potts (6'5" 221 So) **PS#19**. 409 (65%) rFr.

RB 25 BARON BATCH SO. 5-11 209 **PS#40**. Inj true. RS LY. **Aaron Crawford** (5'11" 202 So) PS#54. L/5 st true, 214 (4.0), 38 rec. Kobey Lewis (5'5" 173 Jr). Shannon Woods (5'11" 191 Sr).

WR 12 ERIC MORRIS SR. 5-8 174 347 (13.9) '06. 12 st LY, 767 (10.2). Tramain Swindall (6'3" 176 rFr) PS#92. Adam James (6'3" 211 rFr) PS#54TE. Ryan Hale (6'1" 222 Jr) PS#164LB.

WR 5 MICHAEL CRABTREE SO. 6-3 208 **Biletnikoff Winner**, 13 st rFr, **1962 (14.6)**, 22 TD. **83** Lyle Leong (6'1" 165 So). 174 (11.6) true. **4** Todd Walker (6'1" 184 Jr) **PS#15DB**. 4 st, 214 (10.2).

WR 27 EDWARD BRITTON JR. 6-0 183 PS#42RB. 10 st LY, 631 (13.1). **11** Rashad Hawk (6'4" 187 rFr) PS#101. **88** Brik Brinker (6'2" 180 So). Jacoby Franks (6'1" 182 rFr) PS#145.

WR 22 Detron Lewis So. 6-0 198 PS#81. 120 (12.0) as true. Adrian Reese (6'7" 207 Jr) PS#57TE. 140 (14.0) 2Y. Lance Clark (6'2" 200 rFr). Gerardo Acevedo (6'1" 195 So).

C 51 SHAWN BYRNES JR. 6-4 303 PS#176. 3 gm rFr. 11 st LY. **71** Stephen Hamby (6'3" 287 Jr) 2 st C LY. **LS 50** Austin Burns (5'10" 244 Jr) 13 gm LY. Josh Tackett (5'10" 210 Jr).

RG 76 BRANDON CARTER JR. 6-7 374 **PS#66**. 1 st rFr. 13 st LY, **HM BXII**. **69 Jake Johnson** (6'7" 353 Sr) PS#172JC. **5 st LY-inj**. **63** Landon Burge (6'3" 284 So). Blake Emert (6'4" 286 rFr) PS#162.

LG 65 LOUIS VASQUEZ SR. 6-6 335 PS#133. **1stTm BXII LY**. 5 gm true. 11 st '06. 13 st LG LY. **78** Lonnie Edwards (6'5" 313 rFr) **PS#46**. **72 Jerrod Gooch** (6'4" 283 rFr) **PS#30**.

RT 67 MARLON WINN JR. 6-6 329 PS#345. 9 gm rFr. Last 8 st RT LY, 13 games. **70** Chris Olson (6'5" 303 So) **PS#65**. 7 gm rFr. **62** Adrian Archie (6'5" 313 So) PS#235.

LT 74 RYLAN REED SR. 6-7 314 PS#179DL. 11 gm '06. 13 st LT in '07, **565 bench**. **77** Mickey Okafor (6'7" 320 rFr) **PS#63**. Joe King (6'6" 297 Fr). Dominique Delpeche (6'5" 350 rFr).

K HA Donnie Carona Fr. 6-0 210 PS#51. 11 of 13 FG in HS, long 48, 80% KO TB's. **37** Cory Fowler (5'8" 157 Sr) Onside kick specialist 2Y. Brad Namdar (5'6" 150 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 84 BRANDON WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 253 16 tkl, 3.5 sk true. 12 st LY, 44 tkl, 6 sk, HM BXII. **53** Daniel Howard (6'3" 238 Jr). 1 st, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl LY. **46** Sandy Riley (6'0" 248 Jr) 20 tkl 2Y.

NT 93 COLBY WHITLOCK SO. 6-2 281 PS#220. **FWAA Fr AA**, 10 st true, 47 tkl. **Broderick Marshall PS#59JC. 96** Bobbie Agoucha (6'4" 328 rFr). **Chris Perry** (6'3" 309 rFr) **PS#330L**. MIA trans.

DT 91 RAJON HENLEY JR. 6-3 265 PS#160. 14 tkl true. 13 st LY, 52 tkl, 3.5 sk. **99** Richard Jones (6'1" 277 Jr) PS#99. 3 st LY, 28 tkl. Brandon Sesay (6'6" 273 Jr) PS#72JC. 12 sk JC '06.

DE HA McKINNER DIXON JR. 6-3 275 **PS#75JC**. 1 st TT '05, 26 tkl, 6 tfl. RS JC '06. 9 sk, 9 gm JC LY. **98 Jake Ratliff** (6'7" 247 Sr) PS#136. 13 st '06, 50 tkl, 7 tfl. **13 st LY**, 26 tkl, 3 tfl.

SLB 45 Bront Bird So. 6-3 222 16 tkl, 1 tfl true. **35 Blake Collier** (6'2" 212 Jr) **PS#40**. 11 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **50** Michael Hanson (6'0" 205 rFr). **51** Jack Campbell (6'0" 225 rFr).

MLB 57 BRIAN DUNCAN SO. 6-1 239 **PS#46**. 9 st SLB rFr, 69 tkl, 4 tfl. **41 Sam Fehoko** (5'11" 224 rFr) **PS#24**. **52** Victor Hunter (5'11" 256 Jr) 9 tkl '06. 2 st, 28 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY, 13 gm.

WLB 39 MARLON WILLIAMS JR. 6-0 211 PS#99. 12 st LY, 81 tkl, 6 pbu. **45** Tyrone Sonier (6'2" 215 rFr). **13** Julius Howard (6'1" 233 So) PS#138. 5 gm LY. **27** Riley Harvey (6'1" 192 rFr).

CB 1 Marcus Bunton Sr. 5-8 196 PS#280QB. 2 st, 17 tkl '05-'06. 1 st, 25 tkl LY. **De'Shon Sanders PS#75JC**. RS LY. Pete Richardson (5'11" 196 Jr). Taylor Charbonnet (5'10" 155 rFr).

CB 3 JAMAR WALL JR. 5-10 195 PS#52RB. 12 st LY, **HM Big XII**, 54 tkl, 5 int. LaRon Moore (5'9" 186 So) **PS#43**. Brent Nickerson (6'0" 179 Jr) PS#107. Jarrell Routt PS#251JC.

SS 23 Anthony Hines Sr. 6-1 212 1 st, 35 tkl 3Y. Steven Harris (5'11" 190 So) PS#93WR. 10 tkl rFr. LA Reed (6'2" 201 Sr) PS#195WR. Lance Fuller (6'2" 222 Sr) PS#334.

FS 7 DARCEL McBATH SR. 6-1 196 PS#140. 13 st '06, 75 tkl, 3 int. 13 st LY, 73 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. **10** Daniel Charbonnet (5'11" 195 Sr). Duke trans. 41 tkl 2Y. Jordy Rowland (6'1" 199 Sr) 10 tkl.

P 9 JONATHAN LaCOUR SO. 6-2 206 **PS#17**. 29 punts, 42.6 avg true with a net of 35.6, **HM Big XII**. **82** Grant Berg (6'5" 201 Sr). **21** Blake Brazil (6'1" 225 So). Walk-on. Also on track tm.

TOP NEW COMERS FOR 2008

DL	Broderick Marshall 6-5 280 PS#59JC
DL	Brandon Sesay 6-6 273 PS#72JC
DL	McKinner Dixon 6-3 275 PS#75JC
RB	Harrison Jeffers 5-9 210 PS#47
QB	Seth Doege 6-2 200 PS#28
DL	Ryan Haliburton 6-4 234 PS#81
RB	Cornelius Douglas 5-9 180 PS#43QB
OL	Deveric Gallington 6-4 320 PS#98
DB	Jarrell Routt 6-0 205 PS#251JC
DL	Joey Fowler 6-4 260 PS#140
DB	Cody Davis 6-2 205 PS#137
OL	Joe King 6-6 297 PS#176
OL	Terry McDaniel 6-7 330 PS#185
RB	Brandon Reid 6-2 208 PS#180
WR	Blake Kelley 5-11 186 PS#432JC
K	Donnie Carona 6-0 210 PS#51
OL	Omar Castillo 6-6 315 PS#364 '07

TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

Lubbock, Texas
Weather (806) 748-1313

Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#39

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	E Washington	A					
Sep. 6	at Nevada	A					
Sep. 13	SMU	A					
Sep. 20	Massachusetts	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	at Kansas St	A					
Oct. 11	Nebraska (HC)	A					
Oct. 18	at Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 25	at Kansas	A					
Nov. 1	Texas	A					
Nov. 8	Oklahoma St	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 29	Baylor	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Kliff Kingsbury 12,429 '99-'02
2. Graham Harrell 10,652 '05-Present
3. Robert Hall 7,908 '90-'93

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Byron Hanspard 4,219 '94-'96
2. James Gray 4,066 '86-'89
3. Ricky Williams 3,661 '97-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Wes Welker 3,069 '00-'03
2. Lloyd Hill 3,059 '90-'93
3. Carlos Francis 3,027 '00-'03

Texas Tech is 14-1 in their L/15 home openers with the avg score of 45-17. The Eagles lost to FCS Champ Appalachian St in the playoffs & to BYU 42-7 LY.

Texas Tech is 8-1 vs current WAC members w/their only loss in 1949 (SJSU). Coming into '08, the Red Raiders are 16-3 vs non-conf opp's (avg win by 37 ppg).

TT is 12-0 vs SMU S/'89 winning every gm by DD's (avg margin of victory 28 ppg). Last & only time in school history that TT has started B2B ssns 3-0 was in '35 & '36.

First meeting, but TT has destroyed its L/4 FCS opp's (outscore 61 ppg & outgain 422 ypg). The Minutemen finished #6 in the FCS LY & are members of the Colonial Athletic Conf.

Bonus: TT outgained opp's at home in '06 by 234 ypg & LY that number dropped to 199 ypg, but on the road they went from +1 ypg in '06 to +141 ypg last year.

TT is the only school to post a winning record each season since the league's inception in '96. TT has won 3 straight. HT is 7-2 all-time with an avg MOV by 21 ppg.

TT is 2-7 vs NU, but have won the L/2 gms, including a Big XII high 70 pts in 2004. The Red Raiders are 14-2 on Homecoming since 1992 (only losses in '01 & '06).

Texas Tech is 10-3 vs A&M the last 13, but all 3 losses were at Kyle Field & the Red Raiders haven't won 4 straight in this rivalry S/'70-'73 (played every yr S/'56).

Texas Tech is just 4-8 after facing in-state rival Texas A&M in Big XII play. TT is 9-1 vs KU including 5-0 in Lawrence, but the L/2 were by a combined 7 pts.

In the last 6 years, these 2 schools have averaged 79 ppg (66 pts lowest score in '06). Texas Tech is 24-6 in their last 30 November home games (7 straight wins).

The last time that TT lost to OSU at home was in 1944 (9-0-2 since). Home tm has won 6 straight (Stillwater OSU W's by 4 ppg & in Lubbock TT W's by 16 ppg).

Leach was an asst HC/OC at OU in 1999-'00 guiding OU to a #1 finish in ttl offense. The home team is 8-2 the last 10 years & TT's only win in Norman was in 1996.

TT leads this series 33-32-1, but has won 12 straight w/their avg win by 30 ppg. Red Raiders are 20-3 S/'85 in home finales (2 of 3 losses to OU).

MIKE LEACH (Career 65–37)

9th Year at Texas Tech — Leach's Bowl Record: 5-3

Leach's records AT TEXAS TECH

65-37	Straight Up	3-13	Vs Top 10
40-10	Home	8-26	Vs Top 25
20-24	Away	6-5	Vs BCS Teams
5-3	Neutral	7-6	Off A Bye
35-29	Vs Conference	27-7	Off A Loss

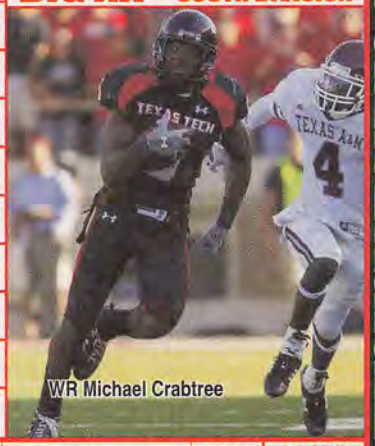
2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 61 (26,29,6)
Lost: 13 (4,7,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51,911 (#39)

BIG XII – SOUTH DIVISION


WR Michael Crabtree

STADIUM: JONES AT&T STADIUM (52,882) (#54)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up		7-6	7-5	9-5	8-5	8-4	9-3	8-5	9-4	65-37
Home		6-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	4-1	7-0	4-2	5-1	40-10
Away		1-3	3-2	3-4	2-4	3-3	2-2	3-3	3-3	20-24
Neutral		0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	5-3
vs Conf		3-5	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	35-29
vs Non-Conf		4-1	3-1	4-2	4-1	3-1	3-1	4-1	5-0	30-8
ATS		7-6	6-4-1	8-6	9-4	6-6	4-6	5-7	6-6	51-45-1
Home Fav	Mike Leach	4-2	1-1-1	4-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-2	23-13-1
Home Dog		0-2	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	4-4
Away Fav		0-0	3-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-3	3-1	10-11
Away Dog		3-1	1-1	1-4	3-1	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	11-12
Neutral		0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	3-5
vs Conf		5-3	5-3	5-3	5-3	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	35-29
vs Non-Conf		2-3	1-1-1	3-3	4-1	2-2	1-1	1-3	2-2	16-16-1
Off SU Win		2-5	4-3	4-4	6-1	2-5	2-5	2-5	3-5	25-33
Off SU Loss		4-1	2-1	4-1	2-3	4-0	1-1	2-2	2-1	21-10

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Shannon Woods	84	450	11	439	8	5.2
Aaron Crawford	54	225	11	214	4	4.0
Kobey Lewis	50	208	19	189	2	3.8
Edward Britton	9	52	0	52	0	5.8
Graham Harrell	38	58	149	-91	4	-2.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Graham Harrell	713	512	71.8	5705	48	14
Taylor Potts	49	32	65.3	409	3	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Michael Crabtree	134	1962	14.6	22	75	
Danny Amendola	109	1245	11.4	6	49	
Eric Morris	75	767	10.2	9	58	
Edward Britton	48	631	13.1	4	68	
Grant Walker	30	353	11.8	2	38	
Aaron Crawford	38	246	6.5	2	30	
LA Reed	16	189	11.8	0	34	
Kobey Lewis	24	178	7.4	0	25	
Lyle Leong	15	174	11.6	1	27	
Shannon Woods	34	138	4.1	2	28	
Detron Lewis	10	120	12.0	3	50	
Adrian Reese	6	74	12.3	0	28	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jonathan LaCour	29	1236	42.6	3	35.6	0	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Alex Trlica	67-67	2-3	5-7	4-7	2-4	13-21	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Garcia	92	1	5	3	0
Marlon Williams	81	0	1	6	0
Darcel McBath	73	0	0.5	8	2
Paul Williams	71	2	5.5	2	0
Brian Duncan	69	0	4	1	0
Jamar Wall	54	0	0	6	5
Rajon Henley	52	3.5	4	2	0
Colby Whitlock	47	2	6.5	0	0
Brandon Williams	44	6	6.5	2	0
Chris Parker	42	1	2	12	1
Daniel Charbonnet	31	0	1	3	1
Kellen Tillman	29	1	0	2	0
Victor Hunter	28	0	4.5	0	0
Richard Jones	28	0	0.5	0	0
Jake Ratliff	26	1	2	3	0
Marcus Bunton	25	0	0	2	0
Anthony Hines	24	0	1	4	1
Daniel Howard	22	2.5	3	0	0
Sandy Riley	18	1	1.5	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Danny Amendola	14	222	15.9	0
Eric Morris	23	211	9.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Edward Britton	17	432	25.4	0
LA Reed	15	343	22.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Houston	-11'	Navy	38-14
04	Holiday - #23	+11	California - #4	45-31
05	Cotton - #18	-3'	Alabama - #13	10-13
06	Insight	-7	Minnesota (OT)	44-41
07	Gator	-6	Virginia - #21	31-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Texas Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 10–20–1

TEXAS TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	40.9	28	59	3.1	470	71.3	12.9	-5	2007	5	25.9	21	177	4.0	188	54.9	14.1
8	32.5	24	79	4.7	369	66.8	13.8	0	2006	5	25.1	20	151	3.8	182	58.4	13.3
4	39.4	27	107	4.2	389	66.5	12.6	+9	2005	8	18.8	20	155	4.0	180	55.0	17.8
6	36.2	27	92	3.8	400	65.4	13.6	-5	2004	9	26.2	20	176	4.3	181	51.2	13.7
9	42.5	32	107	4.5	475	64.9	13.7	-8	2003	5	34.0	23	197	4.7	256	57.3	13.3
7*	38.4	27	99	3.6	389	66.9	12.7	-10	2002	9	31.4	21	164	4.2	240	55.7	12.9

2007 STATS BY GAME

TT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
26,969	at SMU	30	18-80	4.4	50-66	473	0	15	31-115	3.7	16-34	155	3	+3
52,403	UTEP	34	21-77	3.7	48-64	484	1	21	46-215	4.7	14-28	216	1	-2
21,543	at Rice	26	27-111	4.1	34-48	481	1	25	42-99	2.4	20-38	212	6	+1
37,850	at Oklahoma St	33	21-72	3.4	46-67	646	2	29	61-366	6.0	17-33	244	0	-1
52,893	Northwestern St	31	25-94	3.8	35-52	534	0	9	36-15	0.4	8-20	103	2	0
46,558	Iowa St	23	17-29	1.7	40-49	460	3	17	46-100	2.2	15-26	187	3	-1
55,491	Texas A&M	25	29-108	3.7	30-37	425	1	20	43-233	5.4	17-30	133	0	0
63,396	at Missouri	23	15-(-9)	-0.6	44-69	397	3	23	50-212	4.2	14-20	210	3	-2
49,084	Colorado	29	12-39	3.3	46-63	431	3	19	44-217	4.9	16-27	132	0	-4
39,015	at Baylor	29	17-73	4.3	44-59	490	0	21	35-91	2.6	25-47	191	2	+1
86,401	at Texas	26	7-10	1.4	36-48	466	1	33	62-283	4.6	21-30	268	1	0
55,038	Oklahoma	25	17-53	3.1	47-72	420	0	17	34-106	3.1	23-45	302	2	-1
60,243	† Virginia	24	20-34	1.7	44-69	407	3	21	47-249	5.3	17-28	96	2	+1
TOTALS		358	246-771	3.1	544-763	6114	18	270	577-2301	4.0	223-406	2449	25	-5
AVERAGES		27.5	19-59	3.1	42-59	470	1.4	20.8	44-177	4.0	17-31	188	1.9	-0.4

TT Rank Pre– 2003 RESULTS Post–

Opponent	Line	Score
SMU	-23'	58-10
New Mexico	-13'	42-28
at NC State	+6'	21-49
at Mississippi	+3	49-45
Texas A&M	-5	59-28
Iowa St	-16'	52-21
at Oklahoma St - #23	+3	49-51
at Missouri	-3	31-62
Colorado	-14	26-21
at Baylor	-27'	62-14
at Texas - #6	+18'	40-43
Oklahoma - #1	+19'	25-56

TT Rank Pre– 2004 RESULTS Post #18

Opponent	Line	Score
at SMU	-24'	27-13
at New Mexico	-3'	24-27
TCU	-5'	70-35
at Kansas	-6	31-30
at Oklahoma - #2	+25	13-28
Nebraska	-7	70-10
Texas - #8	-1	21-51
at Kansas St	+2'	35-25
Baylor	-31	42-17
at Texas A&M - #22	+2'	25-32 OT
Oklahoma St - #23	-4'	31-15

TT Rank Pre #21 2005 RESULTS Post #20

Opponent	Line	Score
Florida Int'l	-34	56-3
Sam Houston St	NL	80-21
Indiana St	NL	63-7
Kansas	-18'	30-17
at Nebraska	-4	34-31
Kansas St	-15'	59-20
at Texas - #2	+17	17-52
at Baylor	-13	28-0
Texas A&M	-15	56-17
at Oklahoma St	-23	17-24
Oklahoma	-7'	23-21

TT Rank Pre #25 2006 RESULTS Post–

Opponent	Line	Score
SMU	-25	35-3
at UTEP	-8	38-35 OT
at TCU - #20	-1	3-12
SE Louisiana	NL	62-0
at Texas A&M	+2'	31-27
Missouri - #23	-5	21-38
at Colorado	-6'	6-30
at Iowa St	-2	42-26
Texas - #5	+10	31-35
Baylor	-16	55-21
at Oklahoma - #17	+9	24-34
Oklahoma St	-6'	30-24

TT Rank Pre– 2007 RESULTS Post #22

Opponent	Line	Score
at SMU	-8'	49-9
UTEP	-25	45-31
at Rice	-28	59-24
at Oklahoma St	-6	45-49
Northwestern St	NL	75-7
Iowa St	-24'	42-17
Texas A&M	-10	35-7
at Missouri - #16	+3	10-41
Colorado	-13'	26-31
at Baylor	-20'	38-7
at Texas - #15	+6'	43-59
Oklahoma - #3	+7'	34-27

TEXAS LONGHORNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Vince Young became the first player in NCAA history to have 2,500 yards passing and 1,000 yards rushing in a season. He also set UT's total offense record (4,086) passing Major Applewhite and topped Bobby Layne's school record for career wins (30-2) by a starting QB. He went on and had a great rookie season in the NFL after being the 3rd overall pick. In 2006 rFr Colt McCoy (PS#11) beat out true frosh Jevan Snead (PS#4), who enrolled for the spring. McCoy had a much better season than most expected. He set school records for TD passes in a game (6 vs Baylor) and for the season (29). The TD's also set an NCAA season mark for a frosh QB despite missing most of the KSU game and he clearly wasn't 100% vs A&M (shoulder). Snead opted to transfer. Last year during August McCoy was getting 50% of the snaps and Sherrod Harris (6'3" 220 So, PS#23) and true frosh John Chiles (PS#8) were getting 25% each. In 7 of Mack Brown's 10 years, the backup QB has received significant action as the QB's stayed healthy in just '02, '05 and '07. Chiles (fastest on team) created the same buzz that Vince Young did 5 years ago and when Harris suffered a knee injury, he became 2nd string. In 2006 McCoy had a veteran O-line and while they had to replace 3 starters up front last year nobody expected McCoy's sophomore slump. While he narrowly missed the school record for passing yards in a season (Major Applewhite 3,357 in '99) he also nearly set the record for most int in a season (Todd Dodge 1984, 19). McCoy's completion % dropped from 68.2% (29-7 ratio) to 65.1% (22-18) but he did increase his rushing yards from 289 gross to 678. Chiles played in 7 but hit just 1 of 9 passes (201 rush). I would expect McCoy to return to 2006's form and Chiles to be more productive when called upon.

RUNNING BACKS - Texas has had some great RB's including Heisman Trophy winners Earl Campbell and Ricky Williams. Cedric Benson became just the 5th player in NCAA history to top 1,000 for 4 straight years including 1,834 (5.6) in '04. Vince Young kept alive Texas' streak of 1,000 yard rushers at 11 but the top RB in '05 was Jamaal Charles (PS#6) who had only 878 (7.4). Ramonce Taylor had 513 (6.8), Selvin Young (PS#19) had 461 (4.8) and 265 lb Henry Melton (PS#13) added 432 (5.0). Charles was a sprinter in the NCAA Championships in '06 and S Young dropped 16 lbs to boost his speed. S Young rushed for 591 (4.3) and Charles led with 831 (5.3) in '06. Melton added 193 (4.3) and Chris Ogbonnaya (PS#33WR) had 82 (4.6). Interestingly, both S Young and Charles topped 100 vs Rice but neither topped 100 in any other game! Last year they had to replace S Young (8 st, starter for DEN) and Melton (moved to DE). Charles became just the 3rd RB under Brown to top 100 in the season's first three games (399) but then went through a 5 game stretch where he had just 323 while he battled fumbling problems. The 4Q became his domain as he had 4Q TD runs of 25, 86 and 40 vs Neb (290). The next week he added 2 more 4Q TD's vs Okla St (180) and followed that with 174 vs TTech and 161 in the bowl. Charles ran for 1,619 (6.3) and had 18 TD's. Backup RB rFr Vondrell McGee (PS#20) had 297 (4.0) and Ogbonnaya had 66 (2.5). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Cody Johnson (5'11" 255 rFr, PS#62), Antwan Cobb (6'0" 222 So) and James Allensworth (5'8" 161 Sr). With Charles leaving early for the NFL (#3DC KC) this unit is clearly weaker.

RECEIVERS - The top 3 WR's returned each of the last 2 seasons. In 2005 Billy Pittman (PS#47) led with 750 (22.1), Limas Sweed (PS#17) had 545 (15.1) and Quan Cosby (PS#9) added 270 (18.0). Sweed led in '06 with 801 (17.4) while Cosby had 525 (11.7) and Pittman 456 (13.0). TE Jermichael Finley (PS#18) had 372 (12.0). Last year Sweed suffered a wrist injury in Aug. After playing in the first six, he was lost for the year. Senior Nate Jones (PS#21), who had just 293 in his first 3 years, led with 795 (11.4) while Cosby added 680 (11.3) and Finley had 575 (12.8). This year they must replace Sweed (306, #2DC PIT), Pittman (11 rec), HM Big XII Finley (13 st, #3DC GB) and Jones (13 st). Not listed below are WR John Stell (5'11" 175 rFr), TE Mac McWhorter (6'4" 255 Jr) and TE Ian Harris (6'4" 250 rFr). While this is still a unit loaded with VHT's, it's less experienced than 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Mobile QB's definitely help the key stats for the O-line. With Vince Young as the starter, the Horns set a school record for rushing yards in '04 (3,590) and avg 5.8 and 5.9 ypc in '05 with just 11 and 14 (4.2%) sacks. In 2006 they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups and then lost 1 returning starter at midseason. With a less mobile QB, the ypc dropped to 4.4 but the sacks only climbed to 19 (5.1%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters who combined for 115 career starts and one backup. Brown had 3 true frosh on the 2nd string even before they lost C Dallas Griffin after 10 and LT Tony Hills after 11 to injury. The Horns still improved to 208 ypg rush (5.0) although they allowed 25 sacks (5.7%). This year they must replace HM Big XII C Griffin (10 st) and 1st Tm AA LT Hills (11 st, 2Y st'r, #4DC PIT) but they do have 8 of the top 10 returning including the entire 2 deep from the last 2 gms. This shapes up as one of the top O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Despite a plethora of VHT's on the roster, Texas had not really fielded a dominating run defense as even in their National Title year of 2005 they yielded 131 ypg rush (3.7) despite having 4 returning starters. They only had to replace one starter in 2006 and had their best rush D since 1942 allowing just 61.2 ypg (2.3). Last year they had to replace 2 starters. One of the two returning starters, Roy Miller, lost his spot to Derek Lokey. Texas still allowed just 93 ypg (2.9) while the D had 29 sacks. This year they must replace 2nd Tm Big XII DT Frank Okam (13 st, 52 tkl, 5 sk, #5DC HOU), 2nd Tm Big XII DT Lokey (13 st, 50 tkl, 9 tfl) and DE Thomas Marshall (7 tkl). Four players return who have started at least six. Not listed in the PSL are Russell Carter (6'3 245 rFr, PS#18LB) and Cory Michner (6'0" 215 Sr). Although they have to overcome two big losses, this unit could be even stronger as it has equal experience.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the top six LB's all returned and the unit was loaded with VHT's. This year they lose two starters in SLB Robert Killebrew (12 st, 57 tkl, 2 tfl) and HM Big XII WLB Scott Derry (68 tkl, 4 tfl). Time was split fairly evenly among the LB's as the 2 starters lost had a combined 125 tackles and their replacements, Jared Norton (PS#19) and Roddrick Muckelroy (PS#30) had 120. True frosh Dravannti Johnson (PS#11) was in for the spring. The 3 starters have plenty of experience but this group has a little less experience depth-wise.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - You usually find Texas in the top 15 of my pass D rankings. After a #6 finish in 2005, they had to replace 2 starters (#1 & #2 DC's). With teams having to pass more vs a tough rush D, they allowed 236 ypg passing, their highest total in school history (previous high 227.7 in 1988) and shockingly dropped to #63. Last year they had to replace 3 starters (all were drafted) including a Thorpe Award winning CB and 1st Tm Big XII FS. Their starting CB's were just 5'9" and 5'10" and UT finished #45 allowing a new record 278 ypg. This year they once again lose 3 starters in 1st Tm Big XII FS Marcus Griffin (99 tkl, 4 int), 2nd Tm Big XII CB Brandon Foster (71 tkl, 5 int, 12 pbu) and SS Erick Jackson (10 st, 67 tkl) along with backup FS Drew Kelson (25 tkl, 2 tfl). Even with just 1 starter back, this group is equal to last year in terms of experience and loses less to the NFL.

SPECIAL TEAMS - With Mack Brown's great recruiting classes, most of his backups are VHT's and contribute here. From 2000-'04 they finished #18, #10, #16, #15 and #36 in my ST rankings before finishing #1 in 2005. In 2006 they had to replace their P, K and top KR but they still finished #12. P Johnson had a net of 37.6, the best at Texas in over a decade. Last year they had to replace Johnson as well as their top PR (10.4). The new P's were Justin Moore and Trevor Gerland (tm 34.7 net). K Hunter Lawrence had 16 TB's on 91 KO's and Ryan Bailey connected on 18 of 22 FG's (long 52). Quan Cosby avg 24.2 on KR (25.7 in '06) and 9.4 on PR's. This year all of the key players return and the Horns should improve upon their #26 ranking.

COACHES - Mack Brown took over a team that had 3 winning seasons the previous 7 years including a 4-7 record the year prior to his arrival. He has now won or tied for four Big XII South Titles and has had 18 straight winning seasons overall as a HC including 16 straight bowl bids. He is also the only coach to have 12 straight 9 win seasons. OC Greg Davis was with him at N Carolina and his offense has had 8 of Texas' top 9 seasons in passing yards. They've recorded 30 team offensive records and 34 fifty-point games in his tenure. In 2005 he won the Broyles Award. In 2004 UT had to replace DC Greg Robinson who took over as the head man at Syracuse and last year they had to replace Gene Chizik (HC Iowa St). They had co-DC's in '07 but after the D allowed 25.3 ppg (most S/'98), Brown made a tremendous hire bringing in Will Muschamp who was the DC at Auburn the last 2 years. He was also the DC at LSU from 2001-'04 and the asst def HC with the Dolphins in 2005 under his mentor Nick Saban. He guided LSU's National Title D in '03 (252 ypg, 11.0 ppg) which was #1 in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Brown came into 2005 with just a 1-12 record vs Top 5 teams but things changed in a big way. UT defeated Ohio St on the road and after having lost 5 straight to Oklahoma, won comfortably 45-12. When they beat defending National Champ USC in the Rose Bowl they won the National Title, their first since 1970. In 2006 Vince Young decided to leave early for the NFL draft and they had their 21 game win streak snapped in Wk 2 vs #1 ranked Ohio St. They still knocked off Oklahoma and were #4 in the polls with a shot at the National Title Game when QB McCoy was injured and they lost B2B games to Kan St and A&M missing out on the Big XII Title game. They barely got past Iowa in the bowl to finish 10-3. They were 6-2 in the Big XII but only outgained conf foes by 43.9 ypg (4th best), a big drop from 2005 (+211.0 ypg). UT had 13 starters back in '07 and while it was a lackluster year with many unimpressive performances, they ended the year #10 in the final polls. Last season they were outgained by Ark St by 57 yards in the opener, trailed TCU 10-0 in the 3Q, trailed UCF 24-23 in the 4Q before being handed their worst home defeat since 1997 (UCLA 66-3) when KSU whipped them 41-21. The Wildcats were the first ever UT opponent to have KR, PR & IR TD's in the same game. When OU knocked them off the next week (28-21) it appeared they would not be ranked for the first time in 114 straight weeks, but they held on at #23. They were 0-2 in the conf for the first time since 1956 (1-9 in SWC). After a couple of wins vs Iowa St and Baylor, they barely survived vs Neb (trailed 17-9 in 4Q) and then trailed Okla St 35-14 after 3Q but managed their 4th comeback win in 5 years vs the Cowboys. It was their biggest 4Q comeback in school history. They had twenty-four 4Q points vs TT, a game for which Raiders HC Leach blasted the officials. In what turned out to be A&M Coach Franchione's last game, they lost to the Aggies 38-30 (trailed 38-17). They got their 7th straight year of double digit wins by putting up 52 vs Ariz St in their bowl. It marked the first time UT finished in the Top 25 ten straight seasons. Texas has just 11 returning starters (2nd fewest in BXII). There figures to be 5 ranked Big XII teams at the start of the year and UT must face each of the other four drawing Kansas and Missouri out of the Big XII North and 3 of the 4 are away from home. Texas is still a legitimate National Title contender.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

QB 12 COLT McCOY JR. 6-3 210 **PS#11**. 13 st rFr, 2570 (68%) 29-7, **BXII Fr POY**. 13 st LY, 3303 (65%) 22-18, 678 rush. **7** John Chiles (6'2" 215 So) **PS#8**. 7 gm, 201 rush yd true.

RB 22 Foswhitt Whittaker rFr. 5-10 195 **PS#18**. Spg gm star. **2** Vondrell McGee (5'10" 205 So) **PS#20**. 297 (4.0) rFr. **25** Jeremy Hills **PS#19**. **3** Chris Ogbonnaya (6'1" 225 Sr) **PS#33WR**. 224 (3.4) 3Y.

WR 8 JORDAN SHIPLEY SR. 6-0 195 **PS#7**. 1 st '06, 229 (14.3). 7 st LY, 417 (15.4). Antoine Hicks **PS#38DB**. **FB 49** Luke Tiemann (6'2" 245 Sr) PS#79LB. Nic Redwine (6'3" 230 Sr).

WR 6 QUAN COSBY SR. 5-11 205 **PS#9DB**. 8 st '06, 525 (11.7). 11 st LY, 680 (11.3), 1195 ret yd. DeSean Hales **PS#16**. James Kirkendoll (5'11" 175 So) **PS#28**. Montre Webber (6'3" 210 So) **PS#21**.

WR 9 Malcolm Williams rFr. 6-3 225 **PS#11**. Dan Buckner **PS#11**. **1** Philip Payne (6'2" 213 So) **PS#24**. **5** Brandon Collins (6'0" 170 So) **PS#46DB**. **81** CA Vergari (6'3" 205 Jr).

TE 19 Blaine Irby So. 6-3 240 **PS#3**. 2 rec true. Josh Marshall (6'4" 240 So) PS#61. **86** Peter Ullman (6'4" 260 Sr) **PS#14**. **13** Ahmard Howard (6'4" 252 rFr) **PS#29LB**.

C 71 CHRIS HALL JR. 6-4 300 **PS#35**. 7 gm rFr. 12 st LY (4LG, 3RT, 2RG, 2C, 1LT). **66** Buck Burnette (6'3" 320 So) 1 st, 13 gm rFr. **LS 58** William Harvey (5'11" 235 Jr).

RG 55 CEDRIC DOCKERY SR. 6-4 320 **PS#10**. 9 gm rFr. 6 st RG '06 until ACL. 11 st RG LY, HM BXII. Michael Huey (6'5" 315 So) **PS#10**. 13 gm true. Britt Mitchell (6'5" 300 So) **PS#9TE**. 12 gm.

LG 52 CHARLIE TANNER JR. 6-4 300 **PS#55**. 7 gm rFr. 9 st LG LY. **78** David Snow **PS#28** in for spg. **75** Steve Moore (6'5" 300 So) **PS#82**. 3 gm rFr. Greg Smith (6'4" 285 So) **PS#36TE**.

RT 74 ADAM ULATOSKI JR. 6-8 310 **PS#28**. 7 st RT rFr. 10 st RT LY, **HM BXII**. Luke Poehlmann **PS#48**. **76** Aundre McGaskey (6'5" 295 rFr) **PS#22**. **68** Drew Oldis (6'4" 285 So).

LT 64 Kyle Hix So. 6-7 320 **PS#23**. 13 gm true, 1 st (bowl). **54** Mark Buchanan **PS#47**. In spg. **56** Tray Allen (6'5" 320 So) PS#198. 9 gm true. **57** Andrew Carroll (6'3" 300 So).

K 39 RYAN BAILEY SR. 6-2 205 6-6 FG true, L/43. 18-22 FG LY, L/52. **8-10 40+!** Hunter Lawrence (6'0" 180 Jr) **PS#6**. 16 TB on 91 KO LY. Justin Tucker PS#130DB.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN ORANGE)

DE 98 BRIAN ORAKPO SR. 6-4 260 **PS#45**. 2 st, 53 tkl, 5 sk '05-'06. 8 st LY, 37 tkl, 5.5 sk. **37** Henry Melton (6'3" 265 Sr) **PS#13RB**. 625 yd RB '05-'06. 11 tkl, 1 tfl, 10 gm LY.

DT 99 Roy Miller Sr. 6-2 300 **PS#6**. 10 tkl true. 6 st '06, 39 tkl, 3.5 sk. 40 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **94** Michael Wilcoxon (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#98. **92** Ben Alexander (6'0" 310 Jr) **PS#34**. 8 tkl 2Y.

DT 33 LAMARR HOUSTON JR. 6-2 275 **PS#4LB**. 14 tkl true. 11 st LY, 66 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7.5 tfl. Jarvis Humphrey **PS#15**. **90** Brian Ellis (6'5" 287 So) **PS#28**. Tyrell Higgins (6'3" 255 rFr)PS#183.

DE 95 Aaron Lewis Sr. 6-4 265 **PS#9**. 3 st true, 21 tkl, 3 sk. 7 st LY, 26 tkl, 8 tfl. Eddie Jones (6'3" 260 So) **PS#1**. 28 tkl (inj) rFr. **81** Sam Acho (6'3" 258 So) PS#107. 10 tkl true.

SLB 11 Jared Norton Jr. 6-3 242 **PS#19**. 15 tkl true. 1 st in '07, 53 tkl, 4 tfl, 1 int. **2** Sergio Kindle (6'4" 239 Jr) **PS#1**. 21 tkl true. 32 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **48** Jarrod Ochoa (5'10" 235 Jr).

MLB 44 RASHAD BOBINO SR. 5-11 238 PS#73. 13 st rFr, **Fr AA**. 13 st '06, 74 tkl, **13 tfl**. 12 st LY, 69 tkl, 4 tfl. **42** Dustin Earnest (6'3" 233 So) **PS#17**. 5 tkl rFr. **43** Dravannti Johnson **PS#11**.

WLB 38 Roddrick Muckelroy Jr. 6-2 230 **PS#30**. 3 st rFr, 10 tkl. 1 st LY, 67 tkl, 6 tfl. **1** Keenan Robinson (6'3" 220 rFr) **PS#4**. **59** Chad Kugler (6'2" 220 Jr) PS#199. Aaron Smith (6'2" 225 rFr).

CB 13 RYAN PALMER SR. 5-10 190 **PS#53**. 24 tkl '05-'06. 13 st in '07, 79 tkl, 14 pbu. **3** Curtis Brown (6'1" 178 So) **PS#5**. 14 tkl true. DJ Monroe **PS#27**. Cody Hill (5'10" 175 rFr).

CB 7 Deon Beasley Jr. 5-10 175 **PS#7**. 1 st true, 7 tkl. 1 st LY, 37 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu. Aaron Williams **PS#3**. **12** Earl Thomas (5'10" 190 rFr). **37** Lawrence Howard (5'10" 175 Jr).

SS 19 Ishie Oduegwu Jr. 5-10 210 **PS#40**. 7 tkl rFr. 3 st LY, 28 tkl, 1 pbu. **6** Christian Scott (6'1" 208 rFr) PS#26. **5** Ben Wells (6'1" 195 rFr) **PS#25**. Martin Egwuagu (5'10" 190 Jr).

FS 8 Chykie Brown So. 6-1 185 PS#20. 11 tkl, 13 gm rFr. Best athlete of DB's. Nolan Brewster (6'2" 205 Fr) **PS#13**. **29** Jorge Martinez (6'0" 200 So). **22** Clark Ford (5'10" 185 Jr).

P 17 TREVOR GERLAND JR. 6-2 195 PS#33. 50.3 avg HS Sr. 6 punt rFr, 39.2. 15 punt LY, 37.7 avg, team net 34.7. **47** John Gold (6'3" 210 So). Justin Tucker PS#130DB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Aaron Williams 6-1 175 PS#3
DB	Nolan Brewster 6-2 205 PS#13
LB	Dravannti Johnson 6-2 237 PS#11
WR	Dan Buckner 6-4 213 PS#11
DL	Jarvis Humphrey 6-2 290 PS#15
WR	DeSean Hales 5-11 185 PS#16
RB	Jeremy Hills 6-0 187 PS#19
OL	David Snow 6-4 280 PS#28
DB	DJ Monroe 5-9 165 PS#27
RB	Tre (Nathaniel) Newton 6-0 193 PS#29
OL	Mark Buchanan 6-6 285 PS#47
OL	Luke Poehlmann 6-7 257 PS#48
WR	Antoine Hicks 6-2 193 PS#38DB
RB	Ryan Roberson 5-10 210 PS#45
LB	Emmanuel Acho 6-2 215 PS#46
DL	Kheeston Randall 6-5 267 PS#66
WR	Brock Fitzhenry 5-9 171 PS#79DB
K	Justin Tucker 6-1 171 PS#130DB
WR	DJ Grant 6-3 205 PS#140
DB	Blake Gideon 6-1 197 PS#178

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#23

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TX	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Florida Atlantic	G				
Sep. 6	at UTEP	A				
Sep. 13	Arkansas	G				
Sep. 20	Rice	G				
Sep. 27						
Oct. 4	at Colorado	G				
Oct. 11	† Oklahoma (Dallas)	G				
Oct. 18	Missouri	G				
Oct. 25	Oklahoma St	G				
Nov. 1	at Texas Tech	A				
Nov. 8	Baylor	G				
Nov. 15	at Kansas	A				
Nov. 22						
Nov. 27	Texas A&M (Thur)	G				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Major Applewhite 8,353 '98-'01	1. Ricky Williams 6,279 '95-'98	1. Roy Williams 3,866 '00-'03
2. James Brown 7,638 '94-'97	2. Cedric Benson 5,540 '01-'04	2. Mike Adams 3,032 '92-'96
3. Peter Gardere 7,396 '89-'92	3. Earl Campbell 4,443 '74-'77	3. BJ Johnson 2,389 '00-'03

The Longhorns have won 8 straight season openers by an avg score of 49-6. Texas is 12-0 vs current Sun Belt Conf members with a 26 ppg avg margin of victory.

The Longhorns have won 7 straight road openers & 21 of 24 away from Austin. Under HC Mack Brown Texas is 9-2 in non-conf away games (8-0 since 2001).

Their last meeting in '04 marked the 35th anniversary of "The Big Shootout" of '69, UT won 15-14 to claim a National Title w/President Nixon in the stands. UT is 1-3 L/4 but 55-21 all-time.

Texas has won 37 of 38 & the last time in-state Rice beat Texas in Austin was '65. UT has topped 50+ in 3 straight vs Rice & has outscored them by 30 ppg the L/9.

Bonus: Longhorns are 8-2 the last 6 years in games prior to a bye week.

Under Brown, UT is 65-15 (81%) in Big XII reg ssn play. UT is 5-1 S/'00 vs CU (avg W by 33 ppg). In their last meeting ('05) UT's 70 pts was the highest since 1977.

This rivalry has been played every yr at the Cotton Bowl S/'29 (UT leads 57-40-5). With LY's loss (2-6 L8Y vs OU), UT opened Big XII play 0-2 for the 1st time ever.

UT is 13-1 S/'31 vs Mizzou with the only L coming in '97 (UT's last losing ssn & yr before Brown). Coming into '08: Including bowls, Texas is 11-3 vs ranked opponents the L4Y.

Texas is 13-1 when hosting OSU & the only time the Cowboys won in Austin was '44. Texas has now rallied from 35-7 ('04), 28-9 ('05) & 35-14 (LY) deficits vs OSU.

Texas is 25-5 the L/30 gms in the month of November & 11-3 S'00 in Nov AG's. These schools have played ever yr S/'60 & UT has won 5 straight (9-3 in Big XII play).

McCoy set a single game record w/6 TD passes the last time UT hosted BU ('06). Baylor is the only Big XII opponent Texas will face TY that DN go to a bowl gm LY.

In their L/meeting ('05) UT had a 52-0 HT lead (tied UT rec) holding KU to just 13 yds & 1 FD. Lawrence, KS is only 1 of 2 stops (Boulder, CO) that UT makes TY outside of TX.

Bonus: This game moves back to Thanksgiving. First time since 1993 72nd time in 104 years on Thanksgiving.

The home team in this in-state rivalry is 8-4 in Big XII Conference games. Texas is 14-1 since 1993 in home finales (only loss was to Texas A&M in 2006).

MACK BROWN (Career 183-94-1) (IAA 6-5)
11th Year at Texas
Brown's Bowl Record: 10-6

Brown's records AT TEXAS

103-25	Straight Up	6-12	Vs Top 10
53-6	Home	22-16	Vs Top 25
36-8	Away	13-8	Vs BCS Teams
14-11	Neutral	20-7	Off A Bye
66-17	Vs Conference	17-5	Off A Loss

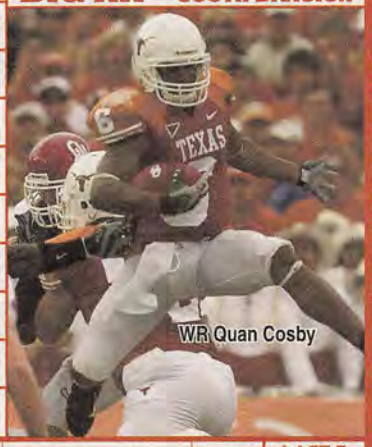
2007 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (25,18,4)
Lost: 17 (7,9,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 85,144 (#10)

BIG XII - SOUTH DIVISION



STADIUM: TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM (93,553) (#5)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	11-2	11-2	10-3	11-1	13-0	10-3	10-3	85-17
Home	6-0	5-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	5-2	5-1	43-4
Away	3-1	5-0	4-1	4-0	4-0	5-0	2-1	4-1	31-4
Neutral	0-2	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-1	3-0	3-0	1-1	11-9
vs Conf	7-1	7-2	6-2	7-1	7-1	9-0	6-2	5-3	54-12
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-0	5-0	3-2	4-0	4-0	4-1	5-0	31-5
ATS	7-5	6-6-1	6-7	8-5	5-7	11-2	5-7	6-6-1	54-45-2
Home Fav	4-2	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-3	5-0	3-3	3-3	27-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Fav	2-1	2-2-1	3-2	4-0	1-2	2-2	1-4	1-3-1	16-16-2
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-0
Neutral	0-2	0-3	0-1	1-2	0-2	3-0	1-0	2-0	7-10
vs Conf	6-2	5-3-1	3-5	5-3	4-4	7-2	3-5	3-4-1	36-28-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	3-2	3-2	1-3	4-0	2-2	3-2	18-17
Off SU Win	5-4	5-4-1	4-6	5-5	4-6	10-2	3-5	3-5-1	39-37-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	3-0	11-4

Mack Brown

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Holiday - #5	-9'	Washington St - #15	20-28
04	Rose - #6	-7'	Michigan - #13	38-37
05	Rose - #2	+7	USC - #1	41-38
06	Alamo - #18	-8'	Iowa	26-24
07	Holiday - #17	-2'	Arizona St - #12	52-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Texas' All-Time Bowl Record 24-21-2

TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	37.2	24	208	5.0	255	63.5	12.4	+1	2007	6	25.3	21	93	2.9	278	60.7	14.7
6	35.9	22	163	4.4	229	65.8	10.9	+9	2006	7	18.3	16	61	2.3	236	58.3	16.2
7*	50.2	25	275	5.9	237	64.9	10.2	+7	2005	9	16.4	17	131	3.7	172	51.1	18.5
7*	35.3	24	299	5.8	165	57.8	13.2	+5	2004	7	17.9	16	107	3.2	213	55.2	17.9
8	41.0	23	233	5.1	207	56.4	10.7	+2	2003	8	21.5	18	153	3.7	177	47.2	15.3
7*	33.8	20	136	3.4	250	59.4	11.4	+17	2002	5	16.3	18	143	3.9	165	48.0	18.9

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jamaal Charles	258	1665	46	1619	18	6.3
Colt McCoy	114	678	186	492	4	4.3
Vondrell McGee	75	325	28	297	8	4.0
John Chiles	36	201	10	191	2	5.3
Chris Ogbonnaya	26	71	5	66	2	2.5
Antwan Cobb	8	34	0	34	0	4.2
Jordan Shipley	4	20	0	20	0	5.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Colt McCoy	424	276	65.1	3303	22	18
John Chiles	9	1	11.1	17	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Nate Jones	70	795	11.4	5	34	
Quan Cosby	60	680	11.3	5	55	
Jermichael Finley	45	575	12.8	2	58	
Jordan Shipley	27	417	15.4	5	60	
Limas Sweed	19	306	16.1	3	52	
Chris Ogbonnaya	21	204	9.7	0	35	
Jamaal Charles	17	199	11.7	0	62	
Billy Pittman	11	77	7.0	0	15	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Justin Moore	34	1395	41.0	7	34.7(t)	0	12
Trevor Gerland	15	566	37.7	1	-	0	1
Colt McCoy	3	80	26.7	0	-	0	3
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ryan Bailey	58-59	8-8	2-4	7-9	1-1	18-22	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marcus Griffin	99	0	1	5	4
Ryan Palmer	80	0	6	14	0
Brandon Foster	71	0	3	12	5
Scott Derry	68	0	4	1	1
Roddrick Muckelroy	67	2.5	3.5	0	1
Erick Jackson	67	0	2	3	0
Lamarr Houston	66	4.5	7.5	4	0
Robert Killebrew	57	1	1	0	0
Jared Norton	53	2	2	0	1
Frank Okam	52	5	6	5	0
Derek Lokey	50	1	8	3	0
Roy Miller	40	1	7	1	0
Brian Orakpo	37	5.5	3.5	2	0
Deon Beasley	37	0	3	9	3
Sergio Kindle	32	0.5	3.5	1	0
Eddie Jones	28	1.5	0.5	2	1
Ishie Oduegwu	28	0	0	1	0
Aaron Lewis	26	2	6	0	0
Drew Kelson	25	1	1	0	0
Curtis Brown	14	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Quan Cosby	19	178	9.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Quan Cosby	42	1017	24.2	1	

TX 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,440	Arkansas St	23	38-117	3.1	22-33	223	1	26	34-125	3.7	24-37	272	4	-1
84,621	TCU	19	36-176	4.9	25-38	239	0	15	32-43	1.3	23-37	208	3	+2
45,622	at UCF	25	43-229	5.3	32-47	259	2	17	41-192	4.7	9-26	134	1	0
84,571	Rice	25	40-227	5.7	20-31	333	1	17	30-(-11)	-0.4	23-38	279	5	+1
84,864	Kansas St	18	32-113	3.5	20-43	217	2	19	35-95	2.7	22-38	177	1	-4
80,000	† Oklahoma	16	29-61	2.1	19-26	324	4	20	41-170	4.1	21-32	244	1	-2
52,060	at Iowa St	28	39-216	5.5	23-31	298	1	14	29-93	3.2	19-37	135	1	+3
41,335	at Baylor	27	46-177	3.8	25-36	293	3	19	18-8	0.4	32-56	284	2	+1
85,968	Nebraska	25	48-364	7.6	12-29	181	1	20	38-132	3.5	25-38	315	2	0
41,406	at Oklahoma St	27	42-307	7.3	20-28	282	3	29	45-164	3.6	30-42	430	1	-2
86,401	Texas Tech	33	62-283	4.6	21-30	268	1	26	7-10	1.4	36-48	466	1	0
88,253	at Texas A&M	18	30-128	4.3	17-32	229	4	27	48-171	3.6	25-38	362	3	-1
64,020	† Arizona St	27	54-300	5.6	21-32	174	2	23	27-22	0.8	25-50	305	4	+4
TOTALS		311	539-2698	5.0	277-436	3320	25	272	425-1214	2.9	314-517	3611	29	+1
AVERAGES		23.9	41-208	5.0	21-34	255	1.9	20.9	33-93	2.9	24-40	278	2.2	+0.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

2003 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
#5	New Mexico St	-29	66-7
#6	Arkansas	-13'	28-38
#13	† Rice	-30'	48-7
#14	Tulane	-29'	63-18
#13	Kansas St - #16	-6'	24-20
#11	† Oklahoma - #1	+6	13-65
#20	at Iowa St	-17	40-19
#19	at Baylor	-32'	56-0
#16	Nebraska - #12	-5'	31-7
#11	at Oklahoma St - #21	-3'	55-16
#6	Texas Tech	-18'	43-40
#6	at Texas A&M	-20	46-15

2004 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #7 Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
#7	North Texas	-26	65-0
#7	at Arkansas	-12	22-20
#5	Rice	-32'	35-13
#5	Baylor	-38'	44-14
#5	† Oklahoma - #2	+7	0-12
#9	Missouri	-13'	28-20
#8	at Texas Tech	+1	51-21
#8	at Colorado	-14	31-7
#6	Oklahoma St - #19	-12'	56-35
#6	at Kansas	-22	27-23
#6	Texas A&M - #22	-10'	26-13

2005 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #2 Opponent	Line	Post #1 Score
#2	Louisiana-Lft	-40'	60-3
#2	at Ohio St - #4	+1'	25-22
#2	Rice	-40'	51-10
#2	at Missouri	-14'	51-20
#2	† Oklahoma	-14	45-12
#2	Colorado - #24	-17	42-17
#2	Texas Tech - #10	-17	52-17
#2	at Oklahoma St	-37'	47-28
#2	at Baylor	-29	62-0
#2	Kansas	-32'	66-14
#2	at Texas A&M	-28	40-29
#2	† Colorado	-26'	70-3

2006 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #13 Score
#3	North Texas	-41	56-7
#2	Ohio St - #1	-2	7-24
#8	† Rice	-33	52-7
#7	Iowa St	-24'	37-14
#7	Sam Houston St	NL	56-3
#7	† Oklahoma - #14	-3'	28-10
#6	Baylor	-27	63-31
#5	at Nebraska - #17	-5	22-20
#5	at Texas Tech	-10	35-31
#4	Oklahoma St	-17'	36-10
#4	at Kansas St	-16	42-45
#11	Texas A&M	-13'	7-12

2007 RESULTS

TX Rank	Pre #4 Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
#4	Arkansas St	-39	21-13
#7	TCU - #19	-9	34-13
#6	at UCF	-17	35-32
#7	Rice	-38	58-14
#7	Kansas St	-14'	21-41
#19	† Oklahoma - #10	+12	21-28
#23	at Iowa St	-16'	56-3
#19	at Baylor	-26	31-10
#17	Nebraska	-20'	28-25
#14	at Oklahoma St	-3	38-35
#15	Texas Tech	-6'	59-43
#13	at Texas A&M	-7	30-38

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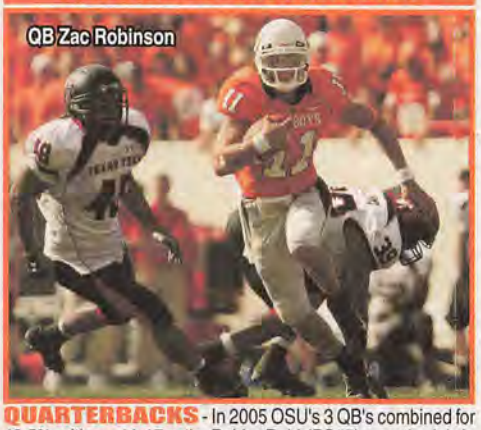
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008


QB Zac Robinson

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 OSU's 3 QB's combined for 49.5% with an 11-17 ratio. Bobby Reid (PS#5) won the job in '06. He had a school record 457 all-purp yards vs Kansas (beat Gundy's 434 in '89) and was #3 in NCAA in pass eff after 8 games. For the season Reid threw for 2,266 (55%) with a 24-11 ratio. Reid was the clear cut starter heading into last year but struggled vs Georgia and then was inj'd early vs FAU and Zac Robinson took over. Robinson struggled in his first start vs Troy hitting just 18-37 for 191 but he improved as he got more experience. They used the zone-read option plays more often (15-20 times per game) with Robinson at QB and he set a school record for single season total offense with 3,671. Robinson threw for 2,824 (60%) with a 23-9 ratio and also had 847 net rush (6.1). Reid, who was maligned in a midseason newspaper article, played in 7. This year Reid transferred and battling for the backup spot are Alex Cate (6'1" 195 So, PS#17) and Brandon Weeden (6'4" 220 rFr) who spent 5 years as a minor league baseball pitcher. He was a 2nd round pick of the Yankees and has a powerful arm. Adding depth is Zac Dickey (6'1" 190 rFr). Robinson should be even stronger in his 2nd year as a starter.

RUNNING BACKS - OSU has had some great RB's like Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas and Terry Miller. Tatum Bell (#2DC DEN) topped 1,000 in each of his last 2 years and Vernand Morency (#3DC HOU) rushed for 1,474 (5.7) in '04. In '05 rFr Mike Hamilton (PS#62) led with 961 (5.0). In '06 Hamilton had 546 (5.6) and they added speedy Dantrell Savage (PS#11JC, 4.3 spd) and true frosh Keith Toston (PS#77). Savage was injured early but in 5 starts rushed for a team high 820 (6.5) and Toston had 2 starts (631, 6.0). Hamilton opted to transfer in '07 but they added true frosh Kendall Hunter (PS#116). Hunter and Savage, who are both small but speedy, are very similar. Once again Savage missed some time early on but he finished with a flourish (10 straight 100 yard gms) to total 1,272 (5.7). Toston has had some fumble problems and had just 38 carries (5.0) and was lost for the year (inj) vs Baylor. Hunter had 125 vs Troy and finished as the #2 RB with 696 (6.5). This year they must replace Savage as well as Julius Crosslin (59, 2.1), John Johnson (1 yd), Chris Offor (103, 6.1) and FB's Zach Carter (2 st) and Jeremiah Burton (1 st). Toston is still recovering from an ACL and may RS so Hunter will battle Beau Johnson (PS#7JC) and true frosh Kye Staley (PS#14DB). Johnson was in for the spring and rushed for 2,688 at JC. While I like the Johnson-Hunter combo, it will be tough to match Savage's production and versatility.

RECEIVERS - Rashaun Woods set the school's career receiving mark in 2003 (#1DC SF). His brother, D'Juan Woods, became the feature WR in 2005 and led with 879 (15.7) while the #2 had just 238 (14.9). Woods ret'd in 2006 but they got the outstanding addition of N Carolina transfer Adarius Bowman (6'4", PS#16). Bowman set a school record with 300 yds rec vs Kan and had 1,181 (19.7). Woods' numbers dropped to 647 (15.8) while TE Brandon Pettigrew had 310 (12.9). Last year they had to replace Woods and expected Artrell Woods (10.5 in 100M) to make an impact. Unfortunately Woods was lost in a freak July weightroom accident. TE Pettigrew had 7 rec vs UGA and an amazing 54 yd TD vs TT which delivered the win and for the year, finished with 540 (15.4). Bowman was inj'd vs Kan and missed the last 2 (ret bowl) but still led with 1,006 (15.0). True frosh Dez Bryant (PS#5) emerged and had 622 (14.5) including 9 rec (13.0) in the bowl. This year they lose Bowman as well as Tommy Devereaux (2 st, 7 rec), Seth Newton (6 st, 10 rec) and Scott Broughton (1 st, 0 rec) plus TE's Justin Waller (5 st, 1 rec) and Paschal Smith (9 gm). Bryant figures to be the school's next star WR but I'll call this unit down a few notches with the loss of a polished receiver like Bowman.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cowboys had to replace two starting OL in 2006 including the first OL DC in twenty years (#6DC). Two frosh earned starts and they gelled as the season progressed. After a poor 3.9 ypc in '05, they improved to 5.2 ypc while allowing just 18 sacks (5.6%) but did benefit from 2 mobile QB's (817 gross). Last year they had to replace 2 starters. Returning starting C David Washington was lost after 3 starts (inj) so it was like having just 2 starters returning. OSU still improved to 243 ypg rush (5.3) and was tied for #3 in the NCAA in sacks allowed (11, 2.8%). This year they lose 2nd Tm Big XII LG David Koenig (13 st, 2Y st'r) and backup Jerry Palmoore (2 gms). Not only are 9 of their top 10 back but Washington also returns. They have 89 career starts returning (tied #18 NCAA) and this looks like one of the Big XII's best O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - OSU had 7 of their top 8 back in 2006 and went from allowing 4.9 ypc to 4.0 and were #8 in the NCAA in tfl's. Last year they had to replace all 4 starters from the front wall but did welcome back DE's Marque Fountain and Nathan Peterson (20 comb career st). As expected, the numbers slipped to 4.2 ypc rush allowed and the sacks dropped from 37 to 22. This year the losses are big again in Fountain (11 st, 42 tkl, 3 sk), 2nd Tm Big XII DE Peterson (13 st, 48 tkl, 6 sk, 9 tfl) and DT Maurice Cummings (11 st, 36 tkl, 8.5 tfl). They do add in a couple of JUCO's including PS#23 DT Swanson Miller who was in for spring. There are 7 VHT's in the 3 deep and OSU should at least match last year's DL in terms of production.

LINEBACKERS - The Cowboys had to replace all 3 starting LB's in 2006 but the unit contained a decent amount of experience. Last year the entire 2 deep returned. Chris Collins (6 st '06) was lost after 4 starts and Rodrick Johnson (11 st '06) lost his spot (1 st). Ex QB/WR/DB Donovan Woods led the team in tackles and was Def MVP of the bowl. This year they must replace Woods (12 st, 82 tkl, HM Big XII), Jeremy Nethon (6 st, 45 tkl, 2 tfl), Collins (31 tkl), Johnson (30 tkl) and Marcus Brown (5 tkl). SS Andre Sexton moved to LB for the bowl and fills one spot and they return #2 tackler Patrick Lavine. Not listed below is Kenny Alexander (6'1" 225 rFr, PS#99). While they lose more starters than last year, this group looks just as experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU was inexperienced at DB in 2005 and at one point had 3 true frosh and a converted QB on the field and finished #98 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they had to replace two starters but only moved up to #80. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back and 9 DB's that had Div IA starting experience. CB Jacob Lacey became the first OSU player to have 3 int in a game since Tony Banfield (1959). Astonishingly the more experienced unit dropped to #92. This year they lose CB Martel Van Zant (5 st, 29 tkl), CB Calvin Mickens (11 tkl), SS Clint Coe (7 tkl) and SS Sexton moves to LB. I'll call for the Cowboys to have their best finish in my pass D rankings in over four years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cowboys' impressive streak of top 40 finishes in my ST rankings surprisingly came to a halt in 2005. One of my favorite ST coordinators (also excellent recruiter) is Joe DeForest whose units finished #3, #18, #11 in his first 3 years and #19 in '06. Lsat year started poorly when a bad snap on a punt vs UGA saw P Fodge tackled at the 14. Fodge's net punting was 34.6 (tm). Fodge was still solid on KO and he and Dan Bailey combined for 18 TB on 81 KO. Perrish Cox (PS#12) avg 11.1 on PR and 21.5 on KR. Their main problem area was in FG's. Jason Ricks hit 10 of 12 (long 53) in '06 but last year Ricks and Dan Bailey (PS#60) combined to hit just 1 of 8 FG of 30+. Overall the Cowboys slipped to #70. This year everyone is back except for Ricks and OSU should make a solid climb.

COACHES - Mike Gundy was a star QB here and later was the QB coach and OC in the early '90's. He returned here in '01 as the asst HC and OC and took over as HC in '05. Gundy, at 38, was the youngest HC in the NCAA in '05 but he had paid his due with 15 years as a full-time asst. We did learn two crucial factors about Gundy last year. One is that he is a coach that stands up for his players and two, he is a mature forty year old man as that clip at a press conference was played hundreds of times on ESPN. Last year's OC Larry Fedora left for the HC job at S Miss. OSU's offense was perfectly balanced with 243 ypg rush and 243 ypg pass in '07. Trooper Taylor, who was Tenn's WR coach and a solid recruiter, is the co-OC this year with Gunter Brewer. Gundy called the plays in the bowl and may call them this season. Last year's new DC was Tim Beckman who was Ohio St's CB coach the previous two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

OSU had 51 returning lettermen in '03 including their big 3 offensive players in QB Fields, RB Bell and WR Woods. They were ranked #24 in the preseason poll (not ranked S/'85) and opened the season 7-1 before finishing a solid 9-4. In '04 they had to replace the big 3 but RB Morency rushed for 1,474 and the Cowboys recorded their 3rd straight winning year after having just 1 in the previous 12. They blew a 35-14 lead vs Texas and despite a 5-0 start, finished just 7-5 benefitting from +16 turnovers. In 2005, despite a weak non-conf schedule, I mentioned the possibility of a losing season. They opened up 3-0 but were hardly impressive vs three weak foes. Colorado dealt them their first shutout loss in 14 years (34-0). The Cowboys lost 7 of their last 8 to finish 4-7. In 2006 they had 9 starters back on offense. They finished 7-6 despite 4 close losses which were decided on the final play. Last year the Cowboys had 8 offensive starters back including their top QB, RB and WR from the 4th most productive offense in school history so expectations were raised much like in 2003. Their 15 returning starters tied for tops in the Big XII but they did have 5 road games vs teams that went to bowls in 2006. They opened the year being dominated by UGA and two games later were dominated by Troy. They rebounded to beat TTech when TT AA WR Crabtree dropped a TD pass on the last play although the 718 yards they allowed were the most in school history. Two weeks later, A&M matched its largest comeback ever trailing 17-0 at the half in a 24-23 Aggies win. OSU dealt Neb its worst home loss since 1958, 45-14 and then got a 26 yd FG with :02 left to beat #25 K-St. Once again they led #14 Texas big, this time 35-14 in the 4Q, but yielded another comeback. They lost to #5 Kansas and #10 Oklahoma in 2 of the final 3 reg season games but rolled over Indiana in the bowl 49-33 to match 2006's record. It was the first time they recorded B2B bowl wins since 1987 when Gundy was the QB with RB Thomas and WR Dykes. They finished in a 3 way tie for 3rd in the Big XII South, their best finish since 2003. This year the streak of 9 straight years with one of the Woods brothers on hand will end as Donovan moves on. The Cowboys have 13 returning starters and the defense looked much stronger this spring dominating the offense in almost every scrimmage, a big change from 2007. The Cowboys however lose 28 of 62 lettermen (45%), one of the 10 highest % lost. They do play in the same div (Big XII South) as 3 of my Top 10 teams but should make it to a 3rd straight bowl and I'll call for them to top '07's 7 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 11 ZAC ROBINSON JR. 6-3 205 PS#43WR. 345 pass (49%), 3-0, 165 rush rFr. 11 st LY, 2824 (60%) 23-9, 903 rush. **3** Alex Cate (6'1" 195 So) **PS#17. 4** Brandon Weeden (6'4" 220 rFr).

RB 2 Beau Johnson Jr. 5-10 210 **PS#7JC**. 1756 rush JC LY. **24 Kendall Hunter** (5'8" 190 So) PS#116. 696 (6.5) true. **5 Keith Toston** (6'1" 210 Jr) 4 st, 821 (5.7) 2Y. Kye Staley PS#14DB.

WR 9 Jeremy Broadway Jr. 6-0 195 PS#45. 2 rec as true. RS '06. 8 st LY, 125 (9.6). **25** Josh Cooper (5'11" 190 rFr) PS#74. William Cole (6'0" 180 So) **PS#25**. 6 gm, 10 yd ttl true.

WR 1 DEZ BRYANT SO. 6-2 210 **PS#5**. 3 st true, 622 (14.5), 9 rec 2 TD in bowl. **85** Damian Davis (6'5" 180 So) PS#206DB. 2 rec true. **26** Todd Nelson (6'2" 200 Sr) 1 tkl '06.

WR 80 DeMarcus Conner Jr. 6-1 200 PS#80. 1 tkl, 6 gm ST's true. **83 Artrell Woods** (6'1" 200 So) PS#96DB. 10.5 in 100M. 2 rec '06. Inj LY. **84** Hubert Anyiam (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#105.

TE 87 BRANDON PETTIGREW SR. 6-6 260 PS#61. 9 st, 11 rec rFr. 13 st '06, 310 yd. 13 st LY, **1st Tm Big XII**, 540 yds (15.4). **86** Wilson Youman (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#42. Jamal Mosley PS#35.

C 53 David Washington Sr. 6-3 305 PS#137. 11 st C rFr. 13 st C '06. 3 st C LY until brk leg. **74** Grant Garner (6'3" 280 So) PS#241. **LS 55** Zach Allen (6'1" 260 Sr) 37 gm 3Y.

RG 65 STEVE DENNING SR. 6-5 295 2nd string rFr, 12 gm. 10 st RG LY. **77** Noah Franklin (6'5" 310 Jr) PS#316. 1 gm rFr. 3 gm LY. **52** Andrew Lawrence (6'4" 295 Jr) PS#301. 2nd string 2Y.

LG 54 ANDREW LEWIS JR. 6-5 290 PS#180. 26 snap as rFr. 13 st LY, (10C, 3LG). **78** Michael Booker (6'3" 310 So) PS#176. 2 gm rFr. **70** Jonathan Rush (6'5" 300 rFr) PS#187.

RT 60 BRADY BOND JR. 6-6 290 PS#162DL. First 5 st LT rFr, 13 st RT LY. **77** Andrew Mitchell (6'5" 305 Jr) PS#93JC. Mission '05-'06. OL JC LY. Nick Martinez (6'4" 310 rFr) PS#191.

LT 76 RUSSELL OKUNG JR. 6-5 300 PS#138. L/8 st RT as true. 13 st LT LY, **HM BXII. 71** Trent Perkins (6'5" 300 So) PS#180. 3 gm rFr. **57** Jacob Secrest (6'5" 295 So) PS#115. 1 gm rFr.

K 19 DAN BAILEY SO. 6-0 205 Hit 2-4 FG's long 28, 20-20 xp as rFr. Quinn Sharp PS#11. Hit 11-13 FG's, long 55. 75% TB in HS LY. **45** Patrick Kollars (6'0" 200 Jr).

DE 98 Derek Burton Jr. 6-5 265 **PS#38**. 11 tkl, 2 tfl as true. 2 st in '07, 26 tkl, 3.5 sk. **Richetti Jones** (6'4" 240 rFr) **PS#9**. Jamie Blatnick (6'3" 255 rFr) PS#182. Jeremy Gray PS#129.

NG 92 Tonga Tea Sr. 6-0 300 **PS#59JC**. 3 st LY, 13 tkl, 1 tfl. **84** Quencey Patrick (6'3" 275 So) PS#175. 1 st rFr, 8 tkl. **78** Ahmad Jones (6'3" 300 rFr) PS#67. Chris Donaldson PS#213JC.

DT 96 JERAY CHATHAM SR. 6-3 280 **PS#67OL**. OL true. 4 tkl '05-'06. 10 st LY, 20 tkl, 6 tfl. **90 Swanson Miller PS#23JC**. Jonathan Lewis (6'2" 285 Jr) **PS#38**. 5 tkl 2Y. Ian Drake (6'3" 290 Sr).

DE 91 Ugo Chinasa So. 6-6 250 **PS#31**. ACL true, 13 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **97** Jeremiah Price (6'2" 260 Jr) PS#111JC. 15 sk JC L2Y. **46** Shane Jarka (6'4" 270 So) PS#171LB. 4 tkl. Nigel Nicholas PS#50TE.

MLB MA Donald Booker Jr. 6-0 225 **PS#50JC**. 161 tkl at JC LY. **41** Orie Lemon (6'1" 240 Jr) **PS#28QB** 6 tkl 2Y. **42** Justin Gent (6'2" 235 So) **PS#42**, 9 tkl rFr. **59** Doug Woodford (6'0" 215 So).

WLB 4 PATRICK LAVINE JR. 6-3 225 PS#82DB. L/9 st true, 70 tkl, 9 tfl. 12 st LY, 81 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **53** Seb Clements (6'1" 225 Sr) 4 tkl 2Y. **58** Marcus Richardson (6'0" 220 rFr) PS#404.

STAR 20 ANDRE SEXTON JR. 6-1 210 PS#94. **BXII Def Fr POY**, 13 st SS rFr, 79 tkl, 8.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 69 tkl, 2 int, 3 tfl. **24** Deron Fontenot (5'10" 200 rFr) PS#98. Jared Glover (6'4" 235 rFr) **PS#46LB.**

CB 17 JACOB LACEY SR. 5-11 175 1 st true, 14 tkl. 13 st '06, 48 tkl, 5 pbu. 13 st LY, 63 tkl, 5 int, 9 pbu. **HM BXII. Maurice Gray PS#21JC.** Al'Darius Thompson (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#273.

CB 16 PERRISH COX JR. 6-1 190 **PS#12**. 4 st, 24 tkl, 5 pbu, 903 ret yds. 8 st LY, 42 tkl, 8 pbu, 853 ret yds. **23** Terrance Anderson (6'0" 180 Jr) 1 st, 26 tkl LY. James Thomas (6'0" 180 rFr) PS#56.

SS 6 RICKY PRICE SR. 6-1 195 PS#126. 8 st true WR, 16 rec (14.9). 2 st WR '06, 4 rec (23.0). 13 st FS LY, 78 tkl, 2 tfl. **11** TJ Bell (6'0" 195 Sr) 5 tkl 2Y. Adrian Moore (6'0" 200 rFr).

FS 27 Lucien Antoine Jr. 6-1 205 **PS#37JC. 26 Quinton Moore** (5'11" 185 Sr) 4.4 spd. 2 st, 34 tkl '05-'06. 5 st LY, (3NB, 2SS), 58 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 2 pbu. **5** Markelle Martin PS#56.

P 18 MATT FODGE SR. 6-1 195 PS#35. 65 punts true, 39.9 avg. 50 punts '06, 44.9 avg, net 34.3, **2nd Tm Big XII**. 51 punt LY, 42.4 avg, team net 34.6. **89** Grayson Buster (6'0" 180 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Beau Johnson 5-11 210 PS#7JC
DB	Maurice Gray 5-9 180 PS#21JC
DL	Swanson Miller 6-4 300 PS#23JC
DB	Lucien Antoine 6-1 205 PS#37JC
RB	Kye Staley 6-0 215 PS#14DB
LB	Donald Booker 6-0 225 PS#50JC
OL	Andrew Mitchell 6-5 300 PS#93JC
DL	Jeremiah Price 6-2 245 PS#111JC
DB	Victor Johnson 6-1 175 PS#51
DB	Markelle Martin 6-1 180 PS#56
WR	Adrian Richards 6-4 190 PS#67
LB	Alfred DuPree 6-2 215 PS#97DL
OL	Patrick Hoog 6-4 295 PS#107
DL	Chris Donaldson 6-1 285 PS#213JC
TE	Jamal Mosley 6-4 230 PS#35
DL	Jeremy Gray 6-6 250 PS#129
WR	Justin Blackmon 6-2 190 PS#106
TE	Cooper Bassett 6-5 235 PS#40
TE	Justin Horton 6-4 220 PS#45
DL	Nigel Nicholas 6-3 260 PS#50TE
WR	Isaiah Anderson 6-0 175 PS#145
K	Quinn Sharp 6-1 185 PS#11
DB	Brodrick Brown 5-8 165 PS#192
RB	Travis Miller 5-11 185 PS#179
DB	Johnny Thomas 6-1 175 PS#289
OL	DeJuan Davis 6-4 295 PS#373
OL	Lane Taylor 6-2 300 PS#434

OKLAHOMA ST COWBOYS

Stillwater, Oklahoma
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#42

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	† Wash St *(Seattle)*	A					
Sep. 6	Houston	A					
Sep. 13	Missouri St	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Troy	A					
Oct. 4	Texas A&M	A					
Oct. 11	at Missouri	A					
Oct. 18	Baylor (HC)	A					
Oct. 25	at Texas	G					
Nov. 1	Iowa St	A					
Nov. 8	at Texas Tech	A					
Nov. 15	at Colorado	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	Oklahoma	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Gundy 7,997 '86-'89	1. Thurman Thomas 4,595 '84-'87	1. Rashaun Woods 4,414 '00-'03
2. Josh Fields 6,090 '00-'03	2. Terry Miller 4,581 '74-'77	2. Hart Lee Dykes 3,171 '85-'88
3. Toné Jones 4,812 '93-'96	3. David Thompson 4,314 '93-'96	3. D'Juan Woods 2,751 '02-'06

Oklahoma St is 6-9 vs the Pac-10 (0-2 vs WSU) & last ply'd the Cougars in 1952. The Cowboys are 5-14 in reg season games away from home losing by 18 ppg.

Cowboys have won 12 straight home openers (last loss was in '95 vs Nebraska). Oklahoma St has won 12 straight non-conf home games by an avg of 33 ppg.

Cowboys are 5-0 vs the Bears outgaining them by 149 ypg w/the avg W by 30 ppg. MSU is a member of the Gateway Conf & TY will play an 8-gm conf sked for the 1st time.

Bonus: The Cowboys are 4-11 the last 15 games after a bye allowing 30 ppg.

In 2006 Troy changed to a spread off similar to what OSU started running 3 yrs ago. QB Robinson made his starting debut LY at Troy having a tough day (18-37-49%-191-1-2).

Since the Big XII began in 1996, OSU is 4-8 in their conference opener. Two botched extra pts proved costly for OSU last gm hosting A&M, losing by 1 in OT.

Last meeting in Columbia in '04 OSU came back from 17 pts down (biggest comeback S/'79). Oklahoma St is 15-34 in Big XII road games & 3-9 under Gundy.

Mike Gundy spent the '96 season as the BU QB coach & passing gm coordinator. These 2 have avg'd 72 ppg the L8Y (lowest total 59 pts). OSU has won 11 of 12 vs BU.

OSU is 2-20 all-time vs Texas (1-11 in Big XII) & their last win was in '97 (42-16). Last yr Robinson set a OSU record w/430 pass yds, but UT won on a 40 yd FG.

The home team in this series is 11-5-2 S/'84. OSU has dropped 3 of L/4 vs ISU. OSU had 5 more FD's & the yds were close, but 5 TO's cost them their L/gm vs ISU ('05).

LY Savage, Hunter & Robinson all eclipsed 100 rush yds (1st time in OSU history, single gm). OSU & TT's potent offenses have avg 67 ppg S/'99. The HT has won 6 straight.

Oklahoma St is just 2-11 S/'89 vs Colorado with the avg score CU 30-18. In their L/meeting in '05, OSU was shutout (last time), went 2 of 17 on 3rd D & had just 208 yds.

The 49 pts that OSU allowed LY to OU (52 pts in '03) was the 2nd most S/'81. Gundy was 0-4 vs OU as OSU's starting QB from '86-'89 (0-7 combined as QB/HC).

MIKE GUNDY (Career 18–19)

4th Year at Oklahoma St — Gundy's Bowl Record: 2-0

Gundy's records AT OKLAHOMA ST

18-19	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
11-7	Home	3-8	Vs Top 25
5-12	Away	2-1	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	3-3	Off A Bye
8-16	Vs Conference	10-8	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (15,16,3)
Lost: 28 (17,9,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 40,024 (#58)

BIG XII – SOUTH DIVISION

STADIUM: BOONE PICKENS STADIUM (60,000) (#45)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2000 (Bob Simmons)	2001 (Les Miles)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (Mike Gundy)	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	8-5	9-4	7-5	4-7	7-6	7-6	49-48
Home	2-4	2-4	6-1	6-1	4-2	3-3	4-2	4-2	31-19
Away	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	2-4	15-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-2
vs Conf	1-7	2-6	5-3	5-3	4-4	1-7	3-5	4-4	25-39
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	3-2	4-1	3-1	3-0	4-1	3-2	24-9
ATS	3-7	4-6	7-4-1	6-6	7-5	3-7	7-4-1	6-5-1	43-44-3
Home Fav	1-0	0-2	2-0	3-1	3-2	0-1	2-1	1-1	12-8
Home Dog	2-2	1-2	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	1-0-1	1-1-1	12-9-2
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	8-4
Away Dog	0-4	2-2	1-3	0-2	2-2	0-4	2-2	2-2	9-21
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	2-2-1
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	6-2	3-5	5-3	2-6	4-3-1	4-3-1	30-32-2
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	1-2-1	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-1	2-2	13-12-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	4-2-1	4-4	4-3	1-3	3-3	1-3-1	19-21-2
Off SU Loss	2-5	2-4	3-1	2-1	2-2	2-4	4-1-1	5-1	22-19-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dantrell Savage	223	1320	48	1272	9	5.7
Zac Robinson	140	903	56	847	9	6.1
Kendall Hunter	107	708	12	696	4	6.5
Keith Toston	38	203	13	190	1	5.0
Chris Offor	17	109	6	103	0	6.1
Julius Crosslin	28	59	0	59	7	2.1
Bobby Reid	19	56	41	15	0	0.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zac Robinson	333	201	60.4	2824	23	9
Bobby Reid	49	26	53.1	275	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Adarius Bowman	67	1006	15.0	8	77
Dez Bryant	43	622	14.5	6	39
Brandon Pettigrew	35	540	15.4	4	54
Dantrell Savage	27	259	9.6	2	40
Seth Newton	10	195	19.5	2	44
Kendall Hunter	10	137	13.7	1	47
Jeremy Broadway	13	125	9.6	1	33
Tommy Devereaux	7	107	15.3	2	39
Keith Toston	8	92	11.5	0	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Fodge	51	2164	42.4	13	34.6(t)	0	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Ricks	38-39	7-8	1-3	0-2	0-1	8-14	32
Dan Bailey	20-20	2-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	2-4	28

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Donovan Woods	82	2	4	3	1
Patrick Lavine	81	0	4.5	6	0
Ricky Price	78	1	1	4	0
Andre Sexton	69	1	2	1	2
Jacob Lacey	63	1	2	9	5
Quinton Moore	58	0	1.5	2	1
Nathan Peterson	48	6	9	1	0
Jeremy Nethon	45	1	1	1	0
Perrish Cox	42	0	0	8	2
Marque Fountain	42	3	2.5	1	0
Maurice Cummings	36	1.5	7	0	0
Chris Collins	31	0	1	2	0
Rodrick Johnson	30	0	2.5	0	1
Martel Van Zant	29	0	1	0	0
Terrance Anderson	26	0	0	0	0
Derek Burton	26	3.5	1	0	0
Jeray Chatham	20	1.5	4.5	0	0
Tonga Tea	13	0	1	0	0
Ugo Chinasa	13	0	2	1	0
Zach Carter	13	0	0	0	0
Calvin Mickens	11	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Perrish Cox	17	188	11.1	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Perrish Cox	31	665	21.5	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Houston	-10	S Mississippi	33-23
03	Cotton - #21	+2'	Mississippi - #16	28-31
04	Alamo	-3'	Ohio St - #24	7-33
06	Independence	-2'	Alabama	34-31
07	Insight	-5	Indiana	49-33

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Oklahoma St's All-Time Bowl Record 12-6

OKLAHOMA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	34.6	24	243	5.3	243	59.3	14.0	-3	2007	7	29.5	23	157	4.2	286	64.3	15.0
9*	35.2	21	208	5.2	202	54.2	11.6	+5	2006	5	25.6	20	147	4.0	217	60.8	14.2
5*	20.2	18	154	3.9	171	49.4	16.1	-15	2005	6	31.3	19	204	4.9	214	61.8	13.4
6	32.3	19	237	4.8	144	51.7	11.8	+16	2004	8	25.1	20	174	4.6	222	59.6	15.8
8*	35.9	22	218	5.4	197	54.6	11.5	-4	2003	6	25.1	22	160	3.9	241	56.5	16.0
7*	34.3	21	148	4.4	263	53.5	12.0	-2	2002	8	27.4	22	147	3.5	252	54.8	14.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE SKS YDS	OFFENSE VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE SKS YDS	DEFENSE BY	DEFENSE TURN
92,746	at Georgia	16	34-70	2.1	17-31	196	5	18	47-142	3.0	18-24	234	2	-1
38,176	Florida Atlantic	18	39-233	6.0	16-25	255	0	12	34-28	0.8	19-32	175	1	0
24,102	at Troy	20	38-241	6.3	18-37	191	1	29	48-174	3.6	34-49	388	1	-3
37,850	Texas Tech	29	61-366	6.0	17-33	244	0	33	21-72	3.4	46-67	646	2	+1
41,139	Sam Houston St	28	48-297	6.2	20-30	287	0	19	29-85	2.9	22-50	270	2	-2
86,217	at Texas A&M	23	41-200	4.9	17-27	259	1	19	43-150	3.5	12-21	218	0	-1
84,334	at Nebraska	26	51-317	6.2	12-20	234	0	17	50-206	4.1	10-18	129	2	+3
41,725	Kansas St	28	59-329	5.6	11-26	181	0	30	23-125	5.4	36-51	404	1	+2
41,406	Texas	29	45-164	3.6	30-42	430	1	27	42-307	7.3	20-27	282	3	+2
39,848	Kansas	18	37-195	5.3	22-37	276	2	24	36-177	4.9	28-41	352	1	-4
28,159	at Baylor	29	51-343	6.7	16-21	202	0	19	28-83	3.0	29-40	226	5	+2
85,238	at Oklahoma	17	39-195	5.0	9-23	104	1	27	56-307	5.5	13-17	180	1	0
48,892	† Indiana	29	49-211	4.3	24-34	302	0	21	33-179	5.4	23-44	220	1	-2
TOTALS		310	592-3161	5.3	229-386	3161	11	295	490-2035	4.2	310-482	3724	22	-3
AVERAGES		23.8	46-243	5.3	18-30	243	0.8	22.7	38-157	4.2	24-37	286	1.7	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre #24	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#24	at	Nebraska	+7'	7-17
–		Wyoming	-21	48-24
–		Missouri St	NL	42-3
–	at	SMU	-24	52-6
–		Louisiana-Lft	-35	56-3
–		Kansas St - #22	+2'	38-34
#23		Texas Tech	-3	51-49
#18	at	Texas A&M	-6	38-10
#14	at	Oklahoma - #1	+15'	9-52
#21		Texas - #11	+3'	16-55
#24		Kansas	-20	44-21
#23	at	Baylor	-27	38-21

2004 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at	UCLA	+1	31-20
–		Tulsa	-21'	38-21
–		SMU	-34'	59-7
#25		Iowa St	-17	36-7
#22	at	Colorado	-6'	42-14
#16		Texas A&M - #23	-7	20-36
#22	at	Missouri	+3	20-17
#21		Oklahoma - #2	+13	35-38
#19	at	Texas - #6	+12'	35-56
#25		Baylor	-25'	49-21
#23	at	Texas Tech	+4'	15-31

2005 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Montana St	NL	15-10
–	at	Florida Atlantic	-13'	23-3
–		Arkansas St	-24'	20-10
–		Colorado	+3	0-34
–		Missouri	+4	31-38
–	at	Texas A&M	+20	23-62
–	at	Iowa St	+14	10-37
–		Texas - #2	+37'	28-47
–		Texas Tech - #13	+23	24-17
–	at	Baylor	+3	34-44
–	at	Oklahoma	+18'	14-42

2006 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Missouri St	NL	52-10
–	at	Arkansas St	-13	35-7
–		Florida Atlantic	-30	48-8
–	at	Houston	+1	25-34
–	at	Kansas St	-3	27-31
–	at	Kansas	+2'	42-32
–		Texas A&M - #23	-3	33-34 OT
–		Nebraska - #20	+5'	41-29
–	at	Texas - #4	+17'	10-36
–		Baylor	-16'	66-24
–	at	Texas Tech	+6'	24-30
–		Oklahoma - #13	+6	21-27

2007 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre-	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at	Georgia - #13	+6'	14-35
–		Florida Atlantic	-23'	42-6
–	at	Troy	-10'	23-41
–		Texas Tech	+6	49-45
–		Sam Houston St	NL	39-3
–	at	Texas A&M	+6'	23-24
–	at	Nebraska	+4	45-14
–		Kansas St - #25	-2'	41-39
–		Texas - #14	+3	35-38
–		Kansas - #5	+6	28-43
–	at	Baylor	-14	45-14
–	at	Oklahoma - #10	+13'	17-49

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Reggie McNeal became Texas A&M's career leading passer despite having an off year as a senior in '05 completing 53.2% with a 16-9 ratio. Stephen McGee was forced to start vs Texas in '05 due to a McNeal injury. While McGee hit just 9 of 23 for 83, he became the first Aggie QB to top 100 yards rushing against Texas since Bucky Richardson (1990) and almost engineered an upset. McGee had an excellent soph season throwing for 2,295 (62%) with a 12-2 ratio (831 rush). Last year Jerrod Johnson (PS#27WR) took over as the backup. Johnson, who also played on the basketball team in '06, has a cannon for an arm. McGee played all of 2007 with a shoulder injury (offseason surgery) and put up weaker numbers throwing for 2,311 (58.0%) with a 12-8 ratio. He did set an Aggie QB rushing record with 899 (5.0) net yds (1042 gross). Johnson played in just 5 hitting only 2 of 7 but had 111 net yards rushing. Both QB's return and with a more pro-style offense, McGee will have to battle to hang on to his job. Added to the mix this year are rFr Ryan Tannehill (6'4" 204, PS#83), Jeff Wood (6'4" 213 Jr) and true frosh Tommy Dorman (PS#19) who was in for the spring and is a Sherman recruit. I look for increased passing numbers and decreased rushing numbers out of this year's QB's.

QB Stephen McGee

RUNNING BACKS - The Aggies had just one 1,000 yard rusher between 1998-2005. True frosh Jorvorskie Lane (285 lbs, PS#14) emerged in '05 with 595 (5.0) giving them a Thunder-and-Lightning combo with the team's leading rusher, Courtney Lewis. Lewis was plagued by injuries in '06 (8 gm) which allowed true frosh Mike Goodson (PS#4) to emerge. Goodson, who has blazing speed, rushed for 847 with an outstanding 6.7 ypc and Lane added 725 (4.4). Goodson and Lane returned last year but surprisingly their production dipped. Lane had 3 games where he had less than 10 carries (team lost all 3) and he finished with 780 (4.6). Goodson rushed for 711 (4.6) and rFr Cornell Tarrant (PS#142) had 94 (7.8). Keondra Smith (PS#77) added 87 (3.5). Not listed in the PSL are Jodie Richardson (6'0" 238 Jr, PS#82LB), Nick LaMantia (6'1" 232 Sr), Colton Haverda (5'11" 189 rFr) and FB Ryan O'Bryant (5'11" 229 Jr). Also added to the mix this year are rFr Bradley Stephens (PS#12) and true frosh Cyrus Gray (PS#13). Sherman moved the perpetually out of shape Lane to FB in the spring which would mean that they could have their 2 top offensive players on the field at the same time. This year they lose FB Chris Alexander (40 yd) but should get more production from their top-notch backfield.

RECEIVERS - The Aggies had three #2 WR DC's between '01 and '05 but surprisingly the school has never produced a 1,000 yard receiver in a season with Robert Ferguson's 885 yards in 2000 being the school record. Last year they had to replace their top WR but their top TE Martellus Bennett was back and he led with 587 (12.0). The leading returning WR was Kerry Franks (265, 26.5 in '06) and he started 13 and had 488 (18.1). Earvin Taylor was the #2 WR with 266 (10.2). This year they lose Franks, Taylor (12 st), Bennett (#2DC DAL), TE Joey Thomas (5 st, 11 rec) and TE Michael Corey (3 rec). Last year the WR's had only 38.3% of the rec's (82 of 214). Not listed in the PSL are Drew Williamson (6'2" 200 Sr), Lorenzo Calloway (5'10" 168 Sr), Cody Beyer (6'1" 177 Jr) and Nick Trice (6'2" 204 rFr). With the new pro-style offense, you can expect more production from the WR's but this group is less experienced and true frosh Jeffrey Fuller (PS#14) could be the star.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Aggies only had to replace one starter but then 3 returning starters lost their jobs. It was surprising that the group opened holes for 5.7 ypc (16 sk allowed) but QB McNeal's mobility helped. In 2006 they had 4 full-time starters returning and the unit contained 8 VHT's. QB McGee's mobility again aided the numbers as they avg'd 5.0 ypc rush while allowing just 19 sacks (5.8%). Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 1 backup and the frontwall featured 4 senior starters. Surprisingly the stats only improved slightly to 212 ypg rush (4.8, lower than '06) with 16 sacks (4.3%). Naturally the losses are heavy this year. Gone are co-Big XII OL of the Year C Cody Wallace (13 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC SF), 2nd Tm Big XII OG Kirk Elder (13 st, 4Y st'r, 1st Tm BXII '06), OG Chris Yoder (8 st, HM BXII), HM Big XII OT Corey Clark (13 st, 3Y st'r, #7DC SD) and OT Yemi Babalola (6 st). They have 2 players returning that started five or more but their 12 starts returning from last year are the 4th fewest in the NCAA as are their 21 career starts. Naturally this unit is a major question mark for 2008.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aggies had a veteran front in 2006 but allowed 4.3 ypc rush and only had 20 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but their top 4 DT's averaged 317 lbs. They allowed 161 ypg rush (4.3) and recorded just 18 sacks. This year the losses are heavy again. Gone are 2nd Tm Big XII DE Chris Harrington (12 st, 58 tkl, 7 tfl, #6DC ARZ), HM BXII DT Red Bryant (12 st, 46 tkl, 6 tfl, #4DC SEA) and NT Henry Smith (12 st, 34 tkl, 5 tfl). Four return with starting experience (on DL) so this unit is not as inexperienced as the O-line and including this year's true frosh there are 8 VHT's in the group.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Aggies had one starter returning but it was their #1 tackler in Justin Warren and he led again that year. Last year they had to replace Warren and one other starter. The top returnee was Misi Tupe (54 tkl '06). This year they lose their top 2 tacklers in 2nd Tm BXII MLB Tupe (97 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and SLB Mark Dodge (12 st, 117 tkl, 5.5 tfl). They ran a 4-2-5 D last year but last year's WHIP (which I usually include in this write up), Jordan Pugh, was moved to CB. This year's LB's have just 2 combined career starts and not listed in the PSL is Gary Randall (6'0" 222 So). It may take a year or two before we see a return to the quality of play you'd expect from the Wrecking Crew defense.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 with just one starter back the Aggies were shredded for an NCAA worst 305 ypg passing and finished #104 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 a much more veteran secondary moved up to #32. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back. They did lose CB Danny Gorrer after 7 starts (ACL) and their other starting CB Jordan Peterson only got in 2 starts due to injury. Since they were down to one returning starter for most of the year, it's not surprising the Aggies dropped to #84. This year they lose CB Marquis Carpenter (11 st, 39 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu) and SS Stephen Hodge (2 st, 33 tkl). With Peterson and Gorrer both back and the move of WHIP Pugh to CB they now have 6 players with 8 or more career starts. Not listed in the PSL are Marcus Gold (5'7" 184 Jr), Chevar Bryson (5'11" 182 Jr, 16 tkl LY), Charles Roy (5'10" 180 So), Tyler Kociuba (5'11" 182 Jr), Lionel Smith (6'0" 174 rFr), Justin McQueen (6'0" 183 rFr) and Matthew Almaraz (5'10" 200 Sr). I expect the Aggies to line up in a 3-3-5 often as that is where their experience lies on the defense.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Aggies are famous for their "12th Man" ST unit (4 top 10 finishes). In Franchione's first 3 years they surprisingly finished just #73, #99 and #89. Despite having an injury plagued team in 2006 they moved up to #27. A&M has a history of storied K's but has not hit a 50 yard FG since 2000. Matt Szymanski hit just 15 of 25 including just 2 of 8 from 40+. Szymanski did have 24 TB on 66 KO. P Justin Brantly (PS#3) avg 44.2 (tm net 39.2, #5 NCAA). Kerry Franks avg 27.7 in '06 and 25.8 last year on KR's. This year they do lose Franks but should get more consistency out of the strong legged Szymanski and could improve upon last year's #31 finish especially with Sherman putting an emphasis on the unit.

COACHES - Dennis Franchione said they were 2 pts away from the Big XII Championship in 2006 (two 1 pt losses) but he never lived up to Aggies' fans expectations as one of the NCAA's highest paid coaches. His best season in 5 years was just 9-4 and highest finish in the Big XII South was 3rd. He had two losing seasons and the man he replaced (RC Slocum) had zero as he finished his career as A&M's winningest all-time coach (123-47-2). The new HC is Mike Sherman who was an OL coach here from 1989-'93 and 1995-'96 under Slocum. He was the HC of the Packers (57-39 with 4 trips to the playoffs) from 2000-'05 and the OC for the last two years of the Houston Texans. His OC is Nolan Cromwell who was the WR coach with the Seahawks from 1999-2007. Cromwell was the ST's coach of the Packers from 1992-'97 and the WR coach at GB in '98. The DC is Joe Kines who was the DC at Bama from 2003-2006 and previously the DC at Arkansas, Clemson, Florida, Fla St and Georgia.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A&M took a streak of 20 consecutive non-losing years into Dennis Franchione's first season in 2003. Franchione inherited just 11 returning starters (fewest BXII) and the team had to learn new schemes. I pegged them to finish 5th in the Big XII South but A&M struggled even more than expected. The D allowed 38.8 ppg, more than double what a normal Wrecking Crew defense allowed. The team suffered its first 8-loss season since 1972. In 2004 I pointed out the Aggies were -11 in turnovers in 2003 and called A&M the NCAA's most improved team. The Aggies at one point stood 6-1 but faded down the stretch finishing just 7-5 (3rd BXII South) vs the 4th toughest schedule in the country. The 5th loss was a disappointing Cotton Bowl performance. The defense was a major problem for the Aggies again in '05. Clemson hit a FG with :02 left knocking off #17 A&M in the opener but they still managed a 5-2 start before the bottom fell out. In 2006 I made the same observation I did in 2004 which was that the defensive unit had far too much athletic talent to fare as poorly as they did in '05 and called for them to be much improved. The D went from allowing 31.2 ppg to 20.5 (best in 5 years) and they trimmed the ypg by 121! In my 2006 magazine I mentioned that they should be 4-0 when they hosted TT and that if they won that game they would have a shot at being 9-0. A late int was overturned by replay and they lost to TT on a TD with :26 left. After an 8-1 start, A&M suffered a pair of 1 point losses to the two teams (OK, Neb) that played in the Big XII Title game, they then knocked off Texas (first win S/'99) to get to the Holiday Bowl where they were thrashed by Cal. A&M had 5 close wins in '06 and could have easily been 4-9. They also had 3 close losses and could have been 12-1. A&M was +9 in turnovers. Last year they had a killer schedule with road games vs Miami (FL), TT, Neb, Okla, Missouri and a huge home game vs Texas. The Aggies had 15 returning starters and opened up 3-0 but were throttled at Miami on Thurs night (trailed 31-0 in 4Q). After a win over Baylor, they trailed Okla St 17-0 at half before matching the school's largest ever comeback and the win put them at 5-1. After a loss at TT, they thrashed Neb 36-14 but in the ultimate must-win game for Franchione, they lost at home vs #12 Kansas. After losing to #5 OU and #7 Missouri on the road they upset #13 Texas at home, a game they led 38-17. They gave a good effort in the bowl vs Penn St under interim HC Darnell but came up short. My ?'s for this year's team are their inexperience along both lines, the fact that they have just 10 returning starters (fewest BXII) that and now must learn new schemes on both sides of the ball. Despite those factors, 4 of their 5 road games fall into the winnable category. If they adapt quickly to Sherman's schemes and play well in College Station, they could top 2007's seven wins.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 STEPHEN McGEE SR. 6-3 207 **PS#7**. 27 st, 3Y, 4889 (59%), 26-11 ratio, 2173 rush. **1 Jerrod Johnson** (6'5" 229 So) PS#27WR. Best arm. 112 rush, 50 pass rFr. **Tommy Dorman PS#19.**

TB 3 MIKE GOODSON JR. 6-0 196 **PS#4**. 7 st, 2Y, 1558 (5.6), 53 rec. **28** Bradley Stephens (5'10" 204 rFr) **PS#12**. Cyrus Gray **PS#13**. Cornell Tarrant (5'10" 190 So) PS#142.

FB 11 JORVORSKIE LANE SR. 6-0 285 **PS#14**. 25 st, 3Y, 2100 (4.6), 22 rec. **2nd Tm BXII '06. 26** Keondra Smith (5'9" 201 Jr) PS#77. 1 st, 182 ttl yd 2Y. Latrael Cooper (6'0" 244 So) PS#41.

WR 8 Jeffrey Fuller Fr. 6-4 209 **PS#14. In spg. 21** Roger Holland (5'10" 169 So) PS#69. 4 rec true. Terrence McCoy (6'4" 198 So) PS#317. Chris Caflisch (6'3" 195 So) PS#148QB.

WR 6 PIERRE BROWN SR. 6-2 197 PS#90. 14 st 3Y, 419 (10.7). **5** Howard Morrow (6'0" 206 Jr) **PS#13**. 4 st, 176 (13.5) '05-'06. RS '07. EJ Shankle (5'11" 174 Jr) PS#66. 5 rec.

TE 4 Jamie McCoy Jr. 6-3 224 PS#233QB. Ben Bass (6'5" 258 rFr) PS#77DL. Frank Avery (6'4" 207 rFr) PS#31. Harold Turnage (6'4" 246 rFr) PS#59. Michael Ebbitt (6'2" 238 rFr) PS#61LB.

C 63 Kevin Matthews Jr. 6-4 297 PS#237. 4 gm rFr. 5 gm '07. **55** Danny Baker (6'5" 296 rFr) PS#134DL. **LS** Cory Davis (6'1" 255 Sr). 26 gm, 2Y. Corey Gibas (5'11" 214 Jr). 13 gm '07.

SG 61 Vincent Williams Jr. 6-4 314 **PS#19DL.** 1 tkl rFr. 470 bench. 3 gm OL '07. Jeffrey Hyde PS#106. **56** Matt Rankin (6'3" 293 So). **58** Ryan Whitmer (6'5" 246 So).

QG 74 Lee Grimes Jr. 6-6 339 **PS#29**. 1 gm rFr. 6 gm '07. **65** Evan Eike (6'4" 303 rFr) **PS#85. 73** Price Ferguson (6'2" 284 So). **59** Brandon Lewis (6'0" 254 rFr).

ST 75 TRAVIS SCHNEIDER SR. 6-8 290 PS#239. 3 gm rFr. 9 st '06. 7 st QT, 11 gm '07. **79** Robbie Frost (6'6" 300 Jr) **PS#38**. 4 gm rFr. 7 gm '07. **69** Craig Raschke (6'5" 266 So).

QT 76 Michael Shumard Jr. 6-5 301 **PS#14**. 4 gm rFr. 36" VL. 5 st SG '07, 13 gm. Leroy Chevalier **PS#76**. Eric Pennington (6'4" 306 So) PS#412. Josh Russell (6'4" 325 Jr).

K 7 MATT SZYMANSKI JR. 6-1 193 PS#76. 2 of 5 FG as true. 15 of 25 FG in '07, long 45, 2 of 7 40-49, **24 TB on 66 kickoffs! 27** Richie Bean (5'11" 172 Sr) **PS#20**. 1-2 xp '07.

DE 49 CYRIL OBIOZOR SR. 6-4 264 PS#72. 13 tkl rFr. 3 st '06, 37 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st '07, 39 tkl, 9.5 tfl. **97** Cody Williams (6'4" 262 So) **PS#28LB**. Matt Moss (6'3" 253 Jr) **PS#49JC**. In for spg.

DT 91 Kellen Heard Jr. 6-6 345 PS#26OL. 12 gm, 13 tkl, 2.5 sk rFr. 1 st, 13 gm '07, 37 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **84** Chris Smith (6'4" 269 Sr) **PS#21**. 12 tkl, 28 gm, 3 yr. **98** Thomas Jones (6'1" 286 Sr).

DT 78 Lucas Patterson So. 6-4 297 **PS#62OL**. 440 bench. 1 st, 13 gm rFr, 24 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Rod Davis PS#42. **99** David Tufuga (6'0" 292 Jr). 3 tkl, 5 gm LY. **78** Burl Jordan (6'0" 270 Jr).

DE 11 Michael Bennett Sr. 6-4 261 4 st rFr, 27 tkl, 3.5 sk. 27 tkl, 6 tfl '06. 1 st, 43 tkl, 6 tfl '07. **86** Amos Gbunblee (6'5" 250 Sr) PS#34TE. Paul Freeney (6'4" 227 Jr) **PS#25**. 6 tkl.

SLB 32 Garrick Williams rFr. 6-2 217 PS#185WR. Move to DB as true. **10** Billy Chavis (6'4" 233 So) **PS#43**. 4 tkl true. **53** Derek Dumas (6'0" 221 Jr). **48** Michael Weeks (6'1" 211 So).

MLB 46 Matt Featherston Jr. 6-2 235 PS#315. 1 st, 26 tkl rFr. 1 st '07, 33 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **36** Anthony Lewis (6'2" 254 Jr) **PS#15**. 22 tkl '07. Michael Hodges (6'0" 214 So) PS#201.

WLB 40 Von Miller So. 6-3 214 **PS#27DL**. 22 tkl, 2 sk true. **34** Derrick Stephens (6'2" 219 rFr) **PS#10.** Dustin Riewe (6'0" 229 Sr). Johnathan Haynes (6'2" 204 Sr). Colby Renfro (5'11" 210 Sr).

CB 18 ARKEITH BROWN SR. 6-0 174 PS#64. 2 st '05-'06, 34 tkl, 5 pbu. 6 st '07, 51 tkl, 8 pbu. **4 Danny Gorrer** (6'0" 173 Sr) PS#123. **24 st** 3 yr, 112 tkl, 11 pbu. **7 st LY til inj.**

CB 25 JORDAN PUGH JR. 5-11 191 PS#26. 13 st WHIP '07, 90 tkl, 6 pbu. **1** Johnathan Batson (6'1" 195 Sr) PS#80JC. 1 st, 12 tkl '06. RS '07. **41** DeMaurier Thompson (6'1" 185 So) PS#77LB.

SS 26 DEVIN GREGG SR. 6-0 190 **PS#57. 29 st** 3Y, 169 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **9 Alton Dixon** (5'11" 197 Sr) **PS#39.** 11 st '07. 109 tkl, 5 tfl, 3 yr. **39** Charles Young (6'1" 230 rFr) PS#151LB.

FS 15 KENNY BROWN SO. 6-3 207 PS#46WR. 12 tkl rFr. **27 Jordan Peterson** (5'10" 184 Jr) PS#114. 11 st CB '06. 2 st LY until inj. 48 tkl, 12 pbu, 3 int 2Y. **31** Will Harris (6'1" 216 Jr), 5 tkl '07.

P 16 JUSTIN BRANTLY SR. 6-3 241 **PS#3**. 46 punts true, 43.2 avg, net 32.7. 50 punts '06, 44.3, net 37.0! 56 punts '07, 44.2 avg, **net of 39.2! 2nd Tm Big XII '06 & '07.**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Jeffrey Fuller 6-4 209 PS#14
DL	Matt Moss 6-3 253 PS#49JC
RB	Cyrus Gray 5-10 188 PS#13
QB	Tommy Dorman 6-2 210 PS#19
DL	Rod Davis 6-1 305 PS#42
DB	Derrick Hall 5-10 192 PS#33
DL	Tony Jerod 6-5 256 PS#43
RB	Kyle Mangan 6-2 222 PS#42LB
OL	Brian Thomas 6-3 270 PS#64
OL	Leroy Chevalier 6-5 336 PS#76
DB	Keon Furtch 6-2 190 PS#50
DL	Eddie Brown 6-0 265 PS#83
LB	Andrew Wolridge 6-1 228 PS#85DL
DL	Adren Dorsey 6-2 297 PS#88
OL	Jeffrey Hyde 6-5 290 PS#106
TE	Blake Chavis 6-5 209 PS#32
OL	Joe Villavisencio 6-4 322 PS#123
TE	Josh Ayers 6-4 265 PS#147OL
DB	Trent Hunter 5-10 185 PS#182
LB	Aaron Buckley 6-2 220 PS#144
OL	Chris Lathrop 6-4 264 PS#254
TE	KJ Williams 6-3 233 PS#90
LB	Ricky Cavanaugh 6-2 215 PS#342DL
DB	Terrence Frederick 5-10 170 PS#416

TEXAS A&M AGGIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#53

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score A&M	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	Arkansas St	G						Aggies are 18-1 vs current SBC tms w/the avg score 42-10 (3-0 vs ASU winning by 18 ppg). A&M has gone 10-0 in non-conf home gms the L4Y winning by an avg of 30 ppg.
Sep. 6	at New Mexico	G						Schools only meeting was in 1926 (A&M won 63-0). The Aggies are 29-3 since 1973 vs current MWC tms. Their last loss was to #20 Utah in '04 (41-21) in Utah.
Sep. 13								
Sep. 20	Miami, Fl	G						LY A&M was dominated as they gained 132 (55%) of their 240 yds after trailing 31-0. Including bowl gms, A&M is 3-14 vs non-conf BCS tms since the start of the Big XII.
Sep. 27	Army	G						The Aggies needed a last second GL stand to best Army in the Alamodome in '06. A&M's offense avg'd 471 ypg in '90 (school record) w/new HC Sherman on staff.
Oct. 4	at Oklahoma St	A						A&M is just 8-14 in their L/22 Big XII road games despite a 4-0 record in 2006. The Aggies are 10-2 vs the Cowboys in conference play, with an avg score of 28-20.
Oct. 11	Kansas St	G						A&M is 8-2 vs Kansas St since 1929, including 5 straight wins in Big XII meetings. The Aggies are 14-3 S/'91 in their conference home opener (9-3 in the Big XII).
Oct. 18	Texas Tech	G						From '81-'01 these 2 schools avg'd 39 ppg (21 gms) but the L6Y have avg'd 69 ppg. The HT in this series is 11-3 with the avg win by 12 ppg but A&M is just 1-6 the L/7.
Oct. 25	at Iowa St	G						The Aggies are 7-1 all-time vs ISU including losing their last meeting at home 42-14 in '05. A&M is 3-0 in Ames with the avg score of 29-10 but they have been outgained in 2 of the 3 gms.
Nov. 1	Colorado	G						A&M is 2-5 vs CU (1st gm in '95) as the HT has won 3 straight by an avg of 11 ppg. Aggies are just 6-20 in November S/'00 with 8 straight losing years in the month.
Nov. 8	Oklahoma	G						Home team is 16-4 in this series since 1946 (played every yr since 1993). The Aggies are 2-6 their last 8 years in home finales (avg loss by 11 ppg).
Nov. 15	at Baylor	A						Aggies rushed for 352 yds (5.4) & had a 43:18-16:42 TOP edge in LY's game. A&M has won 16 of L/17 & has posted ssn highs in yds the L2Y vs BU (507 in '06 & 552 LY).
Nov. 22								
Nov. 27	at Texas (Thur)	G						115th meeting as they have played every yr S/'15. The Aggies have won 2 straight following a UT 6 gm streak. The 38 pts LY were the 2nd most A&M has scored in the history of this series (42 pts in 1985).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Reggie McNeal 6,992 '02-'05
2. Corey Pullig 6,846 '92-'95
3. Kevin Murray 6,506 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren Lewis 5,012 '87-'90
2. Curtis Dickey 3,703 '76-'79
3. Greg Hill 3,262 '91-'93

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terrence Murphy 2,600 '01-'04
2. Bethel Johnson 1,740 '99-'02
3. Jamaar Taylor 1,705 '01-'03

MIKE SHERMAN (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Texas A&M — Sherman's Bowl Record: 0-0

Sherman's records AT TEXAS A&M

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (17,24,4)
Lost: 23 (13,9,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 82,207 (#14)

BIG XII - SOUTH DIVISION

RB Jorvorskie Lane

STADIUM: KYLE FIELD (82,600) (#13)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	8-4	6-6	4-8	7-5	5-6	9-4	7-6	53-44
Home	4-2	5-1	3-4	4-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	6-1	35-17
Away	3-2	2-3	3-2	0-5	2-3	1-4	4-0	1-4	16-23
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	4-4	31-33
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-0	3-1	2-2	2-2	2-1	4-1	3-2	22-11
ATS	6-6	4-6-1	4-8	2-10	7-5	4-6	8-3-1	5-7	40-51-2
Home Fav	3-1	2-2	1-4	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-1	2-2	17-15
Home Dog	2-0	0-0-1	1-1	0-3	1-0	1-0	2-0-1	1-1	8-5-2
Away Fav	1-2	0-1	2-3	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-0	0-0	6-9
Away Dog	0-2	1-3	0-0	0-5	1-2	1-2	2-0	2-3	7-17
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-5
vs Conf	4-4	2-5-1	3-5	2-6	5-3	3-5	6-1-1	4-4	29-33-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	0-4	2-2	1-1	2-2	1-3	11-18
Off SU Win	5-2	2-5	1-5	0-4	4-3	0-4	6-2	1-6	19-31
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-1-1	3-2	2-5	3-1	4-1	2-0-1	4-1	21-14-2

RC Slocum: Dennis Franchione: Gary Darnell (local): Dennis Franchione/Gary Darnell (local)

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Stephen McGee	181	1042	143	899	5	5.0
Jorvorskie Lane	169	790	10	780	16	4.6
Mike Goodson	153	790	79	711	4	4.6
Jerrod Johnson	13	112	1	111	3	8.5
Cornell Tarrant	12	105	11	94	0	7.8
Keondra Smith	25	99	12	87	1	3.5
Chris Alexander	13	40	0	40	1	3.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Stephen McGee	364	211	58.0	2311	12	8
Jerrod Johnson	7	2	28.6	50	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Martellus Bennett	49	587	12.0	4	42
Kerry Franks	27	488	18.1	1	60
Mike Goodson	36	361	10.0	4	58
Earvin Taylor	26	266	10.2	2	66
Pierre Brown	19	217	11.4	0	24
Jorvorskie Lane	12	115	9.6	1	22
Chris Alexander	10	99	9.9	0	23
Joey Thomas	11	98	8.9	0	15
Roger Holland	4	52	13.0	1	32
Keondra Smith	10	33	3.3	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Justin Brantly	56	2475	44.2	5	39.2(t)	0	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Szymanski	39-40	7-7	6-10	2-7	0-1	15-25	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Mark Dodge	117	1	4.5	5	0
Misi Tupe	97	2	2.5	2	1
Jordan Pugh	90	0	1	6	0
Alton Dixon	77	2	3	3	0
Devin Gregg	74	0	0.5	3	1
Chris Harrington	58	2	5	1	0
Arkeith Brown	51	0	2.5	6	0
Red Bryant	46	1	5	2	0
Michael Bennett	43	1	5	4	0
Marquis Carpenter	39	0	1	5	4
Cyril Obiozor	39	3.5	6	0	0
Kellen Heard	37	1	3.5	3	0
Henry Smith	34	1	4	2	0
Matt Featherston	33	0	1.5	0	0
Stephen Hodge	33	0	0	0	1
Danny Gorrer	30	0	0	1	0
Lucas Patterson	24	1.5	1	0	0
Von Miller	22	2	2	0	0
Anthony Lewis	22	0	1.5	1	0
Jordan Peterson	18	0	0	4	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jordan Peterson	14	108	7.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kerry Franks	25	644	25.8	0
Pierre Brown	16	344	21.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Independence	-1'	Mississippi St (OT)	41-43
01	galleryfurniture.com	-5	TCU	28-9
04	Cotton - #22	-4'	Tennessee - #15	7-38
06	Holiday - #21	+3	California - #20	10-45
07	Alamo	+5	Penn St	17-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Texas A&M's All-Time Bowl Record 13-17

TEXAS A&M'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	27.9	21	212	4.8	185	56.9	14.2	+7	2007	6	25.9	22	161	4.3	255	61.6	16.0
7	27.8	20	207	5.0	191	61.2	14.3	+9	2006	7	20.5	17	132	4.3	191	55.2	15.7
9*	32.0	22	235	5.7	207	51.7	13.8	+6	2005	8	31.2	23	139	3.6	305	60.6	14.2
8*	28.4	20	167	4.6	261	59.0	15.1	+9	2004	8	24.3	23	143	3.6	244	59.0	15.9
6*	25.3	19	177	4.4	213	53.9	15.4	-11	2003	5	38.8	24	225	4.8	206	61.7	11.1
9*	28.8	19	118	3.4	268	51.5	13.4	+2	2002	7	23.3	18	131	3.4	208	57.1	14.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

A&M 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
79,438	Montana St	16	35-261	7.5	11-23	129	1	23	37-99	2.7	26-48	304	2	+1
75,922	Fresno St	24	63-318	5.0	13-24	79	1	23	48-139	2.9	21-31	260	1	+2
77,309	ULM	30	42-310	7.4	19-35	237	0	23	44-215	4.9	15-27	133	0	+1
44,622	at Miami, Fl	12	33-98	3.0	12-22	142	3	18	40-127	3.2	21-26	275	2	0
82,970	Baylor	31	65-352	5.4	16-29	200	0	7	16-60	3.8	12-36	194	0	+2
86,217	Oklahoma St	19	43-150	3.5	12-21	218	0	23	41-200	4.9	17-27	259	1	+1
55,491	at Texas Tech	20	43-233	5.4	17-30	133	0	25	29-108	3.7	30-37	425	1	0
84,473	at Nebraska	28	66-359	5.4	13-22	100	2	24	26-130	5.0	26-44	275	2	+3
85,341	Kansas	16	27-74	2.7	24-45	244	1	24	46-227	4.9	21-33	180	4	-1
85,044	at Oklahoma	18	34-128	3.8	15-28	155	2	26	43-186	4.3	21-30	284	0	-2
64,945	at Missouri	17	39-133	3.4	18-28	247	2	32	49-203	4.1	27-35	352	1	0
88,253	Texas	27	48-171	3.6	25-38	362	3	18	30-128	4.3	17-32	229	4	+1
66,166	† Penn St	17	38-164	4.3	19-31	164	1	23	41-270	6.6	15-31	143	0	-1
TOTALS		275	576-2751	4.8	214-376	2410	16	289	490-2092	4.3	269-437	3313	18	+7
AVERAGES		21.2	44-212	4.8	16-29	185	1.2	22.2	38-161	4.3	21-34	255	1.4	0.5

2003 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	Arkansas St	-29	26-11	
-	Utah	-9'	28-26	
-	at Virginia Tech - #8	+13'	19-35	
-	Pittsburgh - #17	+1	26-37	
-	at Texas Tech	+5	28-59	
-	Baylor	-20	73-10	
-	at Nebraska - #19	+10	12-48	
-	Oklahoma St - #18	+6	10-38	
-	Kansas	-11'	45-33	
-	at Oklahoma - #1	+30'	0-77	
-	at Missouri	+13'	22-45	
-	Texas - #6	+20	15-46	

2004 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	at Utah - #20	+8'	21-41	
-	Wyoming	-11	31-0	
-	Clemson	E	27-6	
-	Kansas St	-4	42-30	
-	at Iowa St	-7	34-3	
#23	at Oklahoma St - #16	+7	36-20	
#17	Colorado	-19'	29-26 OT	
#16	at Baylor	-25	34-35 OT	
#22	Oklahoma - #2	+12'	35-42	
#22	Texas Tech	-2'	32-25 OT	
#22	at Texas - #6	+10'	13-26	

2005 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Pre #17 Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
#17	at Clemson	-1'	24-25	
-	SMU	-28	66-8	
-	Texas St	NL	44-31	
-	Baylor	-23	16-13 OT	
-	at Colorado	+3	20-41	
-	Oklahoma St	-20	62-23	
-	at Kansas St	-6	30-28	
-	Iowa St	-11'	14-42	
-	at Texas Tech - #16	+15	17-56	
-	at Oklahoma	+13'	30-36	
-	Texas - #2	+28	29-40	

2006 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
-	The Citadel	NL	35-3	
-	Louisiana-Lft	-21'	51-7	
-	† Army	-28	28-24	
-	Louisiana Tech	-23'	45-14	
-	Texas Tech	-2'	27-31	
-	at Kansas	-1	21-18	
-	Missouri - #19	+1'	25-19	
#23	at Oklahoma St	+3	34-33 OT	
#22	at Baylor	-5	31-21	
#21	Oklahoma - #18	+2'	16-17	
#24	Nebraska	+1	27-28	
-	at Texas - #11	+13'	12-7	

2007 RESULTS

A&M Rank	Pre #25 Opponent	Line	Score	Post-
#25	Montana St	NL	38-7	
#23	Fresno St	-17'	47-45 3OT	
#25	ULM	-23	54-14	
#20	at Miami, Fl	+1'	17-34	
-	Baylor	-16'	34-10	
-	Oklahoma St	-6'	24-23	
-	at Texas Tech	+10	7-35	
-	at Nebraska	+1'	36-14	
-	Kansas - #12	+3	11-19	
-	at Oklahoma - #5	+21	14-42	
-	at Missouri - #7	+19'	26-40	
-	Texas - #13	+7	38-30	

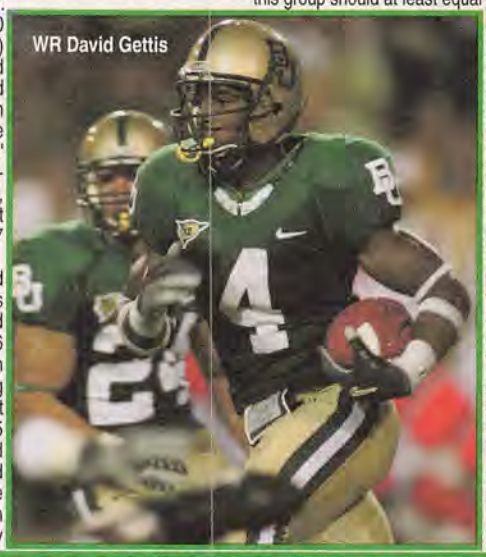
BAYLOR BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Baylor brought in a new OC in Lee Hays who shifted to Texas Tech's style of offense. Shawn Bell won the starting job and threw for 2,582 (62.9%) with a 19-10 ratio. Blake Szymanski (PS#163) started 3 when Bell was injured and threw for just 689 (52.9%) with a 4-7 ratio. Out of spring LY, Michael Machen (PS#59JC) who ran the spread at Kent St in '05 was the favorite. He was battling John David Weed (PS#40JC), Szymanski and walk-on Ryan Roberts (6'0" 214 Sr) as well as So Tyler Beatty (6'3" 202, PS#168). The race narrowed to just 2 and it was surprisingly Szymanski and Beatty. Szymanski was named the starter on opening day. He threw 3 int in the opener but 2 were due to wrong routes. He set a school record with 412 vs Rice then nearly broke his record throwing for 411 vs Texas St. He later set school records for att (60) and comp (36) throwing for 410 vs Colo. Szymanski suffered a mild concussion vs Kansas and the surprise was that Roberts was the first QB off the bench with Beatty seeing action late. Neither Machen nor Weed had played QB up to that point and shockingly vs Texas it was Machen that got the start. He hit 25 of 44 for 231 but had 3 int and Weed also played. Machen started again vs K-St but hit just 5 of 14 for 92 and Szymanski came off the bench to hit 15 of 21 for 213. Szymanski held onto the job for the rest of the year and threw for 2,844 (57.3%) with a 22-18 ratio. This year they lose Machen but add in Miami, Fl transfer Kirby Freeman (PS#14) and true frosh Robert Griffin (PS#34). Remember, in Briles' first year at Houston, he went with true frosh QB Kevin Kolb and was rewarded with a bowl season. The Bears should improve significantly on their 55.1% and 23-27 ratio of 2007.

RUNNING BACKS - The last time Baylor avg'd over 3.2 ypc as a team was 1997 (4.7) despite the fact that they have had plenty of VHT RB's. The team avg just 40 ypg rush (2.1) in '06 and had to replace their leading rusher Paul Mosley (479) last year. Brandon Whitaker was the leading returnee. Against Buffalo, Szymanski led with 91 but Jay Finley had 80 and Whitaker 57. The latter two totals were the best by a RB until Jacoby Jones had 83 in gm 10. Whitaker did lead the team in rushing (488, 4.8) and rec (58, 7.3). He finished his career with 149 vs Okla and 79 vs Okla St. Still the top 3 RB's combined for just 887. Baylor avg 78 ypg rushing (3.1). This year they lose Whitaker (10 st) and FB Keegan Vann (4 st) but move in LB Ray Sims and WR Tony Anderson. Not listed in the PSL are Larry Washington (6'0" 235 Sr) and Andre Pierce (5'10" 194 So, PS#198). Briles' least productive rushing performance at Houston (138 ypg, 3.3 '04) would mark the best performance here since 1997 so expect improved stats.

RECEIVERS - Baylor had just one of their top 4 receivers back last year. Surprisingly David Gettis (PS#37), who is 6'4" 206 and runs the 200 and 400M on the track team, has not had a big impact. As a true frosh he had just 82 yards and last year was #5 with 407 (13.1). Justin Akers had 426 (9.9) and Thomas White led with 475 (14.0). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Eddy Newton (6'2" 198 Sr, 3 rec) who will likely RS TY, Luke La Mar (6'2" 191 So), Stacy Williams (6'0" 183 rFr, PS#226), Travis McClain (6'3" 183 rFr), Tyler DeLoach (6'4" 185 So), Andrew Sowder (6'4" 234 rFr), Andrew Sumpter (6'3" 195 rFr), Bryan Swindoll (6'3" 227 rFr) and Chad Traxler (6'2" 184 So). This year they return all 12 receivers that caught a pass in '07, although Krys Buerck (280, 12.2) has moved to CB.


WR David Gettis

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and moved TE Jason Smith (7 st '05) to OT. With a new offense to learn, they only avg 40 ypg rush (2.1) and allowed 36 sacks (7.1%). Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. RG Chad Smith (12 st '06) unexpectedly quit in Aug but after LT Jason Smith (top OL) was injured in the opener (out 5 wk), he opted to return. Their OL coach was susp midseason then resigned. The unit allowed just 9 sacks in the first 8 but then gave up 12 over the last 4 but still finished this year allowing just 3.7% (#19 NCAA). They also improved the ypg rush to 78 (3.1 ypc). This year they lose Chad Smith (11 st, 2Y st'r), backup RG Ricky Hasoon (1 gm), C Mike Miller (8 gm) and RG Jeremy Michel (1 gm). Five players return with six or more starts. Even learning another a new system, I'll call for Baylor to have their best ypc rush since 1997.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Baylor had 7 of their top 8 DL's back (all w/starting exp) and they had their best ypg (162) and ypc (4.1) allowed under Morris. They had 6 of their top 8 back (7 w/st exp) in 2006 but surprisingly slipped to 191 (5.0) while recording just 11 sacks (#116 NCAA). Last year they had to replace six DL (incl 5 of their top 8) but they combined for just 20 starts. The Bears improved slightly to 182 ypg (4.4) with 21 sacks. This year they lose DE Geoff Nelson (10 st, 13 tkl, 1.5 sk) and NT Connor Redfearn (16 tkl) but have six of the top eight back. This group is also deeper and not even listed in the PSL is Raylon Walters (6'5" 232 Jr, 4 tkl). This is not an overwhelming D-line, but it is clearly stronger.

LINEBACKERS - The Bears are known for producing top-notch LB's such as Hall of Famer Mike Singletary. The last few years the Bears have run a 4-2-5 defense but switch back to a 4-3 and lose LB Nick Moore (11 st, 73 tkl, 5.5 tfl). I use to list the OSS in this position and they do lose Brandon Stiggers (8 st, 51 tkl, 7 tfl) as well as Zach Jones (12 tkl) from that spot. Not listed below is Sam Shalala (6'1" 211 Sr, PS#421). Even with just one starter back, this group should at least equal last year's production.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Morriss' first two years Baylor finished #104 and #113 in my pass D rankings allowing a ghastly 59-10 ratio. All 4 starters returned in 2005 including VHT SS Willie Andrews and they climbed to #15. In 2006 they had to replace 2 starters including Andrews but had a pair of good-sized CB's in 6'1" CJ Wilson (4.38 spd) and 6'2" Anthony Arline. Surprisingly the Bears dropped to #70. Last year they lost both CB's and dropped even further to #89. This year both CB's depart again in Alton Widemon (12 st, 39 tkl, 6 pbu) and Josh Bell (12 st, 61 tkl, 10 pbu) along with CB Ralph Rodriguez (8 tkl). They move in WR Krys Buerck (6 st, 23 rec as true) and despite the losses, could move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Baylor did have two top 10 finishes in my ST rankings under former coach Chuck Reedy but in 2002 finished #116. Morriss brought in ST coach Mark Nelson, who guided some fine units at Kentucky. In 2004 P Daniel Sepulveda (only player to win the Ray Guy Award twice, '04 & '06) had a net of 40.6 and the Bears finished #28. Sepulveda avg 46.2 (net 36.8) in '05 and the team moved up to #14. Sepulveda had a 39.0 net in 2006 keying a #32 finish. Sepulveda was Baylor's 5th unanimous 1st Tm AA (#4DC). They also had to replace their K last year. True frosh Derek Epperson (PS#35) avg 39.1 (31.0 tm net). Shea Brewster and Caleb Allen combined to hit 6 of 14 FG's (2 of 6 40+). The best returnman was KR David Gettis (22.4). With everyone back this year, I expect good-sized improvement in my ST rankings even though Briles' last 4 teams finished #115, #106, #92 and #90 at Houston.

COACHES - At least Baylor gave Guy Morriss 5 years to try to get this ship righted after their poor firing of Chuck Reedy back in 1996 which resulted in a coaching death spiral. They bring in a proven winner in Art Briles who guided Stephenville HS to 4 state titles and were 90-2-1 in his six year stretch. In 5 years at Houston he had 3 winning season (one .500) and 4 bowl trips. His co-OC's are Randy Clements and Philip Montgomery who both come over from Houston. Briles calls the plays himself. The DC is Brian Norwood who has spent the last 7 years at Penn St coaching safeties and worked with Briles' when he was TTech's DB coach in 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Baylor has been the worst team in Big XII history with an 11-85 league record. In 2002 they snapped a 29 game Big XII losing streak with 1 win and pulled upsets in both 2003 and 2004. Heading into 2005, the Bears had been outscored in league play by margins of 35.8, 32.5, 27.5, 34.2, 30.7 and 21.3. Morriss' first squad had just 12 returning starters, 76 scholarship players and was -232 ypg in BXII play. They were just 3-8 in 2004. In 2005 with 14 returning starters the Bears nearly achieved a winning record at 5-6. With a much improved defense, they snapped a streak of 24 straight road losses by beating SMU, Army and Iowa St. The ISU win was their first ever Big XII road win (0-37 prior). They opened up 3-0 for the first time since 1996 and led A&M 10-7 before a late FG forced OT where they fell by 3. Baylor was 4-1 when they hosted Nebraska but came up short. They nearly stunned Oklahoma on the road losing in 2 OT's. The Bears outplayed TT for 3Q's but a couple of questionable calls negated scores and they lost. Morriss switched QB's and out went their hopes of a winning season. In 2006 Baylor was picked last in the Big XII South in the media poll and that upset Morriss. BU opened 2-0 in the Big XII (3-3 overall) and was tied with Texas for the South lead. After beating Kansas they moved to 3-1 in league play before losing their final four with the last 3 decided by 34, 42 and 26. Their 3 Big XII wins were the most ever but they were outgained by a Big XII worst 134 ypg. Baylor only had 11 returning starters last year (2nd fewest conf) and as expected in a rebuilding year, finished last again, this time at 0-8 (league worst -181.4 yd). BU did go 3-1 in non-conf play and had their moments in Big XII play. They only trailed Texas 17-10 with 8:00 left and had 307 yards in the 1H vs Oklahoma trailing just 28-14. They are the only Big XII team that has not been to a bowl since the league started (1996). Only Vanderbilt and Duke have longer bowl droughts among BCS schools. On the positive side, Baylor had poor ypp ratings both offensively and defensively (pg 299) and were -18 in TO's. They also are a more veteran team with 15 starters back and the shift to a Briles-type of offense was started 2 years ago. While the Bears are stronger this year it will likely be a rebuilding season, especially playing in the brutal Big XII South which may feature three Top 10 teams. Also out of their division they must play Mizzou and non-conf matuchups vs WF, Wash St and Conn which means the bowl drought could continue.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 10 ROBERT GRIFFIN FR. 6-3 200 PS#34. In spg. **Kirby Freeman** (6'3" 210 Sr) **PS#14**. 7 st 3Y Miami, Fl, 1311 (47%) 12-16. **Blake Szymanski** (6'4" 205 Jr) 13 st 2Y, **3533** (56%) 26-25.

RB 25 Jacoby Jones Sr. 5-11 227 PS#101.2 st, 365 ttl yd 3Y. Jay Finley (5'11" 202 So) 1 st, 359 ttl yd LY. **28** Tony Anderson (6'2" 232 Jr) PS#88. Ray Sims (6'0" 210 Sr) PS#324JC.

WR 18 BRAD TAYLOR SO. 6-3 233 PS#192QB. 6 st, 465 (13.3) rFr. Justin Fenty (5'10" 178 Jr) PS#190. 5 st, 337 (9.1) 2Y. Romie Blaylock PS#130 '07. In spg. VJ McElroy (5'11" 175 So) PS#184RB.

WR 3 THOMAS WHITE SR. 6-2 204 18 gm, 6 st 2Y, 847 (14.1). **#1 rec '07. 5** Mikail Baker (6'0" 195 Jr) PS#120. 2 st until inj LY. 781 all-purp yds '06-'07. Kendall Wright PS#60.

WR 4 DAVID GETTIS JR. 6-4 206 **PS#37**. 21.52 200m track team. 8 st, 407 (13.1). **13** Ernest Smith (6'3" 187 Jr) PS#209. 8 st, 302 (11.2) 2Y. Jeremy Sanders PS#230JC.

TE 14 JUSTIN AKERS JR. 6-5 231 PS#46. 10 st LY, 426 (9.9). **17** John David Weed (6'5" 223 Sr) **PS#40JC**. 4.57 spd. QB 73 ttl yd LY. **87** Ben Randle (6'5" 205 So) PS#142.

C 55 JD WALTON JR. 6-3 302 PS#439. Ariz St trans. 12 st C LY. **67** Joe Korbel (6'5" 274 rFr) **LS 54** Carter Brunelle (6'2" 218 Jr). **59** Casey Cooper (6'2" 212 Jr).

RG 61 JAMES BARNARD JR. 6-4 286 PS#187JC. 12 st RG. **65** Courtney Green (6'4" 287 rFr) PS#113DL. Cameron Kaufhold (6'5" 275 Fr). **66** Hunter Hightower (6'5" 268 rFr) PS#485.

LG 63 John Jones rFr. 6-5 305 **PS#82. 75** Jordan Hearvey (6'4" 281 Jr) PS#539. DNP as rFr. 6 st RT LY, 9 gm. **78** Chris Griesenbeck (6'3" 268 Jr) 6 gm LY.

RT 71 DAN GAY SR. 6-5 288 5 tkl rFr DL. 10 st RG '06, 683 snap. 12 st LY **HM BXII. 74** Thad Boatner (6'7" 292 Jr) 8 gm rFr, 30 snap. 5 gm LY. **76** Larry Bradley (6'5" 291 rFr).

LT 72 JASON SMITH SR. 6-5 298 PS#133TE. 7 st TE rFr, 6 rec. 12 st RT, 789 snap '06. 7 st LT LY until inj. Rodney Brisbon PS#199JC. Jake Jackson (6'4" 280 Fr) PS#230.

K NA BEN PARKS FR. 6-2 195 PS#22. 17-25 2Y HS, L/49. **Shea Brewster** (6'0" 167 So) PS#44. 3-8 FG here LY, L/43. Russell Mann (5'11" 226 Jr). Caleb Allen (6'0" 171 Sr).

DE 88 JASON LAMB JR. 6-6 260 PS#31TE. 8 st, 38 tkl, 5.5 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 53 tkl, 5 sk. **HM BXII.** Adam Geib (6'5" 245 Sr) PS#227LB. AForce trans, Chris Buford (6'4" 263 So) PS#455.

DT 91 VINCENT RHODES SR. 6-2 305 PS#324. 2 st rFr, 8 st '06, 35 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, 38 tkl, 3.5 sk. Ryan Douglass (6'3" 264 rFr) PS#180. Chris Susi (6'2" 216 Jr) In for spring.

DT 97 TREY BRYANT JR. 6-3 321 PS#76. 5 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 28 tkl, 2 tfl. **60** Sam Sledge (6'2" 266 Jr) PS#92TE. 7 gm OL 2Y. Andrew Judy (6'1" 228 Jr). Nicholas Jean-Baptiste (6'2" 317 rFr).

DE 49 Leon Freeman Sr. 6-2 241 **PS#98JC**. 1 st LY, 38 tkl, 3 sk, 6.5 tfl. Jameon Hardeman (6'1" 238 So) PS#176. 4 tkl. Matt Singletary (6'4" 248 rFr). Zac Scotton (6'6" 259 rFr). Tracy Robertson.

LB 8 Antonio Jones Jr. 6-2 218 PS#146. 1 st 3 st rFr, 44 tkl. 8 gm LY (inj), 22 tkl. **33** Earl Patin (6'2" 220 So) **PS#53.** 29 tkl, 1 sk true. **46** Chad Lowe (6'0" 222 So) PS#170.

LB 41 JOE PAWELEK JR. 6-3 233 10 st rFr, **2nd Tm BXII**, 86 tkl. 12 st, 99 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **36** Chris Francis (5'11" 225 So) PS#109. 19 tkl true. Ben Hixson (6'2" 230 Sr) PS#123. 17 tkl, 3Y. 16 tkl LY. Ty Findley (6'0" 217 Sr) 8 gm, 3 tkl 2Y. Josh Stroud (6'2" 216 So). Tyler King (6'3" 209 Jr).

LB 37 Elliot Coffey rFr. 6-0 206 PS#142DB. Antonio Johnson (6'1" 206 So) PS#277DL.

CB 16 Krys Buerck So. 6-1 174 PS#192WR. 6 st true, 23 rec (12.2). **26** Antareis Bryan (6'1" 180 So) 17 tkl rFr. **29** Cliff Odom (5'11" 194 So) 12 tkl true. Alex Kushneir (6'1" 199 So) 2 tkl.

CB 27 Dominique Criss So. 5-9 186 PS#179. 10 tkl, 1 pbu rFr. Michael Williams PS#113. Drew Kerr (5'9" 183 Sr) Houston trans. Ahmad Jenkins (6'1" 187 rFr). Patrick Swindle (5'11" 188 So).

SS 1 DWAIN CRAWFORD SR. 6-0 197 PS#299. 1 st rFr. 10 st '06, 55 tkl, 3 int. 9 st LY, 48 tkl. **Jake La Mar** (6'0" 193 Sr) 3 st, 67 tkl, **HM Big XII.** Jeremy Williams (5'10" 205 Jr) 4 st LY, 38 tkl, 5.5 tfl.

FS 21 JORDAN LAKE JR. 6-2 203 5 gm rFr, inj. **2nd Tm BXII**, 12 st LY, #1 tkl'r w/120, 2 int. **11** Marlon Price (6'2" 194 Sr) 1 st, 30 tkl 3Y. **30** Tim Atchison (6'2" 200 So) 12 gm LY, 7 tkl.

P 38 DEREK EPPERSON SO. 6-3 212 PS#35. 66 punts as true, 39.1 avg, tm net 31.0, 12 inside 20. **20** Caleb Allen (6'0" 171 Sr) 7 punts, 35.1 avg, 3 inside 20, 2 TB on 47 KO's LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Robert Griffin 6-3 200 PS#34
WR	Kendall Wright 6-0 180 PS#60
WR	Lanear Sampson 6-0 190 PS#64
OL	Rodney Brisbon 6-6 330 PS#199JC
QB	Jeremy Sanders 6-2 210 PS#230JC
DL	Gary Mason 6-5 211 PS#87LB
DB	Michael Williams 6-1 180 PS#113
QB	Nick Florence 6-2 175 PS#77
OL	Brandon Garrett 6-7 290 PS#175
OL	Cameron Kaufhold 6-5 275 PS#182
WR	TJ Scranton 5-10 180 PS#391JC
DL	Tracy Robertson 6-4 230 PS#200
OL	Jake Jackson 6-4 280 PS#230
RB	Jarred Salubi 5-10 191 PS#181
WR	Terrance Williams 6-3 190 PS#179
K	Ben Parks 6-2 195 PS#22
DL	Dexter Beck 6-2 266 PS#451JC
DL	Kaeron Johnson 6-2 265 PS#259OL
WR	Romie Blaylock 5-11 174 PS#130 '07
LB	Rodney Chadwick 6-2 190 PS#344DB
DB	Trentson Hill 6-0 175 PS#408
DL	Jared Edwards 6-4 250 PS#434OL
LB	Fredric Flesius 6-2 247 PS#372
DL	Chris Susi 6-2 216 PS#550JC
OL	Larry Bradley 6-5 291 PS#502

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Wake Forest	A					
Sep. 6	Northwestern St	A					
Sep. 13	Washington St	A					
Sep. 19	at Connecticut (Fri)	G					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	Oklahoma	A					
Oct. 11	Iowa St	A					
Oct. 18	at Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 25	at Nebraska	A					
Nov. 1	Missouri (HC)	A					
Nov. 8	at Texas	G					
Nov. 15	Texas A&M	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	at Texas Tech	A					

Bears are 4-0 vs the Deacons, (last meeting was in '61). BU last hosted a non-conf BCS tm in 2000 (loss to MN). Baylor has dropped 5 of 6 ssn openers, but has won 5 of 7 home openers.

BU won 47-10, but with just 350-329 yd & 17-14 FD edges in their only meeting in '06 as the Demons had 5 TO's & were called for 20 penalties (139 yds, 1 shy of school record).

In their L/gm in '06 BU led 9-0 after 1Q & 15-14 w/5:24 left only to allow a 14 pl/81 yd drive as WSU kicked the gm winning FG w/:09 left. BU is 2-0 vs WSU in Waco, but L/gm here was in '67.

BU last beat a current non-conf BCS team (Louisville) away from home in '96 (0-6 since). Bears are a solid 11-2 S/'94 in the reg ssn prior to a bye outscoring opp's on avg by 8 ppg.

BU's 450 yds LY were the most vs any prior OU squad & about 100 yds over their ssn avg. OU is the only tm (at least 5 gms played) that BU has never beaten in school history (0-17).

In their L/gm in '05, Baylor won their 1st ever Big XII RG beating ISU 23-13 (0-37 coming in). BU dropped 49 pts (most in a Big XII gm) & had 624 yds (3rd most in school history) vs ISU in '96.

Baylor is 2-46 in Big XII RG's, but have their only 2 wins in the past 3 seasons. The L5Y, BU has allowed OSU to rush for an avg of 282 ypg (6.0) including three 300+.

BU's only win vs NU was in '56 in Lincoln & since have gone 0-8 w/3 shutouts & the avg loss by 32 ppg. Coming into '08, Baylor has been outgained their L/7 conf road games by 212 ypg.

Mizzou has outsk'd Baylor 25-4 (12-0 L/3 gms) S/'97 including 10 in 2000. Bears are just 3-38 (only wins vs OSU, UT & SIU) in Nov S/'96 (1st yr of the Big XII).

The 71 BU losses to Texas are the most to one school in the history of the program. In their L/6 gms, the Bears have been outscored 297-55 & been shutout 3x's by the Longhorns.

BU surrendered 73 pts vs A&M in '03, which is the most ever allowed in Big XII/SWC play. LY BU had just 83 yds & 4 FD's the 1st 3Q's, gaining 67% (171 yds) of their offense in the 4Q.

Briles received a degree from TT in '79 & cch'd RB's under Leach for 3 yrs ('00-'02). Baylor is now 2-13 in their last 15 season finales with each loss by 8+ pts.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. JJ Joe 5,995 '90-'93
2. Shawn Bell 5,666 '03-'06
3. Jeff Watson 5,531 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Walter Abercrombie 3,665 '78-'81
2. Jerod Douglas 2,811 '94-'97
3. Alfred Anderson 2,424 '80-'83

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Gerald McNeil 2,651 '80-'83
2. Reggie Newhouse 2,552 '99-'02
3. Lawrence Elkins 2,094 '62-'64

ART BRILES (Career 34-28)

1st Year at Baylor — Briles' Bowl Record: 0-3

Briles' records AT BAYLOR

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

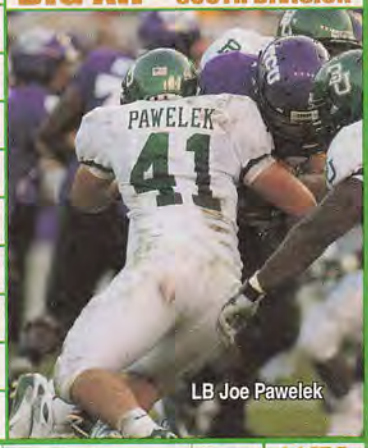
2007 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (21,26,2)
Lost: 15 (5,8,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,378 (#69)

BIG XII - SOUTH DIVISION



LB Joe Pawelek

STADIUM: FLOYD CASEY STADIUM (50,000) (#61)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Prestige System)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	3-9	3-9	3-8	5-6	4-8	3-9	26-66
Home	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-4	3-3	2-3	3-4	2-4	20-30
Away	1-4	0-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	3-3	1-3	1-5	6-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Vs Conf	0-8	0-8	1-7	1-7	1-7	2-6	3-5	0-8	8-56
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	3-0	1-3	3-1	18-10
ATS	3-7	4-6	1-10	7-4	6-3-1	6-4	3-8	4-7	34-49-1
Home Fav (Kirk Slavik)	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	5-3
Home Dog (Guy Morriss)	1-4	1-4	0-3	3-2	4-0-1	0-3	1-3	1-3	11-22-1
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	4-0
Away Dog	1-3	2-2	0-6	3-2	2-3	3-1	1-3	1-4	13-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	2-6	2-6	0-8	5-3	5-2-1	4-4	2-6	2-6	22-41-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	1-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	12-8
Off SU Win	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	10-11
Off SU Loss	2-5	2-5	1-6	5-3	3-2-1	3-3	1-5	3-5	20-34-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
85	Liberty	E	LSU - #12	21-7
86	Bluebonnet - #14	-5'	Colorado	21-9
91	Copper	-3'	Indiana	0-24
92	John Hancock	+6'	Arizona - #22	20-15
94	Alamo	+5'	Washington St - #24	3-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Baylor's All-Time Bowl Record 8-8

BAYLOR'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	18.2	19	78	3.1	273	55.1	19.3	-18	2007	7	37.0	24	182	4.4	279	64.8	12.5
7*	23.6	17	40	2.1	275	60.2	13.4	-7	2006	4	32.6	20	191	5.0	217	57.7	12.5
6	21.5	18	110	3.1	208	56.6	14.8	+5	2005	8	26.5	22	162	4.1	216	51.3	14.3
6*	20.4	18	99	3.0	213	59.5	15.3	-15	2004	7	36.9	21	206	4.6	215	59.0	11.4
6*	15.9	16	110	2.8	171	56.7	17.7	-5	2003	6	37.9	21	194	5.1	257	56.0	11.9
6*	16.8	18	103	2.8	232	56.0	19.9	-17	2002	9	41.3	21	164	4.5	242	61.5	9.8

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon Whitaker	102	533	45	488	2	4.8
Jay Finley	55	223	16	207	2	3.8
Jacoby Jones	49	201	9	192	0	3.9
Blake Szymanski	61	240	142	98	1	1.6
John David Weed	7	20	3	17	0	2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Blake Szymanski	461	264	57.3	2844	22	18
Michael Machen	59	30	50.8	323	1	6
Tyler Beatty	18	5	27.8	33	0	2
John David Weed	16	7	43.8	53	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Thomas White	34	475	14.0	8	75
Brad Taylor	35	465	13.3	2	37
Justin Akers	43	426	9.9	4	24
Brandon Whitaker	58	425	7.3	3	62
David Gettis	31	407	13.1	0	69
Krys Buerck	23	280	12.2	2	44
Ernest Smith	21	247	11.8	1	37
Justin Fenty	18	154	8.6	0	27
Jay Finley	18	152	8.4	1	24

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Derek Epperson	66	2579	39.1	17	31.0(t)	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Shea Brewster	17-19	1-2	1-2	1-4	0-0	3-8	43
Caleb Allen	9-10	1-1	1-3	1-1	0-1	3-6	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jordan Lake	120	0	1	6	2
Joe Pawelek	99	2	6	2	1
Nick Moore	73	1	4.5	5	1
Jake La Mar	67	3	2.5	2	1
Josh Bell	61	0	2.5	10	0
Jason Lamb	53	5	2	1	0
Brandon Stiggers	51	0	7	2	2
Dwain Crawford	48	0	0	2	0
Alton Widemon	39	0	1	6	1
Leon Freeman	38	3	6.5	0	0
Jeremy Williams	38	1	4.5	0	0
Vincent Rhodes	38	3.5	0.5	1	0
Earl Patin	29	1	0	0	0
Trey Bryant	28	0	2	1	0
Antonio Jones	22	0	0.5	1	0
Chris Francis	19	0	0	0	1
Marlon Price	18	0	0	0	0
Antareis Bryan	17	0	1	0	1
Antonio Johnson	16	0	0.5	0	0
Connor Redfearn	16	0	0	0	0
Geoff Nelson	13	1.5	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joe Bennett	19	162	8.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
David Gettis	34	763	22.4	1

2007 STATS BY GAME

BU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
35,606	at TCU	16	25-51	2.0	26-55	231	1	16	45-181	4.0	18-30	205	2	-2
29,107	Rice	27	26-98	3.8	30-51	423	2	21	38-110	2.9	23-30	239	5	0
36,274	Texas St	20	19-28	1.5	31-51	411	2	24	34-84	2.5	31-56	334	2	-1
22,676	at Buffalo	24	42-229	5.5	21-45	172	2	18	27-87	3.2	29-46	276	3	+3
82,970	at Texas A&M	7	16-60	3.8	12-36	194	0	31	65-352	5.4	16-29	200	0	-2
32,376	Colorado	24	18-55	3.1	36-60	410	0	18	42-157	3.7	17-27	293	1	-1
43,556	at Kansas	10	19-48	2.5	22-43	154	1	26	50-236	4.7	18-37	211	4	-5
41,335	Texas	19	18-8	0.4	32-56	284	1	27	46-177	3.8	25-36	293	3	-1
45,959	at Kansas St	15	26-13	0.5	20-35	305	5	23	46-208	4.5	23-36	255	1	-5
39,015	Texas Tech	21	35-91	2.6	25-47	191	2	29	17-73	4.3	44-59	490	0	-1
84,450	at Oklahoma	20	26-170	6.5	25-42	280	0	24	37-180	4.9	20-25	353	0	-1
28,159	Oklahoma St	19	28-83	3.0	29-40	226	5	29	51-343	6.7	16-21	202	0	-2
TOTALS		222	298-934	3.1	309-561	3281	21	286	498-2188	4.4	280-432	3351	21	-18
AVERAGES		18.5	25-78	3.1	26-47	273	1.8	23.8	42-182	4.4	23-36	279	1.8	-1.5

2003 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	UAB	+9	19-24
-	at North Texas	+14'	14-52
-	SMU	-1'	10-7
-	Sam Houston St	NL	27-6
-	Colorado	+19'	42-30
-	at Texas A&M	+20	10-73
-	at Kansas	+21	21-28
-	Texas - #19	+32'	0-56
-	at Kansas St	+40'	10-38
-	Texas Tech	+27'	14-62
-	at Oklahoma - #1	+53	3-41
-	Oklahoma St - #23	+27	21-38

2004 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at UAB	+14	14-56
-	Texas St	NL	24-17
-	North Texas	+3'	37-14
-	at Texas - #5	+38'	14-44
-	Missouri	+20	10-30
-	at Nebraska	+23	27-59
-	Iowa St	+7'	25-26
-	Texas A&M - #16	+25	35-34 OT
-	at Texas Tech	+31	17-42
-	at Oklahoma St - #25	+25'	21-49
-	Oklahoma - #2	+36'	0-35

2005 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at SMU	-1'	28-23
-	Samford	NL	48-14
-	at Army	-5'	20-10
-	at Texas A&M	+23	13-16 OT
-	at Iowa St	+8	23-13
-	Nebraska	+2'	14-23
-	at Oklahoma	+14	30-37 2OT
-	Texas Tech - #17	+13	0-28
-	Texas - #2	+29	0-62
-	at Missouri	+8'	16-31
-	Oklahoma St	-3	44-34

2006 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	TCU - #22	+6'	7-17
-	Northwestern St	NL	47-10
-	† Washington St	+13	15-17
-	Army	-11'	20-27 OT
-	Kansas St	+1'	17-3
-	at Colorado	+5'	34-31 3OT
-	at Texas - #6	+27	31-63
-	Kansas	-3	36-35
-	Texas A&M - #22	+5	21-31
-	at Texas Tech	+16	21-55
-	at Oklahoma St	+16'	24-66
-	Oklahoma - #16	+21	10-36

2007 RESULTS

BU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at TCU - #22	+21	0-27
-	Rice	-7	42-17
-	Texas St	NL	34-27
-	at Buffalo	-3	34-21
-	at Texas A&M	+16'	10-34
-	Colorado	+9	23-43
-	at Kansas - #20	+26'	10-58
-	Texas - #19	+26	10-31
-	at Kansas St	+26	13-51
-	Texas Tech	+20'	7-38
-	at Oklahoma - #4	+38	21-52
-	Oklahoma St	+14	14-45

MISSOURI TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

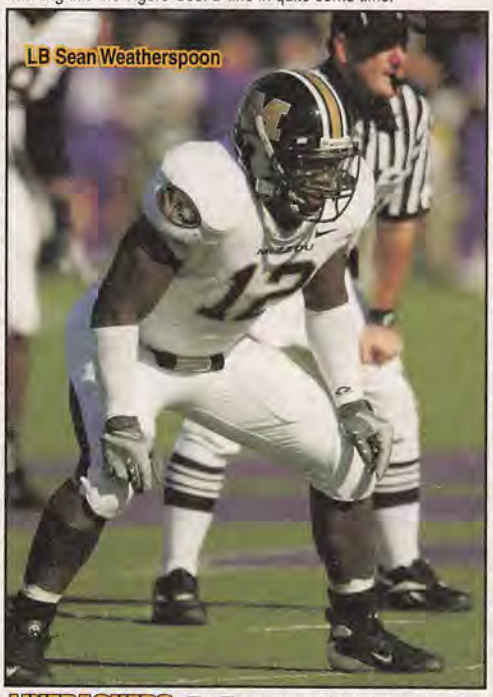
QUARTERBACKS - Brad Smith set 69 Big XII, school and NCAA records in his career and became the first player in NCAA history to have over 8,000 yards passing and 4,000 yards rushing. He left (#4DC NYJ) as the Missouri school record holder for yards passing, rushing, total offense and passing TD's. In 2005 true frosh Chase Daniel (PS#7) surprisingly beat out rFr Chase Patton (PS#12) for the #2 spot. Daniel showed a glimpse of the future in a comeback win over Iowa St when he came off the bench for an injured Smith and led two 4Q scoring drives of 73 and 87 yds. Daniel began the 2006 season by setting a Missouri record with 5 TD passes vs Murray St. For the season, Daniel threw for 3,527 (63.5%) with a 28-10 ratio (598 rush yd), while shattering Terry McMillan's school record of 18 TD passes in a season (1969). Last year Daniel had a phenomenal season setting MU records in passing, total offense and resetting his own TD pass record. He was the first Tiger to be named the Big XII Offensive POY and finished #4 in the Heisman Trophy balloting. Daniel threw for 4,306 (68.2%) with a 33-11 ratio (471 rush yd). Patton played in 10 (13 att). Adding depth are Dominic Grooms (6'1" 195 So, PS#317), Jimmy Costello (6'2" 205 rFr) and true frosh Blaine Gabbert (PS#10). Daniel could even improve upon his incredible 2007 stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Tony Temple (PS#4) led the RB's with 437 (5.4) and Marcus Woods added 435 (4.7). QB Smith got the lion's share of the yards (1,301, 5.7). Both RB's returned in 2006 and Temple was suspended during the offseason but was reinstated by the opener and led with 1,063 (5.5). Woods suffered some injuries and rushed for just 84 (4.0). Jimmy Jackson (PS#99) rushed for 123 (3.8) while Earl Goldsmith (PS#171) added 109 (3.9). Last year Temple missed 2.5 games including Oklahoma (1st gm) but exploded for Cotton Bowl records of 281 yds and 4 TD's finishing with 1,039 (5.6). WR Maclin was the #2 rusher (375, 7.4) with Jackson adding 331 (4.9). Woods played in just 6 with 120 (5.7). This year they lose Temple (11 st) and Woods. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Shawn Scott (5'8" 185 Jr), Joe Otey (5'10" 205 rFr), Ryan Evans (5'9" 175 rFr) and Titus Wonsey (5'7" 195 rFr). Look for a much bigger impact out of Derrick Washington (PS#26) who had 184 (5.1) as a true frosh. Despite the losses, this unit should be close to 2007's production.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, the team's top 2 receivers were both TE's in Martin Rucker and Chase Coffman (PS#14). They both returned in '06 and Coffman was #2 with 638 (11.0) and Rucker #3 with 511 (9.6). True frosh Jeremy Maclin (PS#28) tore his ACL. WR Tommy Saunders (375 bench) had 271 (10.8). William Franklin surprisingly led with 829 (17.3) despite missing the final 2. Last year all of the key players were back. The most impressive player in Aug was Danario Alexander who has a school record 46" VL (tops in '08 NFL combine 39"). Alexander broke his wrist in the opener and missed 3 and had 417 (11.3) before tearing his ACL. Maclin set the NCAA single season frosh all-purp yard record with 2,776 yards (Terrell Willis had 2,026 Rutgers '93). Maclin topped 1,000 yards receiving and was the #2 rusher and a dangerous return man. Rucker was #2 with 834 (9.9) and Coffman added 531 (10.2). Franklin's numbers dropped to 709 (14.5) while Saunders added 397 (9.7). This year they must replace Franklin (14 st, #4DC KAN), Rucker (14 st, 1st Tm BXII, #4DC CLE), WR Greg Bracey (3 rec) and WR Jason Ray (8 rec). Despite some significant losses, this remains one of the NCAA's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - With only one starter back in '04, the ypc rushing dropped from 5.6 to 4.0. They had to replace three starters in 2005 but ran more option with QB Smith so the totals improved to 4.8 ypc rush with just 16 sacks allowed (3.4%). In 2006 they had to replace just one starter (1st Tm Big XII) and the OL had 62 career starts and avg 6'5" 312. Surprisingly the numbers dropped to 4.3 ypc rush and 19 sacks (4.1%). Last year they had to replace a pair of 2-year starters but did have 4 players who started 7 or more. The veteran unit opened holes for 176 ypg rush (4.7) and was #16 in the NCAA allowing 21 sacks (3.6%). This year they lose 1st Tm Big XII OL of the Year C Adam Spieker (14 st, 4Y st'r), LT Tyler Luellen (14 st, 3Y st'r, 2nd Tm Big XII) and backups LG Monte Wyrick (2 st) RG James Stigall (7 gm) and LG Chris Tipton (7 gm). This group is just as experienced and talented as last year's fine version but must replace two key positions (C, LT).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Tigers had to replace 3 DL's who ended up on NFL rosters from a DL that allowed 3.8 ypc rush (best since 2000). It was an experienced group in 2006 that performed at a high level early but then lost a couple of key players including DE Brian Smith to injury. While they still allowed 3.8 ypc, they trimmed the ypg to 135 which was their best since 1983 while recording 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 28 starts but surprisingly improved again to allowing 122 ypg (3.6, 30 sk). This year they lose 1st Tm Big XII DT Lorenzo Williams (33 tkl, 6.5 sk) and DT Charles Gaines (15 tkl) but six of the top 8 are back making this the Tigers' best D-line in quite some time.


LB Sean Weatherspoon

LINEBACKERS - The Tigers moved from the 4-2-5 to the 4-3 in 2004 and had to replace their top 2 tacklers last year. Projected starter Michael Keck (PS#7) missed the season. This is the best Tigers' LB corps in some time as the entire 2 deep returns including 1st Tm Big XII Sean Weatherspoon (#1 tkl'r). Not listed in the PSL are Cameron McWright (5'10" 210 So), Chad Collard (6'0" 205 rFr), Stephon Hayden (5'10" 220 So) and Marlon Galbreath (6'2" 215 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Missouri was #63 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and despite having to replace 3 starters in 2006 moved up to #46. Last year they had to replace 2.5 starters and then in the 8th game lost potential AA SS Pig Brown to injury. FS William Moore earned 2nd Tm AA honors with 8 int which bested Roger Wehrli's 1968 school record. I could list them as having 3 returning starters below as Justin Garrett (9 st) started the final six at SS. MU must replace CB Darnell Terrell (11 st, 41 tkl, 11 pbu) and Brown (8 st, 70 tkl, 3 int) as well as backup CB Paul Simpson (18 tkl) and 3rd string FS Travis Cardoza (6 tkl). Not listed below are Matt Davis (6'1" 185 So) and Roderick Harris (6'1" 215 rFr). Missouri rose to #37 last year and should finish even higher in 2008.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Going into '07 Missouri had the longest streak in the NCAA without a KR TD (1982), but exciting rFr Jeremy Maclin got a 99 yarder vs K-St. Maclin also became the first Missouri player in 32 years to have 2 PR TD's in a single season. The Tigers have finished as high as #17 ('02) in my ST rankings under Pinkel but were just #65, #104, #59 and #79 the four years prior to '07. It's surprising that even with Maclin they only finished #73. P Adam Crossett's 31.5 net was their lowest since 2003. Jeff Wolfert had just 3 TB on 84 KO. Wolfert did connect on 21 of 25 FG's (long 48) but the team did allow 3 blocked punts and they finished -2 in the TD/blk category. This year they lose Crossett but the Tigers should have their highest finish in my ST rankings since 2002.

COACHES - The staff remains intact for the 8th straight year. Gary Pinkel came over from Toledo where he was highly successful (73-37-3 in 10 years). His OC is Dave Christensen who was his OC at Toledo for 4 years and was a finalist for the Wash St HC opening. The DC is Matt Eberflus who was at Toledo from '94 to 2000 (DB coach '99-'00).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Pinkel had two losing seasons to open up his tenure here but landed MU's first bowl appearance since 1998 in his 3rd season (8-5, 2003). The Tigers were fortunate in TO's (+11) as they were actually -6.5 ypg in Big XII play. In 2004, MU was the preseason favorite to win the Big XII North and were ranked #18 in the AP preseason poll, their highest since 1980. They had dreams of their first league crown since 1969. They stunningly blew big leads vs Troy, Okla St and K-St and finished just 5-6. In 2005, they had just 6 senior starters returning (fewest in Big XII) and despite their 3-5 2004 Big XII record, they were +42.8 ypg (4th best). Pinkel labeled the 2005 team the fastest team he had coached anywhere. I called for Missouri to get back to a bowl game and they did, despite ten scholarship players quitting the team from the end of spring to the start of Sept. They finished 6-5 but then made a miracle comeback vs SC in the bowl which prompted the school's administration to retain Pinkel. After being upset 3 times in 4 years by weaker non-conf opponents, the Tigers have not suffered any non-conf upsets the last two years. In 2006 they had 15 returning starters but did have to replace QB Brad Smith. Chase Daniel had a fantastic year setting many school records. They beat KSU for the first time since 1992 and their 7-1 start was the best since 1973. Unfortunately they lost to the two Big XII div winners (Okla and Neb). They also lost at Iowa St in HC McCarney's final game, as a holding call negated their game winning TD at the end (Big XII apologized). Last year I was one of the few to pick Missouri to win the Big XII North. Missouri had not complied a better league record than 4-4 and they had not entered the season's final weekend with a chance to win the North division since 1998. The Big XII media agreed with me and for the first time ever the Tigers were the Div favorite. They had a wild win in the opener 40-34 (led 37-13) vs Rose Bowl bound Illinois. They dispatched their next 3 foes easily before stunningly decimating #25 Neb 41-6 with 606 yards offense. It was their biggest win over the Huskers since 1947. The next week they faced #6 Oklahoma on the road and led 24-23 to start the 4Q but lost. They destroyed #22 TT 41-10 and had 4 easy wins to move up to #3. They took on #2 KU in Arrowhead Stadium for the Big XII North Title. After their 36-28 win they were #1 in the country for the first time but lost to Okla in the Big XII Title game. They then rebounded to stomp Ark in the Cotton Bowl 38-7. Missouri was +13 in TO's and only had 8 starts lost due to injury all year. They did outgain Big XII foes (reg ssn) by 135 ypg which was the best mark in the conf. This year MU is even stronger with 14 returning starters and one of my 8 sets of power ratings calls for them to have an undefeated year. Two of their 4 Big XII road games are vs Baylor and Iowa St and for the 2nd straight year I am picking Missouri to win the Big XII North and to get another shot at their first Big XII Title.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 10 **CHASE DANIEL SR.** 6-0 225 **PS#7. Big XII off POY '07.** 27 st, 3Y, 8180 yd (66%) 62-23 ratio, 1163 rush. 14 Chase Patton (6'5" 220 Sr) **PS#12.** 13 attempts 3Y.
RB 24 **Derrick Washington So.** 5-11 215 **PS#26.** 184 (5.1) true, 10 rec. 1 Jimmy Jackson (5'9" 200 Sr) PS#99. 636 (4.7) 3Y, 15 rec. 26 De'Vion Moore (5'9" 195 rFr) PS#295.
WR 81 **Danario Alexander Jr.** 6-5 210 251 (16.7) true. 2 st LY, 417 (11.3) until ACL inj. 4 Jared Perry (6'1" 180 Jr) PS#137. 2 st, 581 (11.6) 2Y. 89 Blake May (5'11" 190 Jr).
WR 9 **JEREMY MACLIN SO.** 6-1 200 PS#28. **1stTm Fr AA.** 1055 (13.2) **2776 all-purp yds.** 7 Earl Goldsmith (5'9" 200 Sr) PS#171RB. 677 all-purp 3Y. Rolandis Woodland PS#209.
WR 84 **TOMMY SAUNDERS SR.** 6-0 210 30 st 3Y, 767 (9.8). **Wes Kemp PS#31.** 88 Forrest Shock (6'1" 205 So) PS#248DB. La'Roderick Thomas (6'0" 195 So). Brandon Gerau (6'0" 170 rFr).
TE 45 **Chase Coffman Sr.** 6-6 245 PS#14. 7 st 3Y, 1672 yd (10.6), **1st Tm Big XII '06.** Andrew Jones PS#7. 43 Jon Gissinger (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#101. 83 Andy Loyd (6'4" 240 So).
C 62 **Tim Barnes So.** 6-4 305 **PS#73.** 2nd string rFr, 7 gm. 67 JT Beasley (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#309. 58 Brendan Donaldson (6'2" 285 rFr) PS#367. Brad Madison PS#134.
RG 78 **KURTIS GREGORY JR.** 6-5 305 PS#113DL. 13 gm rFr. 14 st RG LY, HM Big XII. 68 Austin Wuebbels (6'4" 285 rFr). Tony Ploudre (6'3" 320 rFr). Kevin Mansco (6'1" 245 So).
LG 76 **RYAN MADISON SR.** 6-5 305 PS#228DL. 2 gm rFr. 10 st '06. 12 st LG LY. **Jayson Palmgren** (6'3" 305 rFr) **PS#50.** Ryan Schleusner (6'3" 270 So) Kirk Lakebrink (6'5" 320 So).
RT 61 **COLIN BROWN SR.** 6-8 325 13 gm '06. 14 st RT LY, HM BXII. 69 Bryan Webb (6'5" 300 rFr) PS#38TE. 65 Mike Prince (6'4" 300 So) PS#219. 70 Dan Moore (6'3" 240 rFr).
LT 64 **Dain Wise Jr.** 6-5 305 **PS#46.** 4 gm RT rFr. 8 gm LY, MIP OL Award. **Dan Hoch PS#15.** 72 Elvis Fisher (6'5" 290 rFr) PS#201DL. 73 Thomas Heilm (6'4" 280 rFr).
K 89 **JEFF WOLFERT SR.** 6-2 185 18-20 FG '06, long 54! 21 of 25 FG LY, long 48, **1st Tm Big XII. Hasn't missed a K vs Big XII foes 2Y!** 85 Grant Ressel (6'1" 180 rFr).

DE 48 **TOMMY CHAVIS SR.** 6-2 255 16 tkl '06, 14 st LY, 48 tkl, 4.5 sk, HM Big XII. 47 Jaysen Corbett (6'4"260 Sr) PS#73JC. 7 tkl, 1 sk in '07. Chris Earnhardt (6'5" 240 rFr) PS#96.
DT 94 **ZIGGY HOOD SR.** 6-4 295 PS#241. 23 tkl true. 7 st '06, 36 tkl, 4 sk. 14 st LY, 49 tkl, 5 sk. 56 Jason Townson (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#268JC LY. 53 Terrell Resonno (6'6" 285 rFr) PS#173.
NT 92 **Andy Maples Jr.** 6-4 300 PS#84JC. RS LY. 96 Jaron Baston (6'1" 300 Jr) 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl 2Y. 99 Dominique Hamilton (6'6" 285 rFr) PS#124. Bart Coslet (6'5" 250 So) PS#28TE.
DE 39 **STRYKER SULAK SR.** 6-5 250 L/7 st, 38 tkl, 4 sk '05. 5 st '06. 51 tkl, 5 tfl. 14 st LY, **2nd Tm Big XII.** 60 tkl, 6 sk, 5 tfl. **Michael Keck** (6'5" 225 rFr) **PS#7.** Tyler Crane (6'3" 225 So).
WLB 12 **SEAN WEATHERSPOON JR.** 6-1 235 PS#223. 17 tkl true. 14 st LY, **1st Tm BXII,** 130 tkl, 9.5 tfl. 2 Connell Davis (6'3" 205 Jr) PS#117DB. 13 tkl LY. George White PS#180. Prep schl LY.
MLB 34 **BROCK CHRISTOPHER SR.** 6-2 235 PS#80. 11 st, 87 tkl, 6.5 tfl '06. 14 st LY, 106 tkl, 7.5 tfl. HM BXII. 18 Steve Redmond (6'0" 230 Sr) 16 tkl, 3Y. PS#99TE. 35 Jeff Gettys (6'3" 225 So).
SLB 33 **LUKE LAMBERT SO.** 6-3 225 **PS#52.** 1 st LY, 32 tkl. 5 Van Alexander (6'0" 235 Sr) **PS#29. 8 st LY,** 60 tkl, 1 sk. Inj's '05-'06. 6 Andrew Gachkar (6'3" 220 So) PS#176, 16 tkl true.
CB 21 **Castine Bridges Sr.** 6-2 210 PS#97JC. 3 st, 50 tkl, 2 pbu. 31 Trey Hobson (5'11 185 rFr) PS#170. Kevin Rutland (6'0" 190 So) PS#283WR. 4.4 spd. Tony Buhr (5'11" 180 rFr).
CB 10 **CARL GETTIS SO.** 5-11 200 PS#205RB. 10 st true, 49 tkl, 1 int, HM BXII. Tremane Vaughns (5'9" 170 Sr) PS#92JC. 15 tkl LY. Erik Rudin (5'9" 180 Jr). Ryan Sutherlin (5'8" 150 rFr).
SS 6 **Justin Garrett Sr.** 6-2 200 **PS#75JC.** 9 st LY (6SS, 3NB) 51 tkl, 2 int. 4 Hardy Ricks (6'0" 190 Jr) 8 st '06 CB. 40 tkl. 4 st CB LY, 21 tkl. Mack Breed (6'1" 205 Sr) PS#121QB.
FS 1 **WILLIAM MOORE SR.** 6-1 230 PS#86WR. 4 st, 51 tkl '06. **2nd Tm AA LY,** 14 st, 117 tkl, 9 tfl, **8 int.** 10 Gilbert Moye (6'2" 215 rFr) **PS#37QB.** Del Howard (5'11" 200 Jr), 2 st, 32 tkl LY.
P 38 **Jake Harry Jr.** 6-1 190 RS at Oreg St '05. 38.9 avg at JC '06, 20 TB on KO. RS LY. Lefty. 81 Tanner Mills (6'2" 195 Jr) PS#86. 97 John Clark (6'0" 185 So) PS#54.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Dan Hoch 6-7 295 PS#15
QB	Blaine Gabbert 6-5 225 PS#10
TE	Andrew Jones 6-5 230 PS#7
WR	Wes Kemp 6-4 225 PS#31
DB	Robert Steeples 6-1 190 PS#71
RB	Drew Temple 5-10 190 PS#82
OL	Travis Ruth 6-3 300 PS#116
DL	Jacquies Smith 6-4 225 PS#135
OL	Brad Madison 6-5 255 PS#134
DB	Kip Edwards 6-1 185 PS#114
DB	Kenji Jackson 5-10 200 PS#134
DL	Aldon Smith 6-5 235 PS#158
DB	Zaviar Gooden 6-2 210 PS#150
DL	Jimmy Burge 6-2 280 PS#170
DB	Will Ebner 6-1 225 PS#160
DB	Gahn McGaffie 5-11 180 PS#169
OL	Daniel Jenkins 6-4 290 PS#223
OL	Taylor Davis 6-5 270 PS#229
LB	George White 6-2 250 PS#180
WR	Rolandis Woodland 6-5 185 PS#209
TE	Michael Egnew 6-5 210 PS#212WR
WR	Jerrell Jackson 6-2 180 PS#320
DL	Marcus Malbrough 6-5 225 PS#473

MISSOURI TIGERS

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GARY PINKEL (Career 122-74-3)
8th Year at Missouri Pinkel's Bowl Record: 3-2

Pinkel's records AT MISSOURI

49-37	Straight Up	2-9	Vs Top 10
31-13	Home	5-17	Vs Top 25
11-21	Away	7-3	Vs BCS Teams
7-3	Neutral	6-8	Off A Bye
27-30	Vs Conference	21-12	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (12-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (14,22,1)
Lost: 19 (9,8,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,232 (#31)

BIG XII – NORTH DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#64

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	† Illinois *(St. Louis)*	A					
Sep. 6	SE Missouri	A					
Sep. 13	Nevada	A					
Sep. 20	Buffalo	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 11	Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 18	at Texas	G					
Oct. 25	Colorado (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	at Baylor	A					
Nov. 8	Kansas St	A					
Nov. 15	at Iowa St	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	† Kansas *(Kansas City)*	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brad Smith 8,799 '02-'05
2. Chase Daniel 8,180 '05-Present
3. Jeff Handy 6,959 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Brad Smith 4,289 '02-'05
2. Zack Abron 3,198 '00-'03
3. Brock Olivo 3,026 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Justin Gage 2,704 '99-'02
2. Martin Rucker 2,175 '04-'07
3. Victor Bailey 2,144 '90-'92

Missouri has now won 6 straight season openers with an average score of 40-19. This is the 22nd all-time meeting (MO 14-7) & the 4th straight gm in St Louis.

Missouri is 9-2 their L/11 home openers outscoring opponents by an avg of 23 ppg. The Redhawks (former Indians) went 3-8 LY including a 59-3 loss at Cincinnati.

Coming into '08, Missouri is 13-1 at home S/'02 vs non-conf tms winning by 28 ppg. Mizzou is 6-0-1 all-time vs current WAC tms, but UH was their last opp in '94 (32-32 tie).

Bulls HC Gill was a former QB at Nebraska from 1981-'83 going 28-2 as a starter. Pinkel has many MAC ties as he was a KSU grad, BG WR's cch & UT HC (1991-'00).

Pinkel after LY's 41-6 domination, "It was as complete a gm as we've ply'd in a long time". Tigers are just 16-33 in Big XII RG's & LY won more than 2 in one ssn S/'96 (Big XII started).

Mizzou is 10-1 their last 11 Big XII home games with the avg score being 35-19. Tigers are 8-3 S/'91 vs the Cowboys & the 3 losses were by a combined 9 pts.

The last time that Missouri beat Texas in Austin was a 10-0 shutout in 1896! Missouri is 5-17 vs ranked schools under Pinkel, but 4 wins came last year.

Mackey watchlist TE Coffman had 3 TD's LY vs CU setting the Mizzou career TD mark. These tms have ply'd every yr S/'46 & Mizzou last beat CU 3 yrs in a row from 1982-'84.

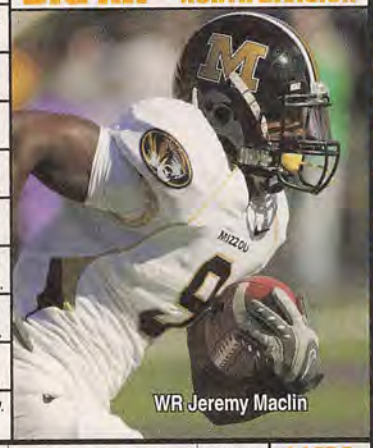
The Tigers are 12-22 their last 34 Nov/Dec regular season games. Missouri is 6-0 vs Baylor in Big XII play averaging 40 ppg & 270 rush ypg (5.2).

The Tigers had lost 13 straight to the Wildcats prior to a 20 pt win in '06 (2-0 since). LY vs KSU, WR Maclin scored 3 TD's & had a Mizzou record 360 all-purpose yds.

Missouri was held to 366 yds LY (124 below avg) vs a stubborn Iowa St defense. Daniel completed his 1st 12 passes tying a MU school rec with 15 LY vs the Cyclones.

Bonus: Originiated in 1935 the MU/KU Brass Drum is awarded to the winner in this rivalry.

With the win LY vs KU, Mizzou claimed the BXII N Title for the 1st time in school history. QB Daniel was 40 of 49 as Mizzou lead 21-0 in the 3Q & 28-7 to start the 4Q.



WR Jeremy Maclin

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (68,349) (#32)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	4-7	5-7	8-5	5-6	7-5	8-5	12-2	52-45
Home	2-4	2-4	3-3	6-0	3-3	4-2	6-1	6-0	32-17
Away	1-4	2-3	1-4	1-4	2-3	1-3	2-3	3-1	13-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-1	3-1	7-3
vs Conf	2-6	3-5	2-6	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	7-2	29-36
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	3-1	4-1	2-1	3-1	4-1	5-0	23-9
ATS	5-5	4-6	7-5	8-4	4-6-1	6-6	6-6	10-3	50-41-1
Home Fav (Larry Smith)	1-1	1-1	3-0	2-1	2-4	2-2	4-2	3-2	18-13
Home Dog (Gary Pinkel)	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	7-6
Away Fav	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-2	0-2-1	1-1	0-3	3-0	6-9-1
Away Dog	1-3	2-3	2-2	2-0	2-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	11-11
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	3-1	8-2
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-3	33-31-1
vs Non-Conf	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	4-0	17-10
Off SU Win	1-2	1-3	3-2	3-4	2-1-1	1-5	4-4	7-3	22-24-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	3-2	3-3	4-0	2-4	4-1	2-2	2-0	24-15

MISSOURI

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Insight.com - #23	-3'	West Virginia	34-31
03	Independence	+2'	Arkansas	14-27
05	Independence	+4	South Carolina	38-31
06	Sun	+3'	Oregon St - #24	38-39
07	Cotton - #7	-3	Arkansas - #25	38-7

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Missouri's All-Time Bowl Record 11-14

MISSOURI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
9*	39.9	27	176	4.7	314	67.7	12.3	+13	2007	5	23.3	20	122	3.6	257	62.0	16.3
8	30.1	22	149	4.3	276	62.6	14.2	+2	2006	7	19.5	19	135	3.8	186	57.8	16.4
6*	30.8	23	205	4.8	225	59.1	14.0	-1	2005	4	29.2	20	151	3.8	217	56.6	12.6
4*	23.3	19	165	4.0	208	52.3	16.0	+5	2004	9	19.5	15	152	3.9	149	53.4	15.4
9*	30.7	21	237	5.6	166	60.0	13.1	+11	2003	6	22.1	21	167	3.9	214	63.0	17.3
6*	30.0	20	184	4.5	203	53.7	12.9	+12	2002	7	29.3	24	168	3.9	283	59.4	15.4

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Temple	186	1135	96	1039	12	5.6
Jeremy Maclin	51	388	13	375	4	7.4
Jimmy Jackson	67	342	11	331	7	4.9
Chase Daniel	109	471	218	253	4	2.3
Derrick Washington	36	199	15	184	1	5.1
Marcus Woods	21	120	0	120	0	5.7
Earl Goldsmith	19	99	7	92	0	4.8
Martin Rucker	14	51	1	50	0	3.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chase Daniel	563	384	68.2	4306	33	11
Chase Patton	13	6	46.2	60	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jeremy Maclin	80	1055	13.2	9	82	
Martin Rucker	84	834	9.9	8	40	
Will Franklin	49	709	14.5	4	72	
Chase Coffman	52	531	10.2	7	33	
Danario Alexander	37	417	11.3	2	48	
Tommy Saunders	41	397	9.7	1	28	
Jared Perry	13	152	11.7	0	45	
Derrick Washington	10	70	7.0	1	25	
Tony Temple	7	68	9.7	1	20	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Adam Crossett	52	2008	38.6	17	31.5	2	20
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jeff Wolfert	67-67	10-10	7-8	4-7	0-0	21-25	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sean Weatherspoon	130	3	6.5	8	0
William Moore	117	2	7	6	8
Brock Christopher	106	1.5	6	5	1
Cornelius Brown	70	0	8	4	3
Stryker Sulak	60	6	5	5	1
Van Alexander	60	1	0	1	0
Justin Garrett	51	0	0	3	2
Castine Bridges	50	0	0	2	1
Evander Hood	49	5	3	5	0
Carl Gettis	49	0	2	1	1
Tommy Chavis	48	4.5	2.5	1	0
Darnell Terrell	41	0	0.5	11	0
Lorenzo Williams	33	6.5	3.5	1	0
Luke Lambert	32	1	0	0	0
Del Howard	32	0	1	1	0
Hardy Ricks	21	0	2	1	0
Paul Simpson	18	0	1	2	0
Andrew Gachkar	16	0	0	0	0
Charles Gaines	15	0	2	0	0
Tremane Vaughns	15	0	0	0	0
Jaron Baston	13	0	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy Maclin	25	307	12.3	2
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jeremy Maclin	43	1039	24.2	1

2007 STATS BY GAME

MU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
62,352	† Illinois	25	33-70	2.1	37-54	359	2	23	34-119	3.5	23-40	316	3	+3
50,897	at Mississippi	29	37-218	5.9	31-43	330	1	26	38-229	6.0	23-41	305	1	+2
53,480	W Michigan	32	36-272	7.6	30-51	347	2	22	38-132	3.5	30-43	240	2	+1
56,137	Illinois St	31	35-240	6.9	24-40	341	0	22	41-155	3.8	22-37	242	2	-2
70,049	Nebraska	32	36-195	5.4	34-49	411	0	20	25-74	3.0	25-43	223	2	+1
85,041	at Oklahoma	24	30-57	1.9	38-49	361	3	21	33-118	3.6	24-34	266	1	-2
63,396	Texas Tech	23	50-212	4.2	14-20	210	3	23	15-(-9)	-0.6	44-69	397	3	+2
53,386	Iowa St	23	28-116	4.1	28-37	250	0	25	39-152	3.9	33-48	237	3	0
51,483	at Colorado	25	42-169	4.0	27-45	429	2	7	30-84	2.8	14-28	112	2	+2
64,945	Texas A&M	32	49-203	4.1	27-35	352	1	17	39-133	3.4	18-28	247	2	0
48,406	at Kansas St	27	36-143	4.0	28-41	284	2	20	32-150	4.7	26-41	256	4	+3
80,537	† Kansas	29	43-151	3.5	41-50	368	2	22	22-42	1.9	28-49	349	2	+2
62,585	† Oklahoma	23	32-98	3.1	23-39	219	2	19	40-166	4.2	18-26	209	0	-1
73,114	† Arkansas	23	43-323	7.5	12-29	136	1	19	50-164	3.3	19-33	197	3	+2
TOTALS		378	530-2467	4.7	394-582	4397	21	286	476-1709	3.6	347-560	3596	30	+13
AVERAGES		27.0	38-176	4.7	28-42	314	1.5	20.4	34-122	3.6	25-40	257	2.1	0.9

2003 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Score
–	† Illinois	-3'	22-15
–	at Ball St	-14	35-7
–	E Illinois	NL	37-0
#23	Middle Tennessee	-21'	41-40 OT
#23	at Kansas	-9'	14-35
–	Nebraska - #10	+7'	41-24
#24	at Oklahoma - #1	+26	13-34
–	Texas Tech	+3	62-31
#22	at Colorado	-4'	16-21
–	Texas A&M	-13'	45-22
–	at Kansas St - #19	+14'	14-24
–	Iowa St	-26'	45-7

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre #18-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#18	Arkansas St	-32'	52-20
#19	at Troy	-11'	14-24
–	Ball St	-25'	48-0
–	Colorado	-7	17-9
–	at Baylor	-20	30-10
–	at Texas - #9	+13'	20-28
–	Oklahoma St - #22	-3	17-20
–	at Nebraska	-2'	3-24
–	Kansas St	-4	24-35
–	Kansas	-11	14-31
–	at Iowa St	+4'	17-14 OT

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Arkansas St	-24'	44-17
–	New Mexico	-10'	35-45
–	Troy	-20	52-21
–	Texas - #2	+14'	20-51
–	at Oklahoma St	-4	38-31
–	Iowa St	-6'	27-24 OT
–	Nebraska	+1'	41-24
–	at Kansas	-5	3-13
–	at Colorado - #25	+12	12-41
–	Baylor	-8'	31-16
–	at Kansas St	+3	28-36

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Murray St	NL	47-7
–	Mississippi	-10	34-7
–	at New Mexico	-14	27-17
–	Ohio	-22	31-6
#25	Colorado	-16	28-13
#23	at Texas Tech	+5	38-21
#19	at Texas A&M	-1'	19-25
#24	Kansas St	-14'	41-21
#23	Oklahoma - #19	-1'	10-26
–	at Nebraska	+4'	20-34
–	at Iowa St	-13'	16-21
–	Kansas	-7	42-17

2007 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #4 Score
–	† Illinois	-4'	40-34
–	at Mississippi	-6	38-25
–	W Michigan	-20'	52-24
#25	Illinois St	NL	38-17
#17	Nebraska - #25	-6	41-6
#11	at Oklahoma - #6	+12	31-41
#16	Texas Tech - #22	-3	41-10
#13	Iowa St	-28'	42-28
#9	at Colorado	-3'	55-10
#7	Texas A&M	-19'	40-26
#6	at Kansas St	-7	49-32
#3	† Kansas - #2	+1'	36-28
#1	† Oklahoma - #9	+3	17-38

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - When you switch from a pure option offense to a pass offense, teams generally struggle for 3-4 years. In Zac Taylor's first 3 games in Callahan's system he completed 43.8% with a 1-3 ratio but improved each year as the team's completion % went from 48.4 in 2004 to 53.8 in 2005. In his senior season Taylor broke his own school record by throwing for 3,197 (59.6%) and added an NU record 26 TD (old record Vince Ferragamo, 20 in '76) with just 8 int. Joe Ganz played in

QB Joe Ganz

5 (13 att). Last year they brought in Sam Keller who was Ariz St's starting QB in '05. Members of the media, including myself, did not think it was much of a contest between walk-on Ganz and the polished starter, but Callahan insisted all offseason that the two were neck-and-neck. Keller won the job and threw for 389 vs USC (good % in 2 drives for garbage TD's). The next week, however, he set a school record with 438 vs Ball St. Surprisingly Keller did not top 300 the rest of the year. Against Texas he hit 23 of 35 for 298 but was knocked out for the season with a shoulder injury with 2:37 left. Ganz got his first start at undefeated Kansas and while he threw for 405 and 4 TD's, he also had 4 int. Ganz hit 30 of 40 for 510 yards and an amazing 7 TD's (both school records) vs Kan St. In the season finale loss to CU, Ganz threw for 484 with 3 int. You would expect Pelini to be anxious to get away from Callahan's pass offense but they retained OC Shawn Watson as their pass offense and ranked #7 in the NCAA. Keller departs but Ganz, who avg 466 ypg in his 3 starts is back and battling for time are Zac Lee (PS#13JC), Patrick Witt (PS#60), Beau Davis (6'4" 180 Sr, PS#131) and Jim Ebke (6'0" 205 So). Lee threw for 3,400 yards and 35 TD at JC in '06. To help out the defense, I would expect a more conservative offense so I doubt NU will match their 324 ypg pass mark from last year, but this unit looks to be in solid hands.

RUNNING BACKS - Callahan brought the pass offense to NU but surprisingly in his first year (2004) he had their first 1,000 yard I-back since 2001 when Cory Ross rushed for 1,102 (5.3). In '05, with an inexperienced O-line Ross led again but had just 882 (3.9) while true frosh Cody Glenn (PS#25) had 131 (2.9) and Marlon Lucky (PS#3) had 129 (3.0). Glenn and Lucky were both back in '06 but Brandon Jackson (PS#50, 4.3 spd) led in 6 of the final 7 and finished with 989 (5.3). Glenn was injury-plagued and had just 370 (5.2). Lucky was a more aggressive back in '06 and finished with 728 (5.2). They also had Kenny Wilson (PS#1JC) and he had 335 (4.5). Surprisingly he had 62 carries in the first 4 but just 13 in the L/10. While they had to replace Jackson in '07 they added Quentin Castille who is 245 lbs with 4.5 speed. Lucky set an NU RB record with 11 rec vs Ball St and led in rec with 75 (9.4). He started all 12 and finished with 1,019 rush yards (4.9). Glenn was injured early playing in just 5 (78, 2.9) and Castille had 343 (4.5). True frosh Roy Helu (6'0" 215, PS#98) added 209 (4.6). This year the unit returns intact (although Cody Glenn moved to LB) and not listed in the 3 deep below are FB Thomas Lawson (6'0" 250 Sr), Kevin Thomsen (6'2" 240 rFr, PS#143DL) and Justin Makovicka (6'1" 240 So, PS#169). With a deep stable of backs, the Huskers can easily achieve their goal of a stronger rush attack.

RECEIVERS - Nate Swift (6"2") emerged as the top man in '05 with 641 (14.2). Terrence Nunn (PS#92) added 495 (11.5) and JUCO Frantz Hardy (PS#36) added 349 (14.0). Everyone returned in '06 and they added in outstanding 6'4" JUCO Maurice Purify (PS#3). Purify was not cleared until mid-August but still led with 630 (18.5). Nunn had 597 (14.2), Swift had 374 (17.0) and Hardy added 317 (22.6). All 4 returned last year. Purify (susp opener) only started 4 but still led with 814 (14.3). Swift had 520 (14.4), Nunn had 452 (12.9) and Todd Peterson emerged with 359 (19.9). Hardy had 305 and a tm high 20.3 ypc. This year they must replace Nunn (10 st), Purify, TE Josh Mueller (1 st), HB JB Phillips (10 st, 2 rec), Hardy (1 st), TE Sean Hill (6 st, 288, 16.0) and WR Dan Erickson (1st, 8 rec). The four senior WR's had 293 career rec and 34 TD. This is a less experienced group and with less emphasis on the pass attack, will have decreased numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Through the years NU was famous for its "Pipeline" O-line. In Callahan's second season, their top 3 OT's for the bowl were 2 frosh and a soph due to injuries and graduation and the Huskers only opened holes for 96 ypg rush (2.7). In 2006 they had basically 1.5 starters back. Since it was the 3rd year of the Callahan system, the less experienced group actually improved to 171 ypg rush (4.3) while allowing 30 sacks (7.3%). Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 21 starts. RG Mike Huff (13 st '06) rotated with Matt Slauson and only started six. LG Andy Christensen was lost after 3, RT Lydon Murtha was lost after 8 (both to inj) and true frosh Jaivorio Burkes started 3. With the injuries, the unit's ypg rush dropped to 144 (4.2) but they allowed an outstanding 3.7% sacks (18). This year they must replace HM Big XII C Brett Byford (12 st, 2Y st'r), 2nd Tm Big XII LT Carl Nicks (11 st, #5DC NO) and backup C Jordan Picou. Five players return with nine or more career starts provided Christensen returns from his susp.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under the category "Hard to Believe but True", the Huskers' D-line has not had an AA since 1997. In 2006 the Huskers allowed an uncharacteristic 3.7 ypc. Last year they had to replace 4 senior starters including #1 and #4 DC's. A dropoff was expected but it's almost unheard of that a team allows 98% more ypg rush from one year to the next. The Huskers yielded 232 (5.2) which is their worst total in modern history and the sack total dropped from 31 to 13. This year the entire 2 deep returns with the only losses being Andy Poulosky (1 st, 7 tkl, 2 tfl), Thomas Rice (1 tkl), Brandon Johnson (3 tkl) and Tony Sullivan (1 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are William Yancy (6'4" 245 rFr, PS#114), Jonathon Santin (6'3"225 rFr), Terrence Moore (6'3" 270 rFr, PS#190) and Taylor Escamilla (6'1" 270 rFr). This is one of the most improved D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - The Huskers had an inexperienced LB corps in both 2005 and 2006 but last year finally returned two starters. They did lose WLB Lance Brandenburgh after 4 starts and returning starter SLB Bo Ruud only had 9 starts (knee inj) while MLB Corey McKeon had 10. The Huskers' D was the worst in memory. This year's unit is my biggest question mark on the team. Gone are Ruud (54 tkl, HM BXII, #6DC NE), McKeon (73 tkl, 6 tfl), Steve Octavien (9 st, #1 tkl'r, 15 tfl) and Brandenburgh (51 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Mike Hays (6'1" 230 rFr), Thomas Grove (6'2" 220 So) and Jay Martin (6'2" 210 rFr). The four players lost combined for 702 career tackles and 84 starts. Despite the presence of 6 VHT's, this unit is far less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Huskers were #5 in my pass D rankings in 2003 with an incredible 10-32 ratio. NU dropped to #47 in '04 but despite having to replace #1 and #2 DC's in 2005, were #12. In 2006 an inexperienced group slipped to #44. Last year they had 3 starters back but slipped to #58 (allowing 20-8 ratio). This year they lose a pair of 3 year starters in CB Cortney Grixby (9 st, 27 tkl, 2 int) and FS Tierre Green (12 st, 54 tkl, 4 pbu) as well as CB Zackary Bowman (4 st, 29 tkl, 6 pbu, #5DC CHI), SS Bryan Wilson (1 st, 17 tkl), CB Andre Jones (14 tkl, 2 pbu) and SS Ben Eisenhart (1 st, 41 tkl). Not listed below are Matt O'Hanlon (5'11" 195 Sr), Adam Watson (6'0" 190 So) and Lance Thorell (6'1" 190 rFr). Despite the losses, the Huskers could move up in the pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In the last 13 years, the Huskers have ranked in the top 10 of my ST rankings 5 times including 2001, 2002 and 2005 (#9). They only had to replace their P in 2006 and surprisingly dropped to #65. P Dan Titchener (PS#28) did a fine job (net 37.2) and set a Big XII Title game record with 6 punts inside the 20. The Huskers had not had a KR TD since 1998 and in 2006 they were #112 in the NCAA in KR avg. They also hit just 5 of 7 (no att 43+) that year. They added true frosh K Adi Kunalic (PS#23) who hit 60 yard FG's in practice. Surprisingly Kunalic had just 1 FG att. He did have an outstanding 28 TB on 66 KO (#1 NCAA). Alex Henery (PS#12) hit 8 of 8 FG's (long 39). Titchener had a net of 36.3. Grixby ended NU's KR drought with a 94 yard TD vs K-St and avg 24.3. As expected, the Huskers moved up to #33. This year they lose Grixby but everyone else is back on what should be a fine ST unit.

COACHES - In '04 NU made a dramatic change bringing in Bill Callahan, who unlike the previous two HC's, had not been a longtime NU asst. He was given a full four years before being ousted. The new HC is Bo Pelini. Pelini, ironically, was the interim HC for NU's 2003 bowl win over Mich St 17-3. He was the DC here in '03 and the DC at LSU from 2005-'07. Defense was NU's problem last year as they allowed a school record 76 points to Kansas and 477 ypg with the previous record low being 1948's 379.5 ypg. The new DC is Carl Pelini, who joins NU after serving 3 years under ex-NU HC Frank Solich at Ohio.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Nebraska was 11-0 and headed for the Big XII Title game in 2001 when they were upset at Colo 62-36. From that point through the end of '04, the team had nine losses by 22 or more points including 3 in 2004. Frank Solich's last team earned an amazing 35th straight bowl bid in '03 but he was let go. After interviewing DC Pelini among others, NU chose ex-Oakland Raiders HC Callahan. In 2004 they were making a dramatic switch on offense going from the option to the West Coast. That year I called for Iowa St, who finished 2003 at 2-10, to top NU in the Big XII North standings. NU's loss to Colo in the finale gave them their first losing season since 1961. Callahan's teams showed improvement the next two years going 8-4 in 2005 with an upset of Michigan in the Alamo Bowl and then getting to the Big XII Title game in 2006 at 9-3 before dropping their last 2. Last year I was one of the few NOT to pick NU to win the Big XII North. The Huskers got off to a 4-1 start with their only loss to USC but then the bottom fell out as they lost by 35, 31 and 22 in the next 3. After a close loss to Texas, they were manhandled by Kan by 37 and AD Pederson, who had given Callahan a contract extension after Wk 1, was fired (Tom Osborne took over as AD). They did rebound to whip Kan St 73-31 and had a shot at a bowl leading CU at the half 35-24, but lost for their second losing season in four years. A big part to the Huskers' fall was their D which unfortunately set school records for most points (455) and yards (5,722) allowed. Pelini steps into a good situation. Despite having just 11 returning starters and 28 lettermen lost. Switching the offense to more of a run-based attack means the D should be on the field less and therefore be much improved. The Huskers play 5 teams that were in Jan bowls last year but they make my Most Improved List which means they should go from a losing season to a bowl.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 12 Joe Ganz Sr. 6-1 210 PS#117. 3 st LY. 1435 (59%) 16-7 ratio. **3** Zac Lee (6'2" 210 So) PS#13JC. RS LY. **2** Patrick Witt (6'4" 225 rFr) PS#60. **7** Kody Spano **PS#38.**

IB 5 MARLON LUCKY SR. 6-0 215 **PS#3.** 18 st 3Y. 1876 (4.8), 1091 rec yds(10.2). **19** Quentin Castille (6'1" 245 So) PS#43. 343 (4.5) true. Marcus Mendoza (5'10" 185 rFr)PS#41.

WR 87 NATE SWIFT SR. 6-2 200 PS#66. 16 st 3Y, 1535 (14.9), 12 TD. **11** Curenski Gilleylen (6'0" 210 rFr) PS#123. **8** Will Henry (6'5" 215 So) PS#195. Ben Lester (5'10" 165 rFr).

WR 18 Menelik Holt Jr. 6-4 220 **PS#36.** 8 gm, 0 rec true. 4 rec LY. **1** Chris Brooks (6'2" 210 Jr) **PS#31.** 1 rec LY. **84** Xavier Rucker (5'6" 160 So) PS#214. Kyler Reed PS#89RB.

WR 24 Niles Paul So. 6-1 210 **PS#7.** 1 rec true. Todd Peterson (6'4" 215 Sr) PS#304. 816 (17.7) 3Y. Wes Cammack (5'11" 195 Jr). Lester Ward (6'3" 215 Fr) PS#86.

TE 44 Mike McNeill So. 6-4 240 PS#29. 1 rec rFr. Tyson Hetzer In spg. **89** Hunter Teafatiller (6'3" 235 Sr) 2 st 9 rec 2Y. **80** Ryan Hill (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#56. Ben Cotton **PS#17.**

C 67 JACOB HICKMAN JR. 6-4 290 **PS#50.** 1 st RG true. 9 st LG LY, HM Big XII. **2** Andy Christensen (6'3" 305 Sr) 9 st LG 2Y. ? '08. LS TJ O'Leary (6'1" 235 Sr) 23 gm 2Y.

RG 61 Mike Huff Sr. 6-4 300 PS#116. 13 st RG '06. 6 st LY, 12 gm. **68** Keith Williams (6'5" 310 So) PS#82DL. 9 gm rFr. Ricky Henry (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#67DL '06. JC.

LG 70 MATT SLAUSON SR. 6-5 325 3 st RT true. 11 st RT '06. **2nd Tm BXII.** 8 st LY (inj). **73** DJ Jones (6'5" 305 So) **PS#17.** 9 gm rFr. **78** Marcel Jones (6'7" 310 rFr) **PS#77.**

RT 72 Jaivorio Burkes So. 6-5 325 **PS#21.** 3 st RT true. Baker Steinkuhler (6'6" 290 Fr) **PS#1. 66** Cruz Barrett (6'4" 325 So) **PS#78. 69** Cory Iske (6'4" 280 rFr). Walk-on.

LT 76 LYDON MURTHA SR. 6-7 315 **PS#4.** 6 st '05-'06. 1st 8 st. **65** Mike Smith (6'6" 285 So) **PS#45DL.** 12 gm backup LT rFr. **71** Mike Masin (6'6" 330). Dennis Bergland (6'1" 285 So).

K 90 ALEX HENERY SO. 6-2 170 **PS#12.** Hit perfect 8 of 8 on FG rFr, long 39. **20** Adi Kunalic (6'0" 185 So) PS#23K. #1 NCAA TB % '07. 28-66. 1-1 FG LY, long 46.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 99 BARRY TURNER SR. 6-3 260 **PS#40.** 14 tkl, 6 sk true, **Fr AA.** 18 tkl, 4 tfl '06. 11 st LY, 29 tkl, 3 sk. **88** Clayton Sievers (6'4" 255 Sr) PS#86LB. **94** Jared Crick (6'6" 270 rFr) PS#109.

DT 43 TY STEINKUHLER SR. 6-3 280 PS#88. 8 st LY. 40 tkl, 9 tfl 3Y. **97** Kevin Dixon (6'3" 285 Sr) PS#47JC. 4 st, 19 tkl LY. **63** Ben Martin (6'4" 270 So) PS#166. 3 tkl rFr. 6 games.

DT 93 NDAMUKONG SUH JR. 6-4 300 **PS#7.** 11 st LY. 53 tkl, 14 tfl 2Y. **56** Shukree Barfield (6'4" 300 Sr) PS#120JC. 1 st, 15 tkl LY. **91** Seth Jensen (6'3" 290 So) PS#98OL.

DE 98 ZACH POTTER SR. 6-7 280 **PS#29.** 11 st LY, 45 tkl, 12 tfl. **95** Pierre Allen (6'5" 265 So) PS#112. 16 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. David Harvey (6'4" 260 Jr) PS#116. Luke Lingenfelter (6'4" 250 rFr).

SLB 12 Blake Lawrence So. 6-2 225 **PS#17.** 2 tkl true. **Will Compton PS#32.** Sean Fisher PS#47. Kyle Moore (6'2" 225 So). Colton Koehler (6'1" 230 Jr). Jeff Sayre (6'3" 215 rFr).

MLB 52 Phillip Dillard Jr. 6-1 238 **PS#16.** 1 st true, 11 tkl. ACL '06. 2 st, 37 tkl '07. **31** Nick Covey (6'2" 240 Jr) PS#60. 5 tkl. Alonzo Whaley PS#159. **53** Tyler Wortman (6'3" 235 Sr).

WLB 34 Cody Glenn Sr. 6-0 230 **PS#25RB.** 579 (4.0) 3Y. Moved from RB. **23** Latravis Washington (6'3" 225 So) PS#48QB. 2 tkl true. **35** Austin Stafford (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#83.

CB 21 Prince Amukamara So. 6-1 195 PS#73RB. 4 tkl true. **14** Anthony Blue (5'10" 180 So) PS#149. 2 st, 18 tkl true. ACL '08. David Whitmore PS#78. Alfonzo Dennard PS#162.

CB 5 ARMANDO MURILLO SR. 6-0 190 **PS#7JC.** 12 st LY. 71 tkl, 7 pbu. **22** Anthony West (6'0" 200 So) PS#149. 6 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. Justin Rogers PS#113RB. Ryan Ford (5'11" 175 So).

SS 4 LARRY ASANTE JR. 6-1 210 PS#32JC. 10 st '07. #2 tkl'r (78), 4 pbu, **28** Eric Hagg (6'1" 200 So) PS#122WR. 2 tkl true. Shawn Sullivan (5'10" 190 rFr) PS#75. Matthew May (6'1" 195 rFr).

FS 3 Rickey Thenarse Jr. 6-0 195 **PS#49RB.** 9 tkl true. 28 tkl LY. **6 Major Culbert** (6'0" 205 Jr) **PS#63.** 21 tkl, 2Y, 35 yd RB. Could play LB. **8** Austin Cassidy (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#169QB.

P 37 DAN TITCHENER SR. 6-0 200 66 punts rFr, 39.3 avg, **net of 37.2.** 49 punts LY. 41.3 avg, net of 36.3. HM Big XII. **37** Jake Wesch (6'1" 205 Sr). 8 TB 33 KO '06. 2 KO LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Baker Steinkuhler 6-6 290 PS#1
LB	Will Compton 6-2 230 PS#32
RB	Collins Ckafor 6-1 195 PS#38
DL	Cameron Meredith 6-4 225 PS#59
TE	Ben Cotton 6-6 230 PS#17
LB	Sean Fisher 6-6 225 PS#47
DL	Josh Williams 6-4 225 PS#70
QB	Kody Spano 6-2 205 PS#38
OL	Ricky Henry 6-4 305 PS#67DL '06
WR	Lester Ward 6-3 215 PS#86
DB	David Whitmore 6-2 185 PS#78
RB	Kyler Reed 6-3 220 PS#89
OL	Brandon Thompson 6-6 295 PS#124
WR	Khiry Cooper 6-2 180 PS#98
OL	David Grant 6-6 295 PS#131
DL	Quentin Toailoa 6-4 300 PS#132OL
DB	PJ Smith 6-2 205 PS#121
WR	Antonio Bell 6-2 180 PS#108
DB	Justin Rogers 5-11 180 PS#113RB
TE	Tyson Hetzer 6-6 245 PS#353JC
DB	John Levorson 6-3 190 PS#135WR
DB	Alfonzo Dennard 5-10 190 PS#162
DB	Ronnell Grixby 5-9 195 PS#146RB
LB	Alonzo Whaley 6-1 225 PS#159
WR	Steven Osborne 6-4 185 PS#170
DB	Courtney Osborne 6-3 175 PS#297
TE	Damon Bechtold 6-4 215 PS#93
LB	Micah Kreikemeier 6-3 210 PS#347
WR	Tim Marlowe 5-10 160 PS#423DB
DB	Mason Wald 5-11 205 PS#426

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#22

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Western Michigan	A					
Sep. 6	San Jose St	A					
Sep. 13	New Mexico St	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Virginia Tech	A					
Oct. 4	Missouri (HC)	A					
Oct. 11	at Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 18	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 25	Baylor	A					
Nov. 1	at Oklahoma	G					
Nov. 8	Kansas	A					
Nov. 15	at Kansas St	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	Colorado (Fri)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Taylor 5,860 '05-'06
2. Dave Humm 5,035 '72-'74
3. Jerry Tagge 4,704 '69-'71

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Rozier 4,780 '81-'83
2. Ahman Green 3,880 '95-'97
3. Eric Crouch 3,434 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Rodgers 2,479 '70-'72
2. Terrence Nunn 1,762 '04-'07
3. Nate Swift 1,535 '05-Present

Last time NU lost a home opener was in '85, a 17-13 loss to Fla St (22-0 since). First meeting vs WM, but NU is 4-0 all-time vs current MAC tms w/the avg win by 31 ppg.

NU is 19-1 all-time vs current WAC members outscoring those foes on avg 47-10. Into '08, NU is 41-2 at home vs non-conf tms with a loss LY to USC & S Miss in '04.

In their last meeting with the Aggies ('82), NU set school records w/677 rush yds & 883 ttl yds. NU was #84 (NCAA) in pass def allowing 245 ypg (58%) w/a 20-8 ratio & 6 of 8 in 2D are gone from LY.

Huskers are 9-2 at home vs current ACC tms with their last defeat in '85 when FSU won 17-13 in Lincoln. NU is 20-1 in the gm prior to their conf opener the L21Y.

MU did win the Big XII N crown LY, but haven't won in Lincoln S/'78 (0-15 since, avg L by 26 ppg). NU allowed 606 yds LY vs Mizzou & the home team has now won 6 straight.

The Cornhuskers are 8-4 since 2000 in the state of Texas including bowl games. Including 06's Big XII Championship gm, NU is just 8-18 in their L/26 conf AG's.

Played every yr S/'26 & NU is 18-4-1 in Ames S/'61, but have dropped 2 of L/3. LY Neb was outgained 415-369 & trailed TOP (39:12-20:48) but scored 4 TD's & ret'd int 93 yds (TD).

Nebraska is 9-1 vs Baylor including 6-0 in Big XII action with an avg score of 48-12. During their BXII matchups, Nebraska has dominated Baylor outgaining them by 349 ypg.

Nebraska is 4-8 their L/12 November road games allowing an unheard of 37 ppg. Bo Pelini was the co-DC & DB's coach under Stoops at Oklahoma in 2004.

The 76 pts that NU allowed LY to KU was the most ever by an opp in school history. QB Ganz made his 1st career start LY vs KU passing for 405 yds with a 4-4 ratio.

LY NU amassed 702 yds vs KSU, 1st time S/'95 (ISU) that the Huskers eclipsed 700+ yds. Ganz had a NU record 7 TD passes LY vs KSU (5 by Crouch, Taylor & Dailey).

Bonus: Last year Ganz shattered both of Nebraska's single game records for total offense (528 yds) & single game pass yds (510) vs the Wildcats.

With LY's loss to rival CU, NU was eliminated from a bowl bid (just 2nd time in 39 yrs). The 116 combined pts LY is a series rec (66 gms), topping the previous best by 18 pts (98 in '01).

BO PELINI (Career 1–0)
1st Year at Nebraska — Pelini's Bowl Record: 1-0

Pelini's records AT NEBRASKA

1-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	1-0	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	1-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (24,23,4)
Lost: 28 (14,14,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 84,501 (#13)

BIG XII – NORTH DIVISION

DE Zach Potter

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM 81,067 (#17)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	11-2	7-7	10-3	5-6	8-4	9-5	5-7	65-36
Home	6-0	8-0	6-2	6-1	4-2	5-2	6-1	4-3	45-11
Away	3-2	3-1	1-4	3-2	1-4	2-2	3-2	1-4	17-21
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	3-4
vs Conf	6-2	7-1	3-5	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-3	2-6	36-29
vs Non-Conf	4-0	4-1	4-2	5-0	2-1	4-0	3-2	3-1	29-7
ATS	5-7	7-6	6-7	8-5	4-6	6-5	7-5-1	3-9	46-50-1
Home Fav (Frank Solich)	2-4	4-4	4-1	4-2	1-3	2-3	4-1	1-4	22-22
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	5-3
Away Fav (Bill Callahan)	2-3	3-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	1-1	2-1-1	0-1	12-11-1
Away Dog	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	4-10
Neutral (Frank Solich/Bo Pelini)	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	3-4
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	5-3-1	2-6	32-32-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-3	2-3	3-2	1-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	14-18
Off SU Win	4-5	7-4	3-4	4-5	0-5	5-2	4-3-1	0-5	27-33-1
Off SU Loss	1-1	0-1	2-3	3-0	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-4	15-15

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marlon Lucky	206	1057	38	1019	9	4.9
Quentin Castille	76	347	4	343	4	4.5
Roy Helu	45	212	3	209	0	4.6
Joe Ganz	20	124	31	93	3	4.7
Cody Glenn	27	87	9	78	2	2.9
Sam Keller	25	19	97	-78	0	-3.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Sam Keller	325	205	63.1	2422	14	10
Joe Ganz	152	89	58.6	1435	16	7
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Maurice Purify	57	814	14.3	9	60	
Marlon Lucky	75	705	9.4	3	62	
Nate Swift	36	520	14.4	3	35	
Terrence Nunn	35	452	12.9	1	30	
Todd Peterson	18	359	19.9	5	44	
Frantz Hardy	15	305	20.3	3	60	
Sean Hill	18	288	16.0	3	73	
Menelik Holt	4	97	24.2	0	35	
Dan Erickson	8	77	9.6	0	19	
Cody Glenn	6	52	8.7	0	19	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Dan Titchener	49	2023	41.3	14	36.3(t)	1	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Alex Henery	45-45	5-5	3-3	0-0	0-0	8-8	39
Adi Kunalic	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Steve Octavien	92	2	13	3	0
Larry Asante	78	0	0	4	0
Corey McKeon	73	1	5	5	1
Armando Murillo	71	0.5	2.5	7	0
Bo Ruud	54	0	5	3	2
Tierre Green	54	1	0	4	0
Lance Brandenburgh	51	0	0	0	0
Zach Potter	45	2.5	9.5	1	1
Ben Eisenhart	41	0	0	0	0
Phillip Dillard	37	0	1	2	0
Ndamukong Suh	34	1	5	2	0
Barry Turner	29	3	2	2	0
Zack Bowman	29	0	1	6	1
Rickey Thenarse	28	0	0	0	0
Cortney Grixby	27	0	1	7	2
Kevin Dixon	19	0	3	0	1
Anthony Blue	18	0	0	1	0
Bryan Wilson	17	0	0	0	0
Pierre Allen	16	0	3	1	0
Shukree Barfield	15	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Jones	6	83	13.8	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Cortney Grixby	45	1094	24.3	1
Andre Jones	17	373	21.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Rose - #4	+8'	Miami, Fl - #1	14-37
02	Independence	-7	Mississippi	23-27
03	Alamo - #22	-3	Michigan St	17-3
05	Alamo	+10	Michigan - #20	32-28
06	Cotton - #22	+2	Auburn - #10	14-17

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OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	33.4	24	144	4.2	324	61.5	14.0	-17	2007	5	37.9	25	232	5.2	245	57.7	12.6
8*	30.6	20	171	4.3	244	59.4	13.6	0	2006	7	18.3	17	117	3.7	215	53.4	18.1
5	24.7	18	96	2.7	224	53.8	13.0	-2	2005	5	21.0	18	124	3.2	208	51.1	15.8
6	25.0	18	176	4.7	187	48.4	14.5	-13	2004	6	27.1	19	104	2.9	268	56.7	13.7
5*	24.8	18	236	4.3	109	49.0	14.0	+23	2003	7	14.5	17	119	3.5	178	50.7	20.5
5	27.4	19	269	5.2	104	44.7	13.6	-3	2002	5	23.9	19	147	3.7	215	50.3	15.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

NU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,078	Nevada	35	70-413	5.9	15-26	212	0	9	24-77	3.2	9-27	108	1	0
32,483	at Wake Forest	21	34-115	3.4	24-41	258	0	18	53-236	4.5	12-24	140	1	-1
84,959	USC	28	28-31	1.1	36-54	389	2	22	38-313	8.2	19-30	144	0	-1
84,294	Ball St	25	36-114	3.2	29-37	438	3	27	36-188	5.2	26-43	422	1	-1
84,703	Iowa St	17	30-130	4.3	19-29	239	0	28	51-134	2.6	26-51	281	3	+1
70,049	at Missouri	20	25-74	3.0	25-43	223	2	32	36-195	5.4	34-49	411	0	-1
84,334	Oklahoma St	17	50-206	4.1	10-18	129	2	26	51-317	6.2	12-20	234	0	-3
84,473	Texas A&M	24	26-130	5.0	26-44	275	2	28	66-359	5.4	13-22	100	2	-3
85,968	at Texas	20	38-132	3.5	25-38	315	2	25	48-364	7.6	12-29	181	1	0
51,910	at Kansas	22	23-79	3.4	25-50	405	1	34	49-218	4.4	30-41	354	0	-5
84,665	Kansas St	35	37-183	4.9	31-43	519	3	24	28-108	3.9	26-44	320	4	0
51,403	at Colorado	28	20-126	6.3	31-58	484	1	26	52-277	5.3	17-29	241	0	-3
TOTALS		292	417-1733	4.2	296-481	3886	18	299	532-2786	5.2	236-409	2936	13	-17
AVERAGES		24.3	35-144	4.2	25-40	324	1.5	24.9	44-232	5.2	20-34	245	1.1	-1.4

2003 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
–	Oklahoma St - #24	-7'	17-7
#23	Utah St	-32'	31-7
#18	Penn St	-10	18-10
#15	at S Mississippi	-10'	38-14
#12	Troy	-27'	30-0
#10	at Missouri	-7'	24-41
#19	Texas A&M	-10	48-12
#14	Iowa St	-24	28-0
#12	at Texas - #16	+5'	7-31
#19	at Kansas	-18	24-3
#18	Kansas St	+2'	9-38
#25	at Colorado	-2'	31-22

2004 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	W Illinois	NL	56-17
–	S Mississippi	-14'	17-21
–	at Pittsburgh	-4'	24-17
–	Kansas	-13	14-8
–	at Texas Tech	+7	10-70
–	Baylor	-23	59-27
–	at Kansas St	+4'	21-45
–	Missouri	+2'	24-3
–	at Iowa St	-4	27-34
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+30	3-30
–	Colorado	-2'	20-26

2005 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
–	Maine	NL	25-7
–	Wake Forest	-6'	31-3
–	Pittsburgh	-9	7-6
–	Iowa St - #23	-3'	27-20 2OT
–	Texas Tech - #15	+4	31-34
–	at Baylor	-2'	23-14
–	at Missouri	-1'	24-41
–	Oklahoma	-1'	24-31
–	at Kansas	+1	15-40
–	Kansas St	-6	27-25
–	at Colorado	+16	30-3

2006 RESULTS

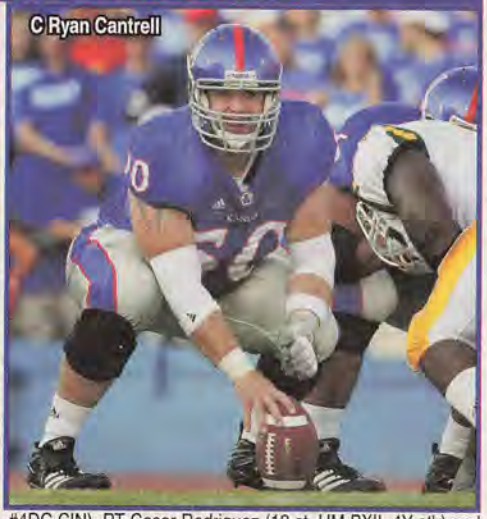
NU Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#20	Louisiana Tech	-24	49-10
#21	Nicholls St	NL	56-7
#19	at USC - #4	+17'	10-28
#23	Troy	-23'	56-0
#21	Kansas	-22'	39-32 OT
#22	at Iowa St	-7	28-14
#21	at Kansas St	-8'	21-3
#17	Texas - #5	+5	20-22
#20	at Oklahoma St	-5'	29-41
–	Missouri	-4'	34-20
–	at Texas A&M - #24	-1	28-27
#23	Colorado	-14	37-14
#19	† Oklahoma - #8	+3'	7-21

2007 RESULTS

NU Rank	Pre #20 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#20	Nevada	-21	52-10
#16	at Wake Forest	-8'	20-17
#14	USC - #1	+9'	31-49
#24	Ball St	-23	41-40
#25	Iowa St	-21'	35-17
#25	at Missouri - #17	+6	6-41
–	Oklahoma St	-4	14-45
–	Texas A&M	-1'	14-36
–	at Texas - #17	+20'	25-28
–	at Kansas - #8	+20'	39-76
–	Kansas St	+7'	73-31
–	at Colorado	+3'	51-65

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008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QUARTERBACKS - If there was one thing consistent about Mark Mangino's tenure here it was that the QB situation prior to 2007 had been very unstable. In his first 5 years, 9 different QB's had been used and only once in that span did they top 55.9% and that came in 2003 (61.6%) when 3 different QB's started. In 2006 rFr Kerry Meier (PS#34) was the clear-cut starter but was injured vs Toledo and missed 3. Adam Barmann replaced him and hit 54.7% with a 3-6 ratio which prompted Mangino to take the RS off of Todd Reesing (PS#95) in the 9th game and he got in 24 passes. Meier had 8 starts and threw for 1,193 (56.5%) with a 13-10 ratio. Meier is bigger, faster and has the stronger arm but Reesing beat him out in the fall of 2007 and he provided some much needed stability to the position. He had a phenomenal year throwing for 3,486 (61.9%) with a 33-7 ratio (381 rush). He began his career 11-0 as the starting QB and threw for 349 vs #3 Missouri in their first loss. Meier moved to WR where he had 5 starts but did hit 25-29 for 275 as the backup during the season. Reesing will be a preseason Heisman candidates and adding depth are AJ Steward (6'4" 223 rFr, PS#288), true frosh Kale Pick (PS#51) who was in for the spring and Sean Ransburg (PS#79).

RUNNING BACKS - Canadian Jon Cornish (recruited by USC) had little impact his first 3 years playing behind Clark Green and John Randle. Cornish inherited the starter's role in 2006 and had a great year rushing for 1,457 (5.8). The #2 RB that year was true frosh Jake Sharp (PS#29) who had 129 (6.1). Brandon McAnderson added 122 (3.9). Last year they had to replace Cornish and added to the mix were good sized Angus Quigley (222 lb) and true frosh Carmon Boyd-Anderson (PS#104). Sharp had three 100 yard games in the first 6 but McAnderson took over in the 2H of the year. McAnderson led with 1,125 (5.9) including 183 vs A&M while Sharp added 821 (5.6) and Quigley, who only played in 6 of the last 8 (doghouse early), had 98 (5.8). This year they lose their leading rusher once again in McAnderson but have everyone else back. They also signed Jocques Crawford who was the NJCAA Off POY. Not listed below are Brian Murphy (5'8" 168 rFr, PS#200) and Donte Bean (5'10" 190 So, PS#71). KU is more experienced than they were heading into 2007.

RECEIVERS - In '06 KU had to replace its #1 and #3 receivers and the top returnee was Brian Murph (368, 11.2). Last year they had to replace their top receiver (Murph) but had 3 of the top 4 back. The top returnee, Dexton Fields (455, 10.1), had just 12 fewer yards than Murph did in '06 and he finished #2 with 834 (13.2) last year. Marcus Henry broke the 1,000 yard barrier with 1,014 (18.8). TE Derek Fine added 394 (8.6) and true frosh Dezmon Briscoe was good enough to start 11 and had 496 (11.5). Converted QB Kerry Meier added 274 (10.5). This year they must replace Henry (13 st, #6DC NYJ), Fine (9 st, #4DC BUF, career TE rec leader, TE Marc Jones (0 rec), and WR Jeff Foster (3 rec). Not listed below are Raymond Brown (6'3" 205 Sr, PS#148DB), Gary Green (5'9" 175 Sr, PS#144RB), Johnathan Wilson (6'3" 187 So), Micah Brown (6'0" 185 Sr), Rell Lewis (5'10" 198 rFr, PS#179DB) and Reece Petty (6'2" 195 So). Despite the loss of their most explosive WR and the fact that the group is less experienced overall, it still has the makings of a quality unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 the Jayhawks had just two starters back on the O-line and only opened holes for 94 ypg (2.7), their worst total since 1986. They improved to 134 ypg (3.8) in '05. Seven of the 8 players who earned starts in '05 were back in 2006 and as you would expect, the Jayhawks improved to 177 ypg rush (4.8) which was their best mark since 1995 (26 sk, 7.2%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters but surprisingly improved again to 189 ypg rush (4.8) and 26 sacks allowed (5.5%). This year they lose 1st Tm AA and All-Big XII LT Collins (11 st, 2Y st'r, #4DC CIN), RT Cesar Rodriguez (12 st, HM BXII, 4Y st'r) and Rameses Arceo (2 gm). Mangino has said that rFr Jeff Spikes may be one of the most talented OL ever at KU. Their 46 career returning starts is tied for #92 in the NCAA but this group should be at least as strong as last year's version.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Mangino's first season the D allowed 5.8 ypc rushing but they improved to 4.9 and 3.3 the next two years. In 2005 they had the team's best rush D ever allowing a paltry 83 ypg (2.4). In 2006 they had to replace a 1st Tm Big XII DE and two other starters but still allowed just 109 ypg (3.5). Last year they had to replace 2 starters but did have their top DL, DT James McClinton, returning. KU improved allowing 95 ypg rush (3.1) and the D had 26 sacks. This year the only loss is 2nd Tm AA McClinton (13 st, 39 tkl, 11 tfl). There are no big stars in this unit but with 7 of the top 8 back they could match 2007's performance even without McClinton.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Jayhawks had to replace all 3 starters and a backup who led the team in sacks. That version was bigger and a little more athletic than '05's led by MLB Mike Rivera. Last year the entire 2 deep from the 2H of 2006 returned. Rivera swapped places with OLB Joe Mortensen who earned 1st Tm Big XII honors at MLB. OLB's Rivera and James Holt both were HM Big XII and all 3 players started all 13. This year the group returns intact again and figures to be one of the top LB units in the Big XII. Not even listed in the PSL are Chea Peterman (6'2" 212 rFr) and Chris Heinz (6'3" 205 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In Mangino's first two seasons the Jayhawks were just #107 and #98 in my pass D rankings. In 2003 they moved in a RB and a WR midyear and moved up to #19. In 2005 they had 7 back with starting experience and true frosh Aqib Talib started the last 9 and the unit finished #39. In 2006 they had 2.5 starters back and surprisingly slid to #51. Last year they had to replace one starter but had their star Talib back and moved up to #11. Anthony Webb (9 st true '06) lost his spot to Kendrick Harper who missed 6 (inj) and split the spot with Chris Harris. All 3 now return to battle at CB. The only losses are Talib (#1DC TB, 13 st, 5 int, 13 pbu), SS Brian Seymour (5 tkl, 12 gm) and FS Sadiq Muhammed (22 tkl, 3.5 tfl). This group has more experience than 2007, but with a loss of a star like Talib, I'll call it down a few notches.

SPECIAL TEAMS - KU has finished #38, #29, #47 and #92 the last 4 years in my ST rankings. Last year Scott Webb hit 18 of 26 FG's (long 48) and did well on KO's with 26 TB's. PR Raimond Pendelton (12.1) had 4 muffs in 2 games and was replaced by Anthony Webb (0 fumble) who avg just 0.8 on 19 returns. Marcus Herford had 2 KR TD's (28.6). Kyle Tucker's net dropped from 34.5 to 31.8 (#109 NCAA) in his senior year. This year they lose Webb and Tucker but could move up in the rankings.

COACHES - Mark Mangino enters his 7th season after being the OC/OL coach at Okla from '99-'01 and an asst at K-St for 8 years prior. This year he is the proud owner of the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award and no less than 8 other National Coach of the Year awards for 2007. Former KU OL/run-game coordinator ('03-'04) Ed Warinner returned as the OC last year after spending the prior two seasons at Illinois. They lose outstanding DC Bill Young who was a Broyles Finalist and left for Miami, Fl. The new DC is Clint Bowen who is 35 years old and was the Safeties coach and Co-DC here last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to 2007 Kansas had never finished in the upper half of the Big XII North. In fact, its best conf record since the '96 inception of the Big XII was 3-5 and they were 23-65 in 11 years. In 2002, Mangino inherited a team that returned the league's fewest starters (8) that was outgained by an average of 219.5 ypg in conf play in '01. I called for a winless Big XII season and KU was 0-8 in 2002 being outscored by 31.9 ppg. Mangino weeded out a lot of bad apples and 31 underclassmen from the '02 spring roster had left by the start of '03. Bolstered by a heavy JC infusion, they went to their first bowl S/'95 finishing 6-7 in 2003. They were a veteran team with 15 starters back in '04, but I pegged them for last in the Big XII North because of a tough schedule (8 foes were in an '03 bowl). They finished 4-7. Mangino had his best team yet in 2005 but they were picked by the media to finish 6th in the North. KU drew another tough schedule with the top 3 South Div teams (TX, TT and Okla). In my magazine I broke their season down into 3 parts calling for a 3-0 start, an 0-4 middle and a strong finish and that is precisely what happened. The D allowed just 303 ypg and was the key to their first winning season since '95 despite finishing -8 in TO's. They opened conf play 0-4 because the offense went through a stretch of 164 minutes without a TD (all 4 were away). KU beat Nebraska for the first time since 1968 (40-15) and beat Iowa St in OT with a bowl bid on the line. They destroyed Houston in the bowl with a season high 538 yards. In 2006 they had just 3 starters back on D and the team suffered 4 net close losses and could have finished 10-2. The Jayhawks led in the 2H in 5 of their defeats and finished 6-6 but didn't get invited to a bowl. Last year KU avoided Texas, Okla and TTech and had a dream year. They improved their home record to 18-2 over the last 3 years with a 7-0 mark. KU opened with 4 cream puffs and won by a combined 214-23. They had a bye prior to playing KSU and despite not having had scored a TD in Manhattan since 1999, KU came away with a 30-24 win and moved up to #20 in the rankings (had not been ranked since '96). They whipped Baylor 58-10 before beating Colorado and A&M in B2B close games on the road to go 8-0 for the first time since 1909. The last time KU came into the Neb game with a better record than the Huskers was in 1974 and the Jayhawks proved they were the better team in a 76-39 whipping. They defeated Okla St and Iowa St and were ranked #2 when they played #3 Missouri at Arrowhead Stadium which marked the biggest meeting ever in the oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi River. They lost that game but only dropped to #8 and still landed an Orange Bowl bid over that same Tiger squad. It was KU's first Orange Bowl since 1969. No KU team had ever won 12 games but they accomplished that by knocking off VT to finish #7. KU had beneficial ypp's (see pg 299), were +21 in TO's and had just 3 starts lost due to injury in '07. This year Oklahoma, Texas and TT reappear on the schedule. While this is a solid team with 15 returning starters, and one that may be more talented than 2007's squad, KU will not match last year's 12 win total. Unlike past years where I usually have the Jayhawks picked higher than most, this year I am sure I have them picked lower than virtually everyone. A schedule which has them drawing the top 3 teams from the South as well as a powerful USF squad on the road has me calling for the Jayhawks to drop 4 or 5 games this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 5 TODD REESING JR. 5-11 200 PS#95. 204 pass (58%) 111 rush true. 13 st LY. 3486 (62%), 33-7, 381 rush, **2nd Tm BXII. 17** Tyler Lawrence (6'3" 217 So) PS#129. 4 gm LY.

RB 1 Jake Sharp Jr. 5-10 190 **PS#29.** 278 all-purp true. 1 st LY, 821 (5.6), 21 rec. **Jocques Crawford PS#41JC.** Angus Quigley (6'2" 222 Jr). Carmon Boyd-Anderson (6'1 200 So).

WR 10 Kerry Meier Jr. 6-3 220 **PS#34QB.** 8 st QB '06. 5 st WR LY. 1468 pass (61%), 16-10, 533 rush, 279 yds rec 2Y. **89** Tertavian Ingram (6'0" 195 So) PS#59. 2 st rFr, 3 rec.

WR 80 DEZMON BRISCOE SO. 6-3 200 PS#339. 11 st true, 496 (11.5). **9** Raimond Pendleton (5'11" 192 Jr) PS#270. 209 all-purp LY. **18** Xavier Rambo (6'0" 195 So) PS#103.

WR 88 DEXTON FIELDS SR. 6-0 204 PS#201. 12 st '06. 455 (10.1). 12 st LY, 834 (13.2). **13** Marcus Herford (6'3" 208 Sr) 2 st 3Y, 1973 all-purp. Ryan Murphy (5'10" 174 rFr) PS#158.

TE 87 Bradley Dedeaux So. 6-3 249 PS#27. 1 rec rFr. **82** Nick Plato PS#31 in spg. **43** Ted McNulty (6'5" 220 rFr). Tanner Hawkinson PS#28. **FB 31 Steven Foster** (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#125LB.

C 50 RYAN CANTRELL SR. 6-3 295 PS#163. 5 st RG '05. 3 gm C '06. 13 st C LY, HM Big XII. **77** Jeremiah Hatch (6'3" 311 rFr) PS#260. **LS 56 Kayl Anderson** 25 gm, 2Y.

RG 79 CHET HARTLEY SR. 6-4 310 **PS#116JC.** In spg LY. 13 st RG. **68** Carl Wilson (6'4" 286 So) 5 gm rFr. **62** Alex Smith (5'11" 280 So). Trevor Marrongelli (6'4" 285 Fr) PS#159.

LG 66 ADRIAN MAYES SR. 6-3 305 PS#431DL. 1 gm '06. 13 st LG LY. **59** Sal Capra (6'3" 290 So) PS#130LB. Moved from LB, 5 gm LY. John Williams (6'4" 335 Fr) PS#117.

RT 70 Matt Darton Sr. 6-6 310 2nd string 3Y, 1 start, 5 games LY. **63** Ian Wolfe (6'5" 283 So) PS#137. 6 games, 1 start RT as rFr. Ben Lueken (6'6" 300 Fr) PS#164.

LT 74 Jeff Spikes rFr. 6-6 314 PS#278. 2 gm LY, still RS. **75** Nathan D'Cunha (6'6" 307 Jr) PS#101JC. 25 yr old. In spg. **60** Jose Rodriguez (6'6" 293 Jr) PS#200.

K 14 Stephen Hoge rFr. 6-4 216 PS#27. 25 of 30 FG in HS career, 78-80 on xp. 85% TB on 110 career KO. **16** Jacob Branstetter (5'10" 175 rFr) PS#87. 17-22 FG in HS.

DE 87 JOHN LARSON SR. 6-3 250 13 tkl, 2 sk '06. 13 st LY, 43 tkl, 12 tfl. **91** Jake Laptad (6'4" 237 So) PS#249. 20 tkl, 3 sk true. **84** Jeff Wheeler (6'7" 260 Jr) PS#244. 20 tkl, 4 sk 2Y.

DT 94 CALEB BLAKESLEY JR. 6-5 290 PS#143OL. 5 tkl rFr. 13 st LY, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. **97** Richard Johnson (6'2" 279 rFr) PS#213. Scout Tm POY. **92** Patrick Dorsey (6'0" 271 rFr) PS#175DB.

DT 72 Todd Haselhorst Sr. 6-4 290 **PS#63OL.** 14 tkl first 3 yrs. 17 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. Jamal Greene (6'4" 301 So) PS#192. 7 tkl rFr. Justin Pessetto (6'3" 274 So). Richard Alspaugh (6'4" 241 Sr).

DE 81 RUSSELL BRORSEN SR. 6-4 240 PS#129. 12 gm TE true. 8 st DE '06. 33 tkl, 4 sk. 13 st LY. 36 tkl, 4 tfl. **47** Maxwell Onyegbule (6'5" 251 Jr) PS#224LB. 12 tkl, 3.5 sk. DJ Marshall PS#101.

OLB 40 MIKE RIVERA SR. 6-3 255 PS#81. 12 st '06. 90 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 96 tkl, 10.5 tfl, HM BXII. **58** Jake Schermer (6'2" 220 Jr) 24 tkl 2Y. Dakota Lewis (6'1" 202 So) PS#176, 14 tkl.

MLB 8 JOE MORTENSEN SR. 6-1 250 PS#82. 12 st '06. 82 tkl, 9 tfl. 13 st LY, 106 tkl, 15 tfl, **1st Tm BXII. 45** Justin Springer (6'4" 232 So) 23 tkl true. Drew Dudley (6'2" 227 So) PS#120.

OLB 12 JAMES HOLT SR. 6-3 222 3 st, 29 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 99 tkl, 13 tfl, HM BXII. **41** Arist Wright (6'0" 220 Jr) 44 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y. **44** Olaitan Oguntodu (6'0" 220 Jr) PS#69DB.

CB 24 Kendrick Harper Sr. 5-9 190 PS#228JC. 3 st LY, 19 tkl, 3 pbu. **20** Anthony Webb (6'0" 185 Jr) **PS#39.** 9 st, 42 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu '06. 2 tkl LY. **29** Isiah Barfield (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#213QB.

CB 16 CHRIS HARRIS SO. 6-0 180 PS#221WR. 10 st true, 65 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. **26** Phillip Strozier (6'0" 196 So) PS#64. 5 tkl rFr. **38** Maurice Henry (5'8" 175 Jr). Greg Brown PS#75.

SS 25 DARRELL STUCKEY JR. 6-1 205 PS#215. 32 tkl, 3 pbu rFr. 13 st LY, 72 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **7 Patrick Resby** (6'0" 200 Sr) PS#78JC. 9 st SS LY, 22 tkl. **30** Anthony Davis (6'0" 192 rFr) PS#157.

FS 46 JUSTIN THORNTON JR. 6-1 202 PS#115. 8 st 2Y, 92 tkl, 6 int, 13 pbu. **36** Tang Bacheyie (6'1" 211 Sr) PS#382WR. 33 gm, 8 tkl 3Y. **28** Eric Tyler (6'0" 185 rFr) WR LY.

P NA Alonso Rojas So. 6-3 220 PS#43. 46.0 in HS. 56 punts at BGreen in '06. 35.6 avg and net of 27.7. Kyle Davis (5'10" 200 Jr). Kerry Meier PS#34QB. 4 punts, 32.2 LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Jocques Crawford 6-1 230 PS#41JC
OL	Nathan D'Cunha 6-6 307 PS#101JC
DL	DJ Marshall 6-4 230 PS#101
WR	Roderick Harris 6-2 200 PS#206JC
TE	Tanner Hawkinson 6-6 245 PS#28
QB	Kale Pick 6-2 200 PS#51
DB	Greg Brown 5-11 164 PS#75
TE	Nick Plato 6-6 228 PS#31
OL	John Williams 6-4 335 PS#117
DL	Duane Zlatnik 6-4 260 PS#127
DL	Darius Parish 6-4 325 PS#139
WR	Daymond Patterson 5-9 175 PS#125
OL	Trevor Marrongelli 6-4 285 PS#159
QB	Sean Ransburg 6-1 195 PS#79
TE	Tim Biere 6-4 240 PS#46
OL	Ben Lueken 6-6 300 PS#164
DB	Corrigan Powell 5-10 161 PS#167
DB	Lubbock Smith 5-11 190 PS#187
DB	Dustin Moomau 6-0 190 PS#478JC
K	Alonso Rojas 6-3 220 PS#43 '06
LB	Josh Richardson 6-4 200 PS#408

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

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MARK MANGINO (Career 37-36)
7th Year at Kansas Mangino's Bowl Record: 2-1

Mangino's records AT KANSAS

37-36	Straight Up	1-4	Vs Top 10
27-12	Home	3-9	Vs Top 25
8-21	Away	2-3	Vs BCS Teams
2-3	Neutral	5-4	Off A Bye
18-30	Vs Conference	12-21	Off A Loss

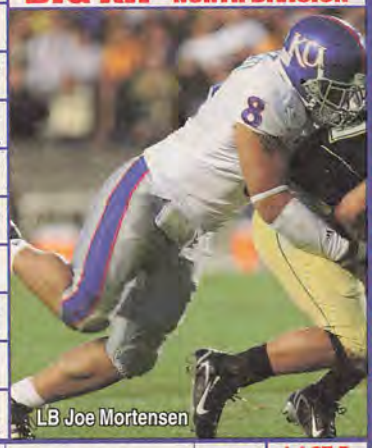
2007 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (17,24,1)
Lost: 16 (9,5,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 46,784 (#48)

BIG XII - NORTH DIVISION


LB Joe Mortensen

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#25

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Florida Int'l	A					
Sep. 6	Louisiana Tech	A					
Sep. 12	at USF (Fri)	G					
Sep. 20	Sam Houston St	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	at Iowa St	G					
Oct. 11	Colorado	A					
Oct. 18	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 25	Texas Tech (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	Kansas St	A					
Nov. 8	at Nebraska	A					
Nov. 15	Texas	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	† Missouri (Kansas City)	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Frank Seurer 6,410 '80-'83
2. Kelly Donohoe 5,382 '86-'89
3. David Jaynes 5,132 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. June Henley 3,841 '93-'96
2. Tony Sands 3,788 '88-'91
3. Laverne Smith 3,074 '73-'76

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Willie Vaughn 2,266 '85-'88
2. Mark Simmons 2,161 '02-'05
3. Richard Estell 1,997 '82-'85

KU is 15-2 in their home opener S/'91. KU is 7-0 all-time vs current SBC tms including a 55-3 win vs FIU LY in which QB Reesing accounted for 415 total yds (#1 in KU history).

Coming into '08: KU is 17-5 under Mangino vs non-conf opp's in reg ssn (avg W by 18 ppg). Jayhawks' D was stout in their last meeting vs LT (34-14 '05) recording 7 sks & 4 int.

KU is 2-9 L11Y in their 1st RG of the ssn. In the only meeting in '05, USF was SOD at K2 & int at the K1 as KU fum 2x's in USF territory (1 in EZ) in the 1H (0-0 tie).

Bearkats are 0-15 all-time vs the Big XII losing by an avg of 41 ppg. SHSt went 7-4 LY including a 39-3 loss at OKSt getting outgained 584-355.

Bonus: Jayhawks are 5-1 S/'03 before a bye with the avg score 48-6 the L/2 gms.

The HT has won 5 of the last 6 meetings, only loss was last time here in '06. Kansas is 6-20 in their last 26 Big XII road games, but went a perfect 4-0 LY.

The HT has won 8 of 11 gms in this Big XII North rival. 2Y's ago in his debut, QB Reesing was 7-11 (64%) w/196 total yds & 3 TD's (2 pass 1 rush) vs CU.

KU is 3-17 in Norman S/'63 & in their last trip had 3 TO's & were outgained by 251 yds ('04). Mangino was an asst cch under Stoops at OU prior to taking over at KU ('99-'01).

In their last meeting in '05, KU was down 20-0 & had just 87 yds at the half vs TT. Kansas is 14-4 on Homecoming since 1990 with the avg score KU 28-20.

LY KU beat #24 KSU (1st W vs ranked S/'03) & became ranked (#20) for the 1st time S/'96. Mangino's 1st IA cching assignment was at KSU from '91-'98, attending 6 bowls.

Second longest uninterrupted series with its 103rd gm (KU 0-19 at Neb S/'69). LY KU set a school record w/115 combined pts & Reesing's 6 TD passes.

Jayhawks last win vs the Horns was in '38, 0-6 in Big XII play w/an avg loss of 31 ppg. KU is 8-3 S/'97 in Memorial Stadium finales (avg W by 15 ppg & avg L by 25 ppg).

Bonus: KU is 3-6 under Mangino & 6-19 in their last 25 November away games.

The winning team has won by double digits in 12 of their last 15 meetings. Series began in 1891 & is the 2nd longest Nationally (longest west of Mississippi, 116 gms).

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (50,071) (#57)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	3-8	2-10	6-7	4-7	7-5	6-6	12-1	44-51
Home	3-3	2-5	1-5	5-2	3-3	6-0	5-2	7-0	32-20
Away	1-4	1-3	1-5	1-4	1-4	0-4	1-4	4-0	10-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-3
vs Conf	2-6	1-7	0-8	3-5	2-6	3-5	3-5	7-1	21-43
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-2	3-2	2-1	4-0	3-1	5-0	23-8
ATS	3-7	3-7	3-8	5-7	7-4	6-5	6-5	11-1	44-44
Home Fav (Terry Allen)	0-2	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-1	3-2	6-0	15-8
Home Dog (Terry Allen)	1-2	0-4	0-5	2-2	3-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	8-14
Away Fav (Mark Mangino)	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	3-0	5-2
Away Dog (Mark Mangino)	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-3	2-2	1-0	14-17
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-3
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	1-7	3-5	5-3	4-4	5-3	7-1	30-34
vs Non-Conf	0-2	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	4-0	14-10
Off SU Win	2-1	0-2	1-1	3-2	1-2	4-1	3-3	9-1	23-13
Off SU Loss	1-5	3-5	2-6	2-4	5-2	2-3	3-2	1-0	19-27

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Aloha	+3	BYU - #25	23-20
95	Aloha - #11	+5	UCLA	51-30
03	Tangerine	+12	NC State	26-56
05	Fort Worth	-3	Houston	42-13
07	Orange - #8	+3'	Virginia Tech - #5	24-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kansas' All-Time Bowl Record 5-6

KANSAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	42.8	25	189	4.8	291	63.4	11.2	+21	2007	8	16.4	17	95	3.1	223	57.4	19.4
7	29.0	19	177	4.8	198	55.9	12.9	-5	2006	3	25.5	19	109	3.5	269	52.8	14.8
6*	22.4	17	134	3.8	196	53.3	14.7	-8	2005	7	22.0	17	83	2.4	220	56.7	13.8
7	23.8	17	94	2.7	220	55.7	13.2	+4	2004	8	21.4	17	118	3.3	228	53.9	16.2
5*	29.5	22	166	4.4	256	61.6	14.3	-7	2003	6	30.5	23	195	4.9	218	62.1	13.5
4	20.7	20	126	3.2	191	46.5	15.3	-9	2002	4	42.3	22	256	5.8	216	55.3	11.2

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon McAnderson	190	1146	21	1125	16	5.9
Jake Sharp	147	832	11	821	7	5.6
Todd Reesing	92	381	184	197	3	2.1
Angus Quigley	17	100	2	98	2	5.8
Carmon Boyd-Anderson	24	93	2	91	1	3.8
Kerry Meier	15	86	8	78	1	5.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Todd Reesing	446	276	61.9	3486	33	7
Kerry Meier	29	25	86.2	275	3	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Marcus Henry	54	1014	18.8	10	82	
Dexton Fields	63	834	13.2	6	37	
Dezmon Briscoe	43	496	11.5	7	34	
Derek Fine	46	394	8.6	4	32	
Kerry Meier	26	274	10.5	2	39	
Brandon McAnderson	21	213	10.1	0	38	
Aqib Talib	8	182	22.8	4	58	
Jake Sharp	21	163	7.8	2	31	
Johnathan Wilson	3	52	17.3	0	36	
Raimond Pendleton	4	39	9.8	1	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kyle Tucker	46	1788	38.9	12	31.8(t)	0	11
Kerry Meier	4	129	32.2	0	-	0	1
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Scott Webb	66-67	4-5	12-15	2-5	0-1	18-26	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Mortensen	106	3	12	5	0
James Holt	99	2	11	4	0
Mike Rivera	96	3	7.5	7	1
Darrell Stuckey	72	0	2	6	2
Aqib Talib	66	0	3.5	13	5
Chris Harris	65	0	1.5	4	2
Justin Thornton	46	0	1	9	5
John Larson	43	2.5	9.5	2	2
James McClinton	39	2.5	8.5	0	1
Russell Brorsen	36	1.5	2.5	4	1
Justin Springer	23	0	0	0	0
Patrick Resby	22	0	0	0	0
Sadiq Muhammed	22	1	2.5	2	2
Jake Laptad	20	3	1.5	1	0
Kendrick Harper	19	0	2	3	1
Todd Haselhorst	17	0	2.5	0	0
Arist Wright	17	1	0.5	0	0
Dakota Lewis	14	0	0	0	0
Jeff Wheeler	13	2	1.5	2	0
Caleb Blakesley	13	1	1	1	0
Drew Dudley	13	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Raimond Pendleton	14	170	12.1	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Marcus Herford	31	888	28.6	2	

OFFENSE - 2007 STATS BY GAME - DEFENSE

KU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
46,815	C Michigan	28	43-230	5.3	26-35	308	1	17	28-114	4.1	20-38	180	2	+1
43,914	SE Louisiana	22	39-221	5.7	14-24	280	1	8	29-(-31)	-1.1	22-34	106	4	0
48,112	Toledo	29	46-232	5.0	19-39	325	4	9	37-174	4.7	14-27	77	2	+1
42,134	Florida Int'l	26	36-224	6.2	25-39	391	0	15	36-122	3.4	16-36	133	1	+2
50,924	at Kansas St	24	39-170	4.4	22-36	267	3	17	21-53	2.5	32-49	310	1	0
43,556	Baylor	26	50-236	4.7	18-37	211	4	10	19-48	2.5	22-43	154	1	+5
51,940	at Colorado	17	33-180	5.5	20-29	153	1	19	33-66	2.0	27-45	287	3	+1
85,341	at Texas A&M	24	46-227	4.9	21-33	180	4	16	27-74	2.7	24-45	244	1	+1
51,910	Nebraska	34	49-218	4.4	30-41	354	0	22	23-79	3.4	25-50	405	1	+5
39,848	at Oklahoma St	24	36-167	4.6	28-41	362	1	18	37-195	5.3	22-37	276	2	+4
51,050	Iowa St	31	37-212	5.7	30-35	354	1	16	26-52	2.0	24-43	182	1	+1
80,537	† Missouri	22	22-42	1.9	28-49	349	2	29	43-151	3.5	41-50	368	2	-2
74,111	† Virginia Tech	19	36-95	2.6	21-38	249	4	20	42-135	3.2	14-31	171	5	+2
TOTALS		326	512-2454	4.8	302-476	3783	26	216	401-1232	3.1	303-528	2893	26	+21
AVERAGES		25.1	39-189	4.8	23-37	291	2.0	16.6	31-95	3.1	23-41	223	2.0	1.6

2003 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Northwestern	+6	20-28
-	UNLV	+10'	46-24
-	at Wyoming	+4	42-35
-	Jacksonville St	NL	41-6
-	Missouri - #23	+9'	35-14
-	at Colorado	+6'	47-50 OT
-	Baylor	-21	28-21
-	at Kansas St	+20	6-42
-	at Texas A&M	+11'	33-45
-	Nebraska - #19	+18	3-24
-	at Oklahoma St - #24	+20	21-44
-	Iowa St	-10	36-7

2004 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Tulsa	-4	21-3
-	Toledo	-3	63-14
-	at Northwestern	+2'	17-20
-	Texas Tech	+6	30-31
-	at Nebraska	+13	8-14
-	Kansas St	+3'	31-28
-	at Oklahoma - #2	+27	10-41
-	at Iowa St	-4	7-13
-	Colorado	-2'	21-30
-	Texas - #6	+22	23-27
-	at Missouri	+11	31-14

2005 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Florida Atlantic	-24	30-19
-	Appalachian St	NL	36-8
-	Louisiana Tech	-14'	34-14
-	at Texas Tech - #16	+18'	17-30
-	at Kansas St	+5	3-12
-	† Oklahoma	+6'	3-19
-	at Colorado	+16	13-44
-	Missouri	+5	13-3
-	Nebraska	-1	40-15
-	at Texas - #2	+32'	14-66
-	Iowa St	+3'	24-21 OT

2006 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Northwestern St	NL	49-18
-	ULM	-23'	21-19
-	at Toledo	+4'	31-37 2OT
-	USF	-3'	13-7
-	at Nebraska - #21	+22'	32-39 OT
-	Texas A&M	+1	18-21
-	Oklahoma St	-2'	32-42
-	at Baylor	+3	35-36
-	Colorado	-2	20-15
-	at Iowa St	-2	41-10
-	Kansas St	-2'	39-20
-	at Missouri	+7	17-42

2007 RESULTS

KU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
-	C Michigan	-7'	52-7
-	SE Louisiana	NL	62-0
-	Toledo	-25'	45-13
-	Florida Int'l	-33	55-3
-	at Kansas St - #24	+3'	30-24
#20	Baylor	-26'	58-10
#15	at Colorado	-3'	19-14
#12	at Texas A&M	-3	19-11
#8	Nebraska	-20'	76-39
#5	at Oklahoma St	-6	43-28
#4	Iowa St	-27'	45-7
#2	† Missouri - #3	-1'	28-36

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Kansas St had just 3 scholarship QB's on the roster heading into 2006 and two of them were true frosh in Josh Freeman (PS#10) and Carson Coffman (PS#76). Coffman had offseason shoulder surgery and RS. The lone experienced QB Kerry Meier, who threw for 1,436 (57.7%) with a 9-5 ratio in '04, had shoulder surgery in '05. He started the first 5 of '06 and threw for 775 (51.1%) with a 3-4 ratio. Josh Freeman became the first K-St frosh starting QB since 1976 (Duane Howard) vs Okla St. He had just 3 att in the first 3Q's before leading scoring drives of 92 & 58 yards in the win. In Freeman's first 4 starts, the team managed just 4 TD's on 53 poss and in the first 8 he hit 41% with an 0-8 ratio. Over the last 5 however he completed 62% with a 6-7 ratio. Last year Freeman bulked up to 265 (+27 lb) and did not pass the fall conditioning test. Coffman hit 12 of 29 for 69 in the spring game as his team beat Freeman's team, 19-0. Freeman got off to a slow start and had a 4-7 ratio after 5 giving him a career ratio of 10-22 (at that point). He had a 14-4 ratio over the last 7 including a 404 yd performance vs Okla St. For the season, Freeman became the first player in school history to top 3,000 passing (3,353) and improved to 63.3%. Coffman played in 4 (5 att). Both QB's return and adding depth are Tysyn Hartman (6'2" 204 rFr, PS#82), Caleb Smith (6'2" 218 Jr, PS#194), Trey Scott (6'2" 199 rFr), Nick Greve (6'2" 199 rFr) and this year's true frosh. I look for continued improvement from Freeman.

QB Josh Freeman

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 Florida St transfer Thomas Clayton (PS#13) was the leading returning rusher (637, 4.6). He was #1 with 322 (4.8) after 5 but did not see action after that. Two new RB's emerged in true frosh Leon Patton (PS#159) who led with a K-St frosh record 609 (5.6) and James Johnson (PS#6JC) who added 403 (4.1). Johnson turned into the feature back in '07 topping 100 five times and rushing for 1,106 (6.4). Patton had 113 vs Baylor and finished with 390 (4.7). Terry Petrie had just 12 carries (5.5). This year they must replace Johnson, Petrie and John McCardle (0 rush yds). Adding depth are Jeremy Reed (5'11" 228 So, PS#61, 25 yds), Justin Woods (5'8" 168 rFr), Frank Delarue (5'8" 193 rFr, PS#259), Rodney Kenner (5'10" 202 rFr) and five true frosh. This year's big addition is Daniel Thomas (PS#25JC) who played QB last year at JC where he rushed for 618 and passed for 450. This unit looks to be in good shape despite having to replace a 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Despite having their top 2 receivers back in 2005, Jordy Nelson (4.36 spd), who moved from DB, led with 669 (14.9). The top 3 all returned in '06 and Nelson led again with 547 (14.0). Last year they had to replace their #2 and #3 receivers who were 1st and 2nd in '04 and 2nd and 3rd in '05. TE Rashaad Norwood (358, 9.9) also returned. Nelson had a tremendous year. The school record for rec in a season was 75 (Darnell McDonald '98) and Nelson topped that in the 8th game before finishing with 122 for 1,606 yards (13.2). He was also a dangerous returnman. Deon Murphy (PS#110JC) was #2 with 605 (10.6) and TE Jeron Mastrud added 316 (10.5). Daniel Gonzalez had 307 (11.8) and Norwood missed the year (susp). This year they must replace Nelson (#2DC GB), Gonzalez (5 st), TE Michael Pooschke (5 st, 160, 7.6) and Norwood. Not listed below are WR Stephen Harrison (5'11" 178 So) and TE's Jeremy Mack (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#77), Jack Reed (6'0" 208 Jr) and Gabe Gantz (6'6" 244 So). This unit clearly looks weaker with the loss of a top-notch player like Nelson but Prince has brought in four JUCO's which should bring more stability to the unit than you would expect.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 K-State had an inexperienced, injury-plagued O-line that only opened holes for 3.5 ypc (lowest since 1996). In 2006 they had 9 of their top 10 back but due to injuries and coaching decisions just one player started all 13 (5LG, 8LT) and that was Greg Wafford (HM Big XII). K-St improved to 4.0 ypc while allowing 28 sacks (6.7%). Last year they had to replace 5 players (25 comb st) and returning starter Caleb Handy DNP giving them just 32 returning starts. In August Prince said numerous times that the OL was one of his biggest concerns. After a couple other backups left, Prince asked Kaleb Drinkgern, who was just 243 lbs over the summer and had been expected to GS, to play. Drinkgern was a backup all year but was able to keep his RS. Returning starter C Jordan Bedore was injured vs Kansas and soph Trevor Viers started the rest of the year. Surprisingly K-St increased the ypc rushing to 4.5 and ranked #9 in the NCAA allowing just 3.3% sacks (17 sacks, 510 att). Those numbers were reinforced by the fact that pocket QB Josh Freeman finished with -40 yards net rushing. This year they lose HM Big XII LG Logan Robinson (last 7 st) but have 8 of the top 10 back (8 w/st exp) and add in some JC's including VHT Wade Weibert (PS#13) who was in for the spring. K-St's 89 career starts are tied for #18 in the NCAA. While most folks won't talk about this O-line in the preseason, I feel it is one of the Big XII's top units.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Under Snyder the Wildcats had an annual infusion of JUCO talent at this position and it was usually a top-notch group. They did not allow over 3.2 ypc rush in a seven year stretch and yielded just 2.0 in 2002. They had inexperienced units in both '04 and '05 and yielded 4.1 and 3.5. They had an experienced group in '06 but surprisingly yielded 4.1 ypc although the D had 40 sacks thanks to star walk-on Ian Campbell (11.5 sk, 1st Tm BXII). Last year they had to replace three players (Moran quit prior to ssn, 4 st) who combined for 19 starts and undersized NT Steven Cline (278 lbs) was lost for the year vs Iowa St. While the sack total dropped to 30 (Campbell's to 4.5), they allowed 3.7 ypc rush. This year the losses are heavy in DE Moses Manu (8 st, 34 tkl, 2 sk), Cline (9 st, 24 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE Rob Jackson (10 st, 25 tkl, 2 sk, #7DC WAS) and DE Clayton Cox (16 tkl, 2 sk). It looks like the days of old have returned as they bring in four JUCO's, and all have made my 3 deep. While their star is back and there is a talent infusion, this group is less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - The Cats switched from a 4-3 to a 3-4 despite having only one starter returning to this unit. Prince compared Antwon Moore to Troy Polamalu but unfortunately Moore was lost in Wk 2 to injury. This year the only losses are LB Justin Roland (12 st, 70 tkl, 6.5 tfl), Greg Gaskins (2 tkl '06), Chris Patterson (3 st, 18 tkl) and Marcus Perry (18 tkl). Not listed below are Brandon Hall (6'1" 199 rFr, PS#151RB), Brian Hertzog (5'10" 198 rFr) and MacKenzie Rosel (6'1" 215 Jr, PS#255). Not only is this group more experienced, it has added talent with Moore's return and the infusion of 3 JUCO's including PS#8, PS#54, PS#76 and Virginia transfer Olu Hall (PS#16). This is a deep and dangerous group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Snyder always used a deep rotation in the secondary that allowed them to offset large graduation losses almost every year. The Cats had 4 consecutive finishes in the top 10 in my pass D rankings but then slipped to #19, #61 and #55 in his last 3 years. That 2005 unit had 4 brand-new starters so Prince only had to replace one starter in 2006 but they only moved up to #54. Last year they had 3 starters returning but CB Joshua Moore (L/5 st '06) missed the year. The team had 10 int in a 3 game stretch, their best since 1987, but slipped to #73. This year they must replace 2nd Tm Big XII CB Justin McKinney (12 st, 74 tkl, 9 pbu), FS Marcus Watts (9 st, 63 tkl), CB Byron Garvin (5 st, 42 tkl, 5 pbu) and CB Bryan Baldwin (1 st, 19 tkl). This is another unit with a large JUCO infusion and I look for them to climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Bill Snyder's special teams were always special including a #4 finish in 2002. In Prince's first year (2006) the Cats finished #1 in my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace K Jeff Snodgrass (17 of 24 FG's) and top PR Yamon Figurs (14.7). They once again were near the top of the heap finishing #3. New K Brooks Rossman hit 22 of 28 FG's (long of 52) while P Tim Reyer improved his net to 38.9 (44.5 avg). Jared Parker had 5 TB on 39 KO. Thanks to Jordy Nelson's 2 TD's on 5 returns (52.8 avg), the team avg 22.5 on PR's (#1 NCAA) which was actually more than they avg'd on KR (19.7)! They have 8 PR TD's in 25 games under Prince (12 incl KR). This year they lose Nelson as well as Reyer but should be a contender for another top 20 ST finish. New ST coach Jeff Rodgers comes over from the San Fran 49ers and his unit last year was just the 2nd team in NFL history to top 40.0 net punting in a season.

COACHES - Ron Prince, who was the OC at Virginia from 2003-'05, took over as HC in '06 and had to fill the large shoes of Bill Snyder. His new OC is Dave Brock who was Temple's OC from 2003-'05, the WR coach at N Caro (2006) and the WR coach here last season. In 2004 his Temple team avg 393.7 ypg. Tim Tibesar who was the ST coordinator in 2006, took over as the DC last year, their 3rd DC in 3 years. He was the DC at N Dakota ('04-'05).

PHIL'S FORECAST

KSU allowed 198 pts in the final 4 games of 2007 which was the most the team had ever allowed in a 4 game stretch. That is amazing considering the Wildcats were practically synonymous with bad football until Bill Snyder arrived in Manhattan. Snyder did a remarkable job taking a team with the worst combined record in the history of the NCAA and guiding them to bowl games in eleven straight years. I think he did one of the best coaching jobs ever in NCAA history getting this team into National Title contention in five different years. Snyder opted to step aside from his miracle in Manhattan and left with 136 wins which was two more than all of K-St's prior coaches combined since 1937!! He guided them to their first conf title since 1934 including Big XII Titles in 1998, 2000 and 2003. From '97-'03 they actually had 11 wins in six out of seven years. They even renamed the stadium Bill Snyder Family Stadium upon his retirement. In his last 2 years ('04-'05) they finished a disappointing 4-7 and 5-6. KSU had 16 returning starters in 2006, their most since 1998, but were shifting from the read-option to a more pass based attack. K-St got to a bowl (7-6) but they were wiped out by Rutgers. They did have 3 net close wins (see "For Better or For Worse"). The highlight of their 2006 season was an upset of #4 Texas. Last year they had 14 returning starters including QB Freeman. The Wildcats played strong early as they could have easily beaten Auburn on the road as they led most of the game and gave up a late FR TD for a misleading final. They waxed their next two foes and then upset #7 Texas again on the road, 41-21. KSU moved up to #24 in the polls but lost to Kansas at home for the first time since 1989. They whipped CU the next week 47-20 but gave up the game winning 26 yd FG with :02 left vs Okla St. After destroying Baylor, K-St was 5-3 and the big question was which bowl they were going to. They lost to Iowa St at home the next week, were pummelled by Nebraska (73-31), Missouri (49-32) and lost at Fresno St (45-29) in the finale. KSU finished with a losing record at 5-7. K-St has just 12 returning starters but get a large JUCO infusion (19, reminiscent of the Snyder era). Despite a killer Big XII schedule which has them pulling Oklahoma, Texas Tech and a road trip to College Station out of the South, I give the Wildcats a good shot at being bowl eligible once again.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 1 JOSH FREEMAN JR. 6-6 250 **PS#10**. L/8 st true. 1780 (52%) 6-15, 163 rush. 12 st LY, **Schl rec 3353 yd** (63%) 18-11. Carson Coffman (6'3" 200 So) PS#76. Tysyn Hartman PS#82.

RB 9 Leon Patton Jr. 5-7 187 PS#159. 3 st '06, #1 rusher. 2 st '07. 999 (5.2) 25 rec, 765 KR yd 2Y. **Daniel Thomas is PS#25JC. 34 Dee Bell** (5'8" 170 rFr) **PS#60**.

WR 88 Cedric Wilson Sr. 6-1 181 PS#225JC. 3 st, 16 rec 2Y. **Aubrey Quarles PS#74JC**. Attrail Snipes (6'1" 180 Jr). PS#110JC. **31** Tony Purvis (5'11" 169 Jr) PS#255DB.

WR 87 DEON MURPHY SR. 5-10 170 PS#110JC. 11 st LY, 605 (10.6), 495 ret yd. Ernie Pierce (6'4" 204 Sr) PS#123JC. 1 st, 6 rec LY. Joseph Houlik (5'11" 199 rFr). Brandon Banks PS#120JC.

TE 7 Lamark Brown So. 6-3 229 **PS#36DB**. 1 st true 3 rec. Adrian Hilburn PS#186JC in spg. Corey Schultz (6'2" 173 Jr) PS#428JC LY. RS. Matt Wykes (6'2" 212 Jr).

TE 85 JERON MASTRUD JR. 6-6 259 9 st true, 235 (13.8). 9 st '07, 316 (10.5). Brett Alstatt (6'4" 224 Sr). Darrin Seiwert (5'11" 228 Sr) PS#67RB. Jayson Cuba (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#80.

C 79 JORDAN BEDORE SR. 6-3 308 PS#270RB. 8 st C rFr. 9 st '06. First 5 st LY until inj. **54 Trevor Viers** (6'5" 270 Jr) L/7 st C LY. **LS Corey Adams** (6'4" 230 So) PS#311. 12 gm true.

RG 73 GERARD SPEXARTH SR. 6-6 280 PS#154. 3 st RG '06. 12 st RG LY. **77** Colten Freeze (6'5" 281 rFr) PS#123. Kenneth Mayfield (6'4"330 So) PS#194. Eric Benoit (6'4" 306 Jr) PS#424JC.

LG 74 Wade Weibert Jr. 6-5 300 **PS#13JC in spg. 76 Brock Unruh** (6'5" 301 Jr) PS#99DL. 4 st RG '06. First 5 st LG LY. **59** Zach Kendall (6'3" 279 So) PS#118DL.

RT 63 PENISINI "BEN" LIU SR. 6-6 325 PS#343JC. L/ 10 st RT LY. **64 Nick Stringer** (6'6" 270 Jr) PS#147. 9 st rFr. First 2 st LY (inj). **72** Kaleb Drinkgern (6'6" 260 rFr) PS#180.

LT 78 ALESANA ALESANA SR. 6-4 299 PS#109JC. 12 st LT. HM BXII '07. Edward Prince (6'5" 280 Jr) PS#104JC. Clyde Aufner (6'6" 277 rFr) **PS#71**. Brad Rooker (6'6" 291 Sr) PS#59TE.

K 16 BROOKS ROSSMAN SR. 6-0 178 8 of 19 FG 2Y @ Ohio U, L/47. Hit 22-28, long 52 here LY. **18** Jared Parker (5'11" 198 Sr) PS#51. 16 TB on 73 KO 3Y. Josh Cherry **PS#4**.

DE NA Jack Hayes Jr. 6-4 270 PS#232JC. **94** Raphael Guidry (6'4" 276 rFr) PS#201. Added 36 lbs. **55** Vlad Faustin (6'2" 250 Sr) 14 gm, 4 tkl 3Y. Payton Kirk (6'6" 240 rFr) PS#130OL.

NG 52 Xzavier Stewart So. 6-1 304 Took off RS L/2 gm, 1st 4 tkl. **92** Brandon Balkcom (6'0" 266 Sr) PS#430JC. 2 st, 31 tkl, 2Y. **93** Gabriel Crews (6'2" 286 So) PS#220. 9 gm, 5 tkl LY.

DT NA Daniel Calvin Jr. 6-4 310 **PS#52JC**. Chidubamu Abana (6'5" 280 Sr) PS#328JC. 2 st, 8 tkl LY. Tony Gillespie PS#64. John Finau (6'1" 295 Jr) PS#191JC. Josh Berard PS#108JC.

DE 98 IAN CAMPBELL SR. 6-5 249 **1st Tm BXII '06 & '07**. 67 tkl, 11.5 sk '06. 12 st, 11 tfl '07. **42** Ross Diehl (6'2" 215 Jr) **PS#58LB**. 1 st. 2.5 sk LY. Davyon McGhee (5'10" 225 So) PS#225RB.

SLB 53 REGGIE WALKER SR. 6-1 231 PS#128. 9 st '05-'06, 52 tkl. 7 st LY, 65 tkl, HM BXII. Ulla Pomele PS#54JC. Hansen Sekona PS#76JC. **45** Kevin Rohleder (6'1" 212 So) PS#98.

MLB NA Grant Valentine Jr. 6-3 240 **PS#8JC. 39 John Houlik** (5'11" 217 Jr) 5 st, 68 tkl, 3 sk LY. **43 Antwon Moore** (5'10" 210 Sr) PS#223JC. 5 tkl, 2 sk, 2 gm until inj. Chris Bamberger (6'1" 222 Sr).

WLB 48 OLU HALL JR. 6-3 232 **PS#16**. Virginia trans. **90 Eric Childs** (6'3" 227 Jr) PS#112DL. **9 st**, 36 tkl, 4 tfl LY. Antonio Felder (6'3" 245 Jr) PS#212JC. Pre-ssn JC AA LY.

CB 6 Blair Irvin Jr. 5-11 185 PS#96JC in spg. **4 Joshua Moore** (5'11" 187 So). L/5 st true, 35 tkl, 5 pbu. RS LY. **38** Kendrick Matthews (5'10" 180 So) PS#223. 4 tkl true.

CB 23 Ray Cheatham Sr. 6-0 185 PS#69JC. 7 tkl '06. 6 st LY, 31 tkl, 3 pbu. Billy McClellan (5'9" 180 Jr) PS#218JC in spg. **15** Kevin Hollis (5'11" 205 Jr) PS#194. Otis Johnson (5'10" 171 Jr) PS#334.

SS 21 GARY CHANDLER SR. 5-11 195 PS#24JC. 7 st LY, **BXII Def N'cmr of Yr,** 54 tkl, 2 pbu. Dustin Bell PS#145JC. **24** Dahrnaz Tigner (6'2" 200 So) PS#277. Adrian Stryker (6'1" 197 Jr) PS#448.

FS 30 CHRIS CARNEY JR. 6-1 185 PS#113.5 tkl true. 9 st, 64 tkl, 2 pbu LY. **20** Courtney Herndon (5'11" 206 Jr) PS#195. 2 st LY, 22 tkl. **36** Andrew Erker (6'1" 187 Sr) **7 st '06**, 51 tkl 2Y.

P NA George Pierson Jr. 6-0 180 PS#219JC. 43.2 avg on 42 punts at JC in '07. DJ Fulhage (5'9" 180 So) PS#352DB. **19** Josh Cherry (6'1" 170 So) **PS#4**. XP 2-2, 19 KO true.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Grant Valentine 6-3 240 PS#8JC
OL	Wade Weibert 6-5 300 PS#13JC
RB	Daniel Thomas 6-2 227 PS#25JC
DL	Daniel Calvin 6-4 310 PS#52JC
LB	Ulla Pomele 6-1 235 PS#54JC
WR	Aubrey Quarles 6-0 190 PS#74JC
LB	Hansen Sekona 6-0 230 PS#76JC
DB	Blair Irvin 5-11 185 PS#96JC
OL	Edward Prince 6-5 280 PS#104JC
DL	Josh Berard 6-2 220 PS#108JC
WR	Attrail Snipes 6-1 180 PS#110JC
WR	Brandon Banks 5-8 170 PS#120JC
DB	Dustin Bell 6-0 180 PS#145JC
DL	Tony Gillespie 6-1 298 PS#64
DL	Brandon Harold 6-5 260 PS#84
WR	Adrian Hilburn 6-2 190 PS#186JC
DL	John Finau 6-1 295 PS#191JC
LB	Antonio Felder 6-3 245 PS#212JC
DB	Billy McClellan 5-9 180 PS#218JC
K	George Pierson 6-0 180 PS#219JC
RB	Kwamaine Brown 5-8 185 PS#78
DL	Jack Hayes 6-4 270 PS#232JC
QB	Joseph Kassanavoid 6-6 215 PS#55
RB	Logan Dold 6-1 200 PS#84DB
LB	Blake Slaughter 6-0 219 PS#97
RB	Kenny Session 5-8 190 PS#100
RB	Jarell Childs 6-3 216 PS#104
DL	Javonta Boyd 6-3 290 PS#143
QB	Collin Klein 6-4 202 PS#83
OL	Ethan Douglas 6-6 285 PS#301
OL	William Cooper 6-5 260 PS#338
RB	Braden Wilson 6-4 220 PS#367

KANSAS ST WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#52

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	North Texas	A					
Sep. 6	Montana St	A					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 17	at Louisville (Wed)	A					
Sep. 27	Louisiana-Lft	A					
Oct. 4	Texas Tech	A					
Oct. 11	at Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 18	at Colorado	G					
Oct. 25	Oklahoma (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	at Kansas	A					
Nov. 8	at Missouri	A					
Nov. 15	Nebraska	A					
Nov. 22	Iowa St	A					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Lynn Dickey 6,208 '68-'70
2. Chad May 5,253 '93-'94
3. Carl Straw 5,223 '87-'90

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Darren Sproles 4,979 '01-'04
2. Ell Roberson 2,818 '00-'03
3. Eric Hickson 2,537 '94-95, '97-'98

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kevin Lockett 3,032 '93-'96
2. Jordy Nelson 2,822 '05-'07
3. Michael Smith 2,457 '88-'91

The Wildcats have won 18 straight home openers by an avg of 37-10. Their 658 ttl yds in '05 vs NT is a school record. They have outscored them 109-17 their L/2 meetings.

Bobcats finished 6-5 LY as they opened the ssn up with a 38-7 loss to TX A&M. MSU will face a Big XII opp for the 4th straight yr beating CU in '06 & almost knocking off OSU in '05.

KSU held Louisville (nation's top scoring off) to less than half its avg & fewest pts in nearly a year in their last & only meeting in '06 (Prince's 1st yr as HC).

Coming into 2008, KSt is 31-3 in Manhattan vs non-conference opponents S/'96. In their last meeting in '04 KSU RB Sproles rushed for a school record 292 yds.

These 2 played the 1st ever Big XII gm & KSU is 3-6 vs TT dropping 3 straight. In their last meeting ('05), KSU all'd 669 pass yds (65%) on 47 of 72 pass att's, all were school records.

L/meeting in '05 A&M led 23-8 after 3Q's, before KSU's 4Q comeback fell short by 2. Wildcats are 3-13 the L4Y in Big XII RG's being outscored by an avg of 11 ppg.

The Wildcats are 40-20 (67%) vs Big XII North Division members since 1996. Kansas State is just 19-43-1 all-time vs Colorado, but has won the last 2 years.

These old Big 8 rivals played every year from 1919-'97 (1st gm in 1908). Kansas St is just 8-60-1 since '35 vs OU. The Wildcats are 16-2 on Homecoming.

106th meeting as KU leads 64-36-5 & KSU hasn't lost 3 straight yrs S/'88-'90. Wildcats had 6 TO's their last visit to Lawrence that led to 30 of the Jayhawks 39 pts.

KSU is 14-3 the last 17 vs Mizzou, but have lost the L/2 & were just 17-54-5 prior. The Wildcats are 8-4 the L12Y after playing instate rival KU (7-3 after a KU win).

Last time hosting NU in '06, Freeman's 272 pass yds were the most ever by a true Fr QB in school history. The home team has won 9 of the last 11 meetings.

Kansas St is 11-3 vs Iowa St (but 1-3 L/4) S/'94 winning by an average of 29 ppg. The Wildcats are 15-3 since '90 in Manhattan finales with the avg win by 18 ppg.

RON PRINCE (Career 12-13)

3rd Year at Kansas St — Prince's Bowl Record: 0-1

Prince's records AT KANSAS ST

12-13	Straight Up	2-2	Vs Top 10
10-4	Home	2-6	Vs Top 25
2-8	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
7-9	Vs Conference	5-6	Off A Loss

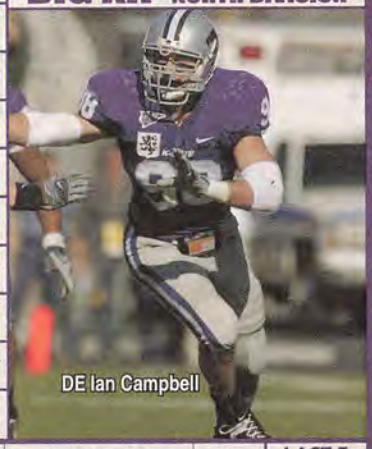
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,21,4)
Lost: 24 (8,13,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 47,383 (#47)

BIG XII - NORTH DIVISION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STADIUM: BILL SNYDER FAMILY STADIUM (50,000) (#59)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-3	6-6	11-2	11-4	4-7	5-6	7-6	5-7	60-41
Home	6-1	4-2	7-1	7-1	3-4	4-2	6-2	4-2	41-15
Away	3-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	1-4	1-3	1-5	14-22
Neutral	2-1	0-1	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	5-4
vs Conf	6-3	3-5	6-2	7-2	2-6	2-6	4-4	3-5	33-33
vs Non-Conf	5-0	3-1	5-0	4-2	2-1	3-0	3-2	2-2	27-8
ATS	7-6-1	8-4	8-3	6-7	3-7	6-5	6-6	6-5	50-43-1
Home Fav (Bill Snyder)	3-3	4-2	5-1	2-4	1-4	3-1	3-0	3-1	24-16
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	(Ron Prince) 2-2	0-1	6-3
Away Fav	2-2	2-1	3-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	9-12
Away Dog	0-0	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-3	1-2	3-0	9-6
Neutral	1-1-1	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-6-1
vs Conf	4-4-1	5-3	6-2	6-3	3-5	5-3	4-4	4-4	37-28-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-1	2-1	0-4	0-2	1-2	2-2	2-1	13-15
Off SU Win	5-4-1	5-1	6-3	4-5	0-4	1-3	4-3	2-2	27-25-1
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-3	2-0	2-1	3-3	5-1	2-3	3-3	21-15

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Cotton - #11	-3'	Tennessee - #21	35-21
01	Insight.com	-6	Syracuse - #18	3-26
02	Holiday - #6	-18'	Arizona St	34-27
03	Fiesta - #8	-7	Ohio St - #7	28-35
06	Texas	+8'	Rutgers - #16	10-37

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Kansas St's All-Time Bowl Record 6-7

KANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	35.2	22	133	4.5	285	63.1	11.9	+4	2007	7	30.8	22	142	3.7	259	59.9	13.0
8*	22.8	16	115	4.0	200	51.6	13.8	-4	2006	8	23.8	18	149	4.1	197	58.3	14.5
4	26.3	17	138	3.5	201	51.6	12.9	-6	2005	3	27.7	18	129	3.5	231	55.6	13.0
6	29.6	21	186	4.3	178	56.1	12.3	-6	2004	4	30.6	16	148	4.1	201	53.7	11.4
7*	36.6	21	229	5.0	212	52.3	12.0	-1	2003	5	16.3	15	108	3.0	175	50.1	17.4
4*	44.8	21	264	5.2	159	53.8	9.4	+9	2002	7	11.8	14	70	2.0	179	45.7	21.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Johnson	174	1164	58	1106	12	6.4
Leon Patton	**83**	**409**	**19**	**390**	**4**	**4.7**
Deon Murphy	**15**	**103**	**20**	**83**	**2**	**5.5**
Terry Petrie	12	66	0	66	1	5.5
Jeremy Reed	**5**	**25**	**0**	**25**	**0**	**5.0**
Josh Freeman	**53**	**124**	**164**	**-40**	**4**	**-0.8**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Josh Freeman	**499**	**316**	**63.3**	**3353**	**18**	**11**
Jordy Nelson	4	2	50.0	45	2	0
Carson Coffman	**5**	**3**	**60.0**	**22**	**0**	**0**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jordy Nelson	122	1606	13.2	11	68
Deon Murphy	**57**	**605**	**10.6**	**5**	**66**
Jeron Mastrud	**30**	**316**	**10.5**	**0**	**29**
Daniel Gonzalez	26	307	11.8	1	40
James Johnson	34	220	6.5	0	19
Mike Pooschke	21	160	7.6	0	22
Leon Patton	**15**	**62**	**4.1**	**1**	**21**
Ernie Pierce	**6**	**59**	**9.8**	**2**	**20**
Cedric Wilson	**5**	**46**	**9.2**	**0**	**14**
Lamark Brown	**3**	**33**	**11.0**	**0**	**13**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tim Reyer	58	2583	44.5	13	38.9	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brooks Rossman	44-46	9-9	9-10	3-7	1-2	22-28	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Justin McKinney	74	0	1	9	3
Justin Roland	70	1	5.5	2	1
John Houlik	**68**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Reggie Walker	**65**	**3**	**2**	**2**	**1**
Chris Carney	**64**	**0**	**3.5**	**2**	**4**
Marcus Watts	63	0	3	3	1
Gary Chandler	**54**	**0**	**4.5**	**2**	**0**
Ian Campbell	**45**	**4.5**	**6.5**	**2**	**1**
Byron Garvin	42	1.5	2.5	5	2
Eric Childs	**36**	**1**	**3**	**0**	**0**
Moses Manu	34	2	3.5	3	0
Ray Cheatham	**31**	**1**	**0.5**	**3**	**0**
Rob Jackson	25	2	2.5	1	0
Steven Cline	24	2.5	2.5	2	1
Brandon Balkcom	**23**	**1**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Courtney Herndon	**22**	**1**	**2.5**	**1**	**1**
Bryan Baldwin	19	0	0	3	2
Chris Patterson	18	0	1	0	0
Marcus Perry	18	0	0	0	0
Clayton Cox	16	2	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Deon Murphy	**26**	**454**	**17.5**	**1**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leon Patton	**20**	**444**	**22.2**	**0**
James Johnson	16	388	24.3	1

2007 STATS BY GAME

KSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
86,439	at Auburn	16	16-27	1.7	33-58	289	2	17	37-62	1.7	17-30	229	5	-1
45,545	San Jose St	25	27-153	5.7	25-36	272	0	20	31-73	2.4	28-41	220	3	-2
46,825	Missouri St	30	38-221	5.8	29-42	325	0	14	40-69	1.7	12-23	122	5	0
84,864	at Texas	19	35-95	2.7	22-38	177	1	18	32-113	3.5	20-43	217	2	+4
50,924	Kansas	17	21-53	2.5	32-49	310	1	24	39-170	4.4	22-36	267	3	0
46,637	Colorado	20	39-249	6.4	15-28	214	0	22	36-188	5.2	19-41	223	2	+4
41,725	at Oklahoma St	30	23-125	5.4	36-51	404	1	28	59-329	5.6	11-26	181	0	-2
45,959	Baylor	23	46-208	4.5	23-36	255	1	15	26-13	0.5	20-35	305	5	+5
45,551	at Iowa St	22	29-78	2.7	28-45	347	2	14	40-120	3.0	17-26	228	0	-2
84,665	at Nebraska	24	28-108	3.9	26-44	320	4	35	37-183	4.9	31-43	519	3	0
48,406	Missouri	20	32-150	4.7	26-41	256	4	27	36-143	4.0	28-41	284	2	-3
34,671	at Fresno St	21	17-126	7.4	27-42	256	1	29	51-236	4.6	23-29	313	0	+1
TOTALS		267	351-1593	4.5	322-510	3425	17	263	464-1699	3.7	248-414	3108	30	+4
AVERAGES		22.3	29-133	4.5	27-43	285	1.4	21.9	39-142	3.7	21-35	259	2.5	0.3

KSU Pre #7 2003 RESULTS — Post #14

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#7	† California	-28	42-28
#7	Troy	-37'	41-5
#7	McNeese St	NL	55-14
#7	Massachusetts	NL	38-7
#6	Marshall	-19'	20-27
#16	at Texas - #13	+6'	20-24
#22	at Oklahoma St	-2'	34-38
–	Colorado	-18	49-20
–	Kansas	-20	42-6
–	Baylor	-40'	38-10
–	at Iowa St	-18	45-0
–	at Nebraska - #18	-2'	38-9
#19	Missouri	-14'	24-14
#13	† Oklahoma - #1	+14	35-7

KSU Pre #12 2004 RESULTS — Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#12	W Kentucky	NL	27-13
#13	Fresno St	-12'	21-45
–	Louisiana-Lft	-31	40-20
–	at Texas A&M	+4	30-42
–	at Kansas	-3'	28-31
–	Oklahoma - #2	+20	21-31
–	Nebraska	-4'	45-21
–	Texas Tech	-2'	25-35
–	at Missouri	+4	35-24
–	at Colorado	-2'	31-38
–	Iowa St	-11	23-37

KSU Pre – 2005 RESULTS — Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Florida Int'l	-33	35-21
–	at Marshall	-9	21-19
–	North Texas	-24'	54-7
–	at Oklahoma	+6'	21-43
–	Kansas	-5	12-3
–	at Texas Tech - #13	+15'	20-59
–	Texas A&M	+6	28-30
–	Colorado	+7'	20-23
–	at Iowa St	+8	17-45
–	at Nebraska	+6	25-27
–	Missouri	-3	36-28

KSU Pre – 2006 RESULTS — Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Illinois St	NL	24-23
–	Florida Atlantic	-20'	45-0
–	Marshall	-9'	23-7
–	Louisville - #8	+14	6-24
–	at Baylor	-1'	3-17
–	Oklahoma St	+3	31-27
–	Nebraska - #21	+8'	3-21
–	at Missouri - #24	+14'	21-41
–	Iowa St	-4	31-10
–	at Colorado	+3'	34-21
–	Texas - #4	+16	45-42
–	at Kansas	+2'	20-39

KSU Pre – 2007 RESULTS — Post –

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Auburn - #18	+13'	13-23
–	San Jose St	-19	34-14
–	Missouri St	NL	61-10
–	at Texas - #7	+14'	41-21
#24	Kansas	-3'	24-30
–	Colorado	-4'	47-20
#25	at Oklahoma St	+2'	39-41
–	Baylor	-26	51-13
–	at Iowa St	-15'	20-31
–	at Nebraska	-7'	31-73
–	Missouri - #6	+7	32-49
–	at Fresno St	-1	29-45

COLORADO BUFFALOES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 James Cox started the opener but the athletic Bernard Jackson (PS#59) took over for the final 11. Jackson had an uneven season in the new passing offense (49.3% with 7-7 ratio) but did rush for 884 yards. Jackson had the strongest arm of the QB's and was voted the team captain at the start of 2007 but had already lost his job to Cody Hawkins when he ran into some academic difficulties. Hawkins became the first Div IA starting QB to be the HC's son since Rodney Bryant played for Ohio under Cleve Bryant in 1989-'90. Cody (generously listed at 5'11") was 59-0 as a starter in youth football and HS. Early in the season the WR's lacked explosiveness but Hawkins had a good year throwing for 3,015 (56.8%) with a 22-17 ratio including a 9-3 ratio in the final 5. The backup last year was Nick Nelson (PS#68JC) who played in 3 (6 att). Nelson threw for 2,241 yds at JC in '06. This year's backup figures to be rFr Matt Ballenger (PS#57) who has outstanding size and arm strength and may even steal some time as he is an NFL prospect. I look for much improved numbers from Hawkins in his 2nd year as a starter.

RB Demetrius Sumler

RUNNING BACKS - Under Gary Barnett the Buffs almost always had a 1,000 yard rusher and in '01 and '02 their 5,450 yards rushing by TB's led the NCAA. Hugh Charles (4.37 spd) had a couple of injury plagued seasons and rushed for 858 (4.5) and 779 (5.6) in his first 2 years as a starter. Charles only had 4 carries in the first 3 games of '07 (hamstring) but finished with 1,058 (5.3). His best game came in the bowl clinching win over Neb when he rushed for 169. Demetrius Sumler (PS#60) did have 3 TD's vs Baylor but avg'd just 3.4 ypc (335 yd with 91 vs Miami). True frosh Brian Lockridge added 205 (5.1) with 90 vs Miami. This year they lose Charles (5 st) as well as Byron Ellis (PS#105, 5 st, 137, 3.7) and FB Samson Jagoras (1 st, 13 gm). They get the super additions of true frosh Darrell Scott (PS#1) and Ray Ray Polk (PS#36). Not listed in the 3 deep are Kevin Moyd (5'7" 185 Jr), Cory Nabors (5'9" 185 So), Arthur Jaffee (5'11" 200 rFr) and FB Matt Burgner (5'11" 220 So). There is still a possibility that Patrick Gates (5'11" 190 Jr, PS#4JC '07) could qualify over the summer. Despite the loss of Charles, this group could come close to matching last year's numbers if Scott lives up to his advanced billing.

RECEIVERS - Colorado had an inexperienced group of receivers in '06 and struggled in the first year of the new offense. They ranked last in the Big XII in yards per pass att (5.6) and lacked speed at WR last year. In '06 their top receiver was TE Riar Geer (261, 10.9). True frosh Josh Smith was supposed to deliver that speed and he did average 19.6 (491 yd) in '07 despite missing the first two. They had an experienced group and did show improvement (6.4 ypa). RFr Scotty McKnight is a childhood friend of QB Hawkins and was his favorite target with 555 (11.8). TE Tyson DeVree was #3 with 402 (10.9) and WR Dusty Sprague had 366 (12.6). This year they lose Sprague (6 st), DeVree (3 st), WR Stephone Robinson (2 st, 7 rec), TE Joe Sanders (1 st, 9 rec) and WR Alvin Barnett (21 rec '06, missed '07). Despite being less experienced than '07, this group probably possesses a little more overall speed and has their top 2 back. Keep an eye on rFr Markques Simas (PS#20).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Hawkins' first year, the Buffs had to replace two starters and a backup but even in a poor 2-10 season the ypc improved from 3.4 in '05 to 4.5 but the sacks rose to 31 (12.2%). Last year they basically had 3 starters back but only had six OL's available in the spring. True frosh were listed as the backups at all 5 spots. The starting 5 played every snap in the first two. True frosh Kai Maiava started the last 9 at LG and Ryan Miller (PS#1) started the last 7 at RT and both earned 1st Tm Frosh AA honors. It was the first time since 1991 the Buffs had two true frosh starters on the O-line. The unit dropped to 144 ypg rush (3.9) but allowed just 17 sacks (3.6%). Unfortunately Maiava (9 st) transferred in the spring and they must also replace HM Big XII Edwin Harrison (13 st, 3Y st'r), 2nd Tm Big XII LT Tyler Polumbus (13 st, 2Y st'r) and LG Wes Palazzi (4 st, 330 snaps). Four return with starting experience. This year the Buffs had 13 OL in the spring including TE Nate Solder who moved to OT. While they do lose three top-notch OL's, this year's group is a little deeper. It wouldn't surprise me to see a couple more true frosh earn starts this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Gary Barnett's final season in '05, the Buffs allowed the lowest ypc of his tenure (2.8). In 2006 they had to replace 2 starters and a backup but added in VHT ND transfer Brandon Nicolas. The Buffs yielded 3.3 ypc rush with 25 sacks. 1st Tm Big XII DE Abraham Wright (11 sk) was a #7DC last year and they lost one other starter. The Buffs yielded 3.9 ypc rush and the sack total dropped to 20. This year they lose DE Alonzo Barrett (12 st, 40 tkl, 6 tfl) but have 7 of the top 8 back and should have a big impact from players like Drew Hudgins (19 sk JC '06), Conrad Obi (PS#68) and true frosh Curtis Cunningham (PS#35). Not listed in the PSL are Tony Poremba (6'1" 225 rFr) and Tyler Sale (6'3" 255 Jr). This is the top DL in Hawkins' tenure.

LINEBACKERS - Last year projected starting MLB Michael Sipili (2 st, 31 tkl '06) was suspended and Marcus Burton was ineligible so just 2 of the top 6 returned. Jordon Dizon was the Big XII Def Newcomer of the Year in 2004 and 2nd Tm Big XII in 2006 with 137 tackles and was the top returnee. With 2 inexperienced soph and a true frosh as backups Dizon became the fourth CU LB to be a finalist for the Butkus Award and won Big XII Def POY. This year the only losses are Dizon (13 st, 173 tkl, 1st Tm AA, #2DC DET), Jake Duren (1 st, 13 tkl) and RJ Brown (1 st, 12 tkl) whose career may be over due to injury. Not listed below are Josh Hartigan (6'1" 205 rFr), Brandon Gouin (6'1" 210 rFr) and Travis Sandersfeld (6'0" 190 rFr). In the spring DC Collins experimented by running a 3-4 and said the team would do whatever they could to get their best 11 defenders on the field. This group has far better depth and more overall experience and could actually improve even with the loss of their star.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Buffs surprisingly finished #94 in my pass D rankings in Hawkins' first year allowing 56.9%. Last year they had to replace 3 players (13 comb st, 129 tkl), but they added in Idaho transfer SS Daniel Dykes who was 2nd Tm All-WAC in my '06 magazine. They rose to #29 allowing a 27-16 ratio. This year they lose their top player in 1st Tm Big XII CB Terrence Wheatley (11 st, 5 int, 10 pbu, #2DC NE) and backup S Lionel Harris (27 tkl, 3 st). Returning CB Benjamin Burney is ? for '08 (knee) but they still could come close to last year's ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Barnett always put a big emphasis on this unit and CU almost always finished in the top 25 of my ST rankings including #2 in '04 and #3 in '05. Hawkins' Boise St teams blocked a lot of punts and also finished in the upper half of my rankings each year. In his first year here ('06) CU did not block a punt (6 in '04 & '05) and despite the presence of outstanding K Mason Crosby, the Buffs shockingly dropped to #74. Last year they had to replace Crosby but still managed to climb to #25 as new K Kevin Eberhart hit 16 of 25 FG's (long 54). P Matthew DiLallo (PS#30) avg 43.7 (38.5 net) in '06 but slipped to 39.8 (34.9 tm net) last year. Stephone Robinson was their top KR in '06 (17.4) but in '07 Terrence Wheatley avg 24.8 and Hugh Charles 24.5, a big reason for the ST improvement. Robinson was the top PR in '06 (5.1) but Chase McBride avg 9.6 last year. This year they lose Eberhart, Charles and McBride so they may slip some.

COACHES - Dan Hawkins enters his third year at CU. Previously he was the HC at Boise St from '01-'05. He guided his Bronco team to its highest finish ever in the AP poll (until '07) for three straight years and was the WAC Coach of the Year twice with four straight WAC Titles. He was also the HC at Willamette from 1993-'97 with his team going 22-3 in his final two years there. Mark Helfrich was Ariz St's QB coach and passing game coord from 2001-'05 and is in his 3rd year as OC here. Hawkins added BYU OL Coach Jeff Grimes as an asst HC and run game coordinator in 2007. The DC is Ron Collins (3rd yr) who was Boise's DC for four years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a stunning 3-8 season in 2000 (4 losses by 4 points or less), I called Colorado a surprise National Title contender in my 2001 magazine. They finished the reg season 10-2 that year and #3 in the country narrowly missing out on playing in the National Title game. In 2002, they won the Big XII North again with a 7-1 conf record but with just 9 starters back in 2003 (fewest Big XII) slipped to 5-7. In 2004 they won the North yet again and also won their bowl game. CU finished 8-5 despite being outgained by 58.3 ypg in conf play and outscored by 8.3 ppg! In 2005, they were my pick to win the North and did so once again. Coming into the year, Barnett said it didn't appear that they had any weaknesses. They were 7-2 with their only losses coming to #12 Miami, Fl and #2 Texas but then gave up two 66 yd TD returns (int and fumble) vs Iowa St and lost. Embarrassing blowouts followed to both Nebraska and Texas (Big XII Title game). Barnett was let go before the bowl and DC Mike Hankwitz was named the interim HC for a 19-10 loss to Clemson. In 2006 they had just 11 returning starters and did not catch many breaks. They played their first ever IAA foe in Montana St and stunningly lost. They played well vs ranked teams UGA and Mizzou on the road but lost both. A 3OT home loss to Baylor increased the school's losing streak to 10 (longest in 117 years). CU did dominate bowl bound TTech but limped to a 2-10 finish. They did have 4 net close losses but surprisingly were +8 in TO's. Last year was the 2nd year in Hawkins' system and they had 14 starters back. Of the 44 players on the 2 deep 22 were frosh and soph. They beat CSU in OT in the opener but lost the next 2 to ASU and FSU. After destroying Miami 42-0, CU trailed Okla 24-7 in the 4Q before rallying for a stunning 27-24 win over the #3 Sooners. They showed no let down the next week by beating Baylor on the road before being thumped by Kan St. The Buffs lost a close one to #15 Kansas but beat Tech for the 2nd straight year (led 24-6). After being pounded by Mizzou, they were upset by ISU in a game they led 21-0 at the half. Versus Nebraska the next week, CU trailed 35-24 at half in 20° temps but rallied for a 65-51 win and a bowl bid. They trailed Alabama 27-0 but their comeback fell short in a 6 pt loss. The Buffs were outgained by 55.4 ypg in Big XII play last year (tied 3rd worst). This is Hawkins' best team yet with 14 starters back but they play 3 of their North rivals on the road and outside of their division have to play Texas, West Virginia and Florida St. CU is likely be an underdog in at least 7 of their 12 games. If true frosh RB Darrell Scott lives up to his advance billing (PS#1), the Buffs have already proven that they are capable of pulling upsets (#3 Oklahoma '07) and CU could find its way back into the post season.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN COLD)

QB 7 CODY HAWKINS SO. 5-11 190 **PS#38**. 13 st rFr, 3015 (57%), 22-17 ratio. 16 Matt Ballenger (6'4" 230 rFr) PS#57. 3 Nick Nelson (6'1" 230 Sr) PS#68JC. 3 gm '07.

RB NA Darrell Scott Fr. 6-2 215 **PS#1**. 4.32 spd. 8 Demetrius Sumler (5'10" 215 So) PS#60. 3 st rFr (2RB, 1WR), 376 ttl yds. 20 Brian Lockridge (5'7" 175 So). 205 (5.1) true.

WR 6 Markques Simas rFr. 6-2 195 **PS#20**. Cody Crawford (5'11" 175 Sr). 3 st, 295 (13.4) 2Y. **FB** Jake Behrens (6'0" 230 Jr). 3 st '07. Maurice Cantrell (6'0" 240 Sr). 7 st 2Y.

WR 1 JOSH SMITH SO. 6-0 180 5 st true (inj 2), 491 (**19.6**). 5 Kendrick Celestine (5'11" 180 So) PS#116. 2 st true, 151 (13.7). 37 Jason Espinoza (5'8" 180 rFr). Def LY.

WR 21 SCOTTY McKNIGHT SO. 5-11 180 6 st rFr, #1 w/555 (11.8). 4 Patrick Williams (6'2" 205 Sr) **PS#46QB**. 14 st 3Y, 794 (10.3). 42 Kyle Black (5'11" 195 So). AF trans.

TE 87 RIAR GEER JR. 6-4 250 PS#153QB. 9 st rFr, #1 w/261 (10.9). 8 st LY (inj), 128 (9.1). 33 Patrick Devenny (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#137QB. 88 Devin Shanahan (6'5" 240 Jr).

C 73 DANIEL SANDERS SR. 6-3 325 4 st rFr. 11 st RG '06. 13 st C LY, 88.5 kd. 68 Keenan Stevens (6'2" 280 So). 1 gm, 10 snap LY. **LS** Justin Drescher (6'1" 230 Jr). 2L.

RG 72 Devin Head Jr. 6-4 295 PS#121. 1 st rFr. First 6 st RG LY, 12 gm. **Bryce Givens PS#17**. 61 Erick Faatagi (6'2" 310 Sr) PS#411JC. 64 Mike Iltis (6'3" 295 rFr) PS#192.

LG NA Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner Fr. 6-4 300 PS#29. Inj'd Sr. 110 pancake, 0 sk allowed as Jr in HS. 71 Matthew Bahr (6'4" 280 rFr) PS#294. Blake Behrens (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#80.

RT 78 RYAN MILLER SO. 6-7 315 **PS#1**. L/7 st, **1st Tm Fr AA**, 1st CU true to st OT. 79 Sione Tau (6'5" 320 rFr) PS#121. David Clark (6'4" 305 rFr). Shawn Daniels (6'3" 280 rFr) PS#105.

LT 76 Nate Solder So. 6-8 280 4 st TE LY, 12 gms, 3 rec (16.7). 69 Ethan Adkins (6'4" 295 rFr) PS#108. Added 20 lbs in RS year. **Ryan Dannewitz is PS#63.**

K 19 Aric Goodman So. 5-10 180 **PS#10**. 10-16 FG, **Wyoming** '06 as true, long 52. Jameson Davis (5'10" 195 rFr) PS#100 '04 at Boise St. Alex Metskas (5'7" 150 Fr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN COLD)

DE 4 Drew Hudgins Sr. 6-4 235 PS#15JC. 19 sk JC '06. 93 Conrad Obi (6'3" 260 rFr) PS#68. Scout Tm POY. 53 Kevin Cooney (6'6" 220 rFr). Lagrone Shields (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#252.

DT 95 GEORGE HYPOLITE SR. 6-1 285 PS#72RB. 8 st '06, 50 tkl, 12.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 49 tkl, 6 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 97 Taj Kaynor (6'5" 275 Jr) PS#174. 2 tkl. Eugene Goree (6'1" 295 rFr) PS#181.

NT 94 BRANDON NICOLAS SR. 6-3 290 **PS#41. ND trans**. 11 st '06, 57 tkl, 4 tfl. 13 st LY, 40 tkl, 12 tfl. 92 Jason Brace (6'4" 250 Jr) PS#109. 69 Eric Lawson (6'3" 270 So) PS#153.

DE 91 MAURICE LUCAS SR. 6-4 260 **PS#49**. 7 st '05-'06, 34 tkl. 7 st LY, 30 tkl, 5 tfl. 90 Marquez Herrod (6'2" 270 So). 9 gm, 6 tkl. 89 Daniel Modrovsky (6'5" 255 rFr). Walk-on.

WLB NA Shaun Mohler Jr. 6-3 225 **PS#5JC**. 54 Marcus Burton (6'0" 255 Jr) PS#72. 30 tkl true. 1st, 7 gm, 7 tkl '06. RS LY. **Lynn Katoa PS#6**. 52 Bryan Stengel (6'2" 225 Jr).

MLB 45 JEFF SMART JR. 6-0 210 10 st LY, 89 tkl, 4 tfl, 5 pbu. 10 Michael Sipili (6'1" 255 So). 2 st, 31 tkl '06. RS LY. Tyler Ahles (6'2" 240 rFr). Nate Vailmounga (5'10" 210 So) PS#288.

SLB 40 BRAD JONES SR. 6-3 225 PS#49. 21 tkl rFr, 1 pbu. 11 st '06, 72 tkl. 13 st LY, 82 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **Jon Major PS#2**. 59 BJ Beatty (6'2" 220 So). MIP spring '08. 1 tkl, 2 gm LY.

CB 29 Cha'pelle Brown Jr. 5-7 180 4 st, 35 tkl true. 8 st LY, 44 tkl, 12 pbu. 836 plays 2Y. 9 Jimmy Smith (6'2" 195 So) PS#166. 1 int. 21 Anthony Wright (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#113.

CB 6 GARDNER McKAY SR. 5-11 165 PS#105. 2 st, 27 tkl, 3Y. 31 Lamont Smith (5'8" 160 rFr) PS#106. 42 **Benjamin Burney** (5'11" 190 Sr). 2 st, 23 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 57 tkl, 8 pbu.

SS 9 DANIEL "DJ" DYKES SR. 6-2 210 12 st true Idaho, 72 tkl. 12 st '05, 69 tkl, 4 int. Trans '06. 12 st LY, 83 tkl. Anthony Perkins (5'10" 190 rFr) PS#65RB. 28 Bret Smith (5'11" 190 So).

FS 15 RYAN WALTERS SR. 6-0 200 **PS#24QB**. 10 st '06, 57 tkl, 2 pbu. 11 st LY, 71 tkl, 6 pbu. 23 Jalil Brown (6'1" 205 So). 3 tkl rFr. 30 Joel Adams (5'11" 175 Sr). 3 tkl, 22 gm 2Y.

P 14 MATTHEW DiLALLO JR. 6-1 190 PS#30. 47 punts rFr, 43.7 avg and net of **38.5!** 64 punts LY, 39.8 avg, net 34.9. Tom Suazo (5'10" 185 Sr). Arizona St trans, 1 punt, 48 yds LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Shaun Mohler 6-3 225 PS#5JC
LB	Jon Major 6-3 225 PS#2
RB	Darrell Scott 6-2 215 PS#1
LB	Lynn Katoa 6-1 220 PS#6
OL	Bryce Givens 6-6 250 PS#17
OL	Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner 6-4 300 PS#29
DL	Curtis Cunningham 6-2 275 PS#35
RB	Ray Ray Polk 6-1 200 PS#36
OL	Ryan Dannewitz 6-6 285 PS#63
TE	Ryan Deehan 6-6 230 PS#19
TE	Will Pericak 6-4 235 PS#81LB
WR	Chance Blackmon 6-3 190 PS#92
DB	Steven Hicks 6-0 185 PS#97
TE	Ryan Wallace 6-5 230 PS#37
LB	Douglas Rippy 6-2 220 PS#101
QB	Tyler Hansen 6-2 205 PS#90
LB	Paul Vigo 6-1 205 PS#154
DB	Patrick Mahnke 6-2 195 PS#191
RB	Rodney Stewart 5-8 180 PS#205
DB	Vince Ewing 6-2 200 PS#256
K	Jameson Davis 5-10 195 PS#100

COLORADO BUFFALOES

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DAN HAWKINS (Career 61-28) (NAIA 39-12-1)
3rd Year at Colorado Hawkins' Bowl Record: 2-3

Hawkins' records AT COLORADO

8-17	Straight Up	1-2	Vs Top 10
5-7	Home	1-7	Vs Top 25
2-8	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
6-10	Vs Conference	5-10	Off A Loss

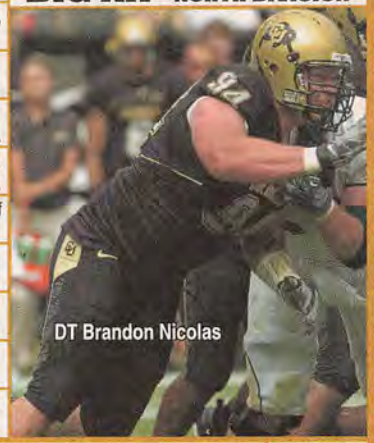
2007 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,20,2)
Lost: 17 (10,6,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,509 (#42)

BIG XII - NORTH DIVISION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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#8

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 31	† Colorado St (Sun) *(Denver)*	G					
Sep. 6	E Washington	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 18	West Virginia (Thur)	G					
Sep. 27	† Florida St *(Jacksonville)*	G					
Oct. 4	Texas (HC)	G					
Oct. 11	at Kansas	A					
Oct. 18	Kansas St	G					
Oct. 25	at Missouri	A					
Nov. 1	at Texas A&M	G					
Nov. 8	Iowa St	G					
Nov. 15	Oklahoma St	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	at Nebraska (Fri)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joel Klatt 7,658 '02-'05
2. Kordell Stewart 7,027 '91-'94
3. Koy Detmer 5,782 '92-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Eric Bieniemy 4,236 '87-'90
2. Rashaan Salaam 3,275 '92-'94
3. Charlie Davis 3,172 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Michael Westbrook 2,831 '91-'94
2. Rae Carruth 2,733 '92-'96
3. Charles E. Johnson 2,558 '90-'93

The last 6 games have been decided by a total of 25 pts including last year's OT game. This is the 9th meeting in Denver with the teams splitting the first 8.

Eagles were 9-4 LY with losses to BYU (42-7) & FCS Champ Appalachian St (in the playoffs). Buffaloes are 16-4 S/'88 in home openers but have dropped L/2 ('06 vs Montana St).

Bonus: Buffaloes are 9-2-1 in season openers that follow a win in a bowl game but just 6-8-1 in openers that follow a bowl loss.

CU is just 1-6 at home the L/7 gms vs non-conf BCS tms, losing by 16 ppg with the only win vs UCLA in '03. First meeting as CU is playing their 3rd current BE gm (1-1).

Colorado has dropped both meetings to Florida St including LY's 16-6 defeat in Boulder. The Buffs held the Seminoles to 1 of 13 on 3rd downs (their best since 1999).

CU is 61-27-5 (69%) all-time on HC. Last time CU played UT they lost 70-3 ('05), which was the 3rd worst defeat in school history, 76-0 in 1946 & 103-0 in 1890.

CU is 2-8 in Big XII RG's including the '05 title gm losing by an avg of 22 ppg. LY CU held KU to 31 pts & 183 yds below its ssn avg as they had FD & yd edges.

The Buffaloes are 19-11 when hosting Big XII North Division teams (13-5 S/'01). LY CU had 4 TO's, was 2 of 14 on 3rd/4th downs & had 10 drives that were 1:45 or less.

These schools have played every yr S/'46. CU has only lost to Mizzou 5 times S/'85. Buffs were outscored 24-0, outgained 229-14 & went 3 & out on all 4 poss LY in the 2Q.

This will be the 8th time in the history of the Big XII that CU will play in B2B conf road gms (being swept twice with 5 splits). CU is 0-3 in Nov RG's since 2005.

Colorado has dominated this series going 47-14-1 all-time including 5 of the L/7. ISU outscored CU last year 21-0 in the 3Q gaining 191 (54%) of their 351 yds.

Colorado is 11-1 since 1990 in home finales not involving rival Nebraska. Buffaloes are 19-4-1 the game prior to playing its rival game vs the Cornhuskers.

CU scored 34 unanswered pts LY as the tms totaled 116 pts, 1,128 yds & 54 FD's. The winner of this game decided the Big 8 Champ in the L7Y of its existence.

STADIUM: FOLSOM FIELD (53,750) (#53)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	10-3	9-5	5-7	8-5	7-6	2-10	6-7	50-51
Home	1-4	5-1	5-1	3-3	3-2	5-1	2-4	3-3	27-19
Away	2-3	3-1	4-1	1-4	3-2	2-3	0-5	2-3	17-22
Neutral	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	2-1	0-2	0-1	1-1	6-10
vs Conf	3-5	8-1	7-2	3-5	4-5	5-4	2-6	4-4	36-32
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-2	2-3	2-2	4-0	2-2	0-4	2-3	14-19
ATS	5-6	8-5	8-6	5-7	7-6	6-7	4-7	6-7	49-51
Home Fav (Clay Burnett)	1-3	3-2	3-2	0-3	1-1	4-2	1-2	2-0	15-15
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-3	7-8
Away Fav	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	8-7
Away Dog	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	0-2	2-3	1-2	12-12
Neutral	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	7-9
vs Conf	4-4	6-3	7-2	4-4	4-5	4-5	3-5	4-4	36-32
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-2	1-4	1-3	3-1	2-2	1-2	2-3	13-19
Off SU Win	1-2	7-3	6-3	1-4	5-2	3-4	0-2	2-4	25-24
Off SU Loss	4-3	1-1	2-2	3-3	2-3	3-2	4-5	3-3	22-22

(Clay Burnett/Mike Hankwitz (bowl) / Gary Barnett/Dan Hawkins)

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Hugh Charles	199	1094	36	1058	8	5.3
Demetrius Sumler	100	351	16	335	4	3.4
Brian Lockridge	40	227	22	205	1	5.1
Byron Ellis	37	142	5	137	2	3.7
Dusty Sprague	12	82	0	82	1	6.8
Josh Smith	13	58	14	44	0	3.4
Cody Hawkins	41	89	108	-19	3	-0.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cody Hawkins	463	263	56.8	3015	22	17
Nick Nelson	6	3	50.0	22	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Scotty McKnight	47	555	11.8	4	40
Josh Smith	25	491	19.6	0	65
Tyson DeVree	37	402	10.9	8	29
Dusty Sprague	29	366	12.6	3	28
Patrick Williams	29	294	10.1	0	31
Hugh Charles	24	233	9.7	1	33
Kendrick Celestine	11	151	13.7	0	37
Riar Geer	14	128	9.1	2	32
Joe Sanders	9	84	9.3	0	14
Stephone Robinson	7	77	11.0	0	35

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt DiLallo	64	2550	39.8	6	34.9(t)	1	23

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kevin Eberhart	41-42	4-5	4-7	6-11	2-2	16-25	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jordon Dizon	173	4	7	3	2
Jeff Smart	89	0	4	5	0
Daniel Dykes	83	0	0	3	1
Brad Jones	82	2	3.5	3	0
Ryan Walters	71	1	1	6	2
Benjamin Burney	57	0	4	8	0
George Hypolite	49	6	5.5	1	1
Terrence Wheatley	47	0	1	10	5
Cha'pelle Brown	44	0	2	12	1
Brandon Nicolas	40	3	9	2	0
Alzono Barrett	40	1	5	2	1
Maurice Lucas	30	2	3	1	0
Lionel Harris	27	1	1	1	2
Gardner McKay	16	0	1	5	0
Jake Duren	13	0	1	1	0
RJ Brown	12	0	1	0	0
Chris Perri	8	0	2	0	0
Marquez Herrod	6	0	1	0	0
Jimmy Smith	4	0	0	2	1
Jalil Brown	3	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chase McBride	33	316	9.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Wheatley	37	919	24.8	0
Hugh Charles	20	490	24.5	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Fiesta - #3	-3	Oregon - #2	16-38
02	Alamo - #14	-7	Wisconsin (OT)	28-31
04	Houston	-4	UTEP	33-28
05	Champs Sports	+10'	Clemson - #23	10-19
07	Independence	+3'	Alabama	24-30

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COLORADO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	27.3	19	144	3.9	234	56.1	13.9	-4	2007	6	29.5	20	128	3.9	261	57.5	13.2
5	16.3	15	173	4.5	119	46.9	17.8	+8	2006	6	22.3	19	112	3.3	229	66.9	15.3
7*	23.5	19	110	3.4	223	58.5	14.2	+2	2005	9	23.6	19	101	2.8	248	58.1	14.8
7*	23.4	17	125	3.6	215	59.0	14.5	+1	2004	5	25.5	22	161	3.9	260	58.0	16.5
3	26.6	20	94	2.6	279	62.6	14.0	-6	2003	6	33.2	22	151	4.0	281	59.4	13.0
7*	28.4	19	233	5.0	142	51.6	13.2	+7	2002	8	23.2	20	170	4.3	196	56.1	15.8

2007 STATS BY GAME

CU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
68,133	† Colorado St	18	28-129	4.6	18-32	201	1	25	56-157	2.8	20-27	229	3	-2
58,417	at Arizona St	15	26-32	1.2	17-47	172	2	22	44-138	3.1	19-37	269	3	+1
52,951	Florida St	21	25-(-27)	-1.1	34-54	306	2	10	37-95	2.6	8-18	126	3	-2
45,243	Miami, Oh	33	63-359	5.7	19-30	275	0	6	17-44	2.6	11-32	95	0	-3
50,031	Oklahoma	19	46-161	3.5	22-36	220	2	12	27-118	4.4	8-19	112	1	+1
32,376	at Baylor	18	42-157	3.7	17-27	293	1	24	18-55	3.1	36-60	410	0	+1
46,637	at Kansas St	22	36-188	5.2	19-41	223	2	20	39-249	6.4	15-28	214	0	-4
51,940	Kansas	19	33-66	2.0	27-45	287	3	17	33-180	5.5	20-29	153	1	-1
49,084	at Texas Tech	19	44-217	4.9	16-27	132	0	29	12-39	3.3	46-63	431	3	+4
51,483	Missouri	7	30-84	2.8	14-28	112	2	25	42-169	4.0	27-45	429	2	-2
45,487	at Iowa St	17	32-157	4.9	23-40	262	1	18	42-162	3.9	13-27	189	2	0
51,403	Nebraska	26	52-277	5.3	17-29	241	0	28	20-126	6.3	31-58	484	1	+3
47,043	† Alabama	19	28-75	2.7	24-40	322	1	22	37-132	3.6	19-32	256	1	0
TOTALS		253	485-1875	3.9	267-476	3046	17	258	424-1664	3.9	273-475	3397	20	-4
AVERAGES		19.5	37-144	3.9	21-37	234	1.3	19.8	33-128	3.9	21-37	261	1.5	-0.3

2003 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Colorado St - #23	+2	42-35
#24	UCLA	-3	16-14
#17	Washington St	-4'	26-47
–	at Florida St - #10	+20	7-47
–	at Baylor	-19'	30-42
–	Kansas	-6'	50-47 OT
–	at Kansas St	+18	20-49
–	Oklahoma - #1	+25	20-34
–	at Texas Tech	+14	21-26
–	Missouri - #22	+4'	21-16
–	at Iowa St	-7'	44-10
–	Nebraska - #25	+2'	22-31

2004 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Colorado St	-4	27-24
–	† Washington St	+3	20-12
–	North Texas	-20'	52-21
–	at Missouri	+7	9-17
–	Oklahoma St - #22	+6'	14-42
–	Iowa St	-10'	19-14
–	at Texas A&M - #17	+19'	26-29 OT
–	Texas - #6	+14	7-31
–	at Kansas	+2'	30-21
–	Kansas St	+2'	38-31
–	at Nebraska	+2'	26-20
–	† Oklahoma - #2	+22	3-42

2005 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Colorado St	-7	31-28
–	New Mexico St	-24	39-0
–	at Miami, Fl - #12	+14	3-23
–	at Oklahoma St	-3	34-0
–	Texas A&M	-3	41-20
#24	at Texas - #2	+17	17-42
–	Kansas	-16	44-13
–	at Kansas St	-7'	23-20
#25	Missouri	-12	41-12
#22	at Iowa St	-1'	16-30
–	Nebraska	-16	3-30
–	† Texas - #2	+26'	3-70

2006 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Montana St	NL	10-19
–	† Colorado St	+2	10-14
–	Arizona St - #22	+11'	3-21
–	at Georgia - #9	+27	13-14
–	at Missouri - #25	+16	13-28
–	Baylor	-5'	31-34 3OT
–	Texas Tech	+6'	30-6
–	at Oklahoma - #20	+14	3-24
–	at Kansas	+2	15-20
–	Kansas St	-3'	21-34
–	Iowa St	-8'	33-16
–	at Nebraska - #23	+14	14-37

2007 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Colorado St	-2'	31-28 OT
–	at Arizona St	+15	14-33
–	Florida St	+4'	6-16
–	Miami, Oh	-12'	42-0
–	Oklahoma - #3	+23	27-24
–	at Baylor	-9	43-23
–	at Kansas St	+4'	20-47
–	Kansas - #15	+3'	14-19
–	at Texas Tech	+13'	31-26
–	Missouri - #9	+3'	10-55
–	at Iowa St	-3'	28-31
–	Nebraska	-3'	65-51

IOWA ST CYCLONES

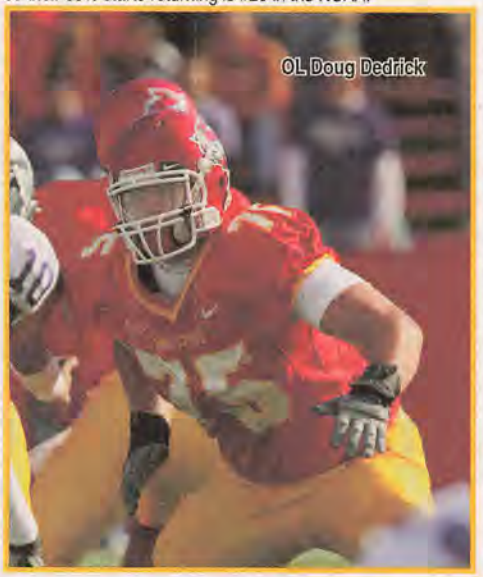
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2003 three QB's combined to complete just 45.5%. In 2004 I projected rFr Bret Meyer (PS#69) as the starter. Meyer, who has a rocket for an arm yet is mobile, was the co-Scout Tm Off POY in '03. Meyer alternated with Austin Flynn (PS#34) but took control at midseason and went on to a fine career. When he stepped onto the field vs Kansas last season, it was his 48th consecutive start, the longest active streak at the time in the NCAA. His best year was 2005 when he threw for 2,876 (61.7%) with 410 yards rushing and did not miss a snap. His numbers dropped to 2,546 (56.4%) with a 12-12 ratio in 2006 and 2,151 (61%) with a 9-13 ratio last year. He was playing on a rebuilding team but became just the 2nd QB in Big XII history to top 9,000 yards passing and set a school record with 33 completions vs Missouri. Austen Arnaud (PS#26) who is 20+ lbs heavier than Meyer but similar in terms of mobility and arm strength, sparked the offense vs Kan St hitting 5 of 7 for 130 and guiding the team to 10 points in just 3 poss. He got in 23 pass att's in the final 2 games and for the season hit 20 of 37 for 267 yards. This year Arnaud will battle Phillip Bates (PS#30) who also got time at WR with a key 38 yd rec vs Iowa setting up the game winning FG. Usually when a team loses a solid 4-year starter, you look for a big dropoff in terms of production but this group could surprise. ISU will also run more option this year to take advantage of their athletic QB's and Bates did have the stronger spring game.

RUNNING BACKS - Former HC Dan McCarney did a great job with developing RB's. They had a 1,000 yard rusher in each of his first 7 years and actually led the Big XII in rushing four times. That was remarkable given the presence of Nebraska's outstanding rush attacks. Since 2001 the team has had just one 1,000 yard rusher. Last year the top returning RB, Jason Scales (5'9" 217 Sr PS#42), had 176 (3.3) in '06. However, I projected the starter to be JJ Bass (PS#39JC). While Bass did not start the opener, he rushed for 133 vs Kent St. Bass was injured and finished the year with just 462 (3.8). Scales rushed for 115 vs Neb and led in rushing 4 straight games before being demoted and playing in just 7 (333, 3.4). Surprisingly rFr Alexander Robinson (PS#113) led in rushing the final 4 including a 149 vs Missouri and 127 vs Colorado. Robinson edged out Bass with 465 (3.9).The great news this year is that all 3 return and adding depth are Jason Harris (5'11" 207 Sr, PS#229) who moved to RB in '07 after starting the last 5 at FS in '06, Rickey Thompson (5'8" 202 Sr) and FB's Brian Ekwelundu (5'10" 237 Jr) and Taylor Mansfield (6'1" 255 So). Florida transfer Bo Williams (PS#33) looked impressive in the spring but unfortunately for ISU fans he won't be eligible unitl 2009. Bass was suspended in the spring, but should lead an improved and more experienced group.

RECEIVERS - The Cyclones had to replace two of their top three receivers last year but returned Todd Blythe who was 1st Tm Big XII in '05 (19.6) but suffered through an injury plagued 2006 (#2). Blythe led with 779 (15.0) while track team hurdler RJ Sumrall (621 '05/'06) emerged with 434 (8.0). Marquis Hamilton (PS#87) added 534 (11.9) and TE Derrick Catlett (PS#45) had 112 (5.3). This year they lose the school's all-time leading receiver in Blythe (12 st) as well as TE Ben Barkema (11 st, 163), TE Brandon Tinlin (4 gm) and WR Milan Moses (11 rec, PS#64). This group is more experienced and could be stronger despite the loss of their star.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Iowa St led the Big XII in rushing 4 times in McCarney's tenure. Surprisingly in his final four years, the top ypc rushing was just 3.2 and in 2006 even with 4 seniors starting all 12 games they surprisingly had their lowest ypg rushing since 1997 (102) and yielded 38 sacks (10.1%). Last year they had to replace a pair of 2 year and two 4 year starters and lost 8 of their top 10. Despite having to learn a new system, the new coaching staff did a fine job as the Cyclones actually improved to 124 ypg rushing (3.1) and allowed just 17 sacks (4.0%). This year they lose RG Lee Tibbs (3 st) and RG Tom Schmeling (9 st) so their 80% starts returning is #20 in the NCAA.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DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cyclones had a deep, veteran D-line in 2005, allowing 103 ypg rush (3.0) which was their lowest total of the modern era. In 2006 they were very inexperienced and while they allowed a respectable 154 ypg rush, the ypc increased to 4.6 and the team had 24 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters including ISU's career sack leader DE Shawn Moorehead. Even with two starters returning they combined for just 5.5 career sacks. While the Cyclones D had only 20 sacks, they did trim the ypc to 4.0. This year both of the interior linemen depart in NG Athyba Rubin (HM Big XII, 12 st, 42 tkl, 4 tfl, #6DC CLE) and DT Bryce Braaksma (HM Big XII, 12 st, 29 tkl, 4 sk). Six of the top 8 are back and despite the losses the Cyclones should be stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Cyclones had 5 of their top 6 LB's back including 2 of their top 3 tacklers. Alvin Bowen earned 2nd Tm All Big XII honors leading the team in tackles for a 2nd straight year with 99 and added 12.5 tfl. Jon Banks was the #2 tackler (80). This year they must replace Bowen (12 st, #5DC BUF) and Banks (12 st, 9 tfl). While 4 of the top 6 are back they do lose their top 2 players which makes this unit my biggest question mark on the entire team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cyclones have had respectable finishes in my pass D rankings at #44 in '04 and #32 in '05. They had just one starter back in 2006 and dropped down to #118 allowing 72.5% with a 26-6 ratio. Last year they had three starters returning and added in JUCO CB Allen Bell (4.38 spd). Bell had the desired impact with 54 tackles. His cohort at CB, Chris Singleton, has led the team in int (4 LY) in each of the last two years, the first Cyclone to do so since Terrence Anthony ('85-'86). One of the returning starters SS Caleb Berg was banged up and started just one. This year the only loss to the unit is Berg (20 tkl, 6 gm). The Cyclones were only #108 allowing 69.7% with a 24-10 ratio but I look for a good sized jump in my pass D rankings this year with 47 (98%) returning starts.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The winds at Jack Trice Stadium can be tough on kickers. ISU finished #108 in my ST rankings in '03, #75 in '04 and moved up to #45 in 2005. Mike Brandtner took over at punter in 2006 (35.6 net) and the Cyclones finished a respectable #63. They only had to replace their top PR, Ryan Baum (16.0) last year but surprisingly the unit plummeted to #115 in Chizik's first season. Brandtner saw his avg drop from 41.2 to 39.4 (34.7 net). K Bret Culbertson hit 8 of 11 FG's with a long of 52 in '06 but slipped to 10 of 18 in '07 missing 5 of 7 FG's from 40+ (long of 42) and he didn't even attempt a 50+ yd FG all season. The team averaged just 3.2 on PR's (last in NCAA) and 18.5 on KR's (#109). This year they must replace Culbertson and KR Moses (18.0) 5but can only improve.

COACHES - In 2007 Iowa St got rid of their all-time career win leader in Dan McCarney who was the Big XII Coach of the Year in 2004. They brought in Gene Chizik who was the DC at Auburn for 3 years including their undefeated season in 2004. Chizik won the Broyles Award that season as the Tigers allowed a paltry 11.3 ppg (#1 in NCAA). Chizik moved on to become Texas' DC ('05 & '06). Chizik started his UT career during their undefeated National Championship season and had a personal win streak of 29 straight. Their OC is Robert McFarland who was the HC at SF Austin in '05 & '06 (9-13). McFarland previously coached at EC, UCF and Kent St. The DC is Wayne Bolt, who was the DC at UAB from 2003-'05 and at Troy ('97-'02).

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going 13-42 in his first 5 years, Dan McCarney went on a streak of 25-15 in his next 40 including 2-0 to open 2003. ISU was ranked as high as #9 in 2002 when they were 6-1 before plummeting to a 3-15 stretch. The 2003 team was injury-plagued and dropped their last 10 games being outgained in Big XII play by an amazing 261.7 ypg and outscored by 34 ppg (Big XII worst). In 2004 I picked them to finish ahead of Nebraska in the Big XII North standings despite NU finishing 10-3 in 2003. ISU did not disappoint me. They very nearly took home the undisputed Big XII North Title, if not for a missed FG vs Missouri in an OT loss. In 2005, they made it to their 5th bowl game in 6 years. They knocked off #8 Iowa at home but suffered 3 net close losses. They also stunned Texas A&M 42-14 in College Station. That team did benefit from +14 in turnovers. In 2006 they had a young defense (4 starters back) and also took on the toughest schedule of the Big XII North teams having to face Okla, Texas and TTech out of the South. The Cyclones got off to a 3-2 start but finished just 4-8. That team actually benefitted from 4 net close wins and was outgained by 113.1 ypg in league play (2nd worst). Last year ISU only had 11 returning starters (2nd lowest in BXII) and I called for their 3rd losing year in the last 8 as they had to learn new schemes on both offense and defense. ISU lost to Kent St and then IAA N Iowa (outgained 399-327) in their first 2 games but stunningly upset Iowa 15-13 thanks to a 28 yd FG with :01 left. After a loss to Toledo, they lost by 32 ppg in their first 3 conf games but then stunningly only trailed Okla 14-7 in the 4Q when Meyer was int'd in the EZ. After a loss to #13 Missouri they stunned K-St at home getting TD's on 3 of their first 4 poss (led 21-3). They then trailed Colorado 21-0 at the half before rallying for a 31-28 win. They were blown out by #4 Kansas in the season finale and were outgained by 117.9 ypg in the Big XII (2nd worst). They tied Nebraska for the basement of the Big XII North. Surprisingly ISU had just 4 starts missed due to injury but did have poor ypp numbers on both offense and defense (pg 299). The Cyclones do have 14 returning starters and are in the 2nd year of Chizik's system. They were also -7 in TO's last year. Unfortunately, they lose 25 lettermen (48% of team) which is one of the highest % in the NCAA and have a lot of ground to make up in the Big XII. This looks like another rebuilding year but the Cyclones will be more competitive.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — **DEFENSE**

QB **4 Austen Arnaud So.** 6-3 230 PS#26. 6 gm rFr, 267 (54%) 0-1 ratio, 51 rush. **8** Phillip Bates (6'1" 207 So) **PS#30**. 1 st WR true, 9 gms, 85 yd. Jerome Tiller PS#54WR.

RB **3 JJ BASS SR.** 6-0 200 PS#39JC. 462 (3.8) 3 starts in '07 (inj). Susp ?. Alexander Robinson (5'9" 178 So) PS#113. 3 st rFr, 465 (3.9). Jason Scales (5'9" 217 Sr) PS#42.

WR **5 RJ SUMRALL SR.** 6-1 200 PS#192.311 (15.6) rFr. 2 st, 310 (12.4) '06. 6 st LY, 434 (8.0), **2** Derron Montgomery (6'1" 176 So) PS#127RB. **FB** **40** Kris Means (6'0" 234 So) **PS#51LB**.

WR **82 MARQUIS HAMILTON JR.** 6-3 221 PS#87. 9 st LY, 534 (11.9). Jason Carlson PS#152JC. Sedrick Johnson PS#83. **17** Joel Zitek (6'2" 197 Jr). **86** Justin Lillie (6'4" 218 Jr).

WR **18 Wallace Franklin Sr.** 6-3 167 PS#178JC. 1 st, 7 yd LY. **85** Houston Jones (6'0" 194 Jr) PS#75QB. 1 st WR LY. **87** Alex Sandvig (6'1" 182 rFr) PS#135. **83** Jake Williams (6'1" 201 So).

TE **84 Derrick Catlett Jr.** 6-3 246 PS#45TE. 8 st RB LY, 112 (5.3). Collin Franklin (6'6" 237 So) PS#520JC. 1 gm LY. Carter Bykowski (6'7" 245 Fr) PS#62. Kurt Hammerschmidt PS#132.

C **60 BRANDON JOHNSON SR.** 6-3 311 PS#489. 12 st C LY, 1st letter. **52** Mike Knapp (6'3" 275 Jr) 2nd string LY. Ethan Tuftee PS#216. **49** David Wonders (6'0" 260 So) LS LY.

RG **86 Joe Blaes Sr.** 6-2 284 PS#129JC. 1 game in '07, 2nd Tm AA at JC. **72** Kelechi Osemele (6'5" 333 rFr) Off Scout POY LY. Luke Pinkelman (6'3" 290 rFr) PS#300.

LG **73 REGGIE STEPHENS JR.** 6-3 331 PS#145. 4 st RG rFr. 12 st LG '07. **77** Alex Alvarez (6'2" 308 So) PS#410JC. **74** Joe Vanstrom (6'6" 312 Sr) PS#206. Sean Smith (6'4" 285 So).

RT **63 BEN LAMAAK SO.** 6-4 320 PS#54TE. 12 st RT rFr. **71** Trey Baysinger (6'6" 316 rFr). **53** Evan Vencil (6'2" 247 Jr). **61** Nick Slobidsky (6'1" 299 Sr) 10 gm '07.

LT **75 DOUG DEDRICK SR.** 6-3 288 PS#299JC. 12 st LT '07. **67** Matt Hulbert (6'7" 290 So) **PS#73**. **65** Patrick Steinbach (6'8" 303 So) PS#202. **78** Joseph Klerekoper (6'5" 288 rFr).

K **NA Zach Guyer Fr.** 6-3 180 PS#21. 11 of 14 FG long of 49 in HS. **78** Michael Romey (6'5" 175 rFr) PS#84. Grant Mahoney (6'1" 180 Fr) PS#33. Daniel Kuehl (5'11" 180 So).

DE **29 RASHAWN PARKER JR.** 6-0 258 PS#107RB. 5 st true, 25 tkl, 3 sk. 12 st LY, 27 tkl, 2 sk. Christopher Lyle (6'3" 258 Jr) PS#389JC. 9 tkl. Jake McDonough PS#87. **91** Patrick Neal (6'0" 227 rFr). PS#55. 1 gm. **56** Chris Weir (6'1" 269 Sr) PS#395JC. 3 tkl LY. Kyle Slifka (6'2" 268 So) PS#291LB.

DT **85 Bailey Johnson So.** 6-2 278 PS#165. 9 tkl rFr. **81** Michael Tate (6'4" 295 Sr)

NG **62 Nate Frere Jr.** 6-1 308 PS#129. 3 st NG 5 tkl true, 8 gm LY, 4 tkl. **92** Jerrod Black (6'2" 280 rFr) PS#232. Scout Tm POY. **96** Austin Alburtis (6'2" 287 So) PS#256.

DE **47 KURTIS TAYLOR SR.** 6-2 252 PS#154LB. 12 st, 41 tkl, 6.5 sk LY. Nick Frere (6'2" 254 Sr) PS#115LB. 2 tkl '05. 11 tkl, 12 gm LY. Travis Ferguson (6'5" 250 Sr) PS#67LB.

SLB **14 Michael Bibbs Sr.** 6-1 223 PS#175JC. 10 gm, 19 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **10** Cameron Bell (6'1" 236 So) PS#176RB. 12 gm true, 0 tkl. **45** Curtiz Mathis (6'1" 234 rFr) PS#253.

MLB **54 JESSE SMITH JR.** 6-0 239 11 gm, 7 tkl as rFr. 12 st LY, 79 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 3 pbu. **24** Derec Schmidgall (6'1" 223 Jr) PS#309QB. 3 tkl rFr. 7 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. Ernest Ferguson PS#368.

WLB **27 Josh Raven Jr.** 5-11 206 PS#302. ACL as rFr. 21 tkl LY. **43** Fred Garrin (6'1" 227 Jr) PS#205. 3 tkl true. 19 tkl LY. **52** Anthony Green (5'11" 239 rFr) PS#269.

CB **12 ALLEN BELL JR.** 6-0 181 PS#105JC. 4.38 spd. 12 st in '07, 54 tkl, 1 int. **17** Devin McDowell (5'9" 180 So) PS#174. 16 tkl rFr. Michael O'Connell (5'11" 205 So) 1 tkl.

CB **11 CHRIS SINGLETON SR.** 5-10 194 8 tkl true, 3 pbu. 12 st '06. 48 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 52 tkl, 4 int. Zac Sandvig (5'10" 187 So) PS#99RB. 2 tkl (inj LY). Nick Harklau (6'0" 185 Jr) 9 gm.

SS **8 CHRIS BROWN SR.** 5-10 172 PS#282WR. 3 tkl '06. 7 st SS, 43 tkl, 1 sk, 4 pbu. **23** Steve Johnson (6'0" 205 Jr) PS#234. **8 st 2Y**, 33 tkl. **31** Justin Rumple (6'3" 215 So) 2 gm rFr.

FS **2 JAMES SMITH JR.** 5-8 191 12 st, 79 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **20** Brandon Hunley (5'11" 205 Sr) 29 tkl 3Y. AJ Matthews (6'3" 189 rFr) PS#198. Dustin Land (5'11" 200 Fr) PS#120QB.

P **13 MIKE BRANDTNER JR.** 6-0 206 PS#73. 56 punts rFr, 41.2 (net 35.6). 69 punts LY, 39.4 avg net 34.7. **16** Daniel Kuehl (5'11" 180 So). Grant Mahoney is PS#33.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Jason Carlson 6-0 195 PS#152JC
DL	Jake McDonough 6-5 250 PS#87
WR	Sedrick Johnson 6-4 180 PS#83
QB	Jerome Tiller 6-3 185 PS#54
RB	Jeremiah Schwartz 5-11 230 PS#106
DB	Leonard Johnson 5-11 180 PS#118
DB	Ter'ran Benton 6-0 180 PS#145
OL	Brayden Burris 6-7 250 PS#170
DL	Chase Harper 6-5 230 PS#166
TE	Carter Bykowski 6-7 245 PS#62
OL	Ethan Tuftee 6-3 285 PS#216
WR	Darius Darks 6-0 180 PS#197DB
WR	Lonzie Range 6-3 190 PS#178
K	Zach Guyer 6-3 180 PS#21
DB	Dustin Land 5-11 200 PS#120QB
K	Grant Mahoney 6-1 180 PS#33
OL	Scott "Adrin" Haughton 6-4 310 PS#314DL
DB	Judah Linder 6-0 170 PS#408
LB	Ernest Ferguson 6-1 222 PS#368
DL	Roosevelt Maggitt 6-2 215 PS#368LB
LB	Kevin Hamlin 6-3 215 PS#372
TE	Kurt Hammerschmidt 6-5 236 PS#132
DL	Cleyon Laing 6-3 250 PS#464
DL	Stephen Ruempolhamer 6-3 285 PS#464

IOWA ST CYCLONES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#47

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ISU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 28	S Dakota St (Thur)	G					The Cyclones are 8-1 the L9Y in Ames openers with the average score 31-13. Jackrabbits won the Great West Conf LY, 1st title at the FCS level in school history.
Sep. 6	Kent St	G					JJ Bass rushed for 133 yds (6.0) LY, which was the best debut by an ISU RB S/'89 (Bryant 213). ISU is 20-4 vs current MAC teams winning by an avg 15 ppg & 4-1 vs Kent St.
Sep. 13	at Iowa	G					Iowa St has dropped 11 straight road games & are just 5-25 since 2002. Cyclones have won 7 of L/10. Only 3 of 14 gms have been decided by less than 7 pts.
Sep. 20	at UNLV	A					"I really don't believe we lost" UNLV HC Sanford after what was ruled an inc pass on the final play in their L/meeting in '06. ISU is 4-0 vs UNLV & 27-11 vs current MWC members.
Sep. 27							Bonus: Cyclones are 3-7 in their last 10 Homecoming games (36-52-6 all-time).
Oct. 4	Kansas	G					The HT is 9-3 in Big XII play. ISU allowed 45 pts LY, 4th most in series 87 meetings. Iowa St is just 12-33 their L/45 conf games & have lost 5 straight Big XII openers.
Oct. 11	at Baylor	A					Cyclones have dropped 9 straight Big XII road gms w/the avg loss by 20 ppg. The avg margin of victory has been 19 ppg as this will be just the 8th meeting (all after '88).
Oct. 18	Nebraska	G					LY ISU ran a school rec 102 plays, led 10-0, had 415-369 yd & 28-17 FD edges but lost 35-17. ISU trails this rivalry 16-84-2 including 3 straight losses.
Oct. 25	Texas A&M (HC)	G					ISU was 0-7 vs Texas A&M in their 1st 7 meetings, but in the L/gm ('05) the Cyclones amassed 549 yds, had a 30-16 FD edge & went 11 of 18 on 3rd downs.
Nov. 1	at Oklahoma St	A					ISU is 2-7-1 their L/10 trips to Stillwater, including allowing 8 sks the last visit in '04. OSU is only 1 of 2 schools (CU) that ISU plays TY on the road that went to a bowl LY.
Nov. 8	at Colorado	G					LY ISU matched their biggest comeback win in school history as they were down 21-0 at the half before scoring 31 unanswered pts. The HT has won 5 of the L/6 gms.
Nov. 15	Missouri	G					Cyclones are 7-11 in home finales the L18Y, but have won 3 straight including beating Mizzou 21-16 in '06 (McCarney's last gm). LY Robinson rushed for a career high 149 yds.
Nov. 22	at Kansas St	A					With 4:15 remaining on 4th & goal from the ISU 1, the Cyclones stuffed QB Freeman & persevered Chizik's 1st Big XII victory as a HC. ISU has only won B2B gms vs KSU once S/'90.
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bret Meyer 9,499 '04-'07
2. Alex Espinoza 5,307 '84-'86
3. Seneca Wallace 5,289 '01-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Troy Davis 4,382 '94-'96
2. Darren Davis 3,763 '96-'99
3. Dexter Green 3,437 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Todd Blythe 3,096 '04-'07
2. Lane Danielsen 2,690 '00-'03
3. Tracy Henderson 2,048 '82-'84

GENE CHIZIK (Career 3–9)
2nd Year at Iowa St (Chizik's Bowl Record: 0-0)

Chizik's records AT IOWA ST

3-9	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
3-4	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
0-5	Away	1-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
2-6	Vs Conference	2-6	Off A Loss

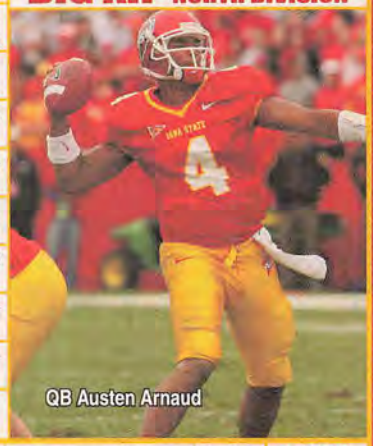
2007 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 27 (9,14,4)
Lost: 25 (14,10,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 49,462 (#45)

BIG XII - NORTH DIVISION


QB Austen Arnaud

STADIUM: JACK TRICE STADIUM (55,000) (#50)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-5	7-7	2-10	7-5	7-5	4-8	3-9	46-52
Home	4-2	4-2	6-1	2-5	4-2	5-1	4-3	3-4	32-20
Away	4-1	3-2	1-4	0-5	2-3	2-3	0-5	0-5	12-28
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	4-4	0-8	4-4	4-4	1-7	2-6	24-40
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-1	3-3	2-2	3-1	3-1	3-1	1-3	22-12
ATS	8-4	8-3	7-6	1-10	7-4	6-4-1	3-8	6-5	46-44-1
Home Fav (Dan McCarney)	3-1	2-0	4-2	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-2	0-1 (Gene Chizik)	13-8
Home Dog	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-5	2-1	2-0	1-3	4-1	10-14
Away Fav	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	5-4
Away Dog	1-1	2-1	2-3	0-5	3-1	2-1	2-3	2-2	14-17
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0-1	0-0	0-0	4-1-1
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	4-4	0-8	4-4	5-3	2-6	5-3	30-34
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	3-2	1-2	3-0	1-1-1	1-2	1-2	16-10-1
Off SU Win	5-3	6-1	4-2	1-1	4-2	4-3	1-2	1-2	26-16
Off SU Loss	3-0	2-2	2-4	0-9	3-2	2-1-1	2-5	5-2	19-25-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Alexander Robinson	118	509	44	465	6	3.9
JJ Bass	123	488	26	462	4	3.8
Jason Scales	99	361	28	333	3	3.4
Bret Meyer	95	404	112	292	3	3.1
Austen Arnaud	17	51	33	18	0	1.1
Marquis Hamilton	4	13	5	8	0	2.0
Phillip Bates	7	12	28	-16	0	-2.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Bret Meyer	382	233	61.0	2151	9	13
Austen Arnaud	37	20	54.1	267	0	1
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Todd Blythe		52	779	15.0	5	55
Marquis Hamilton		45	534	11.9	1	46
RJ Sumrall		54	434	8.0	0	25
Alexander Robinson		23	167	7.3	0	35
Ben Barkema		18	163	9.1	0	29
Derrick Catlett		21	112	5.3	2	17
Phillip Bates		5	73	14.6	0	38
Milan Moses		11	67	6.1	0	19
JJ Bass		9	48	5.3	0	11
Jason Scales		10	28	2.8	0	8
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Mike Brandtner	69	2721	39.4	17	34.7	0	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Bret Culbertson	26-26	5-5	3-6	2-7	0-0	10-18	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Alvin Bowen	99	2	10.5	2	1
Jon Banks	80	0	9	3	1
James Smith	79	1	3.5	3	2
Jesse Smith	79	1	2.5	3	0
Allen Bell	54	0	0.5	1	1
Chris Singleton	52	0	1	2	4
Chris Brown	43	1	0	4	0
Athyba Rubin	42	1.5	2.5	1	0
Kurtis Taylor	41	6.5	1.5	1	0
Bryce Braaksma	29	4	1	0	0
Rashawn Parker	27	2	3.5	0	0
Steve Johnson	22	0	0.5	0	0
Josh Raven	21	0	0	1	0
Caleb Berg	20	0	0	0	0
Michael Bibbs	19	0	2	2	0
Fred Garrin	19	0	0	0	0
Devin McDowell	16	0	0	0	1
Brandon Hunley	14	0	0	0	0
Nick Frere	11	1	0.5	0	0
Christopher Lyle	9	0	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Drenard Williams	7	48	6.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
RJ Sumrall	16	348	21.8	0
Milan Moses	17	306	18.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Insight.com	+2	Pittsburgh	37-29
01	Independence	+6	Alabama	13-14
02	Humanitarian	+12	Boise St - #18	16-34
04	Independence	+1	Miami, Oh	17-13
05	Houston	+3	TCU - #14	24-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Iowa St's All-Time Bowl Record 2–7

IOWA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	18.2	19	124	3.1	203	60.0	18.0	-7	2007	7	31.8	21	136	4.0	254	69.7	12.3
10*	18.8	19	102	3.0	216	56.3	16.9	-5	2006	4	30.8	20	154	4.6	239	72.5	12.8
7*	28.3	19	111	2.7	240	61.7	12.4	+14	2005	7	19.2	19	103	3.0	242	57.4	18.0
7*	20.5	19	142	3.2	187	49.6	16.1	+10	2004	5	21.6	17	139	3.5	190	54.5	15.3
8	14.4	16	121	3.2	177	45.5	20.6	-6	2003	6	36.4	22	217	5.0	226	66.8	12.2
5*	28.9	20	145	3.7	236	55.1	13.2	-1	2002	7	28.3	20	175	4.2	184	56.8	12.7

2007 STATS BY GAME

ISU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
47,313	Kent St	19	39-158	4.1	14-23	148	1	22	51-202	4.0	17-26	161	1	0
56,795	N Iowa	25	36-129	3.6	29-48	270	1	19	41-147	3.6	23-29	180	3	-4
49,516	Iowa	17	39-143	3.7	21-29	157	0	16	34-115	3.4	12-23	118	4	-1
15,219	at Toledo	22	52-146	2.8	24-33	251	1	14	30-98	3.3	19-27	199	1	-2
84,703	at Nebraska	28	51-134	2.6	26-51	281	3	17	30-130	4.3	19-29	239	0	-1
46,558	at Texas Tech	17	46-100	2.2	15-26	187	3	23	17-29	1.7	40-49	460	3	+1
52,060	Texas	14	29-93	3.2	19-37	135	1	28	39-216	5.5	23-31	298	1	-3
49,511	Oklahoma	15	34-95	2.8	19-32	174	1	21	45-133	3.0	16-28	183	3	+2
53,386	at Missouri	25	39-152	3.9	33-48	237	3	23	28-116	4.1	28-37	250	0	0
45,551	Kansas St	14	40-120	3.0	17-26	228	0	22	29-78	2.7	28-45	347	2	+2
45,487	Colorado	18	42-162	3.9	13-27	189	2	17	32-157	4.9	23-40	262	1	0
51,050	at Kansas	16	26-52	2.0	24-43	182	1	31	37-212	5.7	30-35	354	1	-1
TOTALS		230	473-1484	3.1	254-423	2439	17	253	413-1633	4.0	278-399	3051	20	-7
AVERAGES		19.2	39-124	3.1	21-35	203	1.4	21.1	34-136	4.0	23-33	254	1.7	-0.6

2003 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	N Iowa	NL	17-10
–	Ohio	-18'	48-20
–	Iowa - #23	+4	21-40
–	at N Illinois - #20	+6'	16-24
–	Oklahoma - #1	+21	7-53
–	at Texas Tech	+16'	21-52
–	Texas - #20	+17	19-40
–	at Nebraska - #14	+24	0-28
–	Kansas St	+18	0-45
–	Colorado	+7'	10-44
–	at Kansas	+10	7-36
–	at Missouri	+26'	7-45

2004 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	N Iowa	NL	23-0
–	at Iowa - #16	+22	10-17
–	N Illinois	-3'	48-41
–	at Oklahoma St - #25	+17	7-36
–	Texas A&M	+7	3-34
–	at Colorado	+10'	14-19
–	at Baylor	-7'	26-25
–	Kansas	+4	13-7
–	Nebraska	+4	34-27
–	at Kansas St	+11	37-23
–	Missouri	-4'	14-17 OT

2005 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Illinois St	NL	32-21
–	Iowa - #8	+9	23-3
#22	at Army	-17	28-21
#23	at Nebraska	+3'	20-27 2OT
–	Baylor	-8	13-23
–	at Missouri	+6'	24-27 OT
–	Oklahoma St	-14	37-10
–	at Texas A&M	+11'	42-14
–	Kansas St	-8	45-17
–	Colorado	+1'	30-16
–	at Kansas	-3'	21-24 OT

2006 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Toledo	-8'	45-43 3OT
–	UNLV	-13'	16-10
–	at Iowa - #16	+14	17-27
–	at Texas - #7	+24'	14-37
–	N Iowa	NL	28-27
–	Nebraska - #22	+7	14-28
–	at Oklahoma - #23	+19'	9-34
–	Texas Tech	+2	26-42
–	at Kansas St	+4	10-31
–	Kansas	+2	10-41
–	at Colorado	+8'	16-33
–	Missouri	+13'	21-16

2007 RESULTS

ISU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Kent St	-3'	14-23
–	Northern Iowa	NL	13-24
–	Iowa	+17	15-13
–	at Toledo	-3'	35-36
–	at Nebraska - #25	+21'	17-35
–	at Texas Tech	+24'	17-42
–	Texas - #23	+16'	3-56
–	Oklahoma - #4	+30	7-17
–	at Missouri - #13	+28'	28-42
–	Kansas St	+15'	31-20
–	Colorado	+3'	31-28
–	at Kansas - #4	+27'	7-45

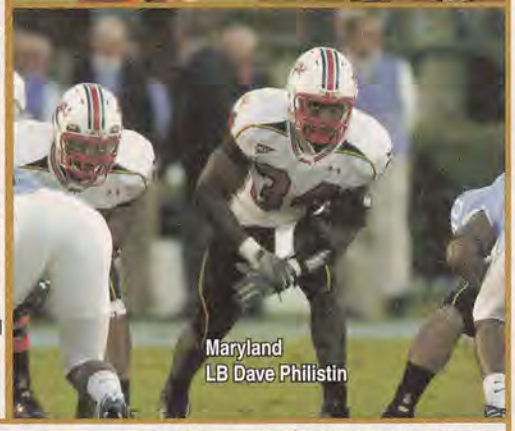
ACC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 ACC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Cullen Harper, Clemson	Drew Weatherford, Florida St	Sean Glennon, Virginia Tech	Riley Skinner, Wake Forest
RB	Javarris James, Miami	CJ Spiller, Clemson	Josh Adams, Wake Forest	Andre Brown, N Carolina St
RB	James Davis, Clemson	Antone Smith, Florida St	Jonathan Dwyer, Georgia Tech	Cedric Peerman, Virginia
WR	Darrius Heyward-Bey, Maryland	Eron Riley, Duke	Rich Gunnell, Boston College	Kevin Ogletree, Virginia
WR	Aaron Kelly, Clemson	Preston Parker, Florida St	Tyler Grisham, Clemson	Sam Shields, Miami
WR	Greg Carr, Florida St	Hakeem Nicks, N Carolina	Brandon Robinson, Boston College	Demaryius Thomas, Georgia Tech
TE	Ryan Purvis, Boston College	Anthony Hill, N Carolina St	Sam Wheeler, Virginia Tech	Zack Pianalto, N Carolina
C	Edwin Williams, Maryland	Thomas Austin, Clemson	Ryan McMahon, Florida St	Matt Tennant, Boston College
OG	Curtis Crouch, N Carolina St	Nick Marshman, Virginia Tech	Orlando Franklin, Miami	Phil Costa, Maryland
OG	Sergio Render, Virginia Tech	Calvin Darity, N Carolina	Jaimie Thomas, Maryland	Clif Ramsey, Boston College
OT	Eugene Monroe, Virginia	Will Barker, Virginia	Reggie Youngblood, Miami	Scott Burley, Maryland
OT	Andrew Gardner, Georgia Tech	Rodney Hudson, Florida St	Garrett Reynolds, N Carolina	Jason Fox, Miami
DL	Michael Johnson, Georgia Tech	Everette Brown, Florida St	Orion Martin, Virginia Tech	Alex Albright, Boston College
DT	Vance Walker, Georgia Tech	Dorell Scott, Clemson	BJ Raji, Boston College	Ron Brace, Boston College
DT	Vince Oghobaase, Duke	Marvin Austin, N Carolina	Darryl Richard, Georgia Tech	Jeremy Navarre, Maryland
DL	Ricky Sapp, Clemson	Willie Young, N Carolina St	Eric Moncur, Miami	Trey Covington, Maryland
LB	Aaron Curry, Wake Forest	Mark Herzlich, Boston College	Jon Copper, Virginia	Moise Fokou, Maryland
LB	Derek Nicholson, Florida St	Antonio Appleby, Virginia	Glenn Cook, Miami	Vincent Rey, Duke
LB	Dave Philistin, Maryland	Mike Tauiliili, Duke	Darryl Sharpton, Miami	Stanley Arnoux, Wake Forest
LB	Brian Toal, Boston College	Clint Sintim, Virginia	Cam Martin, Virginia Tech	Quan Sturdivant, N Carolina
CB	Victor "Macho" Harris, Virginia Tech	Patrick Robinson, Florida St	Kevin Barnes, Maryland	Brandon Ghee, Wake Forest
CB	Alphonso Smith, Wake Forest	Tony Carter, Florida St	Chris Chancellor, Clemson	Vic Hall, Virginia
SS	Michael Hamlin, Clemson	Myron Rolle, Florida St	Chip Vaughn, Wake Forest	Trimane Goddard, N Carolina
FS	Chris Clemons, Clemson	Antwine Perez, Maryland	Kam Chancellor, Virginia Tech	Deunta Williams, N Carolina
K	Sam Swank, Wake Forest	Mark Buchholz, Clemson	Obi Egekeze, Maryland	Steve Aponavicius, Boston Coll
P	Sam Swank, Wake Forest	Brent Bowden, Virginia Tech	Graham Gano, Florida St	Terrence Brown, N Carolina
KR	CJ Spiller, Clemson	Jacoby Ford, Clemson	Jabari Marshall, Duke	Brandon Tate, N Carolina
PR	Jacoby Ford, Clemson	Preston Parker, Florida St	Brandon Tate, N Carolina	Vic Hall, Virginia

Clemson QB Cullen Harper

Florida St WR Greg Carr


Maryland LB Dave Philistin

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 ACC FORECAST

ATLANTIC DIVISION

1. Clemson - Clemson was arguably the best team in the ACC last year outgaining league foes by 108 ypg but with the ACC Title game in their grasp they blew it, losing at home to BC. CU has 16 returning starters and while they did benefit from +13 in TO's, 6 of my 8 sets of power ratings call them the most talented team in the ACC. They do have to play two of their top contenders in the Atlantic (FSU and WF) both on the road, which makes it tough for me to call them at the top of the Atlantic, but they still look like the strongest team in the league.

2. Florida St - All four of Florida St's ACC road games fall into the winnable category and they get their big game vs Clemson at home. Their 15 returning starters are the most since their 1999 National Championship team. They have my #2 rated offense and #1 rated defense in the ACC. They won the ACC Title just 3 years ago and it would not surprise me to see them win it again, especially with this schedule.

3. Wake Forest - HC Jim Grobe is doing a great job. In the last two years they have been outgained by 57.1 ypg in ACC play, yet won the ACC Title in '06 and in 2007 they were outgained by 18.5 ypg but still finished tied for 2nd in the Atlantic at 5-3. This could be Grobe's best team yet with 14 returning starters. Since the ACC was formed in 1953, WF has never had 3 straight finishes of .500 or better but will achieve that this season.

3. Maryland - The Terps were among the NCAA leaders in starters lost last year, which means they are more experienced than their 13 starters returning would show. They do have 46 of 62 lettermen returning (74%) and have my #3 rated offense in the ACC. The Terps knocked off a couple of Top 10 teams last year and can stand toe-to-toe with anyone in the ACC.

5. Boston College - I know, I picked BC to finish last in the Atlantic Div last year and thanks to some close wins, the Eagles played in the ACC Title game and were the main reason I did not win the Most Accurate Magazine Award last year. Coach Jagodzinski inherited a loaded team with seventeen 5th year seniors and this year their 22 lettermen lost are the 3rd most in the league and their 10 returning starters are 2nd fewest. BC should have another fine year but lose QB Matt Ryan, who was the key to most of their close wins last year and he will be tough to replace.

6. NC State - NCSt has just 10 returning starters and are among the Top 10 in the NCAA in lettermen lost (47%!). They lose 5 of their top 6 tacklers and were outgained by 79.6 ypg last year (2nd worst) so they have a lot of ground to make up. Even though the Wolfpack are stronger in HC O'Brien's second year, they probably won't top last year's 3 ACC wins.

COASTAL DIVISION

1. Virginia Tech - VT has just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest in ACC) and lose their top RB, top 4 receivers and top 3 tacklers. They must play FSU, Miami and UNC all on the road in ACC play. Despite those factors, VT should make it 3 out of 4 in their ACC Title game trips.

2. N Carolina - The Tar Heels have been just 5-11 in ACC play the last two years but much like WF and GT of 2006, they could be one of the surprise teams in the ACC Title game. The Heels return 18 starters and are in the 2nd year of Butch Davis' new systems. They suffered an amazing 6 close losses (see pg 298) in 2007. If the Heels upset VT on Sept 20th, they could win the division and they are one of my most improved teams.

3. Miami - Miami has just 11 returning starters from a team that was outgained by the 3rd worst mark in the ACC (-66.4 ypg). Their top 3 QB's have not attempted a pass in a college game. Despite those factors, Miami has too much overall talent to have another losing season and they make my Most Improved List (see page 19). Two of my sets of power ratings actually call for a 7-1 ACC season, so things should be much brighter for the Hurricanes in Shannon's second season.

4. Georgia Tech - Georgia Tech has the fewest amount of returning starters in the ACC (9), lose 7 of their top 10 tacklers plus their K and P and must learn new offensive and defensive schemes. They have the toughest schedule of the Coastal teams drawing both FSU and Clemson out of the Atlantic. I like new HC Johnson but there is alot working against him.

5. Duke - History majors won't like this selection. Since the two divisions were formed in the ACC, Duke is a perfect 0-24 in ACC play. Naturally, they have finished in the basement all 3 years. Duke has 17 returning starters and last year led UVA in the 4Q, missed 2 FG's vs UNC which could have given them the win and outgained WF (5 pt loss). David Cutcliffe did a great job at Ole Miss and inherits the 2nd most experienced team in the ACC and I'll call for them to escape the Coastal basement.

6. Virginia - Last year the Cavs nearly played for the ACC Title, coming up just short vs VT in the finale but finished 6-2 in conf play outgaining ACC foes by 27.9 ypg. How can I possibly pick that team to finish last in the Coastal? The same division as Duke? The Cavs had an NCAA record 5 wins by 2 points or less last year, which means they could easily have been a 4-9 squad and have just 11 returning starters with major losses on the O-line, D-line, QB and on special teams. They play 4 of the leagues top 5 teams at home and most of their winnable games are on the road.

ACC Notes: When the ACC added the top 3 teams from the Big East it was supposed to become the next super conference. In 2006 they did not finish with a single Top 10 team and Wake Forest vs Georgia Tech in the ACC Title game sure lacked star appeal. With Wake's loss to Louisville in the Orange Bowl it dropped the ACC to a pitiful 1-8 in BCS Bowls. They were also just 4-9 vs BCS conf teams in the reg season. Last year there was improvement as they were 10-11 vs BCS conf teams in the reg season but they again lost their BCS Bowl. They did however land TWO teams in the Top 10 at the end of the year in #9 Virg Tech and #10 Boston College. The ACC tied the SEC for most players picked in the draft at 35. It was not a good postseason with a 2-6 bowl record and no wins over ranked teams. Since they went to two divisions the Atlantic has sent three different teams to the ACC Title game in BC, WF and Florida St. This year I am calling for Clemson to be the fourth different team. The Coastal has sent VT twice and GT once but Miami has yet to get there. In the new expanded league Florida St has not been the kingpin they once were as they have 12 ACC Titles in 16 years of the league. Since it expanded, they are 19-13. Surprisingly, of the Big East teams that were added, Miami has the weakest conf record at 16-16 in four years, with BC having a 16-8 (excluding the title gm)record in 3 years. VT is 27-5 in ACC play which is the best record by far of any ACC team in the last 4 years. Duke could win more ACC games this year than they have in the last 4 years combined. That may sound like a tough task until you see they are 1-31 in the ACC since expansion.

2007 ACC vs ACC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
21	Boston Coll	26.6	4	432.5	1	83.8	10	2.99	9	348.8	1	57.1	7	16.2	9	18	9	16	3
27	Clemson	28.8	2	371.3	2	138.4	3	3.69	2	232.9	4	62.0	3	12.9	3	8	1	22	7
51	Georgia Tech	20.0	9	365.3	4	169.3	1	4.23	1	196.0	10	48.3	12	18.3	12	18	9	11	1
54	Virginia Tech	31.9	1	354.3	5	152.5	2	3.54	4	201.8	9	61.1	5	11.1	1	9	2	32	11
58	Maryland	24.3	6	347.8	7	135.5	5	3.38	7	212.3	8	62.4	2	14.3	5	9	2	25	9
60	Florida St	24.0	7	368.0	3	123.6	7	3.66	3	244.4	3	55.7	8	15.3	6	16	6	15	2
69	Wake Forest	28.1	3	339.9	8	121.5	8	2.95	10	218.4	7	71.8	1	12.1	2	16	6	20	4
73	Virginia	25.3	5	350.3	6	130.6	6	3.46	5	219.6	6	59.9	6	13.9	4	11	4	23	8
79	Miami, Fl	18.3	10	308.9	11	138.0	4	3.42	6	170.9	12	52.1	11	16.9	10	23	12	20	4
83	NC State	18.0	11	326.8	9	79.4	11	2.81	11	247.4	2	53.9	9	18.2	11	22	11	20	4
95	N Carolina	20.1	8	324.0	10	102.4	9	3.07	8	221.6	5	61.9	4	16.1	8	17	8	25	9
111	Duke	16.4	12	254.6	12	64.8	12	1.97	12	189.9	11	52.5	10	15.5	7	13	5	38	12

2007 ACC vs ACC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
5	Virginia Tech	15.0	1	273.6	2	69.0	1	2.29	2	204.6	3	52.2	1	18.2	1	24	1	31	2
10	Clemson	18.6	2	263.3	1	97.4	4	2.87	4	165.9	1	58.5	8	14.1	8	12	10	25	5
22	Florida St	21.8	6	338.9	5	114.1	7	3.04	7	224.8	6	55.1	2	15.6	5	19	3	19	7
24	Virginia	18.9	3	322.4	3	105.6	6	2.90	5	216.8	4	56.6	7	17.1	3	15	5	27	4
26	Georgia Tech	21.6	5	333.0	4	98.8	5	2.73	3	234.3	9	56.0	6	15.4	6	10	11	33	1
29	Boston Coll	20.6	4	348.1	7	72.9	2	2.26	1	275.3	12	62.8	11	16.9	4	16	4	18	9
36	Miami, Fl	29.0	10	375.3	9	147.6	9	3.67	9	227.6	7	55.7	5	12.9	11	14	6	20	6
38	Maryland	22.5	7	385.1	10	139.0	8	3.76	10	246.1	10	62.7	10	17.1	2	13	8	15	11
39	Wake Forest	26.0	9	358.4	8	94.6	3	3.04	6	263.8	11	55.2	3	13.8	9	20	2	19	7
55	N Carolina	23.5	8	345.9	6	149.0	10	3.60	8	196.9	2	61.0	9	14.7	7	14	6	28	3
60	NC State	31.0	11	406.4	12	187.6	12	4.47	12	218.8	5	55.7	4	13.1	10	10	11	17	10
88	Duke	33.1	12	393.1	11	164.0	11	4.29	11	229.1	8	66.5	12	11.9	12	13	8	15	11

2007 ACC STANDINGS

		Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
ATLANTIC	Boston Coll	6	2	213	165	11	3	396	285	+84.4	+29.2	+42.2
	Clemson	5	3	230	149	9	4	430	243	+108.0	+138.1	+44.2
	Wake Forest	5	3	225	208	9	4	362	289	-18.5	-57.1	-53.8
	Florida St	4	4	192	174	7	6	303	298	+29.1	+42.0	+28.5
	Maryland	3	5	194	180	6	7	313	280	-37.3	-86.0	+9.5
	NC State	3	5	144	248	5	7	249	339	-79.6	+2.3	-25.0
COASTAL	Virginia Tech	7	1	255	120	11	3	402	225	+80.7	+69.1	+128.8
	Virginia	6	2	202	151	9	4	317	256	+27.9	-5.9	-80.8
	Georgia Tech	4	4	160	173	7	6	341	271	+32.3	+30.6	+56.2
	N Carolina	3	5	161	188	4	8	254	294	-21.9	-66.1	-32.1
	Miami	2	6	146	232	5	7	247	312	-66.4	+18.8	+113.3
	Duke	0	8	131	265	1	11	215	398	-138.5	-115.0	-231.0

Coach of the Year: Al Groh, Virginia

ACC TITLE GAME: Virginia Tech 30 Boston College 16

2006 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Wake Forest	6	2	175	145	11	3	302	215
Boston Coll	5	3	189	133	10	3	338	204
Maryland	5	3	171	198	9	4	284	284
Clemson	5	3	209	136	8	5	425	210
Florida St	3	5	180	166	7	6	345	258
NC State	2	6	137	174	3	9	210	262
Georgia Tech	7	1	213	155	9	5	349	257
Virginia Tech	6	2	186	93	10	3	336	143
Virginia	4	4	124	116	5	7	181	214
Miami	3	5	127	127	7	6	255	201
N Carolina	2	6	109	221	3	9	216	366
Duke	0	8	124	280	0	12	179	406

Coach of the Year: Jim Grobe, Wake Forest
Title Game: Wake Forest 9 Georgia Tech 6

2005 ACC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Florida St	5	3	219	180	8	5	376	286
Boston Coll	5	3	181	160	9	3	310	191
Clemson	4	4	222	161	8	4	316	211
NC State	3	5	136	182	7	5	249	212
Maryland	3	5	190	217	5	6	270	275
Wake Forest	3	5	202	227	4	7	269	316
Virginia Tech	7	1	263	86	11	2	440	168
Miami, Fl	6	2	238	118	9	3	325	171
Georgia Tech	5	3	154	162	7	5	222	241
N Carolina	4	4	148	188	5	6	198	288
Virginia	3	5	177	202	7	5	320	279
Duke	0	8	95	342	1	10	177	408

Coach of the Year: Frank Beamer, VT
Title Game: Florida St 27 Virg Tech 22

2007 ACC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Cullen Harper, Clemson	**433**	**282**	**65.1**	**6**	**2991**	**6.9**	**27**	**141.0**
Sean Glennon, Va Tech	**235**	**143**	**60.9**	**5**	**1796**	**7.6**	**12**	**137.6**
Chris Turner, Maryland	**241**	**153**	**63.5**	**7**	**1958**	**8.1**	**7**	**135.5**
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	**326**	**236**	**72.4**	**13**	**2204**	**6.8**	**12**	**133.4**
Matt Ryan, Boston Coll	654	388	59.3	19	4507	6.9	31	127.0
Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	**360**	**199**	**55.3**	**10**	**2430**	**6.8**	**21**	**125.7**
Kyle Wright, Miami	241	141	58.5	14	1747	7.3	12	124.2
TJ Yates, N Carolina	**365**	**218**	**59.7**	**18**	**2655**	**7.3**	**14**	**123.6**
Drew Weatherford, FSU	**318**	**181**	**56.9**	**3**	**2049**	**6.4**	**9**	**118.5**
Jameel Sewell, Virginia	364	214	58.8	9	2176	6.0	12	114.9
Daniel Evans, NCSt	**339**	**194**	**57.2**	**13**	**2030**	**6.0**	**12**	**111.5**
Taylor Bennett, Ga Tech	327	162	49.5	9	2136	6.5	7	105.7

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDSPG
Tashard Choice, Ga Tech	12	261	1379	10	5.3	114.9
James Davis, Clemson	**13**	**214**	**1064**	**10**	**5.0**	**81.8**
Josh Adams, Wake Forest	**12**	**219**	**953**	**11**	**4.4**	**79.4**
Branden Ore, Va Tech	14	267	992	9	3.7	70.9
Andre Callender, Boston Coll	14	211	969	9	4.6	69.2
Antone Smith, FSU	**12**	**192**	**819**	**3**	**4.3**	**68.3**
Keon Lattimore, Maryland	12	213	805	13	3.8	67.1
Graig Cooper, Miami	**11**	**125**	**682**	**4**	**5.5**	**62.0**
Lance Ball, Maryland	13	182	768	12	4.2	59.1
CJ Spiller, Clemson	**13**	**145**	**768**	**3**	**5.3**	**59.1**
Jamelle Eugene, NCSt	**12**	**172**	**667**	**5**	**3.9**	**55.6**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Chris Long, Virginia	19	132
Geno Hayes, FSU	17.5	51
Hilee Taylor, N Carolina	16	96
Phillip Merling, Clemson	16	80
Darrell Robertson, Ga Tech	16	61
Willie Young, NCSt	**15**	**66**
Vance Walker, Ga Tech	**14**	**63**
Aaron Curry, Wake Forest	**13.5**	**53**
Gary Guyton, Ga Tech	13.5	47

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Chris Long, Virginia	14	122
Hilee Taylor, N Carolina	10.5	85
Clint Sintim, Virgina	**9**	**48**
Alex Albright, Boston Coll	**8.5**	**57**
Vance Walker, Ga Tech	**8.5**	**57**
Chris Ellis, Va Tech	8.5	49
Phillip Merling, Clemson	7	50
Jeffrey Fitzgerald, Virginia	7	31

Six players tied with 6.5 sacks.

*Numbers come from ACC final statistics.

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Steven Hauschka, NCSt	12	18	16	88.9	49
Connor Barth, N Carolina	12	22	19	86.4	51
Sam Swank, Wake Forest	**13**	**21**	**18**	**85.7**	**52**
Travis Bell, Ga Tech	13	28	23	82.1	51
Jud Dunlevy, Va Tech	14	26	21	80.8	52
Chris Gould, Virginia	13	20	16	80.0	51
Gary Cismesia, FSU	13	34	27	79.4	60
Obi Egekeze, Maryland	**13**	**23**	**17**	**73.9**	**46**
Steve Aponavicius, Boston Coll	**14**	**18**	**12**	**66.7**	**45**
Mark Buchholz, Clemson	**13**	**36**	**22**	**61.1**	**52**
Francesco Zampogna, Miami	10	15	9	60.0	47

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	REC/PG	CT AVG	YDS/PG
Aaron Kelly, Clemson	**13**	**88**	**1081**	**11**	**6.8**	**12.3**	**83.2**
Hakeem Nicks, N Carolina	**12**	**74**	**958**	**5**	**6.2**	**12.9**	**79.8**
Kenny Moore, Wake Forest	13	98	1011	5	7.5	10.3	77.8
Eron Riley, Duke	**12**	**40**	**830**	**9**	**3.3**	**20.8**	**69.2**
Rich Gunnell, Boston Coll	**14**	**64**	**931**	**7**	**4.6**	**14.5**	**66.5**
Greg Carr, FSU	**12**	**45**	**795**	**4**	**3.8**	**17.7**	**66.3**
Brandon Robinson, Boston Coll	**13**	**56**	**793**	**5**	**4.3**	**14.2**	**61.0**
Preston Parker, FSU	**13**	**62**	**791**	**3**	**4.8**	**12.8**	**60.8**
Darrius Heyward-Bey, Maryland	**13**	**51**	**786**	**3**	**3.9**	**15.4**	**60.5**
De'Cody Fagg, FSU	13	54	758	5	4.2	14.0	58.3

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Erin Henderson, Maryland	12	59	74	133	11.1
Durell Mapp, N Carolina	12	82	50	132	11.0
Tavares Gooden, Miami	12	85	34	119	9.9
Nick Watkins, Clemson	12	75	43	118	9.8
DaJuan Morgan, NCSt	**12**	**83**	**34**	**117**	**9.8**
Michael Tauiliili, Duke	**11**	**53**	**55**	**108**	**9.8**
Dave Philistin, Maryland	**13**	**54**	**70**	**124**	**9.5**
Vincent Rey, Duke	**12**	**49**	**62**	**111**	**9.3**
Jamie Silva, Boston Coll	14	82	43	125	8.9
Jon Copper, Virginia	**13**	**56**	**53**	**109**	**8.4**
Xavier Adibi, Va Tech	14	55	60	115	8.2

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Eddie Royal, Va Tech	31	455	2	14.7
Darrell Blackman, NCSt	26	322	0	12.4
Preston Parker, FSU	**31**	**328**	**0**	**10.6**
Kenny Moore, Wake Forest	34	355	1	10.4
Vic Hall, Virginia	**23**	**230**	**0**	**10.0**
Brandon Tate, N Carolina	**23**	**216**	**1**	**9.4**
Tyler Evans, Ga Tech	**34**	**315**	**0**	**9.3**
CJ Spiller, Clemson	**16**	**137**	**0**	**8.6**
Leon Wright, Duke	**15**	**85**	**0**	**5.7**
Graig Cooper, Miami	**16**	**76**	**0**	**4.8**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Kevin Marion, Wake Forest	28	876	1	31.3
CJ Spiller, Clemson	**19**	**547**	**2**	**28.8**
Jabari Marshall, Duke	**38**	**933**	**1**	**24.6**
Brandon Tate, N Carolina	**39**	**939**	**0**	**24.1**
Darrell Blackman, NCSt	30	697	1	23.2
Donald Bowens, NCSt	**20**	**431**	**0**	**21.6**
Andrew Pearman, Virginia	29	608	0	21.0
Jamaal Evans, Ga Tech	**25**	**519**	**0**	**20.8**
Ryan Hill, Miami	**21**	**428**	**0**	**20.4**
Michael Ray Garvin, FSU	**35**	**697**	**0**	**19.9**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Matt Ryan, Boston Coll	14	68	2	654	4507	4509	322.1
Cullen Harper, Clemson	**13**	**71**	**-89**	**433**	**2991**	**2902**	**223.2**
TJ Yates, N Carolina	**12**	**73**	**-123**	**365**	**2655**	**2532**	**211.0**
Riley Skinner, Wake Forest	**11**	**61**	**31**	**326**	**2204**	**2235**	**203.2**
Drew Weatherford, FSU	**11**	**62**	**112**	**318**	**2049**	**2161**	**196.5**
Thaddeus Lewis, Duke	**12**	**96**	**-148**	**360**	**2430**	**2282**	**190.2**
Jameel Sewell, Virginia	13	126	279	364	2176	2455	188.8
Kyle Wright, Miami	10	87	66	241	1747	1813	181.3
Chris Turner, Maryland	**11**	**44**	**-26**	**241**	**1958**	**1932**	**175.6**
Taylor Bennett, Ga Tech	13	44	-13	327	2136	2123	163.3

PHIL'S ACC UNIT RANKING

Atlantic Division	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Clemson	1	1	4	8	1	8	1	2	5
Florida St	3	2	1	9	2	1	2	3	3
Wake Forest	6	5	12	11	9	5	2	3	2
Maryland	4	10	2	1	11	4	7	6	4
Boston College	12	11	3	3	3	2	11	11	8
NC State	6	4	8	6	10	12	8	9	7
Coastal Division	**QB**	**RB**	**REC**	**OL**	**DL**	**LB**	**DB**	**ST**	**CH**
Virginia Tech	2	9	10	2	7	5	4	1	1
North Carolina	9	8	5	4	6	10	6	3	9
Miami	11	3	6	6	4	3	5	10	12
Georgia Tech	4	5	11	4	5	11	10	8	9
Duke	6	12	7	11	8	9	12	7	9
Virginia	10	5	9	10	12	5	9	12	6

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Ryan Weigand, Virginia	13	52	2352	45.2
Durant Brooks, Ga Tech	13	65	2929	45.1
Graham Gano, FSU	**13**	**59**	**2563**	**43.4**
Jimmy Maners, Clemson	**13**	**55**	**2354**	**42.8**
Brent Bowden, Va Tech	**14**	**88**	**3742**	**42.5**
Terrence Brown, N Carolina	**12**	**64**	**2650**	**41.4**
Travis Baltz, Maryland	**13**	**68**	**2782**	**40.9**
Johnny Ayers, Boston Coll	14	74	3020	40.8
Matt Bosher, Miami	**12**	**58**	**2329**	**40.2**
Sam Swank, Wake Forest	**13**	**76**	**3024**	**39.8**
Kevin Jones, Duke	**12**	**75**	**2871**	**38.3**
Bradley Pierson, NCSt	**12**	**62**	**2307**	**37.2**

CLEMSON TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - OC Rob Spence runs a QB-friendly offense. At Toledo he had great success with first year starting QB's. Charlie Whitehurst had a poor 7-17 ratio in 2004 but in Spence's first year, he improved to 2,483 (67.4%) and became the school's all-time career leading passer (#3DC SD). Will Proctor was his understudy for two years (34 passes). In Proctor's lone year as the starter in '06 he was #2 in the ACC in pass efficiency throwing for 2,353 (60.2%) with a 16-11 ratio (217 rush). Cullen Harper (PS#42) played in 4 hitting 14 of 20 for 155 but that was vs four weak D's in garbage time. Last year the big addition was true frosh Willy Korn (PS#2). Korn (4.6 spd) threw for 10,716 (125 TD's) in HS. Harper hit 69.4% with a 12-0 ratio in the first 4 but when Korn was inserted in games 2 & 3 he drew loud cheers from the crowd. Harper continued his success while Korn injured his shoulder vs Furman and took a Med RS. Harper tied a school record with 5 TD's vs ULM and later tied the record again hitting 20 of 22 with 5 TD's vs CM. Harper also set the school record for att and comp (38 of 66) throwing for 372 vs VT. The school record for TD passes had been 21 held by Whitehurst ('03) and Woodrow Dantzler ('01). Harper easily surpassed that throwing for 2,991 (65.1%) with a 27-6 ratio. Not listed below are Michael Wade (6'1" 205 So, PS#123) and Brandon Speweik (6'0" 205 Jr). Harper could improve upon his #22 finish in the NCAA's pass efficiency ratings and Korn will see a lot more action.

RUNNING BACKS - Reggie Merriweather (PS#73) led with 670 (4.9) in '04 and had 6 starts in '05 (715, 4.8). True frosh James Davis (PS#21) emerged and was the ACC Rookie of the Year in '05 rushing for 879 (5.3) despite suffering a broken wrist at midseason. Those two returned in '06 and they added true frosh CJ Spiller (PS#10). In Davis' first 8 he rushed for 961 but inj'd his shoulder finishing with 1,187 (5.8). He tied Lester Brown's 1978 school record for TD's in a season with 17 which he had after 9 games. Davis rushed for 216 vs GT. Spiller had 154 vs NCSt and 155 vs SC finishing with 938 (7.3). Merriweather was banged up playing in just 9 (171). Last year the "Thunder and Lightning" duo of Davis and Spiller returned but they had an inconsistent season (see Hardcore). Davis had 1,064 (5.0) while Spiller added 768 (5.3). Third stringer Sadat Chambers (PS#87) had 161 (5.8). This year they lose FB Alex Pearson (0 yds) and Chambers moves back to S. Not listed below are Paul Macko (5'10" 195 Sr), FB's Chad Diehl (6'2" 250 rFr, PS#214LB) and Ronald Watson (5'9" 190 Jr). Davis and Spiller should return to their 2006 form.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Tigers had to replace their top WR (#7DC) and TE. Jacoby Ford had 4 TD's of 50+ yards as a true frosh (2 on returns, 15 rec) and is the fastest player (4.126 spd) but was lost for the year vs VT (310, 18.2). Rendrick Taylor (PS#12) was planning on RS but when Ford was injured he returned and had 259 (10.4). Aaron Kelly set the school record for TD rec in a season with 11 (10, Derrick Hamilton in '03). He was #1 in ACC with 1,081 (12.3) but did drop a potential game-winning TD vs BC. Tyler Grisham was the #2 WR with 653 (10.9). True frosh TE Brian Linthicum had TD's in the first two games but had just 1 more for the season. Walk-on Terrance Ashe had 5 rec vs VT but just 2 after. Not listed below are TE's Durrell Barry (6'4" 250 Jr, PS#141), Rice transfer Kasey "Buddy" Nobles (6'1" 235 So, PS#88) and Phillip Price (6'5" 250 rFr, PS#142). This year the only losses are La'Donte Harris (1 st, 12 rec) and Taylor who moves to LB. Provided they can stay healthy, this has the makings of an explosive group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Clemson's O-line had 3 starters back and paved the way for 153 ypg rush (4.1) while allowing 23 sacks (6.1%). All 5 returned in 2006 and they paved the way for an outstanding 5.7 ypc (best ever, 5.3 in 1950), 218 ypg rush and cut the sacks to 15 (4.6%). Last year they had to replace 4 starters including a 3rd Tm AA and a #5DC as well as two backups. Luckily, LT Barry Richardson (1st Tm ACC '06) turned down an early shot at the NFL and also back was LG Chris McDuffie (L/5 st '06) and RG Brandon Pilgrim (4 st '05). The numbers dropped dramatically to 4.1 ypc and 7.7% sacks allowed (35). This year the losses are heavy again as they must replace LT Richardson (2nd Tm AA, 4Y st'r, #6DC KC), RG Brandon Pilgrim (9 st), 1st Tm ACC LG McDuffie (11 st) and RT Christian Capote (12 st). Their 34 career starts returning are the 14th lowest in NCAA. Not listed in the PSL is LS Charles Roediger (6'0" 225 Sr). Returning RG/C Barry Humphries benched 225 38x last year which was 2nd best for an OL in the combine. This group is less experienced than 2007.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Clemson always has a solid rush D as the 3.9 ypc they allowed rushing in 2002 was the worst in over a decade. In 2005 three of the top 5 DT's were frosh but they still had DE Gaines Adams (9.5 sk) and the unit allowed 3.4 ypc. Adams was the only returnee in 2006 and became the 2nd player in school history to be named a unanimous AA (Terry Kinard in '82) and was the ACC POY. Clemson improved to allowing just 2.9 ypc while recording 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace Adams (#1DC) but had 3 of the top 4 back. DC Vic Koenning said, "There is not a drop off in talent in the 2nd team like there used to be." DE Phillip Merling (13 st) was ACC DL of the Week 3 times and had 78 tackles with 17 tfl. Unfortunately Merling left early for the NFL (#2DC MIA) and the only other loss is DE Kwam Williams (4 tkl). They get some significant additions like true frosh Da'Quan Bowers (PS#1) who was in for the spring and JC Jarrett Crittenton (PS#48JC). Not listed below are Andre Branch (6'5" 245 rFr), Byron Clear (6'5" 215 rFr, PS#215), John Wright (6'2" 235 So), Matthew Knowles (6'5" 230 Sr) and Chris Richardson (6'3" 220 rFr). After allowing 3.4 ypc with just 27 sacks last year, this has the makings of a formidable D-line.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 they lost two returning starters to injury in August so basically had just one starter back. Last year they had to replace one starter but had 3 who had been full-time starters returning. Antonio Clay (PS#36) was not 100% and lost his starting spot. SLB Tramaine Billie did not regain '05's form but started 11 (79 tkl, 4 tfl). This year they lose Billie and their #1 tackler, Nick Watkins (11 st, 118 tkl, 3 tfl). Four of the top six are back and they add in Rendrick Taylor (PS#12WR), who had 7 starts at WR ('06-'07), and two true frosh who were in for the spring in Tarik Rollins (PS#108) and Stanley Hunter (PS#68 '07). DeAndre McDaniel (PS#19DB, 33 tkl LY) moves to OLB after competing for the ROV (SS) position in spring. Despite the losses, this group could come close to 2007's standards.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In the last four years Clemson has finished #14, #25, #22 and #24 in my pass D rankings. The 2007 group had to replace two starters and two backups. This year they are in great shape as the only losses are Darius Gaither (2 tkl) and Chris Wade (5 tkl). DeAndre McDaniel almost beat out returning starter Michael Hamlin at ROV LY. Hamlin earned Def MVP honors and 2nd Tm ACC. FS Chris Clemons (97 tkl, PS#92RB, 2Y st'r) returns giving the Tigers a very experienced secondary. They also move in RB Sadat Chambers (PS#87RB).

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Tigers are usually strong in the ST unit with finishes of #32 in '03 and #7 in '04. Kick coverage was a problem in 2005 and they plummeted to #104 but moved back up to #31 in 2006. Last year they had to replace their P Cole Chason (net 39.5) and K Jad Dean (Lou Groza finalist '05). Dangerous returnman Jacoby Ford (32.8 KR in '06, 11.1 PR) was then lost to injury. ST coach Billy Napier said P Jimmy Maners had an unbelievable leg. Unfortunately punt coverage was poor as Maners avg 42.8 but had just a 32.9 net. K Mark Buchholz had his ups and downs (see Hardcore) and hit just 22 of 36 (long of 52) going 1 of 5 from 50+, while also missing 2 in the 3 pt bowl loss. Buchholz had 11 TB on 79 KO. CJ Spiller took over as the top returnman (28.8 KR, 8.6 PR). With all of the key personnel back, the Tigers should improve greatly on 2007's #75 finish.

COACHES - It's pretty amazing HC Tommy Bowden is around for his 10th year at Clemson. Many times he appeared on his way out but the team rallied including 2003 when after a 5-4 start, they upset Fla St, SC and Tenn in the final 3 and Bowden was named ACC Coach of the Year. Bowden's name came up for numerous job openings in Dec and CU inked him to a 4 year contract extension through 2014 which would make him the second longest tenured coach here next to Frank Howard (1940-'69). In 2005 Bowden brought in a pair of new coordinators and they were both solid hires. OC Rob Spence spent 4 years at Toledo where his team produced big numbers despite having to replace their starting QB 3 times. DC Vic Koenning was the HC at Wyoming from 2000-2002. Both enter their 4th year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2000, Tommy Bowden's second season at Clemson, they opened 8-0 but he has had a lot of highs and lows since. In 2005 they had a 3 game losing streak for the 2nd straight year (1st time S/'73). Every time Bowden must win, he does. CU finished 8-4 including wins over ranked FSU and S Car (4th straight win over rival) plus a bowl win vs Colorado. They bagged 3 wins over Top 20 opponents for the first time since 1989. CU's young D was the key to their turnaround as they had allowed 26.2 ppg the first 5 with just 11.4 ppg the next 7. In 2006 it was quite different for Bowden. Despite a 2OT loss to BC, CU blew teams out on a weekly basis and rose to #10 in the polls at 7-1. They were actually favored at Virg Tech with talk of a possible BCS Title berth. At that point they were in the Top 10 in 10 of 17 categories charted by the NCAA. However they lost to VT then suffered close losses to both Maryland and SC and stunningly dropped to 8-4. They then found themselves in the Music City Bowl where they were thumped by Kentucky (trailed 28-6 4Q). CU's 5-3 record was actually their best in the ACC in 3 seasons. CU was one of just 2 teams in the country to rank in the Top 16 in all four categories of off & def scoring and total offense and defense. CU was arguably the best team in the ACC last year as they outgained conf foes by a league best 108 ypg, the 2nd straight year that they held that honor (+138.1 in '06). They upset Fla St in the opener and then dominated their next 3 opp's but suffered a tough loss vs GT (see Hardcore). The next week VT had 96 yards in the 1H but due to defensive and ST TD's, CU trailed 31-8. The Tigers rebounded with 70 points vs CMich and it was the first time in school history that they had both 300 yards rushing and passing in the same game. They steamed rolled through Maryland, Duke and WF and had the ACC Title game in their grasp vs BC. BC got a TD with 1:46 left and CU dropped a TD pass and then had a 54 yd FG fall short at the end to lose by 3. They got a 35 yd FG on the last play to beat rival SC and were trying for their first 10 win season since 1990 but lost to Auburn in the bowl in OT playing without numerous players (susp). CU benefited from +13 TO's but has a more veteran squad this year with 16 returning starters. Clemson has not won an ACC Title since 1990. Six of my 8 sets of power ratings call CU the most talented team in the ACC and 3 of them even call for a 12-0 year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 10 CULLEN HARPER SR. 6-4 220 PS#42. 4 gm, 75 plays '06. 13 st LY, 2991 (65%) **27-6 ratio**! 179 rush. **3 Willy Korn** (6'2" 215 rFr) **PS#2**. 2 gm but RS, inj. **11** Kyle Parker PS#31.

RB 1 JAMES DAVIS SR. 5-11 210 **PS#21**. 31 st 3Y, 3130 (5.4). 37 rec. **28** CJ Spiller (5'11" 190 Jr) **PS#10**. 6 st 2Y, 1706 (6.2) 53 rec. Jamie Harper (6'0" 227 Fr) is **PS#31**.

WR 80 AARON KELLY SR. 6-5 190 4 st rFr, 575 (12.2). 5 st '06, 355 (11.8). 13 st LY, 1081 (12.3), **1st Tm ACC. 85** Brandon Clear (6'5" 205 rFr) PS#71. Jeff Ogren (6'2" 200 So) PS#138.

WR 6 JACOBY FORD JR. 5-10 185 PS#181. 883 all-purp '06. 5 st LY until inj, 310 (18.2). **21** Xavier Dye (6'5" 205 So) **PS#31**. 4 rec true. **87** Terrance Ashe (6'2" 190 So) 7 rec.

WR 13 TYLER GRISHAM SR. 5-11 180 PS#106. 6 st, 365 (10.5) '05-'06. 8 st LY, 653 (10.9). **83** Nelson Faerber (5'11" 180 Sr) PS#261. 8 rec LY. Marquan Jones PS#41. In spg.

TE 86 MICHAEL PALMER JR. 6-5 245 PS#82. 11 st LY, 128 (9.8). **88** Brian Linthicum (6'4" 235 So) PS#48. 5 st true, 76 (6.9). **84** Akeem Robinson (6'4" 260 Sr) PS#172OL. 11 st, 472 snaps 2Y.

C 65 THOMAS AUSTIN JR. 6-3 315 **PS#40**. 9 gm, 117 snaps rFr. 12 st LY (8C, 4RG) 780 snap. **71** Barry Humphries (6'3" 295 Jr) **PS#91**. 4 gm rFr. 7 st LY, 705 snap. **460 bench**.

RG 62 MASON CLOY rFR. 6-3 300 **PS#58**. **64** Wilson Norris (6'4" 320 rFr) **PS#45**. **55** Bobby Hutchinson (6'3" 305 Sr) PS#102. 18 gm, 233 snaps 3Y. Ben Ramsey (6'4" 285 So).

LG 70 Jamarcus Grant Jr. 6-4 315 **PS#52**. 3 gm 38 snaps rFr. 9 gm LY. **73** David Smith (6'5" 285 rFr) **PS#42**. **53** Preston Stone (6'3" 265 Sr). Kenneth Page (6'4" 293 Fr) **PS#33**.

RT 61 Chris Hairston So. 6-6 315 PS#416. 1 st RT rFr (bowl), 248 snaps. **72 Landon Walker** (6'5" 285 rFr) **PS#39**. **60** Jamal Medlin (6'5" 290 So) 3 gm rFr. Caleb Simmons (5'11" 240 rFr).

LT 76 Cory Lambert Jr. 6-6 310 **PS#19**. 5 gm, 92 snap rFr. 1 st LT LY (bowl), 121 snaps. **440 bench. 50 Jock McKissic** (6'7" 300 Sr) PS#122JC. **13 st DL** 3Y, 50 tkl, 4.5 tfl.

K 14 MARK BUCHHOLZ SR. 6-1 205 Hit 22-36 FG LY, L/52, 4 misses from 50+! 11 TB on 79 KO. **19** Richard Jackson (5'11" 190 So) **PS#2**. **92** John Early (5'9" 175 Sr). Inj spg.

DE 93 Da'Quan Bowers Fr. 6-5 265 **PS#1 in spg! 24** Kevin Alexander (6'3" 245 Jr) PS#104LB. 48 tkl, 2 sk 2Y. **93** Rennie Moore (6'4" 270 So) PS#89. Drew Traylor (6'5" 230 rFr) PS#99.

NG 97 DORELL SCOTT SR. 6-4 320 PS#76. 13 st '06, 54 tkl, 3 sk. 13 st LY, 50 tkl, 3 sk. **89** Miguel Chavis (6'5" 260 So) PS#241. 8 tkl true. **57** Antwon Murchison (6'4" 270 Jr) PS#181. 22 tkl 2Y.

DT 91 RASHAAD JACKSON SR. 6-2 280 PS#117OL. 2 st '05-'06, 65 tkl, 9.5 tfl. 10 st LY, 37 tkl, 7 tfl. **8 Jamie Cumbie** (6'7" 270 Jr) **PS#9**. 3 st LY, 29 tkl, 3 tfl. Jarvis Jenkins (6'4" 320 So) **PS#53**.

DE 7 RICKY SAPP JR. 6-4 240 **PS#5LB**. 20 tkl, 4 sk true. 13 st LY, 52 tkl, 5 sk, 5 tfl. Jarrett Crittenton **PS#48JC. 90** Kourtnei Brown (6'4" 225 So) PS#81. 12 tkl, 2 tfl true.

WLB 33 Kavell Conner Jr. 6-1 225 PS#109DB. 31 tkl rFr. 2 starts in '07, 46 tkl, 2 tfl. **48** Jeremy Campbell (6'1" 225 Jr) PS#215. 26 tkl 2Y. **47** Josh Miller (6'0" 235 Sr). 10 tkl LY.

MLB 45 CORTNEY VINCENT SR. 6-0 225 PS#108. 2 st '06, 24 tkl. 12 st LY, 68 tkl, 7 tfl. Susp spg. **43 Antonio Clay** (6'0" 230 Sr) **PS#36**. 1 st LY. 165 tkl, 13.5 tfl 3Y. **34** Brandon Maye (6'2" 215 rFr).

SLB 2 DeAndre McDaniel So. 6-0 200 **PS#19DB**. 33 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu true. **44** Scotty Cooper (6'1" 210 So) **PS#34DB**. 2 st true, 33 tkl, 1 tfl. Rendrick Taylor (6'2" 240 Sr) **PS#12WR**. 7 st, 3Y, 480 yd.

CB 18 CREZDON BUTLER JR. 6-0 185 **PS#51**. 34 tkl, 3 int, 3 pbu true. 13 st LY, 61 tkl, 3 int. **36** Byron Maxwell (6'1" 185 So) **PS#33**. 27 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. **15** Coty Sensabaugh (6'0" 180 rFr).

CB 38 CHRIS CHANCELLOR JR. 5-10 170 **PS#35**. 4 st rFr, 38 tkl, 5 pbu. 13 st LY, 52 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu. **12** Marcus Gilchrist (5'11" 180 So) **PS#30**. 17 tkl true. **29** Haydrian Lewis (5'11" 185 Sr).

SS 25 MICHAEL HAMLIN SR. 6-3 205 PS#63. **2nd Tm FR AA**, 7 st rFr, 55 tkl. 10 st '06, 64 tkl, 2 int. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm ACC**, 97 tkl, 4 int, 6 pbu. Rashard Hall PS#246. Ike Ihewunwa (6'0" 195 Jr).

FS 22 CHRIS CLEMONS SR. 6-1 210 PS#92RB. 33 tkl rFr. 13 st '06, 102 tkl, 8 pbu. 13 st LY, 94 tkl, 2 int. **27** Sadat Chambers (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#87RB. 161 yd RB LY. Spencer Adams is **PS#29**.

P 49 JIMMY MANERS SR. 6-1 190 Big leg. 55 punts '07, 42.8 avg, net 32.9. **19** Richard Jackson **PS#2**. 44.0 avg HS. Dawson Zimmerman PS#13. **39** Spencer Benton PS#14. In spg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Da'Quan Bowers 6-5 265 PS#1
DL	Jarrett Crittenton 6-6 275 PS#48JC
OL	Antoine McClain 6-6 305 PS#18
OL	Dalton Freeman 6-6 270 PS#27
TE	Dwayne Allen 6-3 220 PS#6
DL	Brandon Thompson 6-2 291 PS#26
DB	Spencer Adams 6-2 180 PS#29
OL	Kenneth Page 6-4 293 PS#33
RB	Jamie Harper 6-0 227 PS#31
RB	Andre Ellington 5-10 170 PS#37
WR	Marquan Jones 6-0 180 PS#41
QB	Kyle Parker 6-0 190 PS#31
OL	Matt Sanders 6-4 293 PS#96
LB	Jonathan Willard 6-2 203 PS#75
DB	Xavier Brewer 5-11 180 PS#73
WR	Brandon Ford 6-4 205 PS#97
WR	Jaron Brown 6-3 187 PS#99
LB	Tarik Rollins 6-2 205 PS#108
K	Dawson Zimmerman 6-2 195 PS#13
K	Spencer Benton 6-2 185 PS#14
OL	Matt Skinner 6-5 230 PS#220
LB	Stanley Hunter 5-10 220 PS#68 '07
DB	Carlton Lewis 6-3 190 PS#215
QB	Jon Richt 6-2 185 PS#115
DB	Rashard Hall 6-3 190 PS#246
DB	Daniel Andrews 6-0 192 PS#248

CLEMSON TIGERS

Clemson, South Carolina
Weather (864) 225-2000

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#73

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CU	Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	† Alabama *(Atlanta)*	A						This will mark the 1st time CU has opened the ssn with a neutral site gm since 1904 (beat Alabama 18-0). Bama leads this series 11-3 but these two last met in 1975.
Sep. 6	The Citadel	G						Tigers are 91-18-5 vs the Southern Conf & 29-5-1 all-time vs The Citadel. The Bulldogs were 7-4 last year including a loss to Wisconsin (tied at 21 at HT).
Sep. 13	NC State	G						The Tigers have won 4 straight vs the Wolfpack. Clemson has rushed for 806 yards (269 ypg) over the L3Y vs NCSt. CU is 32-1 under Bowden when they rush 200+ yds.
Sep. 20	SC State	G						This is the first ever meeting between these two as they are approximately 250 miles apart. Bulldogs finished 7-4 LY with losses to AF & South Carolina.
Sep. 27	Maryland	G						CU is 11-4 S/'93 vs MD & LY RB Davis backed up his guarantee of a Tigers victory, 30-17. Davis & Spiller both topped 100 yds rushing for the 4th time in a game.
Oct. 4								Bonus (WF gm): Clemson is the only ACC team to defeat WF each of the L2Y. This is CU's first Thursday Night game since 2006 (lost 24-7 vs VA Tech).
Oct. 9	at Wake Forest (Thur)	A						Last year Harper threw for 3 TD's & ran for a fourth in the 44-10 win. The Tigers lead this all-time series 56-16-1 but the home team is 5-1.
Oct. 18	Georgia Tech	G						LY GT upset #13 CU 13-3 as the Tigers missed 4 FG, had a punt blk'd to set up the only TD & fmbl'd on a KR setting up a FG. CU has lost 3 of the L/4 in this series.
Oct. 25								Bonus (SC gm): This instate rivalry game has come down to the final second twice in the last 8 years & each of the last 3 have been decided by 4 or less.
Nov. 1	at Boston College	A						The last time Clemson beat BC was in 1958. They have gone 0-5-1 since including a 20-17 loss last year. BC has beat CU by either 3 pts or in OT in each of the L3Y.
Nov. 8	at Florida St	G						This is the 10th annual Bowden Bowl as Clemson is 4-1 while the HT is 6-2. Last year QB Harper was 14 of 24 in his 1st start as the Tigers had a 21-0 lead.
Nov. 15	Duke (HC)	G						The Tigers are 10-2 since '95 vs the Blue Devils winning 12 straight at home. HC Bowden was the QB coach/OC at Duke from 1983-'86 (last 2 as OC).
Nov. 22	at Virginia	G						Clemson is 35-8-1 all-time in this series but last met in 2004 & the Tigers lost 30-10 in Charlottesville. CU is just 3-8 the last 11 years prior to instate rival SC.
Nov. 29	South Carolina	G						Last year CU needed a 35 yd FG as time expired to give them a 23-21 win vs SC. The Tigers have won 9 of 11 in this instate rivalry & are 7-2 under Bowden.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Charlie Whitehurst 9,665 '02-'05
2. Woodrow Dantzler 6,037 '98-'01
3. Nealon Greene 5,719 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Raymond Priester 3,966 '94-'97
2. James Davis 3,130 '05-Present
3. Travis Zachery 3,058 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terry Smith 2,681 '90-'93
2. Perry Tuttle 2,534 '78-'81
3. Rod Gardner 2,498 '97-'00

TOMMY BOWDEN (Career 87–46)
10th Year at Clemson Bowden's Bowl Record: 3-5

Bowden's records AT CLEMSON

69-42	Straight Up	4-7	Vs Top 10
42-16	Home	13-20	Vs Top 25
23-21	Away	11-11	Vs BCS Teams
4-5	Neutral	8-10	Off A Bye
42-30	Vs Conference	25-12	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (23,27,2)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 81,335 (#16)

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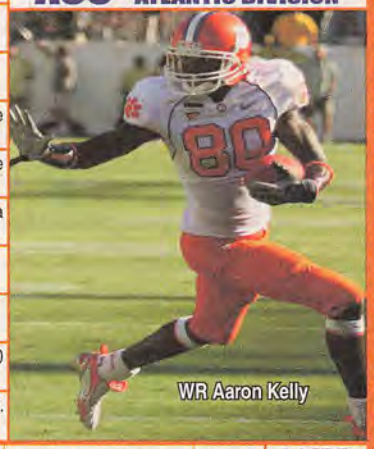
WR Aaron Kelly

STADIUM: CLEMSON MEMORIAL STADIUM (81,473) (#16)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Tommy Bowden	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	7-5	7-6	9-4	6-5	8-4	8-5	9-4	63-36
Home	6-1	3-3	5-2	6-1	5-1	4-2	5-2	5-2	39-14
Away	3-1	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-4	3-2	2-2	4-1	20-18
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	4-4
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-3	37-27
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-1	3-2	4-1	2-1	4-0	3-2	4-1	26-9
ATS	3-8	5-5-1	5-7-1	8-4	4-7	7-5	6-7	6-6	44-49-2
Home Fav	2-4	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	0-3	4-3	2-3	15-21-1
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	1-2	2-1	1-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	8-4
Away Fav	1-2	1-0-1	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-3	3-2	7-11-1
Away Dog	0-1	2-1	1-1	2-1	1-2	3-0	1-0	0-0	10-6
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	3-5
vs Conf	2-6	3-4-1	2-5-1	5-3	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	27-35-2
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-2	3-2	1-3	17-14
Off SU Win	3-6	2-3	2-5	6-2	2-3	5-2	4-4	4-4	28-29
Off SU Loss	0-2	3-1-1	2-2-1	2-1	2-3	1-3	1-3	1-2	12-17-2

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Tangerine	+5	Texas Tech	15-55
03	Peach	+4'	Tennessee - #6	27-14
05	Champs Sports - #23	-10'	Colorado	19-10
06	Music City	-10'	Kentucky	20-28
07	Chick-Fil-A - #15	-2	Auburn - #22 (OT)	20-23

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Clemson's All-Time Bowl Record 15–15

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Davis	214	1101	37	1064	10	5.0
CJ Spiller	145	809	41	768	3	5.3
Jacoby Ford	14	176	4	172	0	12.3
Sadat Chambers	28	170	9	161	1	5.8
Tyler Grisham	7	44	4	40	0	5.7
Willy Korn	10	37	9	28	1	2.8
Cullen Harper	71	179	268	-89	3	-1.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Cullen Harper	433	282	65.1	2991	27	6
Willy Korn	11	8	72.7	100	1	0
Tribble Reese	8	5	62.5	56	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Aaron Kelly	88	1081	12.3	11	63
Tyler Grisham	60	653	10.9	4	49
Jacoby Ford	17	310	18.2	4	52
CJ Spiller	34	271	8.0	2	68
Rendrick Taylor	25	259	10.4	0	35
La'Donte Harris	12	136	11.3	1	42
Michael Palmer	13	128	9.8	1	24
Brian Linthicum	11	76	6.9	3	15
Terrance Ashe	7	54	7.7	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmy Maners	55	2354	42.8	8	32.9	2	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mark Buchholz	48-48	9-10	7-9	5-12	1-5	22-36	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Nick Watkins	118	1	2	3	0
Michael Hamlin	97	0	3	6	4
Chris Clemons	94	0	2	5	2
Tramaine Billie	79	1	3	2	0
Phillip Merling	78	7	10	1	0
Cortney Vincent	68	2	5	2	0
Crezdon Butler	61	0	3	2	3
Chris Chancellor	52	0	3	9	4
Ricky Sapp	52	5	5	3	0
Dorell Scott	50	3	2	0	1
Kavell Conner	46	0	2	2	0
Antonio Clay	43	0	2	0	0
Rashaad Jackson	37	1	6	2	0
Scotty Cooper	33	0	1	1	0
DeAndre McDaniel	33	0	4	6	2
Kevin Alexander	32	1	0	0	0
Jamie Cumbie	29	2	1	0	0
Byron Maxwell	27	1	3	4	0
Marcus Gilchrist	17	0	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
CJ Spiller	16	137	8.6	0
Jacoby Ford	12	108	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
CJ Spiller	19	547	28.8	2
Jacoby Ford	8	211	26.4	0

CLEMSON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	33.1	23	161	4.1	242	64.8	12.2	+13	2007	7	18.7	17	118	3.4	188	58.1	16.4
8	32.7	19	218	5.7	193	60.6	12.6	+2	2006	5	16.2	16	103	2.9	178	55.6	17.4
7*	26.3	21	153	4.1	232	65.8	14.6	+9	2005	6	17.6	17	121	3.4	196	56.6	18.0
7*	21.5	17	108	3.1	188	50.1	13.8	-8	2004	7	20.8	19	136	3.2	192	51.0	15.7
8*	28.1	23	137	3.8	284	61.2	15.0	+4	2003	4	19.2	19	132	3.5	204	56.2	17.5
3	25.4	20	121	3.4	243	58.0	14.3	+2	2002	8	26.8	19	159	3.9	197	59.8	13.2

CU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
81,993	Florida St	16	42-132	3.1	14-24	160	2	8	28-114	4.1	17-35	142	5	0
77,628	ULM	25	28-184	6.6	26-34	319	2	24	53-271	5.1	13-30	148	1	0
80,419	Furman	19	33-60	1.8	18-22	317	5	21	36-142	3.9	28-43	242	0	+3
56,903	at NC State	32	50-340	6.8	25-39	268	1	15	23-55	2.4	19-34	147	2	+3
54,635	at Georgia Tech	15	32-34	1.1	17-39	194	6	14	46-189	4.1	7-16	67	0	0
82,047	Virginia Tech	21	23-8	0.3	38-67	372	4	9	41-154	3.8	7-14	65	3	-3
81,361	C Michigan	35	61-341	5.6	23-27	315	1	15	24-76	3.2	21-37	216	0	+3
50,948	at Maryland	27	56-249	4.4	20-26	179	1	18	32-97	3.0	19-31	217	1	+1
20,457	at Duke	18	32-152	4.8	19-29	198	3	11	30-28	0.9	17-29	170	3	+2
82,422	Wake Forest	26	34-145	4.3	27-36	266	2	21	37-82	2.2	24-35	204	6	+1
83,472	Boston College	21	31-47	1.5	26-40	226	3	26	34-60	1.8	31-47	315	5	0
82,410	at S Carolina	26	46-214	4.7	28-39	229	2	17	21-80	3.8	18-31	284	0	+2
74,413	† Auburn	12	40-189	4.7	14-33	104	3	24	47-190	4.0	26-43	233	1	+1
TOTALS		293	508-2095	4.1	295-455	3147	35	223	452-1538	3.4	247-425	2450	27	+13
AVERAGES		22.5	39-161	4.1	23-35	242	2.7	17.2	35-118	3.4	19-33	188	2.1	1.0

2003 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #22 Score
–	Georgia - #11	+3	0-30
–	Furman	NL	28-17
–	Middle Tennessee	-14	37-14
–	at Georgia Tech	+4	39-3
–	at Maryland	+7'	7-21
–	Virginia - #25	+4'	30-27 OT
–	at NC State	+4'	15-17
–	North Carolina	-13'	36-28
–	at Wake Forest	E	17-45
–	Florida St - #3	+17'	26-10
–	Duke	-14	40-7
–	at South Carolina	E	63-17

2004 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#15	Wake Forest	-11'	37-30 2OT
#20	Georgia Tech	-7	24-28
–	at Texas A&M	E	6-27
–	at Florida St - #8	+17'	22-41
–	at Virginia - #10	+15'	10-30
–	Utah St	-22'	35-6
–	Maryland	-3'	10-7
–	NC State	+1'	26-20
–	at Miami, Fl - #11	+16'	24-17 OT
–	at Duke	-12'	13-16
–	South Carolina	-3	29-7

2005 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	Texas A&M - #17	+1'	25-24
#25	at Maryland	+2	28-24
#20	Miami, Fl - #13	+7	30-36 3OT
–	Boston College	-2'	13-16 OT
–	at Wake Forest	-6'	27-31
–	at NC State	+4	31-10
–	Temple	-36'	37-7
–	at Georgia Tech	+2'	9-10
–	Duke	-30	49-20
–	Florida St - #17	+2	35-14
–	at South Carolina - #19	-3	13-9

2006 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre #18 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#18	Florida Atlantic	-31	54-6
#18	at Boston College	-2'	33-34 2OT
–	at Florida St - #9	+4'	27-20
#19	North Carolina	-16'	52-7
#18	Louisiana Tech	-33'	51-0
#15	at Wake Forest	-16'	27-17
#12	† Temple	-44'	63-9
#12	Georgia Tech - #13	-7'	31-7
#10	at Virginia Tech	-5	7-24
#19	Maryland	-19'	12-13
–	NC State	-18'	20-14
#24	South Carolina	-5'	28-31

2007 RESULTS

CU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	Florida St - #19	+3	24-18
#25	ULM	-26'	49-26
#20	Furman	NL	38-10
#15	at NC State	-7	42-20
#13	at Georgia Tech	-3	3-13
#22	Virginia Tech - #15	-5'	23-41
–	Central Michigan	-16'	70-14
–	at Maryland	-3'	30-17
#25	at Duke	-16	47-10
#20	Wake Forest	-9	44-10
#15	Boston College - #18	-8'	17-20
#21	at S Carolina	-3	23-21

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - For three years Drew Weatherford (PS#15) and Xavier Lee (PS#2) battled for the starting QB job. Lee developed a sore shoulder in August '05 when both were a pair of untested rFr and Weatherford took control and set an ACC frosh record with 3,208 (58.8%) passing yards (NCSt's Philip Rivers 3,054) but had an 18-18 ratio. Lee threw for 466 (47.4%) Weatherford had the job in 2006 but missed three starts and threw for 2,154 (55.7%) with a 12-11 ratio while Lee threw for 885 (51.2%) with a 7-5 ratio. Weatherford was more secure with the ball (3 int, 0.9% #1 NCAA) in 2007. Weatherford started the first four but Lee came off the bench vs Alabama in the 2Q and hit 2 TD passes and had 224 yards. After a solid start vs NCSt, Lee had 3 TO's vs WF and 4 vs Miami and lost the job. Weatherford hit 35 of 47 for 339 vs Duke and threw for 354 in the upset over BC. Lee was susp'd for 2 and that was important because in the 2Q vs VT Weatherford was injured and instead of Lee, they were forced to go to rFr Christian Ponder (PS#22). Ponder hit 8-18 for 105 with 2 int and FSU blew a lead in the 4Q and lost big. Weatherford QB'd the rest of the season and did have just 9 TD's but threw for 2,049 (56.9%). This year Lee departs but everyone else returns including D'Vontrey Richardson (6'1" 205 So, PS#29), who also practiced at RB, and true frosh EJ Manuel (PS#4). Weatherford should have his best season and will be hoping for a Carson Palmer-type turnaround as a senior.

RUNNING BACKS - With all of the VHT's and NFL caliber talent HC Bobby Bowden has compiled at the RB position, it's amazing FSU has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1996 (Warrick Dunn). In 2005, FSU had their worst ypg (94, 3.3) rushing since 1947 and avg'd just 97 ypg (3.5) in 2006. Lorenzo Booker (PS#1) led with 616 (4.3) and Antone Smith (PS#4), who is an ACC track champ, added 456 (5.2). FB Joe Surratt had 54 (2.6). Last year Booker left and Bowden said there was a big drop-off at the position after Smith (445 bench). Surprisingly, Smith, who led in rushing in 8 of the first 9 games, did not have his first 100 yard effort until he had 114 vs Miami and then had 146 vs Duke. He suffered a shoulder injury vs VT and QB Ponder led with 51. With the top 4 RB's out vs Maryland, they moved leading WR Preston Parker to RB and he had 133 and then added 48 vs Florida. Smith returned to full speed for the bowl rushing for 156 and finished with 819 (4.3). FB/TB Seddrick Holloway had 129 (5.0). They add a top-notch JUCO and five true frosh and Brandon Paul (PS#28DB) moves from CB. I give Smith a solid shot at passing the elusive 1,000 yard barrier this year.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, Greg Carr (6'6") avg 20.6 on his 30 rec with 9 TD's. De'Cody Fagg added 404 (11.5). They both returned in '06. Chris Davis was voted MIP in the spring and led with 684 (14.0). Carr had 619 (18.2) and Fagg had 439 (11.9). Davis had to be replaced last year but Carr and Fagg returned. Projected starting TE Jonathan Hannah was ruled ineligible and returning starting TE Brandon Warren opted to transfer. Carr, despite starting just 7, led with 795 (17.7). Soph Parker would have led but spent 2 games at RB and finished with 791 (12.8) while rushing for 270 (5.2). Fagg started slowly but finished with 758 (14.0). This year they must replace Fagg (11 st), Joslin Shaw (15 rec), TE Charlie Graham (10 st, 11 rec) and TE John Frady (5 gm). Hannah returns and they add PS#14JC Corey Surrency. Not listed in the PSL are TE Joshua Dobbie (6'4" 221 Sr), WR Taiwan Easterling (5'11" 192 rFr, PS#310) and WR Cameron Wade (6'6" 201 rFr PS#144). Despite the losses, this looks like one of the ACC's top receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The OL struggled in '05 & '06 (see Hardcore). Last year they had to replace 3 starters but brought in OL coach Rick Trickett from W Virg where he had outstanding success (teams avg 264.6 ypg rush previous 5 years). Two frosh and 1 soph earned starting jobs. The group was banged up all year with just one player starting all 13 and 8 different players earned starts. At one point Trickett was down to just 7 healthy OL's vs NCSt. They did manage to improve to 128 ypg rush (3.7) with 22 sacks allowed (4.7%). This year they must replace RG Jacky Claude (11 st, 3Y st'r), RT David Overmyer (9 st, 2Y st'r), LT Daron Rose (11 st, inelig '08) and RG/RT Shannon Boatman (10 st, 2Y st'r). Only 3 players return with starting experience and their 24 career starts returning is 5th worst in the NCAA. This is a very young group and Trickett, in his second year, will have to work his magic for this group to show improvement in '08.

LT Rodney Hudson

DEFENSIVE LINE - FSU always has a tough rush D. In 2006 they had to replace a pair of 1st round DC's but allowed just 93 ypg and 2.9 ypc rush while the D had 27 sacks despite being hit hard by injuries. Six frosh combined for 70 tackles and 7 sacks. Last year they only had to replace one starter and surprisingly they allowed 117 ypg (3.3) with 29 sacks. This year they lose DT Andre Fluellen (5 st, 21 tkl, #3DC DET), DE Alex Boston (6 st, 23 tkl, 3 sk) and DT Letroy Guion (8 st, 31 tkl, 1 sk, #5DC MIN). Bowden felt the problem with the defense overall was the lack of outstanding pass rushing DE's and brings in PS#3JC Markus White (24.5 sk LY). Despite being slightly less experienced, this unit should remain healthier and put up better numbers.

LINEBACKERS - The Seminoles had to replace two starters last year (#1 and #3 DC's), the second straight year they had to replace a pair of DC's. Chuck Amato took over coaching the LB's LY. This year they have their most experienced LB corps in years with their only losses being 1st Tm ACC LB Geno Hayes (80 tkl, 17.5 tfl, 12 st, #6DC TB) and Marcus Ball (24 tkl). Four of the top six are back and true frosh Nigel Bradham (PS#4) was in for the spring.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FSU has had four Top 2 finishes in my pass D rankings in the last 14 years. In 2005, they had their lowest finish ever at #74. They only moved back up to #43 in 2006. Last year the unit returned intact but surprisingly slipped to #50. This year the only losses are FS Roger Williams (13 st, 75 tkl, 4 tfl), CB JR Bryant (10 tkl) and S Anthony Houllis (20 tkl). FSU should land back near the top of my pass D rankings in '08.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FSU normally ranks in the Top 25 of my ST rankings. Surprisingly, in 2006 they were #54. Last year they had everyone back. K Gary Cismesia hit an outstanding 27-34 with a long of 60 and two misses were from 50+. Graham Gano had 12 TB on 63 KO. Gano also increased his punting avg from 40.8 to 43.4 (tm net 35.9). Michael Ray Garvin saw his KR avg drop from 22.6 to 19.9 but Parker avg 10.6 on PR. Overall FSU finished #28 in my ST rankings. This year everyone returns except for Cismesia and LS Garrison Sanborn (13 gm, 3Y st'r). They could reach the Top 25 in '08.

COACHES - College Football Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden is the NCAA (Div IA) record holder for career wins (373) and is in his 33rd season at FSU. Last year they brought in a new OC in Jimbo Fisher who was LSU's OC the previous 7 years but surprisingly the team had its lowest ppg (23.3) since 1981 (21.8) Bowden also hired WV OL coach Trickett LY. DC Mickey Andrews is now in his 25th year and Bowden added Chuck Amato last year as the Executive HC/LB coach (NCSt HC 7Y, 2000-'06). FSU named Fisher the successor to Bowden and if he is not the HC in 3 years, the school must pay him 2.5 million.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FSU had an amazing run of 14 straight years of finishing in the Top 5 in the final polls but has not been back since 2000! In 2005, they had an inexperienced and injury-plagued squad that got as high as #4 in the AP poll before losing to Virginia on the road. FSU was 7-1 but then suffered 3 straight losses for the first time since 1983. Their 3 ACC losses were their (then) most ever, but they still took home the Atlantic Division Title and upset VT in the ACC Championship to win their 12th ACC Title. Despite the ACC Title, they only outgained conf foes by 28.5 ypg (6th best). FSU was the only team in the country to appear in a January bowl every year for the last 15 years heading into 2006. In 2006, they "earned" 39 points in my Draft Day Party Hangover. FSU opened up #11 but surprisingly went just 7-6 including their first-ever shutout loss at home under Bowden (31 yrs) as WF beat them 30-0. They had a big 4Q in their bowl to rally past UCLA and squeek out a winning season. After having just 9 scholarship seniors in 2006 they had 18 last year and with the infusion of new coaches, things looked to be on the rise. Shockingly, they trailed Clemson 24-3 at the half in the opener and came up short 24-18. Still, FSU rose to #21 winning its next 4 (incl #22 Alab). They led WF 14-7 at the half but came up short and for the first time since 1977 when they met Miami Fl, neither was ranked. FSU settled for 5 FG's and while they should have been up big, they lost in a misleading final, 37-29, thanks to a FR for a TD with 1:04 left. Two weeks later they upset #2 BC on the road but then vs VT with backup QB Lee susp, starting QB Weatherford was injured and they had to play the 2H with an untested rFr and despite a 21-20 lead after 3Q's, lost 40-21. After beating Maryland they were thrashed by Florida and the 541 yards allowed were the most allowed since 1995. They were without about 2 dozen susp players for the bowl and lost to Kentucky to fall to 7-6. The last 2 years the D has had just 27 and 29 sacks, respectively, and Bowden says that is a key reason why their defense is not as dominant as in years past. They finished 3rd in the ACC Atlantic Div despite being among the league leaders in missed starts due to injury (35) which is good news for this year. Their 15 returning starters are the most since their 1999 National Championship team! That is the 4th most in the ACC and they have the 3rd fewest lettermen lost (17). The Seminoles have basically EIGHT home games this year and despite having numerous players suspended for their first 3 games this season, I give them a great shot at finally returning to a double digit win year.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN GARNET | 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN GARNET | DEFENSE

QB 11 DREW WEATHERFORD SR. 6-3 216 **PS#15.** Only 3 int (.9%) in '07. 33 st, 7411 (57.4%) 39-32 ratio, 475 rush 3Y. **14** Christian Ponder (6'2" 212 So) **PS#22.** 1 gm. EJ Manuel **PS#4.**

RB 6 ANTONE SMITH SR. 5-9 190 **PS#4.** 4.36, 445 bench. 12 st 3Y, 1463 (4.6). Tavares Pressley (6'1" 215 Jr) **PS#27JC. 8** Brandon Paul (5'10" 170 rFr) **PS#28DB.** AJ Alexander **PS#20.**

FB 42 SEDDRICK HOLLOWAY JR. 5-10 247 PS#124. 6 st, 2Y, 129 (5.0). **35 Marcus Sims** (6'0" 230 Jr) **PS#13.** 4 st, 102 ttl yd 2Y. Inj'd LY. **32** Joe Surratt (6'1" 262 Sr). 9 st, 61 ttl yd '06.

WR 5 PRESTON PARKER JR. 6-0 190 PS#62. 6 st LY, **Off MVP,** 791 (12.8), 270 rush (5.2), 452 ret yd. **Corey Surrency PS#14JC. 83** Bert Reed (5'11" 165 rFr) PS#107QB.

WR 18 GREG CARR SR. 6-6 210 **PS#49.** 11 st 3Y, 2032 **(18.6!), 25TD's! 2ndTm ACC '05 & '06. 9** Richard Goodman (6'0" 186 Sr) 6 st, 184 (9.2). **86** Rod Owens (6'0" 181 Jr) PS#68.

TE 87 Caz Piurowski Jr. 6-7 277 **PS#7.** 8 st 2Y, 12 rec. **88 Jonathan Hannah** (6'4" 250 Sr) **PS#4.** Orig at SCar. Ineligible LY. **40** Matt Dunham (6'2" 255 Jr) **PS#28DB.** 6 tkl true.

C 69 RYAN McMAHON SO. 6-3 274 PS#89DL. 13 st rFr, **1stTm Frosh AA! 63** AJ Ganguzza (6'3" 269 rFr) PS#249DL. **LS 51** Jeremiah Thompson (5'10" 230 Jr). Jay Culpepper (6'4" 276 So).

RG 75 Will Furlong rFr. 6-5 262 PS#157. 2nd string as true but RS. **57** Brandon Davis (6'2" 273 So) PS#294DL. 4 gm rFr. 2nd string. David Spurlock (6'5" 287 Fr) PS#103.

LG 71 Evan Bellamy So. 6-4 296 PS#107. 2nd string rFr, 1 st LG, 10 gm, 84 snaps, 4 kd in bowl. Zebrie Sanders (6'5" 273 Fr) **PS#37. 66** Jacob Stanley (6'2" 237 So).

RT 70 Antwane Greenlee rFr. 6-6 302 **PS#24.** Inj'd true. Rhonne Sanderson (6'4" 280 Fr) PS#251. Garrett Faircloth (6'6" 265 Fr) PS#369DL. Blake Snider (6'4" 282 Fr) PS#481.

LT 62 RODNEY HUDSON SO. 6-2 283 PS#103. 10 st true, (9LG, 1LT), **1st Tm Frosh AA.** 14 kd last 5 gm. Josh Tate (6'5" 310 So) PS#520. Andrew Datko (6'6" 285 Fr) PS#136.

K 43 Graham Gano Sr. 6-1 197 **PS#5K.** 65 yd FG HS! 67 yd FG negated by pen. 27 TB on KO '05-'06. 12 TB LY. Shawn Powell PS#54 '07. Nathan Ojibway (6'3" 253 So).

DE NA MARKUS WHITE JR. 6-4 245 **PS#3JC. 24.5 sk LY! 59** Neefy Moffett (6'1" 255 Sr) **PS#10LB.** 2 st, 22 tkl, 2 sk '05-'06. 7 st LY, 19 tkl, 9 tfl. **95** Kevin McNeil (6'2" 255 Jr) 2 st, 16 tkl '06.

NG 54 Paul Griffin Sr. 6-2 278 PS#37JC. **520 bench.** 24 tkl, 6.5 tfl LY. **94** Justin Mincey (6'5" 265 Jr) **PS#17.** 4 st, 5 tkl LY. **91** Emmanuel Dunbar (6'5" 284 Jr) PS#117. 7 tkl true.

DT 72 BUDD THACKER JR. 6-2 282 PS#124. 2 st, 14 tkl true. 8 st LY, 23 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **56** Kendrick Stewart (6'2" 269 Jr) **PS#35.** 5 st, 11 tkl LY. Dumaka Atkins (6'4" 296 Sr) **PS#27OL.**

DE 99 EVERETTE BROWN JR. 6-4 246 **PS#23LB.** 3 st DE rFr, 27 tkl, **13.5 tfl.** 9 st LY, 37 tkl, 6.5 sk. **49** Benjamin Lampkin (6'0" 212 Sr) 7 tkl LY. **55** Jamar Jackson (6'4" 232 rFr) PS#48LB.

SLB 35 DEKODA WATSON JR. 6-2 222 **PS#45DL.** 1 st, 23 tkl true. 12 st LY, 50 tkl, 8 tfl. **41** Kendall Smith (6'1" 224 So) **PS#21.** 1 st, 14 tkl true. **19** Kenny Ingram (6'6" 223 Sr) **PS#19DB.**

MLB 30 DEREK NICHOLSON SR. 6-2 234 **PS#7LB.** 21 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. Inj '06. 13 st LY, #1 tkl'r, 99, 8 tfl. **48** Recardo Wright (6'2" 223 Jr) PS#85, 17 tkl 2Y. Aaron Gresham (6'2" 230 rFr) PS#117.

WLB 31 Toddrick Verdell Sr. 6-3 222 **PS#22JC.** 3 tkl '06. 1 st LY, 22 tkl, 1 int. **13** Nigel Bradham **PS#4. In spg.** Maurice Harris (6'0" 210 So) **PS#38. 37** Rodney Gallon (6'0" 192 Sr) **PS#43.**

CB 4 TONY CARTER SR. 5-9 166 **PS#3.** 13 st rFr, 41 tkl, 12 pbu. 11 st, 27 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 45 tkl, 4 int. **28** Dionte Allen (5'11" 167 rFr) **PS#8. 15** Ochucko Jenije (5'10" 185 So) **PS#47.**

CB 21 PATRICK ROBINSON JR. 5-11 189 PS#52WR. 5 st 2Y 39 tkl, **6 int,** 6 pbu. **29 Michael Ray Garvin** (5'8" 185 Sr) **PS#15. 14 st L2Y,** 84 tkl, 5 pbu. **22** Korey Mangum (6'0" 190 Jr) **PS#29.**

ROV 3 MYRON ROLLE JR. 6-2 218 **PS#2.** 10 st true, 77 tkl, 5 pbu. 13 st LY, 67 tkl, 2 pbu. Roosevelt Lawson (5'11" 202 Sr). Mister Alexander (6'2" 216 So) Terrance Parks **PS#47.** In spg.

FS 24 Darius McClure Sr. 5-11 201 PS#171. 30 tkl '05-'06. 23 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Anthony Leon (6'4" 228 So) PS#129. **Jamie Robinson** (6'2" 187 Jr) **PS#27. 5 st CB '06.** 43 tkl, 2Y.

P 43 GRAHAM GANO SR. 6-1 197 **PS#5.** 67 punt '06, 40.8 avg, net 35.2. 59 punts LY. 43.4 avg, team net 35.9. **49** Shawn Powell PS#54 '07. Avg 51.0 in HS and 11-12 FG's.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Markus White 6-4 245 PS#3JC
LB	Nigel Bradham 6-2 227 PS#4
WR	Corey Surrency 6-5 210 PS#14JC
QB	EJ Manuel 6-4 201 PS#4
RB	Tavares Pressley 6-1 215 PS#27JC
LB	Nigel Carr 6-3 220 PS#18
RB	AJ Alexander 5-11 170 PS#20
DB	Nick Moody 6-1 218 PS#23LB
LB	Vince Williams 6-0 210 PS#24
OL	Zebrie Sanders 6-5 273 PS#37
DL	Moses McCray 6-2 268 PS#49
DB	Terrance Parks 6-1 200 PS#47
DL	Everett Dawkins 6-2 242 PS#79
TE	Ja'Baris Little 6-4 240 PS#21
WR	Jarmon Fortson 6-3 220 PS#75
OL	David Spurlock 6-5 287 PS#103
WR	Avis Commack 6-4 182 PS#89
RB	Jermaine Thomas 6-1 190 PS#81
DB	Travis Arnold 5-10 184 PS#106LB
OL	Andrew Datko 6-6 285 PS#136
DL	Toshmon Stevens 6-5 205 PS#156
RB	Ed Imeokparia 6-0 188 PS#132
RB	Debrale Smiley 6-2 240 PS#169
RB	Carlton "Ty" Jones 5-11 215 PS#197
WR	Josh Gehres 6-3 190 PS#191
OL	Rhonne Sanderson 6-4 280 PS#251
DL	Anthony Hill 6-4 270 PS#284
OL	Garrett Faircloth 6-6 265 PS#369DL
K	Shawn Powell 6-5 212 PS#54 '07
OL	Blake Snider 6-4 282 PS#481
DL	Anthony McCloud 6-3 295 PS#464

FLORIDA ST SEMINOLES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#50

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	Western Carolina	G					
Sep. 13	Chattanooga	G					
Sep. 20	Wake Forest	G					
Sep. 27	† Colorado (Jacksonville)	G					
Oct. 4	at Miami, Fl	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 16	at NC State (Thur)	G					
Oct. 25	Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 1	at Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 8	Clemson	G					
Nov. 15	Boston College (HC)	G					
Nov. 22	at Maryland	G					
Nov. 29	Florida	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Weinke 9,839 '97-'00
2. Chris Rix 8,390 '01-'04
3. Drew Weatherford 7,411 '05-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Warrick Dunn 3,959 '93-'96
2. Greg Allen 3,769 '81-'84
3. Travis Minor 3,218 '97-'00

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ron Sellers 3,598 '66-'68
2. Peter Warrick 3,517 '96-'99
3. EG Green 2,920 '94-'97

Florida St has won 18 straight home openers by 30 ppg but the last 3 by 7 ppg. The Catamounts went 1-10 last year including losses to Alabama & Georgia.

The Mocs went 2-9 last year including a 34-15 loss at Arkansas. The Seminoles are 21-2-1 all-time vs Southern Conference opponents.

In WF's last visit here ('06), WF shutout FSU which was the 1st time in Bowden's 32 yrs as FSU's HC at home. WF has won 2 straight but only 4 total in the 26 gm series.

FSU is 30-13 all time vs current Big 12 opponents including 2-0 vs Colorado. The Seminoles led 16-0 last year & allowed a TD with 3:39 left.

The last 7 games in this series have been decided by a total of 31 pts with all gms decided by 8 or less. LY FSU led 29-24 & UM scored 2 TD's in :11 with 1:05 left.

Bonus: Last year marked the 1st time since 1977 that this rivalry was played with neither team being ranked.

Prior to former NCSt HC Amato returning to FSU LY, the Noles had lost 4 of 6 vs NCSt. With their win over NCSt LY, FSU snapped a string of 8 straight losses to Atlantic Div rivals.

Florida St had won 12 straight prior to last year's loss & leads the series 21-11-1. The Seminoles led 21-20 into the 4Q last year before getting outscored 20-0.

The Noles are 12-7-1 all-time in this series but have won 12 straight. These 2 have not met since '03 but the L/5 gms have been decided by an avg of 6 ppg.

Last year Clemson held Florida St to only one first down & 62 yds in the 1st half as Tommy won his 3rd straight over Bobby in this Bowden Bowl matchup.

Last yr FSU shocked #2 BC 27-17 ending the Eagles' run at an unbeaten season. The Seminoles are 4-2 all-time in this series with the home tm dropping 3 straight.

Florida St has outscored Maryland by an avg of 43-16 in 16 games. MD has defeated FSU the last 2 times the Noles visited College Park.

Seminoles have lost 4 straight. Seminoles are 12-3-1 in home finales S/'92 but 1-3 the L4Y. Last year's loss was the worst FSU defeat since '83 when the Gators won 53-14.

BOBBY BOWDEN (Career 342-113-4) (IAA 31-6)
33rd Year at Florida St
Bowden's Bowl Record: 20-10-1

Bowden's records AT FLORIDA ST

300-87-4	Straight Up	38-36-1	Vs Top 10
159-27-2	Home	78-52-1	Vs Top 25
107-50-1	Away	131-60-2	Vs BCS Teams
34-10-1	Neutral	54-29-2	Off A Bye
110-20	Vs Conference	55-20-2	Off A Loss

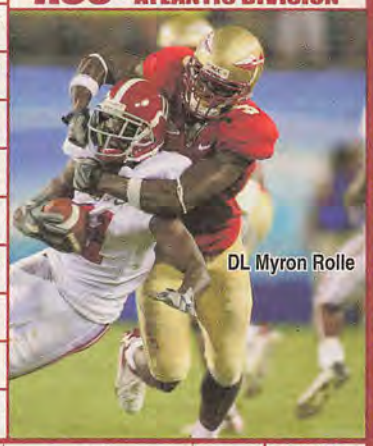
2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (16,19,1)
Lost: 17 (8,6,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,597 (#18)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION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STADIUM: DOAK S. CAMPBELL STADIUM (82,300) (#14)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Bobby Bowden	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-2	8-4	9-5	10-3	9-3	8-5	7-6	7-6	69-34
Home	6-0	4-2	5-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-4	4-1	38-11
Away	4-1	3-2	3-3	5-1	3-2	2-3	2-2	2-4	24-18
Neutral	1-1	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-1	7-5
vs Conf	8-0	6-2	7-1	7-1	6-2	6-3	3-5	4-4	47-18
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	2-4	3-2	3-1	2-2	4-1	3-2	22-16
ATS	8-5	6-6	6-8	7-6	5-7	6-6	6-7	6-7	50-52
Home Fav	5-1	2-3	2-4	3-3	3-3	1-3	2-5	2-3	20-25
Home Dog	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	2-3	3-1	3-2	4-2	1-3	2-2	1-2	1-2	17-17
Away Dog	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-2	3-5
Neutral	1-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	8-4
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	4-4	4-4	3-5	4-5	3-5	3-5	32-33
vs Non-Conf	2-3	1-3	2-4	3-2	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-2	18-19
Off SU Win	6-5	3-4	3-6	6-4	3-5	3-4	1-5	3-4	28-37
Off SU Loss	1-0	2-2	3-1	0-2	2-1	2-2	4-2	3-2	17-12

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Antone Smith	192	901	82	819	3	4.3
Preston Parker	52	304	34	270	2	5.2
Seddrick Holloway	26	130	1	129	0	5.0
Drew Weatherford	62	219	107	112	3	1.8
Xavier Lee	43	148	51	97	3	2.3
Jamaal Edwards	35	87	13	74	0	2.1
Christian Ponder	5	51	0	51	0	10.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Drew Weatherford	318	181	56.9	2049	9	3
Xavier Lee	124	66	53.2	972	5	5
Christian Ponder	18	8	44.4	105	1	2
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Greg Carr		45	795	17.7	4	58
Preston Parker		62	791	12.8	3	58
De'Cody Fagg		54	758	14.0	5	70
Antone Smith		22	203	9.2	0	28
Richard Goodman		20	184	9.2	2	50
Joslin Shaw		15	113	7.5	0	26
Charlie Graham		11	84	7.6	1	20
Caz Piurowski		5	57	11.4	0	27

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Graham Gano	59	2563	43.4	12	35.9(t)	1	19
Brent Moody	16	549	34.3	1	–	0	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Gary Cismesia	28-29	8-9	11-12	6-9	2-4	27-34	60

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Derek Nicholson	99	0.5	7.5	3	0
Geno Hayes	80	5	12.5	3	1
Roger Williams	75	1	3	1	1
Myron Rolle	67	0	1.5	2	0
Dekoda Watson	50	3	5	4	1
Michael Ray Garvin	49	0	0.5	2	1
Tony Carter	45	0	4	6	4
Everette Brown	37	6.5	5	3	0
Letroy Guion	31	1	5.5	1	0
Patrick Robinson	28	0	1	6	6
Marcus Ball	24	1	0.5	3	0
Paul Griffin	24	1	5.5	0	0
Alex Boston	23	3	3.5	2	0
Darius McClure	23	1	1	1	0
Budd Thacker	23	0	4.5	0	0
Toddrick Verdell	22	0	1	0	1
Andre Fluellen	21	2	0	2	0
Anthony Houllis	20	0	1	0	1
Neefy Moffett	19	2.5	6.5	0	0
Jamie Robinson	17	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Preston Parker	31	328	10.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Ray Garvin	35	697	19.9	0
Preston Parker	9	124	13.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Orange - #9	-1'	Miami, Fl - #10	14-16
04	Gator - #17	-10	West Virginia	30-18
05	Orange - #22	+10	Penn St - #3 (3OT)	23-26
06	Emerald	+3'	UCLA	44-27
07	Music City	+9	Kentucky	28-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Florida St's All-Time Bowl Record 21-14-2

FLORIDA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	23.3	18	128	3.7	242	54.9	15.8	+6	2007	8	22.9	19	117	3.3	245	56.9	15.8
6*	26.5	16	97	3.5	234	54.4	12.4	-8	2006	5	19.8	16	93	2.9	198	54.8	14.7
4	28.9	19	94	3.3	283	57.6	13.0	-4	2005	5	22.0	17	108	2.9	201	59.2	14.1
8*	25.2	19	162	4.2	211	53.5	14.8	+7	2004	4	14.1	16	83	2.4	201	53.7	20.2
4*	32.2	21	133	3.7	270	56.8	12.5	+8	2003	10	16.7	17	119	3.3	213	55.0	19.9
6*	30.6	21	187	4.7	211	51.8	13.0	+11	2002	8	21.5	18	131	3.7	235	53.5	17.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

FSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
83,000	at Clemson	8	28-114	4.1	17-35	142	5	16	42-132	3.1	14-24	160	2	0
78,673	UAB	24	47-190	4.0	22-35	332	0	19	28-119	4.3	17-36	226	1	-1
52,951	at Colorado	10	37-95	2.6	8-18	126	3	21	25-(-27)	-1.1	34-54	306	2	+2
85,412	† Alabama	15	35-82	2.3	19-30	266	1	19	27-89	3.3	28-53	240	3	0
82,214	NC State	19	35-124	3.5	16-28	257	3	19	34-96	2.8	19-32	172	6	+4
32,906	at Wake Forest	14	24-47	2.0	24-48	283	0	18	48-180	3.8	19-27	215	1	-1
82,728	Miami, Fl	19	47-158	3.4	14-33	208	2	17	45-153	3.4	11-22	173	2	-1
79,159	Duke	30	39-195	5.0	35-47	339	1	9	19-9	0.5	17-31	213	1	-1
40,065	at Boston College	25	31-81	2.6	30-46	371	1	20	21-63	3.0	26-53	415	0	+4
66,233	at Virginia Tech	13	28-116	4.1	13-33	151	0	17	54-188	3.5	11-19	207	2	-2
80,213	Maryland	18	38-154	4.1	16-26	204	3	18	37-92	2.5	17-35	243	5	0
90,664	at Florida	17	25-99	4.0	20-37	188	2	29	38-279	7.3	19-28	262	1	0
68,661	† Kentucky	22	33-204	6.2	22-50	276	1	29	36-143	4.0	32-50	358	3	+2
TOTALS		234	447-1659	3.7	256-466	3143	22	251	454-1516	3.3	264-464	3190	29	+6
AVERAGES		18.0	34-128	3.7	20-36	242	1.7	19.3	35-117	3.3	20-36	245	2.2	0.5

FSU 2003 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post #11 Score
#13	at North Carolina	-16	37-0
#11	Maryland	-15	35-10
#10	Georgia Tech	-23'	14-13
#10	Colorado	-20	47-7
#6	at Duke	-29'	56-7
#5	Miami, Fl - #2	-7	14-22
#7	at Virginia	-7'	19-14
#6	Wake Forest	-18'	48-24
#5	at Notre Dame	-12'	37-0
#3	at Clemson	-17'	10-26
#13	NC State	-13'	50-44 2OT
#9	at Florida - #11	-1	38-34

FSU 2004 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #15 Score
#4	at Miami, Fl - #5	+2	10-16 OT
#8	UAB	-23	34-7
#8	Clemson	-17'	41-22
#9	North Carolina	-28'	38-16
#8	at Syracuse	-19	17-13
#7	Virginia - #6	-3	36-3
#5	at Wake Forest	-13'	20-17
#5	at Maryland	-11'	17-20
#13	Duke	-30	29-7
#11	at NC State	-6'	17-10
#10	Florida	-7	13-20

FSU 2005 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre #14 Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
#14	Miami, Fl - #9	+3	10-7
#11	The Citadel	NL	62-10
#8	at Boston College - #17	-1'	28-17
#6	Syracuse	-21	38-14
#4	Wake Forest	-21	41-24
#4	at Virginia	-7	21-26
#11	at Duke	-30	55-24
#10	Maryland	-17	35-27
#9	NC State	-13	15-20
#17	at Clemson	-2	14-35
#23	at Florida - #19	+3'	7-34
#22	† Virginia Tech - #5	+14'	27-22

FSU 2006 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre #11 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#11	at Miami, Fl - #12	+3'	13-10
#9	Troy	-29'	24-17
#9	Clemson	-4'	20-27
#18	Rice	-31	55-7
#17	at NC State	-9'	20-24
–	at Duke	-23	51-24
–	Boston College - #22	-7	19-24
–	at Maryland	-4	24-27
–	Virginia	-12'	33-0
–	Wake Forest - #18	-8'	0-30
–	W Michigan	-17'	28-20
–	Florida - #4	+9	14-21

FSU 2007 RESULTS

FSU Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#19	at Clemson	-3	18-24
–	UAB	-34'	34-24
–	at Colorado	-4'	16-6
–	† Alabama - #22	-1'	21-14
–	NC State	-18	27-10
#21	at Wake Forest	-5'	21-24
–	Miami, Fl	-5	29-37
–	Duke	-17'	25-6
–	at Boston College - #2	+6'	27-17
–	at Virginia Tech - #11	+7	21-40
–	Maryland	-7'	24-16
–	at Florida - #12	+14	12-45

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006, Ben Mauk was lost for the year in the opener. Amazingly, rFr Riley Skinner led WF to the ACC Title throwing for 2,051 (65.8%) with a 9-5 ratio. Skinner had barely beaten out Brett Hodges (PS#125) for the #2 spot. Skinner had 3 int vs BC to start '07 including 2 in the EZ and also suffered a separated shoulder. Hodges hit 17 of 23 vs BC and started the next 2 but only threw for 94.5 ypg with an 0-2 ratio. Skinner returned and had 6 int's in the next 4 and at midseason WF QB's had 12 int (only 6 ttl '06). They had just 4 after that. Skinner improved his completion % to a NCAA leading 72.4% throwing for 2,204 with only a 12-13 ratio (172 rush). Hodges played in seven. Adding depth are Skylar Jones (6'1" 186 rFr, PS#71) and Ryan McManus (6'1" 191 Sr). Now that Skinner is an upperclassman I expect him to cut down on his int and WF's QB production should improve.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 WF had to replace the school's all-time leading rusher in Chris Barclay then the unit was hit hard by injuries. They almost took the RS off of true frosh Josh Adams (PS#34) who had the best speed of the group but after their 5th string RB was inj'd vs VT, they moved WR Kenny Moore (PS#98) to RB. Moore rushed for 507 (4.8) and was leading the team in rec's at the time of the move. Last year Moore went back to WR. Micah Andrews (1,000 + career yd) missed most of '06 and returned last year as well as most of the other injured backs. HC Jim Grobe said senior De'Angelo Bryant (PS#74DB) was a different guy once he got his weight down. In the opener vs BC, WF rushed for just 2 yards and WR Moore led vs both Neb (116) and Duke (84) mostly on reverses. Adams missed the opener but led in game 3 vs Army (64). Grobe said that he gave the team a "home run" threat. He had his first start against Duke and rushed for 953 (4.4) on the season. Andrews (PS#43) rushed for 420 (3.6) while WR Moore had 316 (7.2). FB Richard Belton (8 st '06) was lost in Wk 2 and Bryant moved to FB. This year they lose Bryant (2 st, 168 ttl yd) and Andrews (4 st). Not listed below are Willie Dixon (5'11" 205 rFr), CJ Washington (5'8" 160 rFr) and Aaron Williams-Simmons (5'9" 200 Fr). As long as Adams stays healthy, he should be one of the top RB's in the ACC.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Demon Deacons had to replace their top two WR's. Kenny Moore was leading in rec when he moved to RB for the last 5 in '06 but returned to WR in '07. Moore tied a school record with 15 rec vs BC and later matched it vs Navy. He ended up breaking Desmond Clark's school record for rec in a season (72 in '97) and even led in rushing twice. He came up short on Ricky Proehl's 1989 single season record of 1,053 yards. He became the 3rd Deacon ever to top 1,000 (1,011, 10.3). Looking for a deep threat, they surprisingly took the RS off of true frosh Jordan Williams (1st rec Wk 9). Williams did have a key 62 yd TD rec vs NCSt but finished with just 141 (15.7). TE John Tereshinski had 355 (12.7) and Chip Brinkman had 225 (8.3). This year they lose their 1st Tm ACC WR Moore (13 st, #5DC DET) as well as Tereshinski (6 st), TE Zac Selmon (11 st, 124, 10.3), WR Kevin Marion (5 st, 192, 10.7) and Delon Lowe (1 rec). This group clearly looks weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WF puts its strongest OL's on the inside to led the rush attack and uses the chop block like many other option teams do. Last year they had to replace one starter (1st Tm ACC) but had 4 back. Surprisingly, they dropped to new Grobe era lows of 143 ypg rush and 3.4 ypc while allowing 28 sacks (7.1%). C Steve Justice became the first Deacon to win the ACC's Jacobs Blocking Trophy since Ben Coleman in 1992. This year they lose their 1st Tm AA C Justice (13 st, 3Y st'r, #6DC IND), LG Matt Brim (11 st, 3Y st'r) as well as LT Louis Frazier (12 st, 2Y st'r). They also suffered the unexpected loss of Chris DeGeare who is ineligible for 2008 after having 24 starts the last 3 years. Three players who started 6 or more last year return and the unit has good size with the projected starters avg 6'3" 294. While there are some large losses, it would not surprise me if WF improved upon its surprisingly low numbers of '07.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In Grobe's first 3 years they played a 3-3-5 D due to a lack of depth on the D-line. The DL's have gradually improved. In 2006, they had 6 of their top 8 back. They allowed just 3.1 ypc (best under Grobe) with 32 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters. DE Matt Robinson was one of the team's top DL's in 2005 but missed 2006 with injury. He started 8 last year but had just 20 tackles. After improving to 3.1 ypc in 2006 the Deacons allowed just 3.2 ypc last year and had 29 sacks. This year they must replace DT Zac Stukes (13 st, 29 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Jeremy Thompson (13 st, 45 tkl, 6.5 sk, 4.5 tfl, #4DC GB). Six of the top 8 are back and Robinson is a year removed from his injury.

LINEBACKERS - Wake had 4 of its top 6 LB's back in'07 but did have to replace their star Jon Abbate who left early for the NFL. His expected replacement, Eric Berry, was ruled ineligible. Aaron Curry was the #2 tackler in 2006 and Stanley Arnoux was #4 and both returned. Curry finished #2 in tackles again last year (99) and Arnoux was #3 (66). New starting LB Chantz McClinic added 45. This year the entire 2-deep returns and not listed below are Andrew Conroy (6'1" 234 Sr), Collin Granger (6'0" 215 rFr) and Joe Hall (6'2" 205 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WF finished #41 in my pass D rankings in 2005. The unit returned intact in 2006 and their 22 int's were #2 in the NCAA, but they finished #41 again. Last year they had to replace 3 starters. Thanks to the exploits of Alphonso Smith who had 3 IR TD's and 8 int's overall, WF moved up to #21. This year the only loss is SS Aaron Mason (5 st, 28 tkl, 3 pbu), so a Top 10 finish is possible.

SPECIAL TEAMS - WF has finished near the top of my ST rankings in each of the last 3 years thanks in part to the presence of P Sam Swank. They finished #16 in '05 with the NCAA's leading P Ryan Plackemeier who avg 47.2 (tm 41.4 net). He was drafted by SEA. Swank (PS#33) was the only frosh semifinalist for the Groza Award in '05 hitting 19 of 24 FG's (2 from 50+). He tied a school record by hitting 10 straight FG's. Swank took over all 3 duties in '06 and the team improved to #7. As a junior, he became the team's all-time career scoring leader (topping RB Barclay 2002-'05). His first miss last year was from 57 yd but he later had misses from 43 & 47 in a 1 pt loss to UVA. Swank saw his net punting go from 38.2 to just 34.2. Moore avg 13.0 on PR's in '06 and 10.4 in '07. Marion was #3 in the NCAA in KR avg (31.3). WF slipped to #52. They lose PR Moore, KR Marion and 4 year LS Nick Jarvis (automatic), but if Swank returns to his '06 form in punting, they could move up.

COACHES - Jim Grobe is just the 5th coach in school history to lead the Demon Deacons to a bowl. After recording back-to-back winning seasons in his first 2 years, he led the team to their first ACC Title S/'70 in his 5th year (2006) and was named the AP National Coach of the Year. OC Steed Lobotzke enters his 6th year here. Dean Hood, who was DC here for 7 years, left to be the HC at E Kentucky. In the 44 years prior to Grobe and Hood's arrival, the team had 17 IR TD's but in the 7 years under Hood, they have 19. His D was #1 in the NCAA with 8 def TD's last year. The new DC is Brad Lambert (LB cch 7Y). They also add in a new asst Steve Russ who played for Grobe at AF and was the DC at Syracuse last year. Also added was Brian Knorr who replaced Grobe as the HC at Ohio. Knorr was at Air Force the last 3 years and takes over the WR's here.

CB Alphonso Smith

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since the ACC was formed in 1953, WF has never had 3 straight finishes of .500 or better. Jim Grobe had veteran teams his first two years and went 6-5 and 7-6. He had just 10 starters back in 2003 and they were outgained by 80.1 ypg in ACC play and went 5-7. In 2004 they had just 10 scholarship seniors. FSU HC Bobby Bowden commented after a narrow win over WF that with 4 more plays, they could have been 7-0. Instead they started the season 3-4 and finished just 4-7 (6 of 7 losses were by a TD or less). They had 15 starters back in '05 (most ACC) but did have just 9 seniors in the 2 deep. They knocked off Clemson 31-27 but blew a late lead vs Vandy and a 17-0 lead vs BC. They finished just 4-7 including 3-5 in the ACC (outgained by 53.8 ypg). In 2006 they had 16 returning starters (most in ACC) and returned 13 of their top 14 tacklers on defense. I gave WF a shot at winning their first 5 games and they did just that. WF was picked last in the ACC preseason poll but got their first ACC Title since 1970 and had not been over .500 in ACC play since 1988 (18 years). In ACC play the last 53 years, they have had 8 winless years compared to just 7 winning seasons. Their best game was a 30-0 shutout of Fla St IN TALLAHASSEE! They knocked off GT in the ACC Title game and went to the prestigious Orange Bowl. WF was also the first team in ACC history to record six road wins! They accomplished all this despite the fact that they lost their starting QB in Wk 1 and starting RB in Wk 3. In 2006 they were +13 in TO's and had 5 net close wins and amazingly they were outgained by 57.1 ypg in ACC play (4th worst). WF had 13 returning starters in '07. They had a couple of costly int's in the EZ vs BC in the opener and had they won that game, would have taken home the ACC Atlantic Title. They did get a miracle win vs Maryland (see Hardcore). Wake won six straight for the first time S/'92 (school record is 7 in 1944) but missed a 47 yd FG on the final play and lost to Virginia. After getting pummeled by Clemson, they rebounded to whip NCSt and Vandy (two teams that needed victories to get to bowls) then beat Connecticut 24-10 in the bowl. Grobe was rumored to be going to Arkansas but they retained him. Once again, WF was 5-3 in the ACC but was outgained by just 18.5 ypg as they benefitted from +9 in TO's. They did have 31 starts lost due to injury. A remarkable stat from last year is that WF had 4425 yards on offense and 4425 yards allowed by the defense. Wake is 20-7 the last 2 years smashing the school record for most wins in a 2 year period (14). With 14 returning starters, this could be Grobe's best team yet and I'll call for them to have their 3rd consecutive winning season for the first time since the ACC was formed.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 11 RILEY SKINNER JR. 6-1 200 13 st rFr, 2nd Tm ACC, 2051 (65.8%) 9-5 ratio. 10 st LY, 2204, **#1 NCAA 72.4%**, 12-13 ratio. 6 Brett Hodges (6'1" 180 Jr) PS#125. 2 st, 359 (65.2%).

RB 27 JOSH ADAMS SO. 6-0 180 **PS#34.** 9 st rFr, 953 (4.4), **2nd Tm ACC.** 23 Kevin Harris (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#91. 2 st, 393 (5.0) rFr. Inj'd LY. 22 Brandon Pendergrass (5'9" 196 rFr) PS#115.

FB 35 Rich Belton Sr. 6-1 259 8 st '06, 307 ttl yd. 1 st, ACL LY. 44 Mike Rinfrette (6'3" 260 Jr) PS#210DL. 40 yd FB '06. 23 tkl, 2 tfl LB LY. 48 Anthony Williams (5'11" 203 Jr).

WR 88 CHIP BRINKMAN SR. 6-1 210 PS#168. 9 st LY, 225 (8.3). 82 Jordan Williams (6'3" 180 So) 141 (15.7) true. 81 Danny Dembry (6'2" 173 rFr). 36 Casey Hill (5'11" 168 Jr).

WR 4 DJ Boldin Sr. 5-11 220 PS#153. 10 st 2Y, 351 (13.5). Marshall Williams (6'1" 177 So) PS#146. 80 Devon Brown (5'9" 183 rFr). 86 Matt Hartford (5'11" 180 Jr).

TE 85 Ben Wooster Jr. 6-5 226 PS#150. 2 st, 27 gm, 2Y, 2 rec. 83 Cameron Ford (6'4" 212 rFr) PS#163WR. 84 JT Dixon PS#108. In spring. Kenneth Coe (6'6" 234 So).

C 67 Trey Bailey Jr. 6-2 289 PS#168. 4 gm rFr. 8 gm in '07. 71 Ryan Britt (6'4" 290 rFr) PS#485. Chance Raines PS#348. In spg. **LS** Ryan McManus (6'1" 191 Sr).

RG 61 BARRETT McMILLIN JR. 6-3 288 PS#307. 12 gm, 152 snaps rFr. 7 st LY, 644 snaps, 33 kd. 65 Gage Crews (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#125. 24 gm 2Y. 60 Mike White (6'2" 258 rFr).

LG 72 Russell Nenon So. 6-4 304 PS#462. 13 gm, 87 snap rFr. 78 Joe Looney **PS#77.** In for spg. 77 Tyler "Boomer" Peterson (6'5" 303 Jr) PS#164. 2 gm rFr. 2nd string LY.

RT 64 JEFF GRIFFIN JR. 6-3 298 PS#295. 10 st RT rFr, 368 snaps. 6 st RT LY, 651 snaps, 45 kd. 62 Doug Weaver (6'8" 290 rFr) **PS#78.** 74 Garrick Williams PS#192.

LT 76 Joe Birdsong Jr. 6-4 290 **PS#92.** 11 gm rFr, 168 snaps. 7 st LY, 448 snaps. 75 Michael Hoag (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#312. 73 Cannon Gaskin (6'4" 269 So) PS#397. 4 gm 2Y.

K 38 SAM SWANK SR. 6-2 206 19-24 FG rFr, long 52. Hit 23 of 31 FG '06, long 53. 18-21 LY, long 52. 30 Shane Popham (5'11" 180 rFr). 40 Zach Collins (5'9" 175 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 93 Anthony Davis Sr. 6-5 251 PS#79. 2 st '06, 10 tkl, 2 pbu. 2 st LY, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. 84 Tripp Russell (6'3" 248 So) PS#134LB. 1 tkl rFr. 97 Kyle Wilber (6'5" 230 rFr) PS#167.

NT 96 BOO ROBINSON JR. 6-2 326 1 st '06, 35 tkl, 2.5 sk. 13 st LY, 26 tkl, 3 sk, 4 tfl. 99 Michael Lockett (6'0" 274 Jr) 5 tkl LY. 58 Michael Carter (6'3" 317 So) PS#242. 4 tkl rFr.

DT 51 John Russell Jr. 6-3 250 PS#146. 1 st rFr, 19 tkl. 3 st LY, 34 tkl, 3 tfl. 91 Dennis Godfrey (6'3" 297 rFr) PS#61TE. 87 Ted Randolph (6'4" 278 Jr) PS#61TE. Moved to DL LY.

DE 42 MATT ROBINSON SR. 6-2 248 PS#130LB. 10 st '04, 36 tkl, 10 tfl. 11 st '05, 36 tkl, 4.5 sk. RS '06. 8 st, 20 tkl LY. 34 Antonio Wilson (6'1" 255 Sr) PS#177LB. 7 tkl 3Y. Tristan Dorty (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#312.

SLB 39 CHANTZ McCLINIC SR. 5-10 225 PS#361DB. 11 st LY, 45 tkl, 2.5 sk. 56 Hunter Haynes (6'2" 224 So) PS#123. 2 st, 41 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 48 Kyle Jarrett (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#130.

MLB 43 STANLEY ARNOUX SR. 6-1 245 PS#180. 13 st '06, 69 tkl, 7 tfl. 13 st LY, 66 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 45 Matt Woodlief (5'11" 254 So) PS#89. 19 tkl rFr. 52 Dominique Midgett (6'2" 242 Jr) PS#120DL.

WLB 58 AARON CURRY SR. 6-3 240 PS#176. 14 st '06, 83 tkl, 8.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 99 tkl, 13.5 tfl, 3 int TD. 28 Jonathan Jones (6'3" 218 Jr) PS#200WR. 10 tkl LY. 35 Lee Malchow (6'5" 220 Jr).

CB 17 BRANDON GHEE JR. 6-0 182 PS#123. 11 st LY, 63 tkl, 10 pbu. 29 Kerry Major (5'11" 179 Sr) 13 gm, 2 st LY. 41 tkl, 3Y, 1 int, 2 pbu. 25 Josh Bush (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#443.

CB 2 ALPHONSO SMITH SR. 5-9 191 14 st '05-'06, 107 tkl, 6 int, 17 pbu. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm AA.** 44 tkl, 8 int. Channing Schofield (5'11" 193 Jr) PS#139RB. 28 tkl LY. Mike Williams (6'1" 170 rFr).

SS 9 CHIP VAUGHN SR. 6-2 220 PS#105WR. 2 st '05-'06, 66 tkl. 11 st FS LY, 105 tkl, 14 pbu. 7 Alex Frye (6'3" 190 So) PS#119. 1 st, 5 tkl rFr. 30 John Stamper (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#110.

FS 10 KEVIN PATTERSON SR. 5-10 185 17 st '05-'06, 68 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu. 9 st LY, 52 tkl, 1 int. Cyhl Quarles (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#404LB. Geoff Wissing (6'1" 198 Jr). Junior Petit-Jean (6'0" 190 rFr).

P 38 SAM SWANK SR. 6-2 206 PS#33. **1st Tm ACC** K in '06, HM ACC P. 1 punt '05. 70 punts '06, 41.2 avg **net of 38.2**. 76 punts LY. 39.8 avg, net of 34.2. 21 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Scott Betros 6-1 220 PS#51
OL	Joe Looney 6-3 315 PS#77
DL	Ramon Booi 6-6 330 PS#105
QB	Ted Stachitas 6-3 185 PS#52
LB	Joey Ehrmann 6-4 210 PS#93
RB	Chris Givens 6-0 200 PS#101
LB	Riley Haynes 6-1 225 PS#125
OL	Garrick Williams 6-4 314 PS#192
DB	Kenny Okoro 6-0 185 PS#186
TE	Andrew Parker 6-5 225 PS#66
OL	Gabe Irby 6-3 315 PS#224
DL	Derricus Ellis 6-2 225 PS#229
RB	Lovell Jackson 5-10 170 PS#210
WR	Terence Davis 6-1 180 PS#218
TE	JT Dixon 6-4 230 PS#108
DL	Kevin Smith 6-4 210 PS#320WR
OL	Chance Raines 6-2 270 PS#348 '07

WAKE FOREST DEMON DEACONS

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Weather (336) 243-3000

JIM GROBE (Career 79–72–1)
8th Year at Wake Forest — Grobe's Bowl Record: 2-1

Grobe's records AT WAKE FOREST

46-39	Straight Up	0-5	Vs Top 10
24-19	Home	4-16	Vs Top 25
19-19	Away	9-5	Vs BCS Teams
3-1	Neutral	5-6	Off A Bye
25-32	Vs Conference	21-14	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (18,24,2)
Lost: 20 (14,5,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 32,595 (#71)

ACC – ATLANTIC DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#68

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Baylor	A					
Sep. 6	Mississippi	A					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	at Florida St	G					
Sep. 27	Navy	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 9	Clemson (Thur)	A					
Oct. 18	at Maryland	G					
Oct. 25	at Miami, Fl	G					
Nov. 1	Duke	A					
Nov. 8	Virginia (HC)	A					
Nov. 15	at NC State	G					
Nov. '22	Boston College	A					
Nov. 29	Vanderbilt	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brian Kuklick 8,017 '94-'98
2. Mike Elkins 7,304 '85-'88
3. Gary Schofield 7,205 '81-'83

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chris Barclay 4,032 '02-'05
2. James McDougald 3,811 '76-'79
3. Michael Ramseur 3,325 '82-'85

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ricky Proehl 2,949 '86-'89
2. Desmond Clark 2,834 '95-'98
3. Jammie Deese 2,348 '96-'99

Wake Forest is 0-4 all time in this series & 1-12 vs Big XII teams.
The Deacons are 7-1 when visiting a non-conf opponents including 6 gms vs BCS tms.

Demon Deacons are 9-3 in home openers but lost 2 of the last 3.
WF won the only meeting in 2006, but are just 32-61-2 vs SEC opponents.

The Demon Deacons beat FSU in B2B years for the 1st time in school history.
Last year Wake trailed 14-7 at the half but allowed only 105 2H yds.

Wake Forest is 6-2 all-time winning 4 straight vs Navy. Last year the 2 teams were tied (17-17) until Navy lost their QB (fmbl'd twice resulting in 2 TD's).

Wake is 3-10 vs the Tigers since 1978 in Winston-Salem. Last yr Clemson scored on its first 4 possessions to lead 24-7 midway 2Q and went on to defeat WF 44-10.

Last year Alphonso Smith's 100 yd int return TD late 3Q jump started the Deacons comeback (down by 21 pts). WF has never beat UM 3 straight years.

Wake has dropped 4 straight to Miami by an avg of 45 ppg.
The Deacons have been outgained by 266 ypg in the 2 ACC meetings.

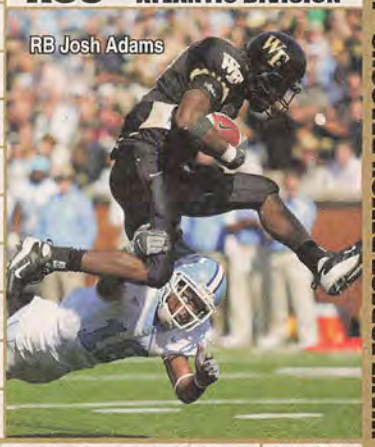
Last yr WF led by 25 but let Duke rally back as they barely pulled out the 41-36 win.
WF's 8 gm win streak vs Duke is the longest in this series that started in 1889.

Wake has lost the last 3 & 20 of 21 with the last 4 being decided by 4 pts or less.
Last yr Virginia scored a TD with 2:18 left & Swank missed a 47 yd FG with :02 left.

LY Skinner threw 2 TD passes, including a momentum-shifting 62 yd'er that led WF past NC St 38-18. This is the 102nd meeting (longest in ACC) & NCSt leads the series 60-35-6.

The home team has won the last 4 yrs, but LY they were tied at HT (21-21).
WR Moore had 15 rec last year which tied a WF record (1 shy of ACC record).

The Deacons are 4-7 all-time vs Vandy but defeated them LY 31-17 in a gm which A.Smith had 2 ints & the WF def forced 5 TO's spoiling VU's chances for a bowl bid.



STADIUM: BB & T FIELD (31,500) (#93)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	6-5	7-6	5-7	4-7	4-7	11-3	9-4	48-48
Home	1-5	2-4	4-2	3-4	3-3	3-3	4-2	5-1	25-24
Away	1-4	4-1	2-4	2-3	1-4	1-4	6-0	3-3	20-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	3-1
vs Conf	1-7	3-5	3-5	3-5	1-7	3-5	7-2	5-3	26-39
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-0	4-1	2-2	3-0	1-2	4-1	4-1	22-9
ATS	3-7	6-3-1	5-6-2	5-7	4-6	5-6	8-5	8-5	44-45-3
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	2-2-1	0-3	0-2	0-3	0-2	3-1	5-15-1
Home Dog	2-2	2-1-1	0-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	2-0	13-7-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-2	4-7
Away Dog	1-4	4-0	2-2-1	2-1	2-2	2-2	5-0	0-2	18-13-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	3-1
vs Conf	1-7	5-2-1	3-4-1	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-3	4-4	31-32-2
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-1	2-2-1	1-3	1-1	0-3	2-2	4-1	13-13-1
Off SU Win	1-1	2-1-1	1-4-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	6-4	6-2	22-18-2
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-2	4-1-1	2-4	1-5	3-3	2-0	2-2	19-23-1

Jim Caldwell / Jim Grobe

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Independence	+3'	Oregon	39-35
99	Aloha Classic	+3	Arizona St	23-3
02	Seattle	+7	Oregon	38-17
06	Orange - #15	+10	Louisville - #5	13-24
07	Meineke Car Care	-2	Connecticut	24-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Wake Forest's All–Time Bowl Record 5–3

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Josh Adams	219	1002	49	953	11	4.4
Micah Andrews	116	453	33	420	3	3.6
Kenny Moore	44	369	53	316	3	7.2
Kevin Marion	21	94	16	78	0	3.7
Kevin Harris	24	70	10	60	0	2.5
Riley Skinner	61	172	141	31	1	0.5
Brett Hodges	17	32	45	-13	1	-0.8

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Riley Skinner	326	236	72.4	2204	12	13
Brett Hodges	66	43	65.2	359	1	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kenny Moore	98	1011	10.3	5	45
John Tereshinski	28	355	12.7	2	31
Chip Brinkman	27	225	8.3	0	30
Kevin Marion	18	192	10.7	0	61
Jordan Williams	9	141	15.7	1	62
DJ Boldin	11	127	11.5	0	38
Zac Selmon	12	124	10.3	0	19
Josh Adams	34	123	3.6	1	15
De'Angelo Bryant	19	122	6.4	2	14
Micah Andrews	14	87	6.2	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Sam Swank	76	3024	39.8	26	34.2	1	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sam Swank	44-44	8-8	4-4	4-6	2-3	18-21	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chip Vaughn	105	0	4.5	14	1
Aaron Curry	99	3	10.5	4	4
Stanley Arnoux	66	3.5	4	1	2
Brandon Ghee	63	1	5.5	10	0
Kevin Patterson	52	0	2.5	1	1
Jeremy Thompson	45	6.5	4.5	3	0
Chantz McClinic	45	2.5	1.5	0	0
Alphonso Smith	44	3	1.5	10	8
Hunter Haynes	41	2	2	0	0
John Russell	34	1	2	0	1
Zac Stukes	29	1.5	1.5	0	0
Channing Schofield	28	0	0	3	0
Aaron Mason	28	1	0	3	0
Boo Robinson	26	3	4	1	0
Mike Rinfrette	23	0	2	2	0
Kerry Major	21	0	0	1	1
Matt Robinson	20	1	1	0	0
Matt Woodlief	19	0	1.5	0	0
Dominique Midgett	17	0	1	0	0
Anthony Davis	13	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kenny Moore	34	355	10.4	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kevin Marion	28	876	31.3	1
Alphonso Smith	6	112	18.7	0

WAKE FOREST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	27.8	19	143	3.4	197	71.2	12.2	+9	2007	5	22.2	18	109	3.2	231	53.4	15.3
7	21.6	17	150	3.9	157	65.5	14.2	+13	2006	9	15.4	19	106	3.1	217	57.2	21.0
9*	24.5	18	198	4.1	161	58.7	14.7	-2	2005	6	28.7	20	133	4.0	253	54.9	13.4
6*	20.9	18	206	4.3	145	52.7	16.8	+7	2004	8	23.0	20	158	4.1	235	55.4	17.1
3	27.9	19	203	4.3	152	58.6	12.7	+7	2003	7	28.9	25	174	4.5	280	61.9	15.7
8*	27.4	21	241	4.4	167	54.0	14.9	+18	2002	8	25.2	21	158	4.1	232	58.6	15.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

WF 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
42,292	at Boston College	24	24 - 2	0.1	45 - 60	366	2	24	27 - 54	2.0	32 - 52	408	2	-1
32,483	Nebraska	18	53 - 236	4.5	12 - 24	140	1	21	34 - 115	3.4	24 - 41	258	0	+1
32,142	Army	11	45 - 164	3.6	9 - 12	49	2	13	38 - 91	2.4	14 - 34	165	2	0
31,964	Maryland	19	41 - 178	4.3	22 - 35	219	0	19	57 - 200	3.5	11 - 20	115	6	-1
20,134	at Duke	18	42 - 115	2.7	22 - 30	221	1	16	31 - 95	3.1	21 - 47	291	4	+1
32,906	Florida St	18	48 - 180	3.8	19 - 27	215	1	14	24 - 47	2.0	24 - 48	283	0	+1
36,992	at Navy	28	44 - 196	4.5	22 - 28	213	0	23	67 - 328	4.9	4 - 12	39	4	+3
33,023	North Carolina	13	40 - 138	3.5	13 - 16	131	4	18	30 - 77	2.6	26 - 33	236	4	+3
60,106	at Virginia	16	50 - 140	2.8	20 - 26	175	3	18	25 - 82	3.3	20 - 43	225	0	0
81,500	at Clemson	21	37 - 83	2.2	24 - 35	204	6	25	34 - 145	4.3	27 - 36	266	2	-1
33,052	NC State	20	47 - 137	2.9	21 - 30	216	3	17	21 - 57	2.7	24 - 56	286	1	+2
27,650	at Vanderbilt	16	43 - 150	3.5	21 - 31	146	3	20	28 - 16	0.6	32 - 58	333	2	+2
53,126	† Connecticut	23	36 - 144	4.0	29 - 38	268	2	9	30 - 115	3.8	13 - 29	98	2	-1
TOTALS		245	550 - 1862	3.4	279 - 392	2563	28	238	446 - 1422	3.2	272 - 509	3003	29	+9
AVERAGES		18.8	42 - 143	3.4	21 - 30	197	2.2	18.3	34 - 109	3.2	21 - 39	231	2.2	0.7

2003 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	at Boston College	+12	32-28
–	NC State - #14	+7'	38-24
#20	Purdue	E	10-16
–	East Carolina	-19'	34-16
–	at Virginia	+7	24-27
–	Georgia Tech	-5	7-24
–	at Duke	-10	42-13
–	at Florida St - #6	+18'	24-48
–	Clemson	E	45-17
–	at North Carolina	-8'	34-42
–	Connecticut	-9'	17-51
–	Maryland	+8	28-41

2004 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	at Clemson - #15	+11'	30-37 OT
–	at East Carolina	-14'	31-17
–	N Carolina A&T	NL	42-3
–	Boston College	+1	17-14
–	at NC State	+10'	21-27 OT
–	Virginia Tech	+5'	10-17
–	Florida St - #5	+13'	17-20
–	Duke	-17	24-22
–	North Carolina	-5'	24-31
–	at Miami, Fl - #12	+18'	7-52
–	at Maryland	+5'	7-13

2005 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	Vanderbilt	-8	20-24
–	at Nebraska	+6'	3-31
–	East Carolina	-13	44-34
–	Maryland	-2'	12-22
–	Clemson	+6'	31-27
–	at Florida St - #4	+21	24-41
–	at Boston College - #14	+13'	30-35
–	NC State	+3	27-19
–	at Duke	-12'	44-6
–	at Georgia Tech	+7'	17-30
–	Miami, Fl - #3	+17	17-47

2006 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
–	Syracuse	-14	20-10
–	Duke	-20	14-13
–	at Connecticut	+6'	24-13
–	at Mississippi	+2'	27-3
–	Liberty	NL	34-14
–	Clemson - #15	+16'	17-27
–	at NC State	+3'	25-23
#24	at North Carolina	-8'	24-17
#22	Boston College - #16	+3'	21-14
#16	at Florida St	+8'	30-0
#14	Virginia Tech - #19	E	6-27
#20	at Maryland	+1'	38-24
#16	† Georgia Tech - #23	+1'	9-6

2007 RESULTS

WF Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	at Boston College	+6	28-38
–	Nebraska - #16	+8'	17-20
–	Army	-20	21-10
–	Maryland	-3'	31-24 OT
–	at Duke	-7'	41-36
–	Florida St - #21	+5'	24-21
–	at Navy	-3	44-24
–	North Carolina	-5'	37-10
#21	at Virginia	-1	16-17
–	at Clemson - #20	+9	10-44
–	NC State	-6	38-18
–	at Vanderbilt	-1	31-17

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

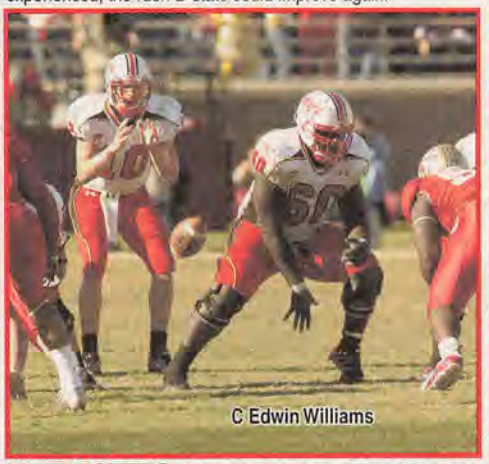
QUARTERBACKS - Friedgen's offense usually takes a couple of years for a QB to master. Much was expected out of Sr QB Sam Hollenbach in '06. He led the ACC in total offense in 2005 and was #2 in pass eff when he was injured midseason. Hollenbach threw for 2,371 (61.9%) with a 15-11 ratio. At one point Friedgen said he would open up the job to Jordan Steffy (PS#26) but over the final 11 RB Josh Allen threw more passes than Steffy. Last year they added in Florida transfer Josh Portis (PS#14) and had VHT rFr Jeremy Ricker (PS#15) on hand. The five QB's on the roster had combined to hit 18 of 48 for 213 career yards (0-2 ratio). Ricker opted to transfer and my projected starter, Portis, was declared ineligible thirty minutes before the opening KO. That left them with 3 scholarship QB's and 1 of them was true frosh Jamarr Robinson (PS#208) who Friedgen wanted to RS. The 3rd string was walk-on Mitch Levine (5'10" 185 So). Friedgen has not produced any All-ACC QB's and this from a school that is known for its QB legacy. Steffy started the first 5 and while he completed 67.3% he avg for just 98 ypg with a 2-4 ratio. Chris Turner took over and threw for 1,958 (63.5%) with a 7-7 ratio in 8 starts. His best game came vs BC when he hit 21 of 27 for 337. He was benched briefly the following week vs Fla St. This year everyone returns including Portis. The Terps had a QB battle in the spring and should have much better QB play in '08.

RUNNING BACKS - RB figured to be the strength of the Terp offense last season as they returned Lance Ball (PS#20) and Keon Lattimore (PS#41WR). In 2005 Ball led with 903 (4.8) and Lattimore added 181 (3.1). In 2006 Ball had 815 (4.7) and Lattimore had 743 (4.6). In 2007 Lattimore started 9 and led with 805 (3.8) while Ball started just 4 and had 768 (4.2). FB Cory Jackson (PS#59LB) started 8 then broke his hand midseason but only missed 1 game. True frosh Haroon Brown (PS#213) saw time in the last 5 due to Jackson's inj. RFr Da'Rel Scott (PS#73) who was banged up had 135 (9.6) and rFr Morgan Green (PS#23) was injured (1 gm). This year they lose both Ball and Lattimore. Not listed below are FB's Taylor Watson (6'2" 235 rFr, PS#99TE) and Steve Pfister (6'2" 234 Jr). While this year's group is less experienced, I expected more production from the 2007 unit and Friedgen usually produces solid RB's.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the Terps had to replace their top 4 receivers including TE Vernon Davis (#1DC SF) and the most experienced WR, Drew Weatherly (10 rec '05), was injured. Darrius Heyward-Bey (PS#28) emerged. He was by far the team's top receiver with 694 (15.4). Danny Oquendo (PS#48DB) had 396 (11.6) and Isaiah Williams (PS#85) added 379 (13.5) while TE Joey Haynos had 369 (10.0). Last year rFr LaQuan Williams (217, 14.5) moved in from DB so the unit was well stocked. Heyward-Bey was double and triple teamed early and did not have his first 100 yard game until GT (gm 6). On the year he had 107 yards rushing on 5 reverses (21.4) and led with 786 (15.4). Oquendo did not start but had 173 (9.1) in 10 games (inj). This year they lose TE's Haynos (6 st, 318, 10.6) and Jason Goode (4 st, 17 rec). Not even listed in the PSL are Quinton McCree (6'2" 185 rFr, PS#195), Ronnie Tyler (5'10" 190 rFr, PS#75), Torrey Smith (6'2" 190 rFr, PS#72QB), Kevin Gresham (5'11" 174 Sr), Stephen Smalls (6'1" 201 So, PS#77) and Webb Dulin (5'8" 165 rFr). I look for Heyward-Bey to be one of the top receivers in the ACC and they add in an amazing SEVEN VHT underclassmen including 3 true who were in for the spring.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The 2006 unit (4 st'r back) suffered through injuries and surprisingly only improved to 3.8 ypc but they allowed the 2nd fewest sacks in the ACC (19, 5.7%). Last year it appeared the Terps would lose just one starter. One of the Friedgen's goals was to have 2 OL units. Unfortunately LG Donnie Woods (10 st '06) and G Garrick Clig (1 st '06) opted not to return. The unit was then dealt a staggering blow when their star LT Jared Gaither became ineligible after spring (NFL supp draft). Friedgen said, "now we're back to where we were most of the time we've been here, with 7 OL's." LG Jaimie Thomas broke his fibula after 7 and RG Andrew Crummey also fractured his fibula and despite starting just 8, earned 2nd Tm ACC. The injury plagued unit saw the ypc drop to 3.4 and the sacks rise to 40 (11.6%). Provided there are no more surprise deletions, this year's Terp OL figures to be the best since at least 2003. The only loss is RG Crummey and their 57 returning starts from 2007 are #11 in the NCAA. Not listed in the PSL are C Evan Eastburn (6'1" 303 So, PS#95), Matthew Harraka (6'4" 270 So), Lee Oliver (6'1" 310 Sr), Obumneme Akunyili (6'3" 325 rFr) and Tyler Bowen (6'6" 322 rFr). Seven players are back with starting experience and the group avg's 6'4" 316 (10th biggest in IA).

DEFENSIVE LINE - Friedgen's first four D-lines allowed 2.9, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.3 ypc. An inexperienced group in 2005 yielded 4.0 and surprisingly a veteran group in 2006 gave up 4.6 ypc. Last year the D only had to replace one starter and most of the 3 deep was made up of HT's and VHT's. Mack Frost was their top backup DL but was lost in October. DT Dre Moore did earn 1st Tm ACC (6 sk). The Terps improved to allowing 4.1 ypc with 28 sacks. This year they must replace DT Moore (13 st, 63 tkl, #4DC TB) and DT Carlos Feliciano (42 tkl, 3.5 tfl). Not listed in the PSL are Barrod Heggs (6'3" 245 Jr) and Chris Rhodes (6'3" 265 rFr). They move DE Jeremy Navarre inside and while this group is a little less experienced, the rush D stats could improve again.



C Edwin Williams

LINEBACKERS - Friedgen has produced a star LB in each of his seven years. EJ Henderson won the Butkus and Bednarik Awards and was ACC Def POY in 2003. D'Qwell Jackson was 1st Tm ACC in 2004 and 1st Tm AA in 2005 (ACC Def POY). In 2006 Erin Henderson was 2nd Tm ACC (114 tkl). He was the only returning starter and earned 1st Tm ACC in '07. The key LB is normally the MLB and Dave Philistin beat out Chase Bullock for that spot in Aug. Philistin had 21 tackles vs GT, the most by any ACC player in a game in 2007. Moten was the backup at all 3 positions. Not listed in the 3 deep are Femi Akinwande (6'2" 200 Jr), Alex Schultz (6'1" 200 Sr) and Aaron Ball (6'0" 224 Sr). This year the only losses are Henderson (12 st) and Jermaine Lemons (6 tkl). Despite the loss of their top player, this group has more experience and Philistin appears ready to be this year's star LB.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 the Terps had all 4 starters returning and finished #21 in my pass D rankings. An inexperienced group finished #41 in 2004 and dropped to #77 and #78 the next 2 years. Last year they had to replace two starters including a #2DC. The Terps finished #65 allowing a 14-13 ratio. This year the group is my main concern on the defense. Gone are CB Isaiah Gardner (13 st, 69 tkl, 10 pbu), FS JJ Justice (13 st, 76 tkl, 2 int) and SS Christian Varner (13 st, 54 tkl, 3 pbu). They'll plug a couple of VHT's into starting spots including USC transfer Antwine Perez (PS#3) and return a top-notch CB in Kevin Barnes but are less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Terps have had some fine ST players under Friedgen including K Nick Novak (ACC's all-time leading scorer), Steve Suter (set NCAA rec for most PR and KR in year) and P Brooks Barnard. They finished #6 in my ST rankings in 2002 and #13, #44 and #42 the next 3 years. In 2006 Dan Ennis hit 20 of 25 FG's and the team had an outstanding P in Adam Podlesh. They finished #40 in '06 but lost Podlesh (#4DC JAX) and their top KR last season. They used an 18 year old true frosh P in Travis Baltz (34.8 net). Chris Roberts had just 1 TB on 65 KO but the team allowed just 16.8 on KR's. Obi Egekeze (PS#8) hit 17 of 23 FG's (long 46) with 2 misses from 50+. The return game was average and they finished #58. This year the only loss is Roberts and I expect a much bigger season from KR Scott (21.8). Friedgen does lose excellent ST coach Ray Rychleski to S Carolina and under his tenure (7 years) the Terps did not suffer a blocked punt, the longest streak in the NCAA.

COACHES - Friedgen took over a team that had 5 straight losing seasons and led them to a 31-8 record in his first 3 years, the best start ever for a HC in ACC history. He was a consensus National Coach of the Year in his first season (ACC Title). Friedgen took over as the OC the past two years but this year brings in James Franklin who was Kan St's OC in '06-'07. Franklin was with the Packers in 2005 and here at Maryland as the WR coach from 2000-'04. Chris Cosh came in as DC in 2005 after having been the LB coach at Kan St. Cosh was under fire last year but when they shutout NCSt in the season finale (Wolfpack's first shutout in 150 games) it saved his job.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Ralph Friedgen's first year ('01), I gave the Terps an excellent shot at having their first winning season in 6 years and getting to a bowl. The Terps did not disappoint, in fact they won the ACC Title outright despite being picked 7th in the league by the media. It was their first ACC Title since 1985 and first 10-win season since 1976. In 2002 I called for them to match the previous year's 10-win total but they started out 1-2 before winning 10 of their last 11 including a 30-3 trouncing of Tenn in the Peach Bowl. In 2003, I called for them to have their 3rd straight 10-win season. With 15 starters back they once again started slowly at 0-2 but went 10-1 down the stretch demolishing WV in the bowl, 41-7. They were one of just 5 teams in the country to have 10 or more wins in each season from 2001-'03. Friedgen's first inexperienced squad was in 2004 with just 9 starters returning and after averaging 34.4, 32.2 and 31.2 ppg offense, they slumped to just 17.7. In 2005 they were young again with just 10 seniors in the 2 deep (least experienced ACC). Unfortunately the team had 3 close losses and finished with their 2nd consecutive 5-6 season. In 2006 I noted it was Friedgen's most experienced team in three years and I called for MD to return to the post season. The Terps did just that going 9-4 including a 24-7 Champs Sports Bowl win over Purdue. They did benefit from 6 close wins and in fact, finished 5-3 in ACC play but were outgained by 86 ypg (2nd worst) and were outgained in all but one game. That year they climbed as high as #21. Last year after an expected 2-1 start (with loss to #4 WV) MD had an unbelievable loss to WF. With the Terps leading 24-3, they had 1st & goal at the 3, when WF had 100 yd IR TD and that turned the tide. WF got a TD with :03 left to force OT and won it there. For the first time in school history, MD did knock off a pair of Top 10 foes as they beat #10 Rutgers by 10 and later beat #8 BC by 7. In between Virg got a TD with :18 left (MD led 14-3) for a tough loss. After losing to FSU, their battle vs NCSt was for a bowl berth (same situation '05 saw NCSt win 20-14). The Terps dominated the Wolfpack 37-0 but dropped the bowl to Oreg St and finished with a losing record. This time the Terps had 3 net close losses and were among the NCAA's leaders in starts lost due to injury as Friedgen said he'd never had so many injuries in his 39 years. 2007's injuries make 2008's team even more experienced than their 13 returning starters and they return 46 of their 62 lettermen (74%). All 8 sets of my power ratings call for the Terps to have a winning season with 7 of the 8 calling for an 8+ win year.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 12 JOSH PORTIS JR. 6-4 210 **PS#14.** 184 yd rush Fla '05. **10 Chris Turner** (6'4" 210 Jr) PS#56. L/8 st LY, 1958 (64%) 7-7, 127 rush. **19** Jordan Steffy (6'1" 209 Sr) 5 st LY, 686 pass.

RB 5 Morgan Green So. 5-11 207 **PS#23.** 405 bench. Da'Rel Scott (5'11" 192 So) PS#73. 758 all-purp yd rFr. Pha'Terrell Washington (6'0" 202 So) PS#64DB. Rashad Henry (5'9" 180 Sr).

TE 15 Drew Gloster So. 6-3 240 **PS#14. 86** Devonte Campbell (6'2" 240 Fr) **PS#8.**

FB 38 Cory Jackson (6'1" 245 Jr) **PS#59LB.** 11 st 2Y. Haroon Brown (5'10" 257 So) PS#213.

WR 8 DARRIUS HEYWARD-BEY JR. 6-2 206 **PS#28. 4.23 spd. 2nd Tm ACC** rFr, 694 (15.4). 13 st LY, 786 (15.4). Danny Oquendo (6'0" 190 Sr) **PS#48DB.** 6 st 3Y, 589 (10.5). **Kevin Dorsey PS#24.**

WR 84 ISAIAH WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 200 PS#85. 17 st 2Y, 774 (14.6). **3** LaQuan Williams (6'1" 180 So) 7 st rFr, 217 (14.5). **85 Tony Logan** (5'10" 180 rFr) **PS#18QB.** Kenny Tate PS#15.

TE 13 DAN GRONKOWSKI SR. 6-6 255 PS#88QB. 9 st '06. 8 st LY. 11 rec 3Y. Lansford Watson (6'3" 255 rFr) **PS#10WR.** Tommy Galt (6'5" 259 Jr) PS#68. **WR** Adrian Cannon (6'2" 204 So) PS#36.

C 60 EDWIN WILLIAMS SR. 6-3 315 PS#110. 10 gm, 145 pl rFr. 13 st C '06, 724 snap. 13 st C LY. **65** Danny Edwards (6'1" 276 So) **LS 31** Andrew Schmitt (6'0" 236 Sr) **565 squat.**

RG 72 Phil Costa Jr. 6-3 300 PS#171. 2 games rFr. Last 7 st LY (1RG, 6LG). **67** Jack Griffin (6'7" 308 Sr) PS#165DL. 8 st '05 at DT, 11 tkl. RS '06. 4 st RG LY, 13 gms.

LG 76 JAIMIE THOMAS SR. 6-4 330 PS#88. 4 st LG '05-'06. 7 st LG LY until inj. **66** Maurice Hampton (6'2" 295 rFr) **PS#74. 69** Joe Faiella (6'4" 295 rFr). Lamar Young (6'4" 330 rFr) PS#190.

RT 75 DANE RANDOLPH SR. 6-5 300 **PS#34DL.** 4 st RT '06. 13 st RT '07. Bearthur Johnson (6'6" 350 rFr) PS#164. Paul Pinegar (6'4" 275 So) 5 gm rFr. Kyle Sappington (6'3" 305 So) PS#382.

LT 77 SCOTT BURLEY SR. 6-5 335 **PS#23.** 13 gm '04-'06. 12 st LT LY. **74** Bruce Campbell (6'6" 285 So) **PS#19DL.** 1 st , 5 gm true. **73** Stephen St John (6'6" 300 rFr) PS#205OL.

K 39 OBI EGEKEZE SR. 6-2 210 **PS#8.** 14 TB, 45 KO rFr. 17-23 FG LY, long 46. 2 misses from 50+. Brett Weiss (5'10" 165 rFr). Nick Wallace (5'9" 195 So). David May (5'11" 196 Sr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 91 Mack Frost Sr. 6-5 252 **PS#36.** 11 tkl '05-'06. 9 tkl LY until inj. **57 Jared Harrell** (6'5" 260 Jr) **PS#18TE.** Brian Whitmore (6'4" 250 So) PS#70. Carl Russell PS#342OL. In spg.

NT 99 Dion Armstrong rFr. 6-1 303 PS#151. Travis Ivey (6'4" 325 Jr) 3 tkl LY. **97** Dean Muhtadi (6'3" 290 Sr) 4 tkl LY. Olugbemi Otulaja (6'2" 280 Sr) 32 tkl at Marist. 5 gm here LY.

DT 40 JEREMY NAVARRE SR. 6-3 270 **PS#63LB.** 10 st, 25 tkl true, 12 st, 47 tkl, 9.5 tfl '06. 13 st LY, 41 tkl, 5.5 sk. **56** Deege Galt (6'4" 264 Jr) PS#133. Ian Davidson (6'2" 280 rFr) PS#187.

LEO 55 TREY COVINGTON SR. 6-3 240 9 st, 39 tkl, 3 sk rFr. 12 st '06, 41 tkl, 1.5 sk. 13 st LY, 43 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **58** Derek Drummond (6'3" 232 rFr) PS#66. Jeff Clement (6'2" 239 Jr) PS#113.

SLB 48 MOISE FOKOU SR. 6-2 225 70 tkl, 7 tfl Frostburg St trans. 1 st, 21 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 83 tkl, 7 tfl. Rick Costa (6'1" 225 Sr). 1 st, inj LY. Dominique Herald (5'11" 190 So) PS#137DB.

MLB 34 DAVE PHILISTIN SR. 6-2 231 **PS#53.** 7 tkl true. 2 st, 13 gm '06, 26 tkl. 13 st LY, **124 tkl. 33** Alex Wujciak (6'3" 255 So) **PS#62.** ACL rFr. **42** Ben Pooler (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#65.

WLB 54 Adrian Moten So. 6-2 221 PS#68. 50 tkl, 5.5 sk rFr. **44** Chase Bullock (6'3" 234 Sr) **PS#45.** 23 tkl 3Y. **52** Chris Clinton (6'2" 259 So) PS#99. 1 tkl, 2 gm LY. 380 bench.

CB 6 Anthony Wiseman Jr. 5-10 185 **PS#29RB.** 4.37 spd. 23 tkl, 1 pbu LY. Nolan Carroll (6'1" 202 Jr) 14 tkl LY. Brandon Jackson-Mills (5'11" 160 So) PS#229. Arnold Davies (6'0" 195 Sr).

CB 2 KEVIN BARNES SR. 6-1 188 PS#101. 4.45 spd. 1 st, 11 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 65 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu. Richard Taylor (5'11" 193 Sr) PS#98. Sprinter track tm. Michael Carter (5'11" 175 So).

SS 29 Jeff Allen Sr. 6-1 190 PS#57RB. 21 tkl '05-'06. 28 tkl, 2 pbu in '07. **4** Jamari McCollough (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#79. 4 tkl LY. Drew Robinson (5'10" 197 Sr) 3 tkl LY.

FS 20 Antwine Perez So. 6-1 200 **PS#3DB! USC trans!** 3 tkl true USC. **1** Terrell Skinner (6'2" 214 Jr) 81" wingspan. 12 tkl LY. **36** Jared Baum (6'1" 210 Sr) 2 tkl. Austin Walker (6'0" 185 rFr).

P 35 TRAVIS BALTZ SO. 6-2 200 PS#33. 40.0 on punts as HS Sr. 13 st true, 68 punts, 40.9 avg, net 34.8 and 16 inside 20. Ted Townsley (6'0" 184 So) Louisburg Coll trans.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Kenny Tate 6-4 215 PS#15
WR	Kevin Dorsey 6-2 195 PS#24
TE	Devonte Campbell 6-2 240 PS#8 '07
WR	Kerry Boykins 6-1 200 PS#42
DL	Masengo Kabongo 6-1 285 PS#72
DB	Cameron Chism 6-0 185 PS#65
DL	AJ Francis 6-5 310 PS#101OL
DL	Cody Blue 6-4 286 PS#114OL
RB	Gary Douglas 5-11 179 PS#86
OL	Justin Lewis 6-4 320 PS#117DL
DL	Zach Kerr 6-3 310 PS#123
RB	Davin Meggett 5-8 210 PS#97
OL	RJ Dill 6-6 274 PS#149
LB	Demetrius Hartsfield 6-2 235 PS#155DB
DL	Joe Vellano 6-3 270 PS#163 '07
OL	Justin Gilbert 6-6 283 PS#239
LB	Eteyen Edet 6-1 235 PS#186
QB	Tyler Bass 6-3 220 PS#135
TE	Matt Furstenburg 6-4 230 PS#98
DL	Carl Russell 6-6 270 PS#342OL '07

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8th Year at Maryland Friedgen's Bowl Record: 3-2

Friedgen's records AT MARYLAND

56-31	Straight Up	3-7	Vs Top 10
33-11	Home	8-16	Vs Top 25
19-17	Away	8-7	Vs BCS Teams
4-3	Neutral	6-8	Off A Bye
33-23	Vs Conference	17-11	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (23,20,3)
Lost: 16 (6,8,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 51,263 (#41)

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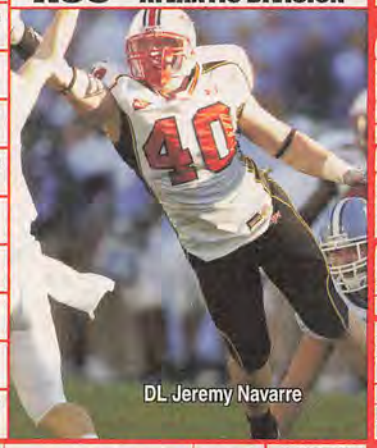
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#36

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MD	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Delaware	G					
Sep. 6	at Middle Tenn	A					
Sep. 13	California	G					
Sep. 20	E Michigan	G					
Sep. 27	at Clemson	G					
Oct. 4	at Virginia	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	Wake Forest	G					
Oct. 25	NC State (HC)	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 6	at Virginia Tech (Thur)	G					
Nov. 15	North Carolina	G					
Nov. 22	Florida St	G					
Nov. 29	at Boston College	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Scott Milanovich 7,301 '92-'95
2. Boomer Esiason 6,259 '81-'83
3. Scott McBrien 5,169 '02-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. LaMont Jordan 4,147 '97-'00
2. Charlie Wysocki 3,317 '78-'81
3. Steve Atkins 2,971 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jermaine Lewis 2,932 '92-'95
2. Geroy Simon 2,059 '93-'96
3. Azizuddin Abdur-Ra'oof 1,895 '84-'87

Delaware leads this series 5-3-1 but these 2 last met in 1948. The Blue Hens finished #2 in the FCS LY w/an 11-4 record. The Terp's have won 4 straight season openers.

Maryland is 2-0 in this series & has outscored Middle Tennessee 69-37. The Terps are 5-0 vs Sun Belt opponents with the avg win by 17 ppg.

First meeting. MD is 1-3 all-time vs Pac-10 foes & lost LY in the Emerald Bowl to Oregon St (21-14). Maryland is 21-2 at home vs non-conference opponents.

Maryland has won 17 straight at home vs non-BCS teams. The Terps are 14-3 all-time vs current MAC opponents including 3-0 vs E Michigan.

MD is just 5-16 the L/21 in this series but posted a thrilling 13-12 last-second win their last visit to Death Valley. MD has been outscored 34-10 in the 4Q the L/5 vs CU.

LY Virginia needed a TD w/just :16 to pull out the 18-17 win. Maryland is 4-12 vs the Cavs the L/16. The last time here the Terps rallied from a 20-0 HT deficit to beat the Cavs 28-26.

The Terps lead the series 40-15-1 but have dropped the last 2 including LY in OT. Coming into 2008, Maryland is 33-23 vs ACC foes under Friedgen.

Last yr the Terps posted their 1st shutout S/'03 & became bowl eligible for the 5th time in the L7Y with their 37-0 win over NCSt. MD has won 6 of the L/8 in this series.

The Terps are 15-13 all-time in this series but have dropped the last 3. Maryland & Virginia Tech last met on a Thursday night in 2005 in College Park.

MD is 4-1 vs the Tar Heels under Friedgen with their 1st loss coming LY (16-13). LY Maryland led 24-3 before a 100 yd TD IR started the Wake rally.

MD is just 2-16 vs FSU but beat the Noles their last 2 games in College Park. The Terrapins are 6-2 in home finales but have lost 2 of last 3.

Last year the injury plagued Terps upset #8 Boston College 42-35 which was the most pts BC has allowed vs an ACC opponent since joining the conference.

STADIUM: BYRD STADIUM (51,500) (#55)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	10-2	11-3	10-3	5-6	5-6	9-4	6-7	61-37
Home	4-2	7-0	6-1	6-0	4-2	1-4	6-1	3-3	37-13
Away	1-4	3-1	4-1	3-3	1-4	3-2	2-3	3-3	20-21
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	4-3
vs Conf	3-5	7-1	6-2	6-2	3-5	3-5	5-3	3-5	36-28
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	5-1	4-1	2-1	2-1	4-1	3-2	25-9
ATS	5-6	10-2	9-4	7-5	5-6	5-6	5-7	4-8	50-44
Home Fav (Ron Vanderlinden)	1-2	6-0	4-1	4-1	1-4	0-2	1-4	0-1	17-15
Home Dog (Ralph Friedgen)	1-2	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-2	1-0	2-2	7-7
Away Fav	0-1	2-0	3-1	1-3	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	8-7
Away Dog	3-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-3	15-11
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	3-4
vs Conf	5-3	7-1	5-3	5-3	4-4	4-4	4-4	3-5	37-27
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-1	4-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	1-3	1-3	13-17
Off SU Win	2-3	8-2	6-3	6-3	1-3	2-3	4-4	1-5	30-26
Off SU Loss	3-2	1-0	3-0	1-1	4-2	3-2	1-3	3-3	19-13

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Keon Lattimore	213	869	64	805	13	3.8
Lance Ball	182	813	45	768	12	4.2
Da'Rel Scott	14	137	2	135	0	9.6
Darrius Heyward-Bey	5	110	3	107	1	21.4
Jordan Steffy	52	139	153	-14	1	-0.3
Chris Turner	44	127	153	-26	0	-0.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chris Turner	241	153	63.5	1958	7	7
Jordan Steffy	104	70	67.3	686	2	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Darrius Heyward-Bey	51	786	15.4	3	63	
Isaiah Williams	25	395	15.8	1	66	
Joey Haynos	30	318	10.6	0	28	
LaQuan Williams	15	217	14.5	0	39	
Jason Goode	17	213	12.5	3	78	
Danny Oquendo	19	173	9.1	1	22	
Keon Lattimore	21	95	4.5	0	14	
Lance Ball	18	88	4.9	0	23	
Emani Lee-Odai	5	87	17.4	0	41	
Adrian Cannon	3	68	22.7	0	44	
Dan Gronkowski	7	66	9.4	0	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Travis Baltz	68	2782	40.9	13	34.8	0	16
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Obi Egekeze	36-36	6-6	8-11	3-4	0-2	17-23	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Erin Henderson	133	1	10	2	1
Dave Philistin	124	0	6.5	4	1
Moise Fokou	83	2	5	1	1
JJ Justice	76	0	0	5	2
Isaiah Gardner	69	0	0.5	10	2
Kevin Barnes	65	0	5.5	9	4
Dre Moore	63	6	2.5	1	1
Christian Varner	54	2	1.5	3	0
Adrian Moten	50	5.5	2	1	1
Trey Covington	43	2	2.5	1	0
Carlos Feliciano	42	0	3.5	2	0
Jeremy Navarre	41	5.5	0.5	0	0
Jeff Allen	28	0	0	2	0
Anthony Wiseman	23	0	0.5	1	0
Nolan Carroll	14	0	0	0	0
Terrell Skinner	12	0	0	0	0
Chase Bullock	11	0	0	0	0
Mack Frost	9	1.5	2	2	0
Rick Costa	9	0.5	0.5	0	0
Dominique Herald	8	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Danny Oquendo	15	123	8.2	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Da'Rel Scott	26	566	21.8	0	
Terrell Skinner	10	176	17.6	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Orange - #6	+14	Florida - #5	23-56
02	Peach - #20	-1	Tennessee	30-3
03	Gator - #23	-3'	West Virginia - #20	41-7
06	Champs Sports	+1	Purdue	24-7
07	Emerald	+5	Oregon St	14-21

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MARYLAND'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	24.1	18	137	3.4	203	64.5	14.2	+8	2007	6	21.5	19	147	4.1	211	60.0	16.6
5*	21.8	17	131	3.8	183	60.9	14.4	-6	2006	7	21.8	18	163	4.6	198	58.7	16.5
5*	24.5	22	135	3.4	249	59.8	15.6	-5	2005	5	25.0	18	166	4.0	185	61.3	14.0
5	17.7	17	120	2.9	178	52.8	16.8	-9	2004	4	20.0	18	143	3.3	172	48.3	15.8
6*	31.2	22	191	4.5	230	55.4	13.5	+1	2003	9	15.8	16	129	3.5	179	50.3	19.5
8	32.2	19	199	4.7	191	55.2	12.1	+1	2002	5	16.3	18	129	3.4	210	56.5	20.8

2007 STATS BY GAME

MD 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
50,389	Villanova	28	47-221	4.7	23-30	207	1	11	22-11	0.5	17-28	176	4	-2
12,201	at Florida Int'l	14	41-135	3.3	18-25	135	4	8	27-82	3.0	8-23	81	0	+3
53,107	West Virginia	15	39-89	2.3	16-24	180	5	21	48-353	7.4	8-13	95	2	-1
31,964	at Wake Forest	19	57-200	3.5	11-20	115	6	19	41-178	4.3	22-35	219	0	+1
43,803	at Rutgers	24	59-239	4.1	18-28	219	2	19	23-82	3.6	25-44	310	2	+3
47,527	Georgia Tech	12	35-88	2.5	10-17	255	4	24	43-175	4.1	22-34	309	0	0
52,782	Virginia	16	38-130	3.4	13-19	105	2	25	39-191	4.9	23-36	248	3	0
50,948	Clemson	18	32-97	3.0	19-31	217	2	27	56-249	4.4	20-26	179	1	-1
56,000	at N Carolina	18	33-93	2.8	20-36	209	2	15	36-110	3.1	16-26	149	3	+1
52,827	Boston College	20	40-135	3.4	21-27	337	3	27	27-45	1.7	33-56	421	4	+2
80,213	at Florida St	18	37-92	2.5	17-35	243	5	18	38-154	4.1	16-26	204	3	0
54,856	at NC State	22	49-249	5.1	20-25	217	2	14	16-10	0.6	26-45	240	1	+1
32,517	† Oregon St	11	25-19	0.8	17-29	205	2	24	54-275	5.1	13-23	108	5	+1
TOTALS		235	532-1787	3.4	223-346	2644	40	252	470-1915	4.1	249-415	2739	28	+8
AVERAGES		18.1	41-137	3.4	17-27	203	3.1	19.4	36-147	4.1	19-32	211	2.2	0.6

2003 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre #15 Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#15	at N Illinois	-8	13-20 OT
-	at Florida St - #11	+15	10-35
-	The Citadel	NL	61-0
-	West Virginia	-9'	34-7
-	at E Michigan	-34	37-13
-	Clemson	-7'	21-7
-	Duke	-27'	33-20
-	at Georgia Tech	-2'	3-7
-	North Carolina	-16'	59-21
-	Virginia	-6	27-17
-	at NC State	+1	26-24
-	at Wake Forest	-8	41-28

2004 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post - Score
#22	N Illinois	-14'	23-20
#23	Temple	-26'	45-22
#21	at West Virginia - #7	+6	16-19 OT
#23	at Duke	-16'	55-21
#23	Georgia Tech	-13	7-20
-	NC State	-2	3-13
-	at Clemson	+3'	7-10
-	Florida St - #5	+11'	20-17
-	at Virginia - #12	+14	0-16
-	at Virginia Tech - #16	+9'	6-55
-	Wake Forest	-5'	13-7

2005 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
-	† Navy	-12'	23-20
-	Clemson - #25	-2	24-28
-	West Virginia	-3	19-31
-	at Wake Forest	+2'	22-12
-	Virginia - #19	+3	45-33
-	at Temple	-28	38-7
-	Virginia Tech - #3	+10	9-28
-	at Florida St - #10	+17	27-35
-	at North Carolina	+3	33-30 OT
-	Boston College - #23	+2'	16-31
-	at NC State	+3	14-20

2006 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
-	William & Mary	NL	27-14
-	Middle Tenn	-22	24-10
-	at West Virginia - #5	+17'	24-45
-	Florida Int'l	-20	14-10
-	at Georgia Tech - #18	+14	23-27
-	at Virginia	-3	28-26
-	NC State	-1'	26-20
-	Florida St	+4	27-24
-	at Clemson - #19	+19'	13-12
#23	Miami, Fl	-3	14-13
#21	at Boston College - #20	+8	16-38
-	Wake Forest - #20	-1'	24-38

2007 RESULTS

MD Rank	Pre - Opponent	Line	Post - Score
-	Villanova	NL	31-14
-	at Florida Int'l	-24	26-10
-	West Virginia - #4	+16'	14-31
-	at Wake Forest	+3'	24-31 OT
-	at Rutgers - #10	+18'	34-24
-	Georgia Tech	+3'	28-26
-	Virginia	-4	17-18
-	Clemson	+3'	17-30
-	at North Carolina	+2'	13-16
-	Boston College - #8	+6'	42-35
-	at Florida St	+7'	16-24
-	at NC State	+2'	37-0

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2004 Matt Ryan (PS#50) was forced into the starting lineup in a key game vs Syracuse (3 int) and BC lost its shot at the Fiesta Bowl. Ryan attempted just two 4Q passes in the bowl after the starter broke his leg. Ryan was the backup in '05 but starter Quinton Porter was injured early. Ryan got the start in Death Valley vs Clemson and led them to an OT win. He took over the starting job throwing for 1,514 (62.1%) with an 8-5 ratio. In 2006 Ryan was banged up and was listed as questionable many weeks. He was still 1st Tm ACC throwing for 2,942 (61.6%) with a 15-10 ratio including 356 vs BYU and 402 vs WF. Backup QB Chris Crane (PS#65) played in miserable conditions vs Buffalo with Ryan sitting out. For the season he threw for 193 (68.8%) with a 1-1 ratio. Ryan had a phenomenal 2007 season including a miracle comeback vs VT and was a Heisman contender. He broke Doug Flutie's record for TD passes in a season and also broke Flutie's record for most career 400+ passing games with 5. Ryan also broke Philip Rivers' ACC single season passing yardage mark. He did have 5 int returned for TD's but won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and the Manning Award. For the season. Ryan threw for 4,507 (59.3%) with a 31-19 ratio. This unit goes from a 1st round DC in the NFL to an untested group with 40 career passes all by Crane. Not listed below are John Lowell (6'4" 195 So, PS#340) and Chris Johnson (6'2" 220 rFr, PS#63).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Derrick Knight came 5 yards short of tying a school record with 1,721 (5.4) and was the 6th straight BC rusher to top 1,000. The last 4 years, Andre Callender (PS#30) and LV Whitworth (PS#82) have split the TB duties and neither has topped 1,000. Whitworth was set back by a hamstring injury last year. After leading the team with 791 (4.5) in '06 he saw his totals drop to 355 (4.3) in '07. Callender had a quiet year but topped 100 twice and finished with 969 (4.6). AJ Brooks (PS#134) had 2 starts and 319 (5.6) in '04 and RS in '05. Brooks had 66 in '06 and 79 (3.2) last year. No FB had rushed out of the 2-back set since 1998 but James McCluskey (PS#27LB) had 8 rush attempts despite missing 3 with injury. This year they lose Callender who led the team in rec with 76 (9.5) and Whitworth. I expect true frosh Josh Haden (PS#21), who was in for the spring, to become the feature back. It would not surprise me if they improved upon 2007's 99.2 ypg rushing (their lowest S/'90) despite losing their top 2 rushers.

RECEIVERS - The Eagles had 3 of their top 4 receivers back last season including Kevin Challenger who led in '06 with 543 (11.6). Surprisingly soph Rich Gunnell (PS#70) led with 931 (14.5). Brandon Robinson (PS#20) had some big games including 163 vs Fla St and was #2 with 793 (14.2) after finishing #3 in '06. TE Ryan Purvis (PS#20) was #4 with 553 (10.2) and surprisingly Challenger dropped to #5 with 551 (12.2). This year they lose Challenger (14 st), TE Ryan Thompson (3 st, 6 rec) and TE Jon Loyte (3 st, 13 rec). With the top 3 back, this unit is more experienced but while breaking in a new QB they will not match last year's totals.

WR Brandon Robinson

OFFENSIVE LINE - BC could be called "O-line U" as they send a lot of OL's to the NFL. In 2006 they had to replace two starters including a #2DC but had 8 of the top 10 back. They allowed 22 sacks (4.8%) but surprisingly the ypg (114) and ypc (3.4) were the lowest of the O'Brien era. Last year they had to replace two starters (#3 & #4 NFL DC's) including 1st Tm AA RG Josh Beekman who won the ACC's Jacob Blocking Trophy. Again they had 8 of the top 10 back but switched to a zone blocking scheme and their OL coach Jim Turner resigned due to "a difference in philosophies" after the spring. Jagodzinski signed "true" frosh Anthony Castonzo (spent '06 at Fork Union) and he became the first true frosh to start on the O-line since Paul Zukauskas in 1997. Returning LG starter Ryan Poles was lost after 7 due to injury and C Kevin Sheridan lost his spot. LT Gosder Cherilus did not have the type of year that was expected. Learning the new system, BC avg just 99 ypg rush (3.4), its lowest total since 1990. Thanks in part to Ryan's quick release, they yielded just 22 sacks on 659 att's (3.3%). This year they lose 2nd Tm ACC LT Cherilus (14 st, 4Y st'r, #1DC DET), LG Poles (7 st, 2Y st'r), LG Ty Hall (9 st), RG Tom Anevski (1 st) and Sheridan (0 st). While 5 of the top 10 are gone, they are in the 2nd year of the new schemes and can only improve upon their paltry rushing numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Led by Mathias Kiwanuka in 2005, BC allowed just 91 ypg rush (2.6) while recording 35 sacks. In 2006, they had to replace Kiwanuka (#1DC NYG) as well as another starter then lost DE Jim Ramella for the season. The numbers slipped but were still solid with 108 ypg (3.5) and 29 sacks. Last year it appeared all 4 starters would return but 2nd Tm ACC BJ Raji was lost (acad). The veteran front finished #2 in the NCAA allowing just 76 ypg (2.4) while the D had 34 sacks. This figures to be one of the top DL's in the ACC as the only losses from the 2 deep are DE Nick Larkin (11 st, 35 tkl, 6 sk) and DT Brady Smith (12 st, 8.5 tfl). With Raji returning, they have 6 players with starting experience and Ramella started the last 3 in '07 and is another year removed from his injury. Not listed in the PSL are Corey Phelps (6'3" 220 Jr) and Bill Ferguson (6'2" 215 Jr).

LINEBACKERS - Injuries caused six different players to start at LB in '06. LB Brian Toal (26 st 3Y) RS in '07 so 5 of the top 6 were back. Jo-Lonn Dunbar was leading the LB's in tackles when he was injured and he finished #3 overall. This year they lose Tyronne Pruitt (10 st, 40 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and 2nd Tm ACC Dunbar (90 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 10 st). Not listed in the PSL are Jarick Walker (6'0" 213 So), Dan Williams (6'2" 224 rFr) and Kevin Distaso (6'1" 220 Jr). Not only are 4 of the top six back, but Toal returns so despite the loss of two starters, as long as Toal stays healthy this group should at least be equal to last year's version.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2006 BC returned 7 of their top 8 DB's and DeJuan Tribble had 3 IR TD's which tied Ed Doherty (1943) and Jim McGowan (1962) for the school record. The team int'd 2 or more passes in 7 consec games and their 21 int's were #3 in the NCAA and BC finished #40 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but surprisingly allowed 252 ypg passing (58.4%) which was the highest ypg pass allowed in BC history but they did have a 21-25 ratio (#44). This year they lose 1st Tm AA FS Jamie Silva (125 tkl, 8 int, 3 pbu), CB Taji Morris (14 st, 43 tkl, 5 pbu), CB Tribble (10 st, 4 int, 8 pbu, #6DC SD) and Sulaiman Sanni (9 tkl). Silva and Tribble had 12 of the team's 25 int and the returning DB's combined for four.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Surprisingly in O'Brien's first 7 years, the team's top finish in my ST rankings was #57 ('02). After finishing at #114 in '03 they moved up to #6 in '04 thanks to a +5 in the TD/blk category (KR/PR Will Blackmon). Surprisingly they dropped to #97 in '05 (-3 TD/blk). Blackmon had to be replaced in '06 and they also lost their K and had to go to walk-on Steve Aponavicius, who is nicknamed "Sid Vicious" and was in his first year of football ever. Surprisingly the team moved up to #18 and last year they had everyone back. They lost KR Jeff Smith (28.0 in '06) for half the season (concussion) and his KR numbers dropped (23.5) and the team avg 19.2. Tribble saw his PR avg drop from 8.7 to 5.4. They wanted to RS true frosh Billy Bennett (PS#2) but Aponavicius struggled on KO's (3 TB 40 KO). Surprisingly Bennett only had 3 TB on 37 KO and did not att a FG. Aponavicius, despite a limited range, hit 12 of 18 FG's (long of 45). Punter Johnny Ayers' net fell a bit from 37.5 in '06 to 36.9. The team lost LS Jack Geiser prior to Clemson and BC had a couple of slow snaps result in blocked kicks in the ACC Champ game. Overall BC dropped to #67 and while they lose P Ayers and PR Tribble, they could improve.

COACHES - Last year BC had to replace O'Brien who was the winningest HC in BC history. Jeff Jagodzinski was the OC here from 1997-'98 and Green Bay Packers' TE coach for five years ('99-'03). He was also the Packers' OC in 2006 and was my pick for ACC Coach of the Year with 11 wins being the most ever for a 1st year ACC coach. Jagodzinski made a solid hire in OC Steve Logan who was the E Carolina HC from 1992-'02 and spent 3 years in NFL Europe. Frank Spaziani enters his 10th year as DC here and was the interim HC for the bowl in '06, which he won. Retaining him was a huge coup.

PHIL'S FORECAST

BC's eight straight bowl wins is the longest streak in the NCAA. Last year Tom O'Brien made a surprising lateral move to NC State and Jeff Jagodzinski took over a veteran squad. O'Brien's final edition finished 10-3. BC joined the ACC just 3 years ago and in that span has the best record of any ACC Atlantic team in conf play at 16-8 tied for the Div Title in '05 and played in the ACC Atlantic Title Game in '07. BC has had 4 straight seasons of 9+ wins for the first time in school history. BC's 2007 edition had 17 fifth year seniors and 8 fourth year juniors in the 2 deep. They survived some close calls on the way to the ACC Title game. Some timely int's in the EZ helped them jump out to a 2-0 ACC start with home wins over WF and NCSt. They then throttled their next five opponents including a road win at ND and climbed to #2, their highest ranking since November of 1942 (#1). VT led 10-0 and it appeared that BC's unbeaten season was by the wayside but they got 2 TD's in the final 2:11 including one with :11 left to pull out the win. The next two weeks, they were beaten by Florida St (ending a 16 game home win streak) and Maryland. However they got a 43 yd TD pass with 1:46 left and Clemson missed a 54 yd FG as BC beat the Tigers on the road 20-17. They had already clinched a spot in the ACC Title game but still beat Miami for the first time since 1984. They lost to VT in the ACC Title game but rebounded to beat Mich St by 3 in the Champs Sports Bowl, a game in which MSU was without 4 susp'd players including their star DE Jonal Saint-Dic. That 11th win was the most in school history tying Frank Leahy's 1940 (11-0). This year they must replace their star QB in Ryan. Last year BC benefitted from +6 in turnovers and this year have just 10 starters returning (2nd fewest ACC) and 22 lettermen lost. Ryan was the 3rd overall pick in the draft and the reason why they won a lot of their close games last season. BC should still get off to another great start and will likely be favored in their first 5 games but I do not see them matching last year's 11-win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 10 Chris Crane Sr. 6-4 236 PS#65. 1 st 3Y, 263 (68%) 1-1 ratio, 18 gm. **15** Dominique Davis (6'4" 187 rFr) PS#150. **13** Codi Boek PS#129JC. 7 TD 3 gm JC LY.

TB 1 Josh Haden Fr. 5-8 190 **PS#21.** In spg. **24** Dan Mulrooney (6'1" 197 So) PS#149DB. Eric Reynolds PS#96. Jerry Kelly PS#137. **37** John Siravo (5'9" 188 Sr).

WR 11 Clarence Megwa Jr. 6-1 208 PS#83.126 (10.5) rFr.353 (11.8) LY. Ifeanyi Momah (6'6" 216 So) PS#137TE. 1 rec true. **FB 36 James McCluskey** (6'2" 231 So) **PS#27LB.** 7 st rFr,

WR 18 RICH GUNNELL JR. 5-11 206 PS#70.8 rec rFr. 4 st LY, #1 w/931 (14.5). **82** Justin Jarvis (6'5" 195 Jr) PS#190. 288 (14.4) 2Y. **26** Dominick Magazu (6'1" 183 rFr) PS#266.

WR 2 BRANDON ROBINSON SR. 5-10 194 **PS#20.** 1 st, 490 (13.6) '06. 11 st LY, 793 (14.2) **HM ACC. 14** Billy Flutie (6'2" 184 So) PS#53QB. **5** Ryan Lindsey (5'8" 162 So) PS#57RB.

TE 80 RYAN PURVIS SR. 6-4 258 PS#20. 2 st '06, 381 (13.1). 14 st LY, **1st Tm ACC.** 553 (10.2). **88** Jordon McMichael (6'5" 257 So) PS#24. **87** Lars Anderson (6'3" 235 rFr) PS#32.

C 65 MATT TENNANT JR. 6-4 284 PS#131DL. 5 gm rFr. 14 st C LY. **62** Bryan Murphy (6'3" 280 Sr) 7 gm 3Y. **LS 51** Jack Geiser (6'2" 244 Jr) 23 gm 2Y. **58** Jason Stewart (6'0" 192 Sr).

RG 78 Thomas Claiborne So. 6-3 330 **PS#59.** 5 gm rFr. Moved from DT in spring. **64** Nick Rossi (6'6" 294 Jr) 10 gm 2Y DL. 7 tkl, 1 tfl. **63** Nick Schepis (6'4" 280 rFr) **PS#61.**

LG 73 CLIF RAMSEY SR. 6-6 302 9 gm rFr. 2nd string '06, 3 gm. 13 st RG LY. **70 John Elliott** (6'4" 280 rFr) **PS#19. 69** Mark Spinney (6'4" 273 rFr) PS#102.

RT 66 Rich Lapham So. 6-8 324 **PS#36.** 2nd string LT rFr, 9 gm. **76** Patrick Sheil (6'6" 283 Jr) PS#72DL. 2 gm rFr. 5 gm LY. Mike Goodman (6'5" 280 Fr) **PS#62.**

LT 74 ANTHONY CASTONZO SO. 6-7 262 Fork Union '06. 14 st "true" LY RT. Moved to LT in spring. **75** Nathan Richman (6'6" 274 rFr) PS#144. Emmett Cleary PS#126.

K 83 STEVE APONAVICIUS SR. 5-10 183 8 st '06. 8-11 FG, long 37. Hit 12-18 FG LY, long 45. 2-3 from 40+. Billy Bennett (6'1" 198 So) **PS#2.** 3 TB 37 KO true. Eben Jose (6'4" 235 So).

DE 86 Jim Ramella Jr. 6-4 247 PS#24TE. 15 tkl, 3 tfl true. 3 st LY, 19 tkl, 3 tfl. **47** Brad Newman (6'2" 250 So) PS#70TE. **95** Brendan Deska (6'5" 250 Jr) PS#99. 7 tkl 2Y.

DT 90 BJ Raji Sr. 6-1 325 12 st '05, 27 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 12 st '06, **2nd Tm ACC,** 3 sk, 5.5 tfl. RS LY. **55** Damik Scafe (6'3" 305 So) **PS#58.** 9 tkl rFr. Kaleb Ramsey PS#78.

DT 60 RON BRACE SR. 6-3 325 PS#216. 11 st '06, 20 tkl. 14 st LY, 27 tkl, 7.5 tfl. Austin Giles (6'3" 291 Jr) PS#101OL. 8 st, 44 tkl, 6.5 sk 2Y. Jerry Willette (6'5" 282 Sr) PS#71. 2 st LY. 15 tkl.

DE 98 ALEX ALBRIGHT JR. 6-5 235 PS#131.1 st rFr, 20 tkl, 2 sk. 11 st LY, 38 tkl, **8.5 sk. 92** Allan Smith (6'2" 237 Jr). PS#75. 12 tkl, 1.5 sk LY. **56** Max Holloway PS#180. In spg.

WLB 94 MARK HERZLICH JR. 6-4 238 **PS#43.** 2 st, 42 tkl true. 14 st LY, 97 tkl, 12 tfl. **7** Kevin Akins (6'2" 220 Sr) 6 st 3Y, 88 tkl, **12.5 sk.** Mike Morrissey (6'2" 210 So) PS#106.

MLB 34 Mike McLaughlin Jr. 6-0 250 PS#78. 3 st LY, 64 tkl, 5 tfl. Darius Bagan (6'2" 233 So) PS#88QB. Will Thompson (6'1" 233 rFr) **PS#59.** John Chisholm (6'2" 207 So) Nick Clancy **PS#48.**

SLB 16 Brian Toal Sr. 6-0 252 **PS#4.** L/8 st true, 77 tkl. 11 st '05, 53 tkl, 7 tfl. 7 st '06, 50 tkl. RS LY. Robert Francois (6'2" 245 Sr) PS#109. 6 st 3Y, 119 tkl. Garrett Seeger (6'0" 213 Sr).

CB 20 Roderick Rollins Jr. 6-0 178 PS#76. 11 tkl true. 26 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **21** Razzie Smith (5'10" 186 Jr) 1 st, 17 gms, 8 tkl 2Y. Isaac Johnson PS#67. Donte Elliot PS#222.

CB 9 DeLeon Gause So. 5-11 179 PS#467. 4 st true, 39 tkl, 1 int. Donnie Fletcher PS#103. In spg. **38** Mark Maglio (5'9" 176 Jr) Scout Tm 3Y. Chris Hayden-Martin PS#119.

SS 19 PAUL ANDERSON SR. 6-1 208 **PS#55LB.** 4 st '05-'06, 19 tkl. 14 st SS LY, 58 tkl, 2 int. **25** Chris Fox (5'11" 190 So) **PS#52.** 1 tkl rFr. **43** Michael Dell'Aquila (5'11" 185 So).

FS 8 Marcellus Bowman Jr. 6-2 214 PS#437. 12 tkl rFr, 1 pbu. 9 gm LY (inj 5), 13 tkl, 1 int, 2 pbu. **45** Wes Davis (6'1" 215 Jr) PS#107. 1 st, 20 tkl true, 2 tfl. 6 tkl LY (injury).

P NA Ryan Quigley Fr. 6-3 175 PS#42. Avg 46.0 as Sr in HS. 47 yd FG, 93% TB's on KO. Billy Flutie PS#53QB. QB/P in HS. **53** Greg Abilheira (5'10" 165 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Josh Haden 5-8 190 PS#21
QB	Codi Boek 6-3 220 PS#129JC
OL	Mike Goodman 6-5 280 PS#62
LB	Nick Clancy 6-3 215 PS#48
DB	Okechukwu Okoroha 6-1 190 PS#46
DL	Kaleb Ramsey 6-4 270 PS#78
QB	Justin Tuggle 6-3 205 PS#39
LB	Alexander DiSanzo 6-2 220 PS#73
TE	Chris Pantale 6-5 225 PS#27
DB	Isaac Johnson 6-1 185 PS#67
OL	Emmett Cleary 6-6 270 PS#126
DB	Donnie Fletcher 6-1 185 PS#103
RB	Eric Reynolds 5-10 195 PS#96
TE	Michael Stone 6-6 230 PS#130DL
DL	Bryan Murray 6-3 285 PS#131
DB	Dominick LeGrande 6-2 195 PS#68QB
DB	Chris Hayden-Martin 6-1 185 PS#119
DL	Nick Halloran 6-6 275 PS#139OL
WR	Colin Larmond 6-3 195 PS#122
DB	Ugo Okpara 6-2 175 PS#146
DL	Christian Klein 6-4 250 PS#49TE
DL	Max Holloway 6-2 240 PS#180
RB	Jerry Kelly 6-0 220 PS#137
RB	Montel Harris 5-9 195 PS#162
DB	Stephen Atkinson 6-1 175 PS#204
DB	Donte Elliot 6-0 185 PS#222
WR	Clyde Lee 6-0 180 PS#184
OL	Patrick Neumann 6-6 270 PS#241DL
K	Ryan Quigley 6-3 175 PS#42

BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
Weather (508) 822-0634

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#49

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BC	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	† Kent St *(Cleveland)*	G				
Sep. 6	Georgia Tech	A				
Sep. 13						
Sep. 20	UCF	A				
Sep. 27	Rhode Island	A				
Oct. 4	at NC State	G				
Oct. 11						
Oct. 18	Virginia Tech	A				
Oct. 25	at North Carolina	G				
Nov. 1	Clemson	A				
Nov. 8	Notre Dame	A				
Nov. 15	at Florida St	G				
Nov. 22	at Wake Forest	A				
Nov. 29	Maryland	A				

Date	
Aug. 30	This 1st ever meeting is being played in Cleveland Stadium (home of the NFL Browns). Boston College is 42-10-2 all-time vs MAC opponents & 6-1 in season openers.
Sep. 6	Boston College is 2-4 all-time vs Tech but have outscored them 65-41 the last 2 meetings. The Eagles outgained them 527-267 last year in Atlanta.
Sep. 13	
Sep. 20	Last yr both tms played in their conf champ gm (BC lost 30-16, UCF won 44-25). Coming into '08, BC has won 13 straight non-conf games.
Sep. 27	BC is 163-90 vs FCS schools including 2-0 vs Rhode Island. The Rams finished just 3-8 last year including a 14-7 OT loss to Army.
Oct. 4	The Eagles defeated their former HC & the Wolfpack 37-17 in the 1st meeting since O'Brien left for Raleigh. BC leads the series 3-2 but the HT is 3-0 in ACC play.
Oct. 11	
Oct. 18	LY BC upset #8 VT on National TV with 2 come-from-behind TD's in the final 2:11 but VT returned the favor defeating BC in the ACC Championship game.
Oct. 25	This will only be the 2nd meeting between these two since BC joined the ACC with NC getting the upset in '05 16-14. BC is 0-2 in Chapel Hill with the 1st gm in 1981.
Nov. 1	BC led 10-0 in 2005 & held off Clemson in OT for their 1st ever ACC victory. LY, BC upset #15 Clemson 20-17 in Death Valley with a 43 yd TD pass w/1:43 left.
Nov. 8	ND leads the series 9-8 but the Eagles have won 5 straight in this Catholic rivalry. ND is the only Div 1A team BC hosts this year that did not make it to a bowl game LY.
Nov. 15	LY FSU upset #2 BC 27-17 with 50 mph winds & the remnants of Hurricane Noel. Seventh all-time meeting (4th as ACC opp's) & the visitor has won all 3 as conf opp's.
Nov. 22	BC was upset their last trip to Winston-Salem 21-14 in '06 but outgained WF 430-280 with a 23-14 FD edge. QB Ryan threw for 400+ yds vs WF the last 2 years.
Nov. 29	Eagles are 3-2 all-time in this series & the winner has won by 13 ppg in the 5 meetings. Last year MD upset #8 BC 42-35. BC is 33-13 since 1962 in home finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Doug Flutie 10,579 '81-'84	1. Derrick Knight 3,725 '00-'03	1. Pete Mitchell 2,388 '91-'94
2. Glenn Foley 10,039 '90-'93	2. Mike Cloud 3,597 '95-'98	2. Kelvin Martin 2,337 '83-'86
3. Matt Ryan 9,313 '04-'07	3. Troy Stradford 3,504 '82-'86	3. Brian Brennan 2,180 '80-'83

JEFF JAGODZINSKI (Career 11-3)

2nd Year at Boston College — Jagodzinski's Bowl Record: 1-0

Jagodzinski's records AT BOSTON COLLEGE

11-3	Straight Up	1-1	Vs Top 10
6-1	Home	3-1	Vs Top 25
4-1	Away	2-0	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	2-0	Off A Bye
6-3	Vs Conference	2-1	Off A Loss

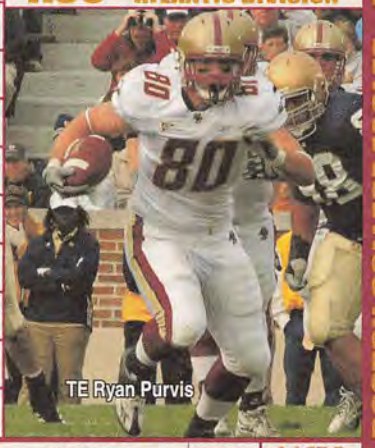
2007 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (15,22,2)
Lost: 22 (12,9,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,990 (#55)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION



STADIUM: ALUMNI STADIUM (44,500) (#70)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	8-4	9-4	8-5	9-3	9-3	10-3	11-3	71-30
Home	5-1	5-1	6-1	2-4	4-1	5-1	7-0	6-1	40-10
Away	1-4	2-3	2-3	5-1	4-2	3-2	2-3	4-1	23-19
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	8-1
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-4	3-4	4-2	5-3	5-3	6-3	33-26
vs Non-Conf	4-1	4-1	6-0	5-1	5-1	4-0	5-0	5-0	38-4
ATS	8-4	8-4	8-5	7-6	6-5	7-4-1	5-6-1	6-7	55-41-2
Home Fav (Tom O'Brien)	5-0	4-1	3-3	1-3	1-2	3-1-1	2-1-1	3-3	22-14-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	6-3
Away Fav (Frank Spaziani, Ibrahim)	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1	1-3	2-1	0-4	0-2	9-12
Away Dog (Jeff Jagodzinski)	0-4	1-2	2-2	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	3-0	12-9
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	6-3
vs Conf	4-3	6-1	5-2	3-4	3-3	4-4	4-4	5-4	34-25
vs Non-Conf (Tom O'Brien)	4-1	2-3	3-3	4-2	3-2	3-0-1	1-2-1	1-3	21-16-2
Off SU Win	4-2	4-3	5-3	4-3	4-4	4-3-1	5-3-1	4-5	34-26-2
Off SU Loss	4-1	3-1	3-1	3-2	2-0	2-1	0-2	1-2	18-10

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andre Callender	211	993	24	969	9	4.6
LV Whitworth	82	368	13	355	3	4.3
AJ Brooks	25	85	6	79	0	3.2
Matt Ryan	68	231	229	2	2	0.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Matt Ryan	654	388	59.3	4507	31	19
Chris Crane	4	2	50.0	28	0	0
Billy Flutie	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Rich Gunnell	64	931	14.5	7	68	
Brandon Robinson	56	793	14.2	5	46	
Andre Callender	76	720	9.5	4	52	
Ryan Purvis	54	553	10.2	4	33	
Kevin Callenger	45	551	12.2	5	32	
Clarence Megwa	30	353	11.8	2	22	
Justin Jarvis	19	276	14.5	2	71	
Jon Loyte	13	135	10.4	1	40	
LV Whitworth	16	101	6.3	1	18	
AJ Brooks	4	38	9.5	0	17	
Ryan Thompson	6	31	5.2	0	12	
Billy Flutie	3	26	8.7	0	10	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Johnny Ayers	74	3020	40.8	20	36.9	0	25
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Steve Aponavicius	**45-50**	**6-6**	**4-9**	**2-3**	**0-0**	**12-18**	**45**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jamie Silva	125	1.5	2.5	3	8
Mark Herzlich	97	1.5	10.5	4	1
Jo-Lonn Dunbar	90	0	4.5	4	1
Mike McLaughlin	64	0	5	1	0
Paul Anderson	58	0	0	6	2
Taji Morris	43	0	3.5	5	1
Tyronne Pruitt	40	1	4.5	4	2
Robert Francois	39	0.5	1.5	0	0
DeLeon Gause	39	0	3	0	1
Alex Albright	38	8.5	1.5	0	0
Nick Larkin	35	6	4	0	1
DeJuan Tribble	35	0	2	8	4
Kevin Akins	32	4	1	1	2
Brady Smith	29	2.5	6	0	0
Ron Brace	27	2.5	5	0	0
Roderick Rollins	26	1	0	0	0
Jim Ramella	19	1	2	1	1
Austin Giles	15	1	1	0	0
Jerry Willette	15	0	2.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamie Silva	9	71	7.9	0
DeJuan Tribble	8	43	5.4	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jeff Smith	12	282	23.5	0
Brandon Robinson	13	258	19.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	San Francisco	E	Colorado St	35-21
04	Continental Tire - #25	+1	North Carolina	37-24
05	MPC Computers - #19	-2'	Boise St	27-21
06	Meineke Car Care - #23	-7'	Navy	25-24
07	Champs Sports - #14	-5'	Michigan St	24-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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BOSTON COLLEGE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	28.3	23	99	3.4	324	59.2	15.0	+6	2007	7	20.4	19	76	2.4	252	58.4	16.1
6*	26.0	20	114	3.4	241	62.0	13.7	+15	2006	6	15.7	17	108	3.5	203	60.0	19.8
7	25.8	21	145	3.9	243	62.5	15.0	-4	2005	7	15.9	19	91	2.6	221	61.0	19.6
5*	24.7	20	140	3.7	245	60.1	15.6	0	2004	6	16.9	18	129	3.5	204	58.3	19.7
5	28.5	21	182	4.2	222	56.4	14.2	+3	2003	6	25.5	19	129	3.4	230	57.7	14.1
8*	30.2	21	159	4.2	232	58.7	13.0	+8	2002	8	19.5	18	167	3.9	172	53.9	17.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

BC 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
42,292	Wake Forest	24	27-54	2.0	32-52	408	2	24	24-2	0.1	45-60	366	2	+1
42,513	NC State	19	39-231	5.9	15-34	142	0	21	24-56	2.3	29-54	351	2	+6
51,112	at Georgia Tech	26	33-92	2.8	30-44	435	2	16	28-63	2.3	20-39	204	1	-1
40,329	Army	34	37-202	5.5	36-53	371	0	7	29-44	1.5	16-33	215	3	-1
44,111	Massachusetts	26	37-119	3.2	24-42	204	2	14	30-69	2.3	17-32	208	3	0
40,117	Bowling Green	26	35-146	4.2	25-34	325	0	26	23-64	2.8	37-58	401	4	+5
80,795	at Notre Dame	20	25-141	5.6	32-49	291	0	12	20-28	1.4	16-40	165	2	+1
66,233	at Virginia Tech	19	18-32	1.8	25-53	285	3	15	41-116	2.8	15-25	149	3	0
40,065	Florida St	20	21-63	3.0	26-53	415	0	25	31-81	2.6	30-46	371	1	-4
52,827	at Maryland	27	27-45	1.7	33-56	421	4	20	40-135	3.4	21-27	337	3	-2
81,500	at Clemson	26	34-60	1.8	31-47	315	5	21	31-47	1.5	26-40	226	3	0
44,500	Miami, FI	19	25-93	3.7	26-43	369	0	19	39-83	2.1	23-42	198	3	-2
53,212	† Virginia Tech	24	25-84	3.4	33-52	305	1	22	36-98	2.7	21-33	202	4	0
46,554	† Michigan St	17	30-27	0.9	22-47	249	3	18	39-172	4.4	14-36	131	0	+3
TOTALS		**327**	**413-1389**	**3.4**	**390-659**	**4535**	**22**	**260**	**435-1058**	**2.4**	**330-565**	**3524**	**34**	**+6**
AVERAGES		**23.4**	**30-99**	**3.4**	**28-47**	**324**	**1.6**	**18.6**	**31-76**	**2.4**	**24-40**	**252**	**2.4**	**0.4**

2003 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Wake Forest	-12	28-32
–	at Penn St	+9	27-14
–	at Connecticut	-4	24-14
–	Miami, FI - #2	+11'	14-33
–	Ball St	-22	53-29
–	at Temple	-9'	38-13
–	at Syracuse	-3'	14-39
–	Notre Dame	-4	27-25
–	Pittsburgh - #25	+1'	13-24
–	West Virginia	-3'	28-35
–	at Rutgers	-7'	35-25
–	at Virginia Tech - #12	+14'	34-27

2004 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	at Ball St	-17	19-11
–	Penn St	+3	21-7
–	Connecticut	-7	27-7
–	at Wake Forest	-1	14-17
–	Massachusetts	NL	29-7
–	at Pittsburgh	-8	17-20 OT
–	at Notre Dame - #24	+6'	24-23
#24	Rutgers	-14'	21-10
#21	at West Virginia - #13	+7	36-17
#19	at Temple	-14	34-17
#17	Syracuse	-12	17-43

2005 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre #22 Opponent	Line	Post #18 Score
#22	at BYU	-2'	20-3
#19	Army	-27'	44-7
#17	Florida St - #8	+1'	17-28
–	at Clemson	+2'	16-13 OT
#21	Ball St	-38	38-0
#18	Virginia	-7	28-17
#14	Wake Forest	-13'	35-30
#13	at Virginia Tech - #3	+13'	10-30
#19	at North Carolina	-5	14-16
–	NC State	-4'	30-10
#23	at Maryland	-2'	31-16

2006 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #20 Score
–	at C Michigan	-11	31-24
–	Clemson - #18	+2'	34-33 2OT
#23	BYU	-7	30-23 2OT
#20	at NC State	-6'	15-17
–	Maine	NL	22-0
–	Virginia Tech - #22	+2'	22-3
#22	at Florida St	+7	24-19
#18	Buffalo	-34	41-0
#16	at Wake Forest - #22	-3'	14-21
#22	Duke	-29'	28-7
#20	Maryland - #21	-8	38-16
#18	at Miami, FI	-4	14-17

2007 RESULTS

BC Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
–	Wake Forest	-6	38-28
–	NC State	-13'	37-17
#21	at Georgia Tech - #15	+6'	24-10
#14	Army	-27'	37-17
#12	Massachusetts	NL	24-14
#7	Bowling Green	-20'	55-24
#4	at Notre Dame	-14	27-14
#2	at Virginia Tech - #8	+3	14-10
#2	Florida St	-6'	17-27
#8	at Maryland	-6'	35-42
#18	at Clemson - #15	+8'	20-17
#15	Miami, FI	-14'	28-14
#12	† Virginia Tech - #6	+4	16-30

NC STATE WOLFPACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Philip Rivers had a fantastic 4-year career here and in 2003 threw for 4,491 yards (72%) with a 34-7 ratio and was the ACC POY. The Wolfpack has received uneven play from the QB's for the last 4 seasons since Rivers left. The overall QB numbers went down 3 straight years going from 202 ypg (55.7%) in '04 to 190 (54.6%) in '05 to 182 (51.7%) in '06 with a 10-16 ratio. Daniel Evans (PS#92) had a game winning 34 yard TD pass with :05 left to beat BC and started the rest of 2006. He finished with 1,843 (53.1%) with a 6-11 ratio. Daniel is the son of Johnny who was one of the best QB's in NCSt history. Marcus Stone (1st 3 st QB) moved to TE. Evans returned last year and battled Nebraska transfer Harrison Beck (PS#10) and rFr Justin Burke (PS#12). Beck hit just 1 of 10 passes at NU in '05 and was learning his 3rd offense in 3 years. Evans won the job starting in the opener but the team struggled in the 1H vs UCF and Beck ignited them in the 2H hitting 17 of 28 for 207 as NCSt had a 295-38 yd edge in the 2H. Beck threw for 321 vs BC but his 5 int cost them the win. He threw for just 113 vs Wofford and then was injured in the 1Q vs Clemson (1 of 6). Beck started vs L'ville hitting 17 of 28 for 181 but was injured again. Evans threw for 172 in his start vs Fla St but then had his best two games throwing for 335 vs EC and 347 vs UVA with a combined 6-2 ratio in those 2 wins. Over the final 3, Evans had a 2-6 ratio. After his 2nd injury, Beck (6'2" 220 Jr) played in just one more game. For the season Evans threw for 2,030 (57.2%) with a 12-13 ratio while Beck threw for 903 (53.1%) with a 2-9 ratio. Burke played in just 3 hitting 2 of 3. All three return this year along with O'Brien recruit Russell Wilson (5'11" 191 rFr, PS#61). This year O'Brien signed Mike Glennon (PS#2) who will also contend. The Wolfpack is now in the 2nd year of the offensive system and should have improved QB play.

RUNNING BACKS - Former HC Chuck Amato brought in a lot of VHT RB's and in 2005 two stepped to the forefront in Andre Brown (PS#10) and Toney Baker (PS#7). Amato compared Brown to Herschel Walker. Brown had 248 vs SM, 179 vs FSU and led with 667 (5.2). Baker had 546 (4.4). Brown led the team in rushing after 9 games in '06 but had just 76 over the final 3 and finished with 658 (5.3). Baker rushed for 174 vs Clemson and led in each of the final 3 and finished with 688 (4.4). Jamelle Eugene (PS#90) added 60 (3.5) and no other RB carried the ball. The unit appeared in great shape last year as all 3 returned but luck was not with the Wolfpack. Baker was lost in the opener (knee inj). Brown had 133 vs Wofford but broke his foot vs FSU (miss 5). Eugene rushed for 101 vs FSU, 112 vs UVA and an impressive 159 vs UNC despite missing the 3Q with injury. He finished with 667 (3.9) while Brown had 447 (4.7). True frosh Curtis Underwood added 84 (4.4). This year everyone returns with the exception of FB's Pat Bedics (7 st, 23 rec yd) and Cedric Hickman (1 st, 20 rec yd). This is a deep and talented RB corps that could be one of the ACC's best if they can remain healthy.

RECEIVERS - TE was an important part of the Amato offense and in 2004, TJ Williams became the first Wolfpack TE to lead the team in rec since 1967 and he accomplished that again in 2005. I mention this because in 2006, TE Anthony Hill led with 478 (10.6). Amato renamed the spot of the EZ where WR John Dunlap hauled in two game winning TD's "Dunlap's Corner". Dunlap was #2 with 392 (13.1). Converted RB Darrell Blackman added 358 (13.3). Last year Hill was lost over the summer (ACL inj) and former QB Marcus Stone (PS#11) took his spot. Dunlap had 375 (8.3) but led in rec (45). The top 3 in rec yards were soph Donald Bowens (598, 14.6), Blackman (593, 14.5) and TE Stone (452, 12.6). This year they must replace Blackman (12 st), Dunlap (11 st) and Stone (11 st). This is a good sized group with the smallest of the top 6 WR's being 6'2". Including Hill's 2006 numbers, the projected starters combined for 1,131 yards in their best seasons. I do list Bowens as a starter as he was #1 in rec yards and despite losing all 3 "starters" this group is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Despite the presence of some fine RB's, the Wolfpack surprisingly has not averaged 4.0 ypc since 1998! Despite having to replace 3 starters in 2006, the unit still paved the way for 3.8 ypc rush (19 sk, 5.0%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters including their top OL (#4DC) but O'Brien is known for fielding a top-notch O-line. Injuries did affect the unit and while two players earned 12 starts at a single position, 8 starts was the most any other player had at one spot. Surprisingly O'Brien's first unit (in '07) slipped to 89 ypg rush, their lowest since 1986 (3.0) and the sacks increased to 26 (5.2%). This year they lose LG Kalani Heppe (12 st, 2Y st'r), C Luke Lathan (12 st) and backups RG Yomi Ojo (1 st) and RT Garrett Kline. Not listed in the PSL is Ben Willis (6'2" 280 So). They move in two DL's with starting experience in John Bedics and Ted Larsen. The group has good size with the starters averaging 6'5" 312 (15th largest in NCAA) and they have 7 players back with 3 or more career starts in the 2nd year of O'Brien's system.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolfpack had arguably the best D-line in the NCAA in 2005 but in 2006 had to replace an amazing three 1st round DC's. They did have their solid DT combo of DeMario Pressley and Tank Tyler returning but went from allowing a paltry 2.8 ypc in 2005 to 3.8 and the sack total dropped by 17 (35 in '05). Last year they had to replace Tyler (#3DC KC) and two backups (combined 6 st, 57 tkl). The Wolfpack yielded 186 ypg rush (4.3), their worst total since 2000. This year they must replace DE Martrel Brown (10 st, 27 tkl, 2 sk), DT Pressley (8 st, 41 tkl, 1.5 sk, #5DC NO), DE Littleton Wright (6 st, 27 tkl, 1.5 sk) and DL's Larsen and Bedics (combined 5 st, 36 tkl, 3.5 sk) both have moved to the OL. This group is less experienced but should improve upon 2007's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - This unit is my biggest concern on the team. Last year they had to replace two starters but had two of their top three LB tacklers returning. This year they lose all 3 starters. Gone are WLB Ernest Jones (12 st, #2 tkl'r, 4.5 tfl), MLB James Martin (11 st, 92 tkl, 1.5 sk) and SLB LeRue Rumph (8 st, 61 tkl). Nate Irving did have 4 starts at SLB with 52 tackles. True frosh Dwayne Maddox (PS#41) was in for the spring and former coach Amato compared Ray Michel (58 career tackles) to Levar Fisher.

CB Jeremy Gray

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Wolfpack finished #4 in my pass D rankings in both 2004 and 2005. They slipped to #47 in 2006. Last year they had to replace two starters and switched from man-to-man to more of a zone. Thanks to some position switches at midseason, the Wolfpack pass D improved to #38 with a 14-10 ratio. This year they lose CB Jimmie "Third" Sutton (6 st, 39 tkl), S DaJuan Morgan (11 st, #1 tkl'r, 3 int, #3DC KC), FS Miguel Scott (6 st, 53 tkl, 5 pbu), CB Phillip Holloman (1 tkl) and FS Ryan Goodman (7 tkl). Four players are back with starting experience and despite the loss of their star, could finish just as strong.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Amato's ST units blocked a lot of punts. In 2002 they were an amazing +10 in the TD/blk category and finished #19 in my ST rankings. They finished #29, #57 and #41 in his final 3 years. O'Brien's BC units were #6 in '04 and #18 in my ST rankings in '06. Last year they did return their dangerous returnman Blackman but had to replace their outstanding K/P John Deraney. Blackman set a school record with a 99 yard KR TD vs Clemson and new JC transfer K Steven Hauschka was not even on the fall roster but was the ACC Specialist of the Week vs Miami when he hit 4 FG's. Hauschka hit 16 of 18 FG's including a perfect 8-8 from 40-49 and also had 12 TB on 57 KO. Nathan Franklin avg 31.9 but dropped a snap vs BC, was demoted then quit. Bradley Pierson took over and had an excellent net of 35.6. The Wolfpack finished a solid #24 but lose Hauschka and Blackman. They did sign JUCO Jeff Ruiz who was #2 in punt avg at JUCO '06 and he redshirted last year.

COACHES - Tom O'Brien did a fantastic job at Boston College. After having losing seasons in his first two years, he guided the team to 8 straight bowls including wins in the last 6. He was the first coach in BC history to have 8+ wins for 6 straight years. He enters his 2nd year with the Wolfpack. Dana Bible also enters his 2nd year here and has been O'Brien's OC for the last 9 years and was also the OC for the Philadelphia Eagles (1998). DC Mike Archer was the DC at Kentucky from 2003-'06 and was the LB coach for the Steelers from 1996-'02. Archer was the HC at LSU from 1987-'90 and enters his 2nd year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Chuck Amato did have five bowl trips in his seven years but four were with Philip Rivers at QB. In Amato's final season in 2006 NCSt had 7 close losses and had they gotten some breaks, could have easily finished as high as 10-2 but stumbled to a 3-9 record with the 9 losses being the most here since 1959. In Amato's 3 post-Rivers years the Wolfpack went 8-16 in the ACC. NCSt was also -11 in TO's in '06 and despite their 2-6 ACC record, they actually outgained conf foes by 2.3 ypg. I had high expectations for the Wolfpack in '07 but they entered the year with a 7 game losing streak and extended that to 9. They also had a 6 game ACC losing streak and that also grew to 9. In the season opener, they were dominated by UCF in the 1H and while they had a 295-38 yd edge in the 2H they came up 3 points short. Five int's did them in vs BC and they ended their longest losing streak since 1959 by beating Wofford (outgained 353-330!). Clemson mauled NCSt with a 608-202 yd edge and 5 TO's did them in vs Louisville. They were -17 in TO's in the first six games (1-5). O'Brien switched things up in the bye week opening up the starting positions and the team responded. They knocked off EC, #21 Virginia and then won in OT at Miami. They gave up two 14 pt turnarounds to NC but still prevailed 31-27 and appeared on their way to a bowl at 5-5. They lost to WF on the road and then in a game in which the winner received a bowl bid, NCSt was thumped by MD 37-0 stopping the ACC's longest streak without being shutout at 150 ('95). For the season the Wolfpack was -16 in TO's but was +2 in net close wins. Their -79.6 ypg in ACC play was the 2nd worst in the league. Overall the team had 9 knee surgeries to starters (40 st missed) including losing their top rusher and receiver from '06 Toney Baker and TE Anthony Hill. While this year's Wolfpack team looks stronger, a couple of factors kept me from putting them on my Most Improved list. They have just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest ACC) and lose 25 of 53 lettermen (47%) which puts them in the top 10 in the lettermen lost category. In the non-conf slate, they draw one of the best teams from CUSA (EC), Big East (USF) as well as the SEC (SC). They are an improved team, but it may not show up in the win/loss category.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 7 DANIEL EVANS SR. 6-2 191 PS#92. 17 st 2Y, 3873 (55%) 18-24 ratio. **Mike Glennon PS#2.** Justin Burke (6'3" 210 So) **PS#12.** Russell Wilson PS#61. Harrison Beck **PS#10.**

HB 24 ANDRE BROWN SR. 6-0 228 **PS#10.** Last 5 st Fr. 7 st '06. 5 st LY (inj). 1772 (5.1) 3Y, 328 KR (20.5). **29 Jamelle Eugene** (5'10" 195 Jr) PS#90. **7 st 2Y,** 727 (3.8) 51 rec.

FB 22 Toney Baker Jr. 5-10 225 **PS#7.** 11 st '05-'06. 1 st LY until inj. 1272 (4.4) 37 rec 3Y. **3** Curtis Underwood (5'11" 215 So) 84 yd true. Brandon Barnes **PS#16.** Colby Jackson PS#214.

WR 80 DONALD BOWENS JR. 6-3 206 PS#229. 3 st, 200 (12.5) Fr. 3 st LY. **#1 w/598** (14.6). **13** Owen Spencer (6'3" 180 So) PS#151. **86** Jay Smith (6'2" 197 rFr) PS#194.

WR 5 Jarvis Williams So. 6-4 205 PS#121. 8 rec rFr. Darrell Davis (6'4" 200 So) PS#171. 1 st, 12 rec rFr. Geron James (6'3" 200 Jr) PS#141. **85** Steven Howard (6'2" 185 rFr) PS#99.

TE 83 Anthony Hill Sr. 6-6 265 PS#81. 10 st '05, 140 (9.3). 9 st '06, **2ndTm ACC,** 478 (10.6). Inj LY. **89** Matt Kushner (6'4" 259 Jr) 3 st, 10 rec 2Y. **84** George Bryan (6'5" 250 rFr) PS#45.

C 60 MEARES GREEN SR. 6-4 306 3 st '06. 11 st LY (8RT, 3RG). **74** Andy Barbee (6'3" 310 Jr) PS#114. 10 gm LY. Matt McKeon (6'3" 260 So). **LS 59** Corey Tedder (6'1" 212 Jr) 9 gm.

RG 76 CURTIS CROUCH SR. 6-5 324 **PS#22.** 1 st true, 161 snap. 11 st RG '06, 618 snap. 8 st LY. **91** Ted Larsen (6'2" 285 Jr) PS#240DL. 5 st DT 2Y, 43 tkl, 5 sk. **75** Mike Golder (6'4" 286 rFr).

LG 93 John Bedics Sr. 6-4 295 PS#234DL. 3 st DT in '07, 14 tkl. **71** Gary Gregory (6'4" 305 So) PS#373. **54** Henry Lawson (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#237. Sam Jones PS#148DL '07.

RT 50 Jeraill McCuller Jr. 6-7 330 PS#543. 1 gm rFr. Last 4 st RT LY. **55** Desmond Roberts (6'4" 295 rFr) PS#143. **81** Matthew White (6'6" 360 Sr) DNP '06. 2 gm LY.

LT 73 JULIAN WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 305 **PS#54.** 2nd string rFr. 9 st LT LY (inj 3). **70** Jake Vermiglio (6'5" 315 So) PS#228. Milford. 3 st "true" LT. RJ Mattes **PS#44,** Adam Beasley (6'4" 290 So).

K 36 Josh Czajkowski So. 5-9 178 PS#39. Hit 11 of 13 FG in 2Y of HS, long 47,62-64 xp. DNP LY. **26** Bradley Pierson PS#56. #2K in 2007. **22** Carl Ojala (6'3" 190 Fr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 62 Markus Kuhn So. 6-4 280 PS#267. HS in Germany. 33 tkl, 5 tfl as true. **11** Audi Augustin (6'2" 250 So) PS#156. 7 tkl rFr. Shea McKeen (6'5" 250 Jr) PS#203JC. Orig SCar. Dad DL cch. **96** Antoine Holmes (6'3" 281 Sr) PS#145JC. 20 tkl, 3 sk LY. Marty Everett PS#62.

DT 49 ALAN-MICHAEL CASH JR. 6-1 286 PS#158. 1 st, 13 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 11 st LY, 50 tkl, 6.5 tfl. LeRoy Burgess (6'1" 300 Jr) PS#131JC. **67** Wayne Crawford (6'3" 290 rFr) PS#171OL.

DE 97 WILLIE YOUNG JR. 6-4 230 **PS#63.** 5 st rFr, 60 tkl, 3 tfl. 8 st LY, 48 tkl, 6 sk, 10 tfl. **99** Jeff Rieskamp (6'3" 235 rFr) PS#280. **99** Jamaine Clemmons (5'11" 255 Sr). Award Scholarship.

SLB 56 Nate Irving So. 6-1 227 PS#162. 4 st SLB rFr, 52 tkl, 1 sk, 6 tfl. **43** Thomas Barnes (5'11" 200 So) PS#219. 15 tkl, 1.5 sk true. Sterling Lucas (6'2" 220 Fr) PS#157.

MLB 44 Ray Michel Jr. 6-0 224 82 snap rFr, 15 tkl. 1 st LY, 43 tkl, 2 pbu. Dwayne Maddox **PS#41,** in spg. **52** JR Sweezy (6'5" 245 rFr) PS#247DL. **13** Wesley Quinn (5'11" 210 So).

WLB 42 Audie Cole rFr. 6-5 215 **PS#54QB. 34** Robbie Leonard (6'0" 194 Sr) 33 tkl, 2Y. Terrell Manning (6'3" 220 Fr) **PS#12LB.** Knee ? for '08. John Raymond (5'11" 248 Sr).

CB 21 DeANDRE MORGAN SO. 5-10 166 PS#246. 4.26 spd. 7 of L/8 st at LB rFr, 31 tkl, 8 pbu. **28** Justin Byers (6'0" 170 rFr) PS#160. **33** Koyal George (5'11" 169 Jr) 3 rec 2Y at WR.

CB 30 JEREMY GRAY SR. 6-2 186 PS#155. 18 tkl, 7 pbu '06. 7 st LY, 62 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **20** Dominique Ellis (5'11" 190 Fr) PS#133 '07. GS. In spg. **31** Bobby Floyd (5'9" 211 Sr).

SS 4 Javon Walker So. 6-0 188 Won job mid-year, 4 st until injury. 46 tkl, 2 pbu. **45** John Ware (5'11" 205 So) PS#237LB. 31 tkl rFr. **32** Jimmaul Simmons (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#279.

FS 14 JC Neal Sr. 5-11 195 PS#61RB. 8 tkl true. 18 tkl, 131 snap '06. 6 st LY, 35 tkl, 3 pbu. Clem Johnson PS#414JC. QB at Valley Forge 2Y. **19** Scott Bradsher (6'0" 196 Sr).

P 26 BRADLEY PIERSON SR. 5-9 163 PS#56. 2 KO's in '05. Took over P duties in game 2 LY. 37.2 avg but 35.6 net. Award Scholarship. **38** Jeff Ruiz (6'2" 185 So) 43.3 on punts at JC '06.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Mike Glennon 6-6 195 PS#2
LB	Terrell Manning 6-3 220 PS#12
RB	Brandon Barnes 6-0 180 PS#16
OL	RJ Mattes 6-6 270 PS#44
DL	LeRoy Burgess 6-1 300 PS#131JC
LB	Dwayne Maddox 6-2 220 PS#41
DL	Marty Everett 6-4 300 PS#62
DL	Shea McKeen 6-5 250 PS#203JC
RB	Tobias Palmer 5-10 165 PS#75
TE	Mario Carter 6-4 230 PS#30
OL	Andrew Wallace 6-5 280 PS#119
DB	Roy Mangram 6-1 200 PS#100
DL	Thomas Locust 6-3 325 PS#263JC
WR	TJ Graham 6-0 180 PS#104
LB	William Beasley 6-2 225 PS#116
DB	Earl Wolff 6-0 190 PS#154
OL	Zach Allen 6-3 300 PS#191
DB	Clem Johnson 6-0 190 PS#414JC
DB	Dominique Ellis 5-11 190 PS#133 '07
LB	Sterling Lucas 6-2 220 PS#157
OL	Sam Jones 6-5 300 PS#148DL '07
DB	Gary Grant 6-0 190 PS#258
RB	Colby Jackson 6-2 225 PS#214
DB	CJ Wilson 5-11 171 PS#225RB
OL	Kyle Linney 6-3 300 PS#297
DL	Ahmad Jaradat 6-4 290 PS#421

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TOM O'BRIEN (Career 80–52)
2nd Year at NC STATE (O'Brien's Bowl Record: 6-1)

O'Brien's records AT NC STATE

5-7	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
3-4	Home	1-1	Vs Top 25
2-3	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-0	Off A Bye
3-5	Vs Conference	2-4	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 6* DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN: Returning: 28 (12,13,3) Lost: 25 (11,13,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 56,356 (#36)

ACC - ATLANTIC DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#10

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NCSt	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 28	at S Carolina (Thur)	G					NC State has won 4 straight in this series all by DD but they last met in 1999. The Wolfpack are just 37-51-6 vs SEC opponents (1st away since '95).
Sep. 6	William & Mary	G					NCSt is 11-8 all-time vs W&M & 30-12-2 vs current Colonial teams. The Tribe was just 4-7 last season with 1 of those losses coming to ACC foe Virginia Tech (44-3).
Sep. 13	at Clemson	G					NC State has dropped 4 straight to Clemson (lost 5 straight from '81-'85). Last year the Wolfpack allowed 608 yds in their 42-20 loss vs #15 Clemson.
Sep. 20	East Carolina	G					LY NCSt upset the Pirates 34-20 in Greenville. These 2 are only 93 miles apart. The Wolfpack has lost 5 of the last 8 to EC & hasn't won B2B gms since '81-'82.
Sep. 27	USF	G					The only other meeting between these 2 was in the 2005 Car Care Bowl and NCSt shut out the Bulls 14-0. NC State is just 14-13-1 vs Big East opponents.
Oct. 4	Boston College	G					LY HC O'Brien's former Eagles defeated the Wolfpack 37-17 in the 1st meeting since O'Brien left for Raleigh. The home team has won all 3 ACC meetings.
Oct. 11							
Oct. 16	Florida St (Thur)	G					Last yr NCSt was tied at the half as they faced former HC Amato (LB coach at FSU). NC State is just 9-19 vs FSU but they won 4 of 7 (all upsets) under Amato.
Oct. 25	at Maryland	G					NC State has lost 6 of the last 8 including getting shut out 37-0 last year. Coming into 2008, Wolfpack are just 1-9 their last 10 ACC road games.
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at Duke	G					The Wolfpack have won 10 straight but have not met since 2003. They played every season from 1924-2003 with a 1 yr break in 1944 before the ACC expansion.
Nov. 15	Wake Forest	G					NC State's 60 all-time wins vs WF is the most vs any team in school history (25 more than #2 Duke). The Wolfpack trailed 21-13 late 3Q LY but allowed 20 straight pts.
Nov. 22	at North Carolina	G					HC O'Brien's BC squad was 0-4 vs Davis' Miami tms. NCSt won 31-27 LY. These instate schools are just 26 miles apart & NC holds a 63-28-6 advantage.
Nov. 29	Miami, Fl	G					LY NCSt beat UM 19-16 in OT in the Canes 2nd to last game in the Orange Bowl which was the 1st time the Wolfpack beat the Hurricanes since 1971.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Philip Rivers 13,484 '00-'03
2. Jamie Barnette 9,461 '96-'99
3. Terry Harvey 5,925 '91, '93-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ted Brown 4,602 '75-'78
2. Joe McIntosh 3,642 '81-'84
3. Tremayne Stephens 3,553 '94-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Torry Holt 3,379 '95-'98
2. Jerricho Cotchery 3,119 '00-'03
3. Eddie Goines 2,351 '91-'94

STADIUM: CARTER–FINLEY STADIUM (57,583) (#46)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	7-5	11-3	8-5	5-6	7-5	3-9	5-7	54-44
Home	5-1	3-3	6-1	6-1	2-3	4-3	3-4	3-4	32-20
Away	2-3	4-1	4-2	1-4	2-3	2-2	0-5	2-3	17-23
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	5-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	4-4	3-5	3-5	2-6	3-5	28-36
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-1	6-0	4-1	2-1	4-0	1-3	2-2	26-8
ATS	7-5	5-7	9-3	5-7	3-7	5-6	3-8	5-6	42-49
Home Fav (Chuck Amato)	3-2	2-2	2-2	1-4	0-2	2-3	0-3	1-2	11-20
Home Dog (Chuck Amato)	0-1	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-2	0-1	2-1	1-2	5-9
Away Fav (Tom O'Brien)	0-2	1-2	3-1	0-3	0-3	0-1	0-1	0-0	4-13
Away Dog (Tom O'Brien)	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	1-3	3-2	17-6
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	5-1
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	5-3	2-6	2-6	3-5	3-5	4-4	27-37
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	4-0	3-1	1-1	2-1	0-3	1-2	15-12
Off SU Win	5-2	2-5	6-2	2-5	0-4	3-3	1-2	3-2	22-25
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	2-1	3-2	3-3	2-2	2-6	2-3	18-21

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jamelle Eugene	172	723	56	667	5	3.9
Andre Brown	95	475	28	447	5	4.7
Curtis Underwood	19	91	7	84	0	4.4
Toney Baker	10	40	2	38	0	3.8
Harrison Beck	11	20	47	-27	1	-2.5
Daniel Evans	35	40	159	-119	1	-3.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Daniel Evans	339	194	57.2	2030	12	13
Harrison Beck	160	85	53.1	903	2	9
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Donald Bowens	41	598	14.6	3	53	
Darrell Blackman	41	593	14.5	1	55	
Marcus Stone	36	452	12.6	1	38	
John Dunlap	45	375	8.3	3	32	
Jamelle Eugene	42	263	6.3	1	20	
Andre Brown	25	194	7.8	0	32	
Darrell Davis	12	135	11.2	1	37	
Owen Spencer	5	73	14.6	0	30	
Matt Kushner	10	67	6.7	1	11	
Jarvis Williams	8	55	6.9	0	24	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Bradley Pierson	62	2307	37.2	20	35.6(t)	0	21
Nathan Franklin	7	223	31.9	2	–	0	1
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Steven Hauschka	25-25	5-6	3-4	8-8	0-0	16-18	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
DaJuan Morgan	117	0	1	13	3
Ernest Jones	113	1	3.5	4	0
James Martin	92	1.5	1	0	0
Jeremy Gray	62	0	1	4	3
LeRue Rumph	61	0	6	4	0
Miguel Scott	53	0	3	5	1
Nathan Irving	52	1	6	1	0
Alan-Michael Cash	50	3.5	3	2	1
Willie Young	48	6	10	6	0
Javon Walker	46	0	0	2	0
Ray Michel	43	0	2	2	0
DeMario Pressley	41	1.5	5.5	1	2
Jimmie Sutton	39	0	0	4	0
JC Neal	35	0	1	3	0
Markus Kuhn	33	1	4	3	0
DeAndre Morgan	31	0	1	8	0
John Ware	31	0	2	0	0
Martrel Brown	27	2	4.5	2	0
Littleon Wright	27	1.5	1	0	0
Ted Larsen	22	3	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darrell Blackman	26	322	12.4	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Darrell Blackman	30	697	23.2	1
Donald Bowens	20	431	21.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	MicronPC	+3'	Minnesota	38-30
01	Tangerine	E	Pittsburgh	19-34
02	Gator - #17	-1	Notre Dame - #11	28-6
03	Tangerine	-12	Kansas	56-26
05	Car Care	-3'	USF	14-0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

NC State's All-Time Bowl Record 12–10–1

NC STATE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	20.8	18	89	3.0	246	56.0	16.1	-16	2007	6	28.3	20	186	4.3	208	54.6	13.9
5*	17.5	16	120	3.8	182	51.7	17.3	-11	2006	5	21.8	17	151	3.8	167	51.3	14.5
7*	20.8	15	124	3.4	190	54.6	15.2	0	2005	5	17.7	17	107	2.8	192	48.7	16.9
8	24.0	19	147	3.7	202	55.7	14.5	-17	2004	9	19.8	12	102	2.6	119	43.4	11.2
6*	37.6	24	101	3.3	352	72.0	12.0	+2	2003	4	29.6	23	137	3.8	284	59.1	14.2
6*	32.9	20	144	3.9	248	61.1	11.9	+7	2002	6	17.0	18	125	3.3	176	49.7	17.7

2007 STATS BY GAME

NCSt 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-Yds	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-Yds	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
57,283	UCF	16	32-85	2.7	24-38	272	4	13	43-206	4.8	12-24	93	1	-2
42,513	at Boston College	21	24-56	2.3	29-54	351	0	19	39-231	5.9	15-34	142	0	-6
56,039	Wofford	19	45-217	4.8	16-32	113	0	19	57-211	3.7	11-23	142	3	+2
56,903	Clemson	15	23-55	2.4	19-34	147	2	32	50-340	6.8	25-39	268	1	-3
56,487	Louisville	18	24-85	3.5	24-39	249	3	26	47-247	5.3	20-35	251	0	-4
82,214	at Florida St	19	34-96	2.8	19-32	172	6	19	35-124	3.5	16-28	257	3	-4
43,527	at E Carolina	21	28-49	1.8	29-44	335	1	21	34-72	2.1	28-53	254	6	0
55,342	Virginia	20	30-84	2.8	26-46	347	3	23	36-94	2.6	26-51	275	6	+1
34,621	at Miami, Fl	16	35-110	3.1	19-40	207	1	16	60-314	5.2	1-14	84	0	+3
57,583	North Carolina	24	43-167	3.9	26-42	229	4	13	20-12	0.6	23-43	291	2	0
33,052	at Wake Forest	17	21-57	2.7	24-56	286	1	20	47-137	2.9	21-30	216	3	-2
54,856	Maryland	14	16-10	0.6	26-45	240	1	22	49-249	5.1	20-25	217	2	-1
TOTALS		220	355-1071	3.0	281-502	2948	26	243	517-2237	4.3	218-399	2490	27	-16
AVERAGES		18.3	30-89	3.0	23-42	246	2.2	20.3	43-186	4.3	18-33	208	2.3	-1.3

NCSt Pre #16 2003 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#16	W Carolina	NL	59-20
#14	at Wake Forest	-7'	24-38
#24	at Ohio St - #3	+9'	38-44 3OT
–	Texas Tech	-6'	49-21
–	North Carolina	-17'	47-34
–	at Georgia Tech	-6'	21-29
–	Connecticut	-15'	31-24
–	Clemson	-4'	17-15
–	at Duke	-20'	28-21
–	Virginia	+1	51-37
–	at Florida St - #13	+13'	44-50 2OT
–	Maryland	-1	24-26

NCSt Pre– 2004 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Richmond	NL	42-0
–	Ohio St - #9	-2'	14-22
–	at Virginia Tech	+7'	17-16
–	Wake Forest	-10'	27-21 OT
–	at North Carolina	-10'	24-30
–	at Maryland	+2	13-3
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+7	31-45
–	at Clemson	-1'	20-26
–	Georgia Tech	-7'	14-24
–	Florida St - #11	+6'	10-17
–	† East Carolina	-21	52-14

NCSt Pre– 2005 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Virginia Tech - #8	+3'	16-20
–	E Kentucky	NL	54-10
–	North Carolina	-11	24-31
–	at Georgia Tech - #24	+4'	17-14
–	Clemson	-4	10-31
–	at Wake Forest	-3	19-27
–	S Mississippi	-6'	21-17
–	at Florida St - #9	+13	20-15
–	at Boston College	+4'	10-30
–	Middle Tennessee	-18	24-3
–	Maryland	-3	20-14

NCSt Pre– 2006 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Appalachian St	NL	23-10
–	Akron	-9	17-20
–	at S Mississippi	+3	17-37
–	Boston College - #20	+6'	17-15
–	Florida St - #17	+9'	24-20
–	Wake Forest	-3'	23-25
–	at Maryland	+1'	20-26
–	at Virginia	+1'	7-14
–	Georgia Tech - #20	+4	23-31
–	at Clemson	+18'	14-20
–	at North Carolina	-3	9-23
–	East Carolina	-3	16-21

NCSt Pre– 2007 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	UCF	-8	23-25
–	at Boston College	+13'	17-37
–	Wofford	NL	38-17
–	Clemson - #15	+7	20-42
–	Louisville	+8'	10-29
–	at Florida St	+18	10-27
–	at East Carolina	+6	34-20
–	Virginia - #21	+3'	29-24
–	at Miami, Fl	+10'	19-16 OT
–	North Carolina	-3'	31-27
–	at Wake Forest	+6	18-38
–	Maryland	-2'	0-37

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Bryan Randall battled Marcus Vick (PS#8) for the starting spot in '03 and started for two years (1st Tm ACC '04) and left as VT's all-time career leading passer. Randall's backup in '04 was Sean Glennon (PS#21) who hit 8 of 11 for 137 (4 gm, all 3 inc were drops). In 2005, Vick was the starter and Glennon RS. Glennon started all 13 in 2006 and threw for 2,191 (56.3%) with an 11-11 ratio. Ike Whitaker (PS#9) played in 5 (10-16 for 119). Last year they signed Tyrod Taylor (PS#3) who drew many comparisons to Michael Vick. Glennon struggled vs LSU and Taylor had a good 2H and became the starter. He was the first true frosh starting QB at VT since 1982 (Todd Greenwood) and the first true QB to start after summer enrollment since 1978 (Steve Casey). Taylor was injured vs Duke and Glennon hit 16 of 21 for 258. Taylor returned vs Fla St when Glennon was banged up but was injured vs Miami and Glennon saw the majority of action. Against Virginia, the 2 QB's rotated with Glennon throwing for 260 and Taylor rushing for 2 TD's. Taylor was just 3 of 6 for 28 vs BC but ran 9 times for 36 yards. In the bowl, Glennon hit 13 of 28 and Taylor 1 of 3. For the season, Glennon threw for 1,796 (60.9%) with a 12-5 ratio while Taylor threw for 927 (53.7%) with a 5-3 ratio (576 rush). Adding depth are Jeff Beyer (6'4" 221 Jr) and this year's true frosh. The Glennon/Taylor duo gives them one of the top QB units in the ACC.

RUNNING BACKS - From 2002-'04, VT had a pair of NFL caliber RB's in Lee Suggs (#4DC CLE) and Kevin Jones (#1DC DET). In 2003, Jones broke Cyrus Lawrence's single season rushing record (1,403 in 1981) with 1,647 (5.9). Cedric Humes led in '05 with 752 (4.6) and Branden Ore added 647 (5.9). Ore was the clear-cut starter in '06 and rushed for 1,137 (4.7). True frosh Kenny Lewis (PS#49) added 215 (4.0). They both returned last year but Ore did not have the season that was expected. After avg 5.1 ypc in his first 2 years, Ore was only averaging 3.2 after 4 games. He did have 147 vs Virginia playing better at the end but only rushed for 992 (3.7). Lewis added 205 (3.6). Jahre Cheeseman (PS#71) had 133 (6.3). This year Ore (13 st) was dismissed just prior to the spring and also gone is FB Carlton Weatherford (5 st, 32 ttl yd). It figures to be an interesting battle for the RB job and I list the top 4 contenders in the PSL. Lewis was injured in the spring and won't be available until late Sept. While this unit is clearly less experienced, it would not surprise me if they surpass the production of the VT RB's from the past 2 years which has been the lowest (ypg and ypc) of the Beamer era.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the top 4 receivers returned. The top 2 in '06 were Eddie Royal (497, 16.0) and Josh Morgan (448, 13.6) and both returned last year. In fact 3 of the top 4 returned. The most dangerous WR was Justin Harper (6'4" with 4.36 speed) who can make acrobatic catches (but also drop some easy ones). Harper led with 635 (15.5) despite just 7 starts while Morgan added 552 (12.0). Royal had 496 (15.0). TE Sam Wheeler had 15 rec but tore his ACL in Wk 9. This year they get Wheeler back but must replace Morgan (11 st, #6DC SF), Royal (12 st, #2DC DEN), Josh Hyman (3 st, 343) and Harper (7 st, #7DC BAL). The 4 WR's lost combined for 146 rec and the top WR returning is former QB Whitaker (3 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Prince Parker (6'6" 227 So), Ervin Garner (5'9" 164 rFr) and Mike Reid (6'3" 215 Jr). You can expect CB Macho Harris to see 10-12 snaps at WR each game. The TE's look solid but the WR's are far less experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - VT had mostly experienced O-lines in the first six years of the decade and the avg ypc during that span was 4.55. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters including two 1st Tm and one 2nd Tm ACC players and then lost starting LG Ryan Shuman for 4 games. The less experienced unit saw the Hokies put up their worst ypg rush at 113 (3.2) since 1972 (107 ypg) while allowing 29 sacks (9%). Last year they had to replace two starters, one backup and starting RT Ed Wang (5 st TE '06) broke his leg in August. While the rushing totals improved slightly to 134 ypg (3.3) the Hokies allowed a mind-boggling 54 sacks (14.2%) the 3rd worst in IA. This year they lose 2nd Tm ACC LT Duane Brown (14 st, 3Y st'r, #1DC HOU) and Matt Welsh (196 snaps) but they have 8 of the top 10 back. Beamer has the best weight training program out there and VT should have one of the most improved offensive fronts in the country.

OG Sergio Render

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 VT had a veteran D-line with 3 returning starters and allowed 93 ypg rush (3.0), their best since 2001 while the D had 37 sacks. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters (#2 & #6 DC's) but did have 3 back with at least 4 starts. Surprisingly the totals improved to 91 ypg (2.8) with 30 sacks. Last year they had 7 of their top 8 back and yielded 87 ypg (2.7!) with 47 sacks (#2 NCAA ttl sks). This year the losses are heavy and it's reminiscent of 2002 when a lightly experienced D-line allowed 47 ypg more rushing than in 2001 and 1.2 more ypc. They lose DT Carlton Powell (13 st, 39 tkl, 3.5 sk, #5DC DEN), DT Barry Booker (14 st, 46 tkl, 10.5 tfl), 1st Tm ACC DE Chris Ellis (14 st, 53 tkl, 8.5 sk, #3DC BUF) and DT Kory Robertson (1 st, 9 tkl).

LINEBACKERS - The last 2 years VT has had to replace its WHIP LB but has returned the excellent ILB combo of Vince Hall (PS#9) and Xavier Adibi (PS#11). Hall would have been the team's #1 tackler in '07 but missed 4 full games with injury. This year they lose their excellent tandem of Hall (10 st, 100 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and 1st Tm ACC Adibi (14 st, 115 tkl, 12 tfl, #4DC HOU). They do return 4 of the top 6 including Cam Martin (PS#54DB, 78 tkl, 8 tfl). Not listed in the 3 deep are Dylan McGreevy (5'11" 215 Sr) and Tim Richardson (5'10" 234 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 & 2005 VT had to replace 3 starters but still finished #11 and #2 in my rankings. They had to replace two starters (#2 & #7 DC's) in 2006 and finished #13. Last year they had their most veteran unit in years with 3 starters back allowed 210 pass ypg (53.5%) with a 10-22 ratio finishing #2 again. This year they lose 1st Tm AA CB Brandon Flowers (14 st, 86 tkl, 5 int, #2DC KC) and HM ACC FS DJ Parker (14 st, 59 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu). Six of the top 8 are back although Macho Harris moves to boundary corner and ROV Kam Chancellor moves to FS. This unit is less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Beamer coaches this unit himself and VT almost always finishes near the top of my ST rankings. Last year they had to replace their P and also super K Brandon Pace who nearly broke the NCAA record for career FG accuracy as he hit 58 of 68 (85.3%). VT finished #15 in '06 and I expected them to drop a few notches, especially in August when new K Jud Dunlevy hit just 2 of 8 FG's in scrimmages. Beamer kept saying he would be just as good as past kickers and Dunlevy lived up to that hitting 21 of 26 with a long of 52. Jared Develli had 12 TB on 38 KO but was injured and Dunlevy had 7 TB on 43 KO. P Brent Bowden may have been the team's MVP at midseason and on the year avg'd 42.5 with 28 inside the 20 (team net 37.0). Surprisingly the team went through its longest drought without a blocked kick (first five games) but still finished with 2. The unit was the first in school history to have a KR and PR TD in the same game (Clemson) and even had an 86 yard KR wiped out by penalty in that game. Their KR's avg just 19.3 but the PR's avg 15.7. Overall, Tech rose to #1 and this year must replace both Dunlevy and Develli plus their top KR and PR as well as LS Bart McMillin, but it wouldn't surprise me if Beamer's group finished near the top again.

COACHES - I think Beamer is one of the most outstanding coaches in the NCAA. He was a DB at VT from 1966-'68 and the Hokies had been in just six bowl games prior to his arrival. He filled the large shoes of Bill Dooley who went 64-37-1 from 1978-'86. Beamer had four losing seasons in his first six years including going 2-8-1 in 1992, but amazingly VT stuck with him and has been greatly rewarded. Beamer has not only taken them to 15 bowls since 1993 but has made them a National Title contender. He was the ACC Coach of the Year in two of the four seasons VT has been in the ACC. OC Bryan Stinespring is entering his 16th year here (OC S/'02). In 2006 they added QB Coach Mike O'Cain who was the HC at NCSt and OC at Clemson and UNC. Bud Foster has been with VT since '87 and the DC since '95. Foster was a Broyles Award finalist in '99, '01 and '05 and won the Award in 2006. Foster's defense was #1 in the NCAA in '05 and '06 and he turned down a chance to go to South Carolina as the DC this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999, the Hokies played in the National Title game going 22-2 in a two year stretch. They are one of just 4 teams in the NCAA that have been to 15 straight bowls (Mich, Fla, Fla St). In their first year in the ACC (2004) they had just 10 starters back and were actually picked 6th, 7th or 8th in the ACC. I had them rated higher than all the others at #4 and they even exceeded my expectations as they took home the ACC Title. VT almost knocked off undefeated Auburn in the Sugar Bowl finishing a solid 10-3 and ranked #10. The Hokies were ranked #8 in the preseason of 2005 and at 8-0 were #3 but lost to #5 Miami at home and later dropped the ACC Title game to #22 Fla St. After they beat Louisville in the Gator Bowl they finished #7. VT did outgain ACC foes by a conf best +128.8 ypg. In 2006 they had just 9 returning starters (fewest in ACC) but had another fine year going 6-2 in the ACC and 10-3 overall. Their D allowed just 9 FD's in the bowl but VT came up short vs UGA and finished #19. Last year the Hokies had 14 fifth year seniors on the squad and were the preseason pick to win the ACC. VT opened #9 in the preseason polls and got past EC in the opener but then had an embarrassing loss to eventual National Champ LSU 48-7. After 3 unimpressive wins, they had just 88 yards in the 1H but led Clemson 31-8 (def & ST TD's) and suffered a ridiculous defeat vs #2 BC at home (led 10-0 with 4:16 left) and rebounded to win their final 4. VT got revenge vs BC in the ACC Title game which was their 2nd conf title in their brief 4 years in the league. Surprisingly they fell short in selling their allotment of bowl tickets and lost in the Orange Bowl to Kansas and finished #9. Beamer is just 5-24 vs Top 10 teams and only has two wins vs teams rated #8 or better. VT was +11 in TO's (see Turnovers=Turnaround pg 312). While VT loses its top rusher, top 4 receivers, top 3 tacklers and has just 10 returning starters (ACC's 2nd fewest), Beamer always fields a quality group and VT must once again be considered a National Title contender.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Ryan Williams 5-10 200 PS#11
OL	Vinston Painter 6-5 300 PS#21
LB	Bruce Taylor 6-2 238 PS#28
WR	DJ Coles 6-3 205 PS#39
DL	Leon Mackey 6-4 275 PS#55
LB	Lyndell Gibson 5-11 220 PS#55
OL	Nick Becton 6-7 280 PS#82
DL	Antoine Hopkins 6-2 280 PS#92
OL	Michael Via 6-6 260 PS#105
QB	Marcus Davis 6-4 215 PS#50
DB	Jeron Gouveia 6-2 180 PS#76
DB	Eddie Whitley 6-1 180 PS#82
LB	Jake Johnson 6-2 235 PS#85
LB	Derrick McCoy 6-3 215 PS#96WR
WR	Ben Barber 5-10 190 PS#92DB
WR	Dyrell Roberts 6-2 190 PS#94RB
WR	Jarrett Boykin 6-2 195 PS#118
TE	Eric Martin 6-2 240 PS#42
DB	Lorenzo Williams 6-2 205 PS#136
WR	Austin Fuller 6-2 205 PS#126
RB	Tony Gregory 6-0 180 PS#123
QB	Xavier Boyce 6-4 210 PS#84
LB	Allen Stephens 6-1 235 PS#123
LB	Quillie Odom 6-2 220 PS#124 '07
QB	Peter Rose 6-0 190 PS#89
DL	Isaiah Hamlette 6-4 240 PS#178
DL	Courtney Prince 6-2 271 PS#179 '07
WR	Randall Dunn 6-3 212 PS#186
DL	Joe Jones 6-2 245 PS#273
WR	Kendrick Pressley 5-10 175 PS#248RB
QB	Joseph Clayton 6-2 210 PS#185
DL	Dwight Tucker 6-2 280 PS#357
LB	Alonzo Tweedy 6-2 184 PS#443DB

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 SEAN GLENNON SR. 6-4 223 **PS#21**. 13 st '06, 2191 (56%) 11-11 ratio, 142 rush. 9 st LY, 1796 (61%) 12-5 ratio. **5 Tyrod Taylor** (6'1" 213 So) **PS#3**. 5 st, 927 (54%) 5-3, 576 rush.

RB 32 Darren Evans rFr. 6-0 215 **PS#16. 25** Josh Oglesby (5'11" 211 rFr) PS#75. **27** Jahre Cheeseman (5'10" 204 Jr) PS#71. Ryan Williams PS#11. Dustin Pickle (5'10" 184 Sr).

TE 18 Sam Wheeler Jr. 6-3 269 PS#156DL. 12 st 2Y, 410 (14.6). ACL LY. ? TY. **FB** Kenny Jefferson (5'9" 216 Jr) PS#134. Devin Perez (5'8" 242 Sr). Kenny Younger (5'11" 227 Jr).

WR 16 Zach Luckett So. 6-3 212 PS#85RB. 2 rec rFr. **3 Ike Whitaker** (6'4" 220 Jr) **PS#9QB**. 5 gm QB '06. 3 rec LY. **19** Danny Coale (6'0" 203 rFr) PS#162. Patrick Terry (5'11" 189 rFr).

WR 12 Cory Holt Sr. 6-4 223 PS#87QB. 113 yd pass 2Y QB. Brandon Dillard (5'11" 180 Jr) **4.28 spd. 1 Victor "Macho" Harris PS#5DB. 1st Tm ACC CB. 81** Jacob Sykes (6'0" 191 rFr).

TE 8 GREG BOONE JR. 6-3 290 **PS#19QB**. 16 st 2Y, 235 (14.7). **88 Andre Smith** (6'4" 260 So) **PS#18**. 2 st, 6 rec rFr. **86** Chris Drager (6'3" 241 rFr). Andrew Lanier (6'5" 263 rFr).

C 58 RYAN SHUMAN SR. 6-3 313 8 st '06 at LG until ACL. 12 st at C LY, 649 snaps. **60** Beau Warren (6'3" 276 So) PS#116. 2 st rFr. **LS 50** Collin Carroll (6'3" 236 rFr).

RG 70 SERGIO RENDER JR. 6-4 324 **PS#75**. 13 st RG true, 37 kd. 13 st RG LY, 825 snaps, 64 kd. **66** Brandon Holland (6'4" 330 Jr) PS#87. 1 st LY, 5 gm. **79** Eric Davis (6'7" 337 Jr).

LG 67 NICK MARSHMAN SR. 6-5 357 PS#34TE. 660 squat. 2 st at LT '06. 14 st LY (First 6RT, 8LG). **76** Will Alvarez (6'5" 327 rFr) **PS#55. 68** Jaymes Brooks (6'2" 304 rFr) PS#132.

RT 62 Blake DeChristoper rFr. 6-5 293 PS#100. **64** Richard Graham (6'6" 295 Jr) PS#70TE. 6 st LG LY, 274 snaps. **69** Hivera Green (6'3" 321 Jr) PS#66DL.

LT 77 ED WANG JR. 6-5 310 PS#11TE. 5 st TE rFr. L/8 st, 502 snap, inj LY. **71** Aaron Brown (6'6" 320 So) **PS#16**. 48 snaps rFr. **57** Clark Crum (6'7" 277 So) PS#87.

K 4 Matt Waldron So. 5-11 190 PS#17. Penn St '05 transfer. **6** Dustin Keys (6'2" 207 Sr). **9** Tim Pisano (5'10" 173 rFr) PS#74. **2** Chris Hazley (6'1" 185 So).

DE 90 ORION MARTIN SR. 6-2 252 23 tkl rFr. 1 st, 29 tkl '06. 14 st LY, 58 tkl, 6.5 sk. **47** Nekos Brown (6'2" 252 Jr) PS#115. 34 tkl, 3 sk 2Y. **85** Chad Carlson (6'2" 241 So). Orig WV.

NG 91 John Graves So. 6-3 292 **PS#25**. 11 tkl, 14 gm, 2.5 tfl rFr, Top Def Fr. **56** Demetrius Taylor (6'0" 254 Jr) PS#79LB. **59** Courtney Prince PS#179 LY. GS. Leon Mackey PS#55.

DT 95 Cordarrow Thompson Jr. 6-2 323 PS#142. 14 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 4 tkl LY. **96** Justin Young (6'3" 263 rFr) PS#116. **93** Kwamaine Battle (6'0" 292 rFr) PS#150. **92** Khalil Latif (6'3" 260 rFr) **PS#72OL.**

DE 6 Jason Worilds So. 6-2 252 **PS#14**. 4 tkl true, Med RS. 17 tkl, 2.5 sk, 2 tfl LY. **82** Steven Friday (6'4" 235 So) PS#91. **55** Daryl Robertson (6'2" 297 So) PS#97. 3 tkl rFr.

OLB 41 CAM MARTIN JR. 6-1 204 **PS#54DB**. 6 tkl rFr. 13 st LY, 78 tkl, 4.5 sk, 3.5 tfl. **26** Cody Grimm (5'11" 198 Jr) 1 st, 37 tkl 2Y. **23** Matt Reidy (6'1" 213 Jr). Alonzo Tweedy PS#443DB.

ILB 33 Brett Warren Sr. 6-1 223 PS#52. 31 tkl '04-'06. 4 st LY, 43 tkl, 3.5 sk, 2 tfl. **52** Barquell Rivers (6'0" 233 rFr) PS#42. **36** Mark Muncey (5'11" 225 Jr). Bruce Taylor **PS#28.**

ILB 45 Purnell Sturdivant Sr. 5-10 234 PS#85. 31 tkl, 2 sk 3Y. Hunter Ovens (5'11" 209 rFr) PS#102. Quillie Odom (6'2" 220 Fr) PS#124. Hargrave. **89** Jonas Houseright (6'0" 223 Sr) 14 tkl 2Y.

CB 21 Rashad Carmichael So. 5-10 193 PS#153. 4.37 spd. 8 tkl rFr. Cris Hill (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#101. Eddie Whitley PS#82. **32** Austin Morris (6'0" 191 rFr). **31** Nobel Iyebote (5'8" 165 rFr).

CB 1 VICTOR "Macho" HARRIS SR. 6-0 192 **PS#5**. 13 st '06, 34 tkl, 4 int. 14 st LY, 36 tkl, 5 int, 11 pbu. **22** Stephan Virgil (5'11" 177 Jr) PS#140. 22 tkl 2Y. **38** Lance Barbour (5'8" 178 rFr).

ROV 24 Dorian Porch Jr. 5-11 211 PS#71. 450 squat. 9 tkl rFr. 17 tkl LY. 2 Davon Morgan (6'0" 190 So) PS#64. 11 tkl true. Matt Davidson (5'10" 208 rFr). Jeron Gouveia PS#76.

FS 17 KAM CHANCELLOR JR. 6-3 225 PS#140QB. 9 tkl true. 14 st ROV LY, 79 tkl, 7 pbu. **37** Ron Cooper (5'10" 191 Jr). Lorenzo Williams PS#136. **18** Dean Hill (6'0" 183 rFr).

P 97 BRENT BOWDEN JR. 6-3 206 PS#86. 44.0 in HS. 88 punts as rFr, 42.5 avg & team net of 37.0, 28 inside 20. **30** Brian Saunders (6'0" 206 So). **6** Dustin Keys (6'2" 207 Sr).

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

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FRANK BEAMER (Career 167-85-2) (IAA 42-23-2)
22nd Year at VIRGINIA TECH Beamer's Bowl Record: 6-9

Beamer's records AT VIRGINIA TECH

167-85-2	Straight Up	5-24	Vs Top 10
100-29-1	Home	31-37-1	Vs Top 25
60-45-1	Away	27-41-2	Vs BCS Teams
7-11	Neutral	24-22	Off A Bye
83-27	Vs Conference	39-34-1	Off A Loss

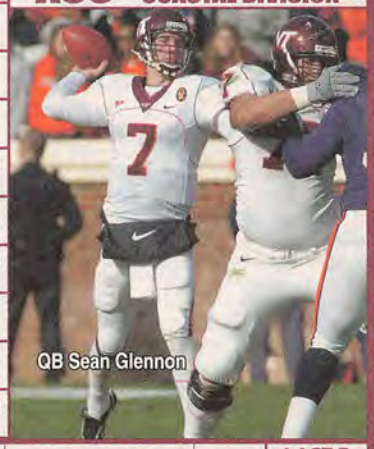
2007 RECORD: (11-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (21,18,1)
Lost: 25 (10,10,5)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 66,233 (#29)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION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Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#69

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score VT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	† E Carolina (Charlotte)	G					
Sep. 6	Furman	G					
Sep. 13	Georgia Tech	G					
Sep. 20	at North Carolina	G					
Sep. 27	at Nebraska	A					
Oct. 4	W Kentucky (HC)	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at Boston College	A					
Oct. 25	at Florida St	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 6	Maryland (Thur)	G					
Nov. 13	at Miami, Fl (Thur)	G					
Nov. 22	Duke	G					
Nov. 29	Virginia	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bryan Randall 6,508 '01-'04
2. Don Strock 6,009 '70-'72
3. Will Furrer 5,915 '88-'91

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Cyrus Lawrence 3,767 '79-'82
2. Kevin Jones 3,475 '01-'03
3. Roscoe Coles 3,459 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ricky Scales 2,272 '72-'74
2. Antonio Freeman 2,207 '91-'94
3. Ernest Willford 2,052 '00-'03

Virginia Tech leads the series 9-4 & struggled in LY's emotional opener winning 17-7. VT is now 11-1 in season openers with the only loss vs a #1 ranked USC in '04.

These 2 have not met since 1947 & the Hokies are 4-0 in the series. Paladins' went 6-5 LY including a loss to Clemson & were a FCS playoff tm in 7 of L/9 seasons.

In the Yellow Jackets' last trip here, VT lost despite outFD'ing GT by 14, running 28 more plays & having two 100+ yd WR's. VT has won 3 of the 4 ACC meetings.

VT has won all 4 meetings since joining the ACC by an average of 27-12. Last year Tech was outgained 306-241 & outFD'd 18-11 but won 17-10.

This is only the 2nd ever meeting between these two, the 1st was in the '96 Orange Bowl as Nebraska won 41-21. VT is 11-6 the last 17 gms on art turf.

Coming into '08, VT has won 27 straight non-conf home games by 31 ppg. W Kentucky is transitioning to Div IA (FBS) & went 7-5 LY but 1-5 vs FBS teams.

Last year #2 BC defeated #8 VT with a come-from-behind TD w/2:11 left. VT returned the favor defeating BC in the ACC Champ game 30-16.

Last yr was the 1st win for Beamer in 8 tries vs FSU, & marked the 1st time Bowden had lost to VT in 15 career meetings. Last VT win in Tallahassee was in 1974 (0-7).

This is only the 3rd meeting between these two since VT joined the ACC. VT won both outscoring MD 83-15. VT is 14-1 the L4Y in Nov/Dec regular season games.

This is the 26th meeting between these two & VT trails the series 9-16. The Hokies have won 4 of the last 5 in this matchup including 2 straight in Miami.

Virginia Tech is only 8-7 in this series but Duke's last win was in 1981. VT is 7-0 with 3 shutouts in the L/5 gms including a 36-0 win in Blacksburg in '06.

Last year #8 VT won the biggest game in the history of this rivalry 33-21 advancing to the ACC Champ game. The Hokies are 10-3 since 1995 vs the Cavs.

STADIUM: LANE STADIUM (65,115) (#34)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Frank Beamer

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	8-4	10-4	8-5	10-3	11-2	10-3	11-3	79-25
Home	6-0	4-2	6-2	6-1	6-1	5-1	7-1	6-1	46-9
Away	4-1	4-1	3-2	2-3	4-0	5-0	3-1	4-1	29-9
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-1	4-7
vs Conf	6-1	4-3	3-4	4-3	7-1	7-2	6-2	8-1	45-17
vs Non-Conf	5-0	4-1	7-0	4-2	3-2	4-0	4-1	3-2	34-8
ATS	6-6	6-6	7-7	5-7	9-3	10-3	7-5	7-5-1	57-42-1
Home Fav	3-3	2-3	4-4	4-1	4-2	4-2	3-3	2-3-1	26-21-1
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-0
Away Fav	2-2	3-2	2-2	0-4	2-1	5-0	2-1	2-0	18-12
Away Dog	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	4-3
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	5-6
vs Conf	2-5	4-3	1-6	2-5	5-3	7-2	6-2	7-2	34-28
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-3	6-1	3-2	4-0	3-1	1-3	0-3-1	23-14-1
Off SU Win	5-5	5-3	5-4	3-4	6-3	7-3	6-4	6-4	43-30
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-2	1-3	1-3	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0-1	10-9-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Insight	-3	California	49-52
04	Sugar - #9	+6	Auburn - #3	13-16
05	Gator - #12	-9	Louisville - #15	35-24
06	Chick-fil-A - #14	-3	Georgia	24-31
07	Orange - #5	-3'	Kansas - #8	21-24

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OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.7	17	134	3.3	197	57.8	11.5	+11	2007	8	16.1	16	87	2.7	210	53.5	18.5
4	25.8	15	113	3.2	182	56.2	11.4	+4	2006	5	11.0	11	91	2.8	128	51.3	20.0
7	33.8	22	191	4.1	190	60.1	11.3	+9	2005	6	12.9	14	93	3.0	154	49.6	19.2
5*	30.8	20	178	4.2	187	56.1	11.9	+13	2004	5	12.8	14	115	3.2	153	54.2	20.9
7*	35.4	20	209	5.3	192	59.3	11.4	-1	2003	9	23.0	18	136	3.5	231	60.2	16.0
6*	30.6	20	212	4.5	159	61.8	12.1	+8	2002	5	18.8	16	121	3.4	214	51.9	17.8

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Branden Ore	267	1056	64	992	9	3.7
Tyrod Taylor	102	576	147	429	6	4.2
Kenny Lewis	57	231	26	205	4	3.6
Jahre Cheeseman	21	136	3	133	1	6.3
Eddie Royal	8	116	4	112	0	14.0
Dustin Pickle	11	64	17	47	0	4.3
Cory Holt	5	19	9	10	0	2.0
Sean Glennon	66	125	168	-43	1	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Sean Glennon	235	143	60.9	1796	12	5
Tyrod Taylor	134	72	53.7	927	5	3
Cory Holt	7	4	57.1	33	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Justin Harper	41	635	15.5	5	48
Josh Morgan	46	552	12.0	5	71
Eddie Royal	33	496	15.0	4	56
Josh Hyman	26	343	13.2	1	41
Sam Wheeler	15	211	14.1	1	38
Greg Boone	11	167	15.2	0	37
Branden Ore	20	149	7.4	1	34
Andre Smith	6	87	14.5	0	22

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brent Bowden	88	3742	42.5	20	37.0(t)	0	28

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jud Dunlevy	45-47	10-11	4-4	6-9	1-2	21-26	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Xavier Adibi	115	3	9	5	2
Vince Hall	100	3.5	3	4	1
Brandon Flowers	86	0	8	9	5
Kam Chancellor	79	0.5	0.5	7	1
Cam Martin	78	4.5	3.5	6	1
DJ Parker	59	0	1.5	7	3
Orion Martin	58	6.5	4	5	0
Chris Ellis	53	8.5	0.5	5	1
Barry Booker	46	4	6.5	1	0
Brett Warren	43	3.5	2	1	1
Carlton Powell	39	3.5	3.5	0	0
Victor Harris	36	0	1	11	5
Cody Grimm	27	0	0	1	0
Nekos Brown	22	3	1.5	0	0
Stephan Virgil	18	1	0	2	0
Dorian Porch	17	0	0.5	0	0
Jason Worilds	17	2.5	2	0	0
Zach Luckett	15	0	0	0	0
Purnell Sturdivant	12	2	0.5	0	2
John Graves	11	0	2.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eddie Royal	31	455	14.7	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eddie Royal	14	316	22.6	0
Josh Morgan	16	276	17.2	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

VT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
66,233	East Carolina	16	31-33	1.1	22-33	245	4	12	35-142	4.1	16-31	119	0	-2
92,739	at LSU	11	28-71	2.5	9-29	78	3	28	41-297	7.2	22-32	301	2	-1
66,233	Ohio	24	40-181	4.5	20-33	292	3	5	36-38	1.1	10-20	76	4	-2
66,233	William & Mary	12	38-133	3.5	15-27	154	4	13	28-5	0.2	19-46	257	5	+3
66,233	North Carolina	11	36-165	4.6	11-20	76	4	18	45-124	2.8	16-25	182	6	+1
82,000	at Clemson	9	41-154	3.8	7-14	65	2	21	23-8	0.3	38-67	372	4	+3
23,691	at Duke	21	38-99	2.6	21-30	346	4	13	36-72	2.0	14-28	122	5	+1
66,233	Boston College	15	41-116	2.8	15-25	149	3	19	18-32	1.8	25-53	285	3	0
52,202	at Georgia Tech	20	46-185	4.0	22-33	296	6	13	26-105	4.0	12-29	166	2	+5
66,233	Florida St	17	54-188	3.5	11-19	207	2	13	28-116	4.1	13-33	151	0	+2
66,233	Miami, Fl	20	43-182	4.2	14-26	176	4	13	29-(-2)	-0.1	21-36	215	5	+3
61,711	at Virginia	20	46-131	2.8	17-26	299	6	15	36-97	2.7	17-28	144	6	0
53,212	† Boston College	22	36-98	2.7	21-33	202	4	24	25-84	3.4	33-52	305	1	0
74,111	† Kansas	20	42-135	3.2	14-31	171	5	19	36-95	2.6	21-38	249	4	-2
TOTALS		238	560-1871	3.3	219-379	2756	54	226	442-1213	2.7	277-518	2944	47	+11
AVERAGES		17.0	40-134	3.3	16-27	197	3.9	16.1	32-87	2.7	20-37	210	3.4	0.8

2003 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #9	Opponent	Line	Post – Score
#9		UCF	-20'	49-28
#9		James Madison	NL	43-0
#8		Texas A&M	-13'	35-19
#5		Connecticut	-21	47-13
#4	at	Rutgers	-27'	48-22
#4		Syracuse	-17'	51-7
#3	at	West Virginia	-14	7-28
#10		Miami, Fl - #2	+3'	31-7
#5	at	Pittsburgh - #25	-4'	28-31
#12	at	Temple	-26'	24-23 OT
#12		Boston College	-14'	27-34
#21	at	Virginia	+1	21-35

2004 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre –	Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
–		† USC - #1	+17	13-24
–		W Michigan	-25	63-0
–		Duke	-29	41-17
–		NC State	-7'	16-17
–		West Virginia - #6	-3	19-13
–	at	Wake Forest	-5'	17-10
–		Florida A&M	NL	62-0
#22	at	Georgia Tech	-6	34-20
#16	at	North Carolina	-10	27-24
#15		Maryland	-9'	55-6
#11		Virginia - #16	-4	24-10
#10	at	Miami, Fl - #9	+7	16-10

2005 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #8	Opponent	Line	Post #7 Score
#8	at	NC State	-3'	20-16
#7	at	Duke	-21	45-0
#4		Ohio	-33	45-0
#4		Georgia Tech - #15	-11	51-7
#3	at	West Virginia	-10	34-17
#3		Marshall	-35	41-14
#3	at	Maryland	-10	28-9
#3		Boston College - #13	-13'	30-10
#3		Miami, Fl - #5	-6'	7-27
#7	at	Virginia	-7	52-14
#5		North Carolina	-24'	30-3
#5	†	Florida St - #22	-14'	22-27

2006 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #17	Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#17		Northeastern	NL	38-0
#16	at	North Carolina	-14'	35-10
#14		Duke	-35	36-0
#11		Cincinnati	-27'	29-13
#11		Georgia Tech - #24	-10	27-38
#22	at	Boston College	-2'	3-22
–		S Mississippi	-16'	36-6
–		Clemson - #10	+5	24-7
#23	at	Miami, Fl	-2'	17-10
#20		Kent St	-30'	23-0
#19	at	Wake Forest - #14	E	27-6
#17		Virginia	-16'	17-0

2007 RESULTS

VT Rank	Pre #9	Opponent	Line	Post #9 Score
#9		East Carolina	-28	17-7
#9	at	LSU - #2	+11'	7-48
#18		Ohio	-21	28-7
#17		William & Mary	NL	44-3
#17		North Carolina	-19'	17-10
#15	at	Clemson - #22	+5'	41-23
#12	at	Duke	-14'	43-14
#8		Boston College - #2	-3	10-14
#11	at	Georgia Tech	+3	27-3
#11		Florida St	-7	40-21
#10		Miami, Fl	-16'	44-14
#8	at	Virginia - #16	-3	33-21
#6	†	Boston College - #12	-4	30-16

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - This will be the first time in 4 years that the Heels have had a veteran returning starter at QB. Last year they did return two players who split the starting job in 2006 in Nebraska transfer Joe Dailey (7 st, 1,316, 57.4%, 7-10 ratio) and Cameron Sexton (5 st, 840, 41.9% 4-8 ratio). I projected rFr TJ Yates (PS#119) to win the starting job and that he did. Yates had just 13 practices prior to the opener as the #1 QB. His very first pass was a 65 yard TD pass to Brooks Foster and after 3 gms he was #9 in the NCAA in pass eff (66%, 9-3 ratio) and had 2 of the school's all-time Top 10 passing performances with 344 vs EC and 339 vs UVA. Surprisingly, Yates' numbers regressed over the final 9 (58%, 5-15 ratio). The coaches did notice a loss of velocity over the last 3-4 games and he had shoulder surgery in the offseason and missed the spring. It was still a successful season for a rFr and he did set NC frosh records for passing yds, comp and att's. Battling Yates for time will be Sexton (1 gm, 1 pass) and HC Butch Davis' recruit, Mike Paulus (PS#6). I expect Yates to have an improved and more consistent season.

RUNNING BACKS - NC used to be called "RB U." They have had twenty-four 1,000 yard rushers (most in NCAA until USC passed them in '05). They had 12 straight 1,000 yard rushers from 1973-'84 but have had just one in the last 14 years! (1997). Last year the RB corps was comprised of underclassmen and the only TB with experience was Richie Rich who had 1 carry for -1 yard. Rich split the duties with Johnny White (PS#84) and Anthony Elzy (PS#52) in the first 3. White led in each of the first 3 but avg just 51 ypg. Good sized true frosh Ryan Houston (6'2" 255) took off his RS in the 2H vs USF and rushed for 43. Rich was forced to move to CB midseason. Elzy led vs VT (74) and Miami (95). In the final 2 true frosh Greg Little (PS#6) moved from WR and had 89 yards on 24 carries vs GT and 154 vs Duke. The only loss this year is leading rusher Johnny White (8 st, 399) who moves to DB. Not listed below are Devon Ramsay (6'2" 240 rFr, PS#29), Curtis Byrd (6'1" 245 So) and Carter Brown (5'7" 210 So) and this is a much more experienced group.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 they had to replace 3 of their top 4 WR's but Jesse Holley, who was #1 in both '04 and '05, was back. Two youngsters emerged and Holley only finished #3 with 466 (12.6). Brooks Foster (PS#65) finished with 486 (12.8). True frosh Hakeem Nicks (PS#162) had 171 vs ND. He broke Kory Bailey's 1988 school record for rec's in a season by a frosh (39) and was #1 with 660 yds. In 2007 Nicks set the school record for rec's in a season with 74 and his 958 yards (12.9) was 32 yards short of the school record. He could become the school's career leader in rec's as a junior. Foster had 417 (14.4) and Brandon Tate, who is the team's top KR and PR, was #2 with 479 (19.2). This year the only loss is converted QB Dailey (2 rec), and this looks to be one of the strongest receiving corps in the ACC.

WR Hakeem Nicks

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and their OL coach. Despite being less experienced, the group improved to 3.6 ypc with 22 sacks allowed (6.6%). Last year they had to replace three players who combined for 31 starts so basically they had 2.5 starters returning, but C Scott Lenahan missed 6 starts (inj). In the new offense, the Heels managed just 99 ypg rush (3.0), their lowest since 1944 (49 ypg) while allowing 37 sacks (10.1%). This year they lose C Lenahan (6 st) but they have 9 of the top 10 back. Not listed in the PSL is Carl Gaskins (6'5" 295 rFr) PS#374. This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Tar Heels had one of the best D-lines in the country in both 2000 and 2001 but then allowed 4.8, 4.9, 5.2, 3.5 (4 ret st'r) and 4.5 ypc the next five years. In Davis' first year they had to replace two starters and two backups who combined for 4 starts and 49 tackles. Five of the top 8 were underclassmen including true frosh Marvin Austin (PS#3) who benches 400 lbs and watches a lot of film and managed to start 3. They did have two quality, veteran seniors in DT Kentwan Balmer, who led the ACC DT's with 59 tackles (9.5 tfl), and DE Hilee Taylor, who had 10.5 sacks. NC improved allowing just 3.5 ypc rush while the team sacks increased from 23 to 34. This year they must replace Taylor (12 st, #7DC CAR), Balmer (11 st, #1DC SF) and DE Garrett White (6 tkl). They have five players back with starting experience and add two VHT true frosh. While the losses are big, this group has better depth and also adds JUCO Joseph Townsend (PS#48).

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Heels had to replace two starters but returned Durell Mapp (#1 tkl'r) and 3 other players who earned starts in 2006. They then lost starting LB Chase Rice in the first game. Davis did bemoan a lack of depth at this position saying most teams that play a 4-3 have 10 to 13 LB's, and they were nowhere near that. True frosh Quan Sturdivant played mostly ST the first four games (1 tkl) but in his first start vs VT had 8 and finished with 47. Mapp led again with over double the tackles (132) of the #2 man and was the Def MVP. This year they lose Mapp (12 st) and 3rd stringer Martel Thatch (6 tkl). Five return with starting experience so despite the loss of their top guy, this is an improved group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS The Tar Heels finished #103 in my pass D rankings in 2006 and not only had to replace 3 starters last year but also two players who combined for 9 starts. Three frosh started in '07. The inexperienced unit actually climbed to #94 with a respectable 16-11 ratio. FS Deunta Williams (PS#30) was the ACC Def Rookie of the Year and a 1st Tm Fr AA. This year the only losses are CB Kendric Williams (5 st, 16 tkl), Jermaine Strong (2 st, 9 tkl), Bryan Bethea (18 tkl '06) and Quinton Person (8 tkl LY, 7 st '06). This year they add former RB Johnny White (8 st '07, 4.32 spd) and JUCO Melvin Williams (PS#16). This figures to be one of the most improved secondaries in the NCAA.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In former HC John Bunting's final 4 seasons, NC ranked #36, #65, #49 and #22 in my ST rankings. Last year they returned their exceptional K Connor Barth (10-10 FG's, long 54 '06) as well as their top returnman, Brandon Tate. Davis said for the team to have outstanding ST's coverage, they needed to have over 10 LB's and be deeper in the secondary. WF had a pair of long KR's and NC allowed 24.9 KR with 9 TD's and 10.9 per PR but still managed to finish #47. Foster and Carter each blk'd a punt against James Madison and Sturdivant got one vs Miami. Tate improved his KR avg from 23.7 to 24.1 while his PR's remained strong (9.7 to 9.4). He has 4 TD's in 2 years. Barth set the school record for most consecutive FG's made (19) and also leaves as the school's all-time leader in FG's topping Josh McGee ('96-'99). Barth hit 19 of 22 with a long of 51 and had 8 TB on 58 KO. JUCO P Terrence Brown had a solid net of 36.0. Tate is already the school's and ACC's all-time career leader in KR yards, topping UNC's own Eric Blount. Despite the loss of Barth, with better coverage, NC could improve upon last year's finish if the new K does well.

COACHES - Last year the Tar Heels brought in Butch Davis who helped assemble a Miami, Fl team that went on to a couple of undefeated regular seasons in '01 and '02, guiding the team out of probation. He did not have much success in the NFL with the Browns but is acknowledged as a solid college HC. Davis was 51-20 in six years at Miami with 4 bowl wins. His OC is John Shoop who was the OC for the Oakland Raiders at the end of 2006. His DC last year was Chuck Pagano who served under Davis at both Miami and with the Browns. Pagano opted to leave for the Baltimore Ravens this year so the new DC is Everett Withers who was the Tennessee Titans' DB coach from 2001-'06 and the DC at Minnesota (Big Ten) last year. Minny did allow 519 ypg (last in NCAA) and 36.7 ppg. Last year Davis brought in DL coach John Blake from Nebraska who is known as one of the top recruiters in the nation and was the HC at Oklahoma from 1996-'98.

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PHIL'S FORECAST

In former HC Bunting's first season here almost everything went right and the team went 8-5 including a Peach Bowl win over Auburn. Unfortunately, in Bunting's final five years they had just one winning regular season and one bowl. NC faced the nation's toughest schedule in '05 and despite a 4-4 ACC record, finished 5-6. In 2006 they had 11 returning starters but inconsistent QB play cost them and they slipped to 3-9. Davis took over last year and I thought he did a tremendous job. The team had just 9 returning starters (fewest in ACC) but could have easily had a much better record than 4-8 as they had 6 close losses. NC had a shot at a game tying FG vs EC but they didn't get the kick off due to a mishandled snap. Against Virginia, a failed 2 pt conv with 1:57 left resulted in a 2 point loss. After being blown out by #23 USF on the road and dropping to 1-3 they almost upset #17 VT in Blacksburg. Against Davis' former team (Miami, Fl) they led 27-0 at the half winning 33-27. While they trailed SC 21-3 1H they did get a TD with 3:03 left to pull within 6 and after SC missed a 48 yd FG, NC got to the SC 31 but time ran out. NC beat bowl bound Maryland 16-13 at home but then GT got a 27 yd FG with :16 left (NC 63 yd FG blk'd last play). They were fortunate that Duke missed a FG at the end of regulation and then again in OT as they pulled out a 20-14 win. This team's last win outside of the state of N Carolina was in 2002. Davis was the first NC coach to win his first regular season game since Dick Crum (1978), and he has a more veteran squad this season with 18 returning starters and he played a lot of his frosh recruits last year. NC makes my list of Most Improved Teams which means I think they will become bowl eligible in Davis' second season. Their 18 returning starters are the most in the league and if they upset VT on Sept 20th, it would not surprise me to see them playing in the ACC Title game.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY #'S IN BLUE

QB 12 TJ YATES SO. 6-3 210 PS#119. 12 st rFr, 2655 (59.7%) 14-18 ratio, 108 rush. 7 **Mike Paulus** (6'5" 215 rFr) **PS#6.** 11 Cameron Sexton (6'1" 190 Jr) **PS#31.** 5 st, 840 yd '06.

RB 4 GREG LITTLE SO. 6-3 210 **PS#6WR.** 2 st true, 300 (5.1) 13 rec (7.6). 5 **Anthony Elzy** (5'10" 210 So) PS#52. 2 st, 321 (3.5). 32 Ryan Houston (6'2" 255 So) **PS#21.** 145 (3.3) true.

WR 1 BROOKS FOSTER SR. 6-3 205 PS#65. 2 st '06, 486 (12.8). 3 st '07, 417 (14.4). 85 Rashad Mason (6'5" 220 rFr) PS#139. **FB 6 Bobby Rome** (5'11" 250 Jr) PS#48QB. **8 st FB 2Y,** 330 ttl yd.

WR 89 HAKEEM NICKS JR. 6-1 210 PS#162. 11 st true, 660 (16.9). 11 st LY, 958 (12.9). Kenton Thornton (6'4" 230 Jr) PS#64. 8 rec 2Y. Anthony Parker-Boyd (6'0" 205 So) PS#150QB.

WR 87 BRANDON TATE SR. 6-1 195 1096 ret yd '06. 12 st LY, 479 rec yd (19.2), 1155 ret yd. 2 Cooter Arnold (5'10" 190 Sr) 1 st TB '05, 216 ttl yd. 2 st S '06, 48 tkl, 1 tfl.

TE 17 ZACK PIANALTO SO. 6-4 240 PS#41WR. 9 st HB true, 24 rec (8.5). 83 **Richard Quinn** (6'4" 260) PS#45. 7 st, 4 rec LY. 80 Ed Barham (6'3" 260 So) PS#84. Vince Jacobs (6'6" 235 So).

C 73 AARON STAHL JR. 6-2 290 PS#174DL. DE true. Moved C rFr. 12 st LG LY, 47 kd. 69 **Lowell Dyer** (6'3" 280 Jr) **6 st C,** 267 snaps LY. **LS** 58 Mark House (6'1" 215 So).

RG 78 CALVIN DARITY SR. 6-3 310 **PS#5.** 12 st RG '06. 12 st RG LY, 27 kd, 74% grade. 70 Alan Pelc (6'6" 325 So) PS#462. 3 gm rFr. 66 Cam Holland (6'2" 275 rFr) PS#169.

LG 76 Bryon Bishop Sr. 6-3 300 PS#99DL. 5 games '06. 2 gm '07, 2nd string. 87 Morgan Randall (6'6" 285 So) PS#87TE. 66 Mike Dykes (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#159.

RT 75 GARRETT REYNOLDS SR. 6-7 310 PS#123DL. 7 st '06. 12 st RT LY, 51 kd, 88% grade. 68 Mike Ingersoll (6'4" 295 So) PS#109TE. 6 gm LY. 77 Kevin Bryant (6'7" 350 rFr) **PS#41DL.**

LT 72 KYLE JOLLY JR. 6-6 300 PS#210DL. 2nd string '06. 12 st LT LY, 31 kd, 78% grade. 60 Zack Handerson (6'7" 300 So) PS#166. + 25 lbs. Jonathan Cooper (6'3" 295 Fr) PS#142.

K 18 Jay Wooten rFr. 6-3 185 **PS#10.** 75% TB on KO, 7-14 FG in HS. 16 Trase Jones (6'0" 185 So) PS#204QB. 600 pass yds Sr in HS. 23 Reid Phillips (5'10" 175 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY #'S IN BLUE

DE 94 Joseph Townsend Jr. 6-4 295 **PS#48JC LY.** Orig Wash St '05. 48 Darrius Massenburg (6'3" 280 So) PS#132. Hargrave. 11 tkl rFr, 1 tfl. Michael McAdoo (6'7" 245 Fr) PS#80.

DT 9 MARVIN AUSTIN SO. 6-3 305 **PS#3.** 3 st true, 26 tkl, 4 sk, 2 tfl. 97 Aleric Mullins (6'3" 295 Jr) **PS#54.** 5 st rFr, 19 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Robert Quinn **PS#18.** Quinton Coples **PS#23.**

DT 93 Cam Thomas Jr. 6-3 330 **PS#30.** 18 tkl, 1.5 sk rFr. 3 st LY, 8 tkl, 1 sk. 91 Tydreke Powell (6'3" 310 rFr) **PS#16.** 95 Tavares Brown (6'0" 290 Jr) 4 tkl true. 2 st, 9 tkl LY.

DE 92 EJ WILSON JR. 6-2 280 PS#148QB. 19 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 12 st LY, 44 tkl, 5 sk, 4.5 tfl. 40 Darius Powell (6'2" 230 So) PS#75LB. 4 tkl rFr. 96 Greg Elleby (6'4" 285 So) PS#114. 3 tkl rFr.

SLB 44 CHASE RICE SR. 6-3 230 PS#129. 4 tkl rFr. 3 st, 31 tkl, 12 gm '06. 1 st LY but inj. 54 **Bruce Carter** (6'3" 225 So) PS#96RB. 7 st true, 25 tkl. 55 Linwan Euwell (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#97DL.

MLB 52 QUAN STURDIVANT SO. 6-2 230 PS#69DB. 5 st true, 47 tkl, 1 sk. 44 **Mark Paschal** (6'0" 230 Sr) PS#148RB. 1 st '06, 23 tkl. 4 st LY, 53 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 43 Ryan Taylor (6'3" 240 Jr) TE LY.

WLB 51 Wesley Flagg Jr. 6-0 240 PS#224. 9 tkl true. 3 st LY, 23 tkl, 1 tfl. 36 Kennedy Tinsley (6'0" 220 Jr) PS#247RB. 12 tkl 2Y. 29 Jonathan Smith (6'2" 200 So) PS#88. 6 tkl as true.

CB 16 KENDRIC BURNEY SO. 5-9 180 **PS#60.** 12 st rFr, 50 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 4 pbu. 28 Richie Rich (5'9" 195 Jr) **PS#39RB.** 13 tkl, 62 yd LY. 39 LaCount Fantroy (5'11" 195 rFr) PS#134.

CB 42 CHARLES BROWN SO. 5-10 190 PS#298WR. 9 st true, 59 tkl, 5 tfl, 4 pbu, 2 int. 34 Johnny White (5'10" 205 So) PS#84RB. **4.32 spd. 8 st RB true,** 558 ttl yd. 23 Jordan Hemby (5'10" 185 Jr) PS#113.

SS 31 TRIMANE GODDARD SR. 5-11 195 **PS#20.** 6 st '05, 53 tkl. RS '06. 12 st LY, 59 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 30 Da-Norris Searcy (6'0" 200 So) PS#81LB. 9 tkl true. Shaun Draughn (6'0" 205 So) PS#128RB. 5 tkl rFr.

FS 27 DEUNTA WILLIAMS SO. 6-2 205 **PS#30. 1st Tm Fr AA.** ACC Def Rookie Yr, 12 st, 57 tkl, 3 int true. 5 **Melvin Williams PS#16JC.** Tavorris Jolly (5'11" 180 So) PS#76RB. Matt Merletti (5'11" 185 So) PS#254RB.

P 19 TERRENCE BROWN SR. 6-3 190 38.4 at JC as frosh, 39.0 as soph. 64 punts here '07, 41.4 avg, net of 36.0. 18 Jay Wooten **PS#10.** 17 Grant Schallock (**6'7"** 225 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Melvin Williams 6-0 205 PS#16JC
DL	Robert Quinn 6-5 260 PS#18
DL	Quinton Coples 6-6 245 PS#23
QB	Braden Hanson 6-6 195 PS#11
DL	Joseph Townsend 6-4 295 PS#48JC '07
TE	Christian Wilson 6-3 235 PS#33LB
DL	Michael McAdoo 6-7 245 PS#80
LB	Ebele Okakpu 6-2 220 PS#67
LB	Kevin Reddick 6-3 230 PS#71
WR	Todd Harrelson 6-2 190 PS#87
RB	Jamal Womble 5-10 220 PS#80
OL	Jonathan Cooper 6-3 295 PS#142
DB	Herman Davidson 6-2 215 PS#168
QB	AJ Blue 6-2 205 PS#102
TE	Randy White 6-5 240 PS#59
LB	Zach Brown 6-2 220 PS#224
LB	Dion Guy 6-4 225 PS#368
DB	Kenneth Harris 6-4 215 PS#456

NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS

Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Weather (919) 515-8225

Butch Davis (Career 55-28)
2nd Year at N Carolina Davis' Bowl Record: 4-0

Davis' records AT N CAROLINA

4-8	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
4-2	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
0-6	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
3-5	Vs Conference	3-5	Off A Loss

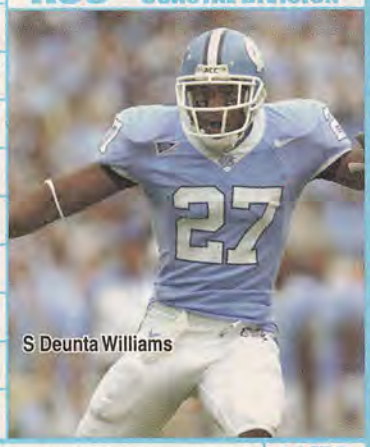
2007 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (19,24,1)
Lost: 18 (3,11,4)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 57,417 (#35)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#63

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NC	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	McNeese St	G					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 11	at Rutgers (Thur)	A					
Sep. 20	Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 27	at Miami, Fl	G					
Oct. 4	Connecticut	G					
Oct. 11	Notre Dame	G					
Oct. 18	at Virginia	G					
Oct. 25	Boston College	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	Georgia Tech (HC)	G					
Nov. 15	at Maryland	G					
Nov. 22	NC State	G					
Nov. 29	at Duke	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Darian Durant 8,755 '01-'04
2. Ronald Curry 4,987 '98-'01
3. Jason Stanicek 4,683 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Amos Lawrence 4,391 '77-'80
2. Mike Voight 3,971 '73-'76
3. Leon Johnson 3,693 '93-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Corey Holliday 2,447 '89-'93
2. Octavus Barnes 2,398 '94-'97
3. Sam Aiken 2,205 '99-'02

First meeting. NC is 2-5 in season openers but 2-0 vs FCS teams.
The Cowboys went 11-1 last year including a 38-17 win at ULL.

Bonus: LY Davis became the first NC coach to win his 1st reg ssn gm since Dick Crum in 1978 and it was only NC's 3rd opening victory in the L/10 years.

North Carolina is 0-3 vs Rutgers including a 21-16 loss in 2006. This is NC's first appearance on a Thursday Night since 2006 (was shutout 23-0).

Last year NC lost only 17-10 & actually outgained #17 VT 306-241.
NC has not defeated the Hokies since they joined the ACC in 2004 (0-4).

LY was HC Davis' 1st meeting vs his old team & NC upset UM 33-27 & gave Davis his 1st ACC win as the Tar Heels coach. UNC's has lost 5 straight in Miami.

The Tar heels are 4-9 hosting non-conf teams but 1-5 vs FBS teams.
This is only the 2nd meeting between these two & NC won 48-21 in 1990.

This will be the 18th all-time meeting & NC has only won once (1960 12-7). ND has shutout NC 3 times in this series. This is ND's first visit to Chapel Hlll S/'75.

This matchup is billed as the South's oldest rivalry & this is the 113th meeting.
The Tar Heels have lost 13 straight visiting Charlottesville.

In their last meeting in '05, NC upset #19 Boston College 16-14.
This is just the 5th meeting with the home tm 3-0 & the '04 Continental Tire Bowl.

Bonus: Carolina plays 7 home games for just the second time in the L14Y.

Tar Heels are just 1-9 the L/10 gms vs GT (only win was in Chapel Hill in 2004).
Last year the Yellow Jackets needed a FG w/:16 left to defeat NC 27-25.

NC is just 2-5 since 1999 vs Maryland but defeated them last year 16-13.
The Tar Heels have been outscored by an avg of 19 ppg in the last 5 losses.

North Carolina is 11-4 the L/15 games vs the Wolfpack including winning 3 of 4.
LY NCSt scored with 1:41 left, NC drove but failed on 4 attempts from the 7.

Since a 41-0 loss in '89, NC is 17-1 vs the Blue Devils with 9 straight wins in Durham.
NC held the "Victory Bell" from '90-'02, Duke in '03 & NC again the last 4 years.

STADIUM: KENAN MEMORIAL STADIUM (60,000)(#44)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-5	3-9	2-10	6-6	5-6	3-9	4-8	37-58
Home	3-3	5-1	0-6	1-5	4-2	4-2	2-5	4-2	23-26
Away	3-2	2-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	1-4	1-4	0-6	13-31
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	1-7	1-7	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	24-40
vs Non-Conf	3-0	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-3	13-18
ATS	6-5	6-7	4-8	6-6	7-4	6-5	4-7	6-5	45-47
Home Fav (Carl Torbush)	2-3	1-4	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	5-14
Home Dog (John Bunting)	1-0	1-0	0-5	2-3	4-1	1-1	3-2	2-0	14-12
Away Fav	2-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	4-2
Away Dog (Butch Davis)	1-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	2-2	3-2	1-3	3-3	20-18
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	2-6	3-5	7-1	5-3	3-5	4-4	31-33
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-3	2-2	3-1	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	14-14
Off SU Win	2-3	3-4	0-2	1-1	2-4	2-3	0-2	2-1	12-20
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-3	4-5	5-4	5-0	3-2	4-4	4-4	30-24

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Gator - #12	-6'	West Virginia - #25	20-13
97	Gator - #7	-11'	Virginia Tech	42-3
98	Las Vegas	-7	San Diego St	20-13
01	Peach	-2	Auburn	16-10
04	Continental Tire	-1	Boston College - #25	24-37

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
N Carolina's All-Time Bowl Record 12-13

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Johnny White	95	414	15	399	0	4.2
Anthony Elzy	92	350	29	321	5	3.5
Greg Little	59	331	31	300	2	5.1
Ryan Houston	44	152	7	145	1	3.3
Brandon Tate	12	139	8	131	1	10.9
Richie Rich	13	32	0	32	0	2.5
Cameron Sexton	1	3	0	3	0	3.0
TJ Yates	73	108	231	-123	2	-1.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
TJ Yates	365	218	59.7	2655	14	18
Cameron Sexton	1	1	100.0	9	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Hakeem Nicks	74	958	12.9	5	53	
Brandon Tate	25	479	19.2	5	51	
Brooks Foster	29	417	14.4	2	65	
Zack Pianalto	24	204	8.5	0	20	
Bobby Rome	16	183	11.4	1	53	
Johnny White	15	159	10.6	0	33	
Greg Little	13	99	7.6	1	22	
Anthony Elzy	10	73	7.3	0	20	
Kenton Thornton	3	40	13.3	0	20	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Terrence Brown	64	2650	41.4	11	36.0	0	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Connor Barth	21-23	5-5	7-7	6-7	1-3	19-22	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Durell Mapp	132	3	4	1	1
Kentwan Balmer	59	3.5	6	0	0
Trimane Goddard	59	1	1.5	5	2
Charles Brown	59	1	4	4	2
Deunta Williams	57	0	2	2	3
Mark Paschal	53	0	6.5	1	1
Kendric Burney	50	1	3.5	4	1
Hilee Taylor	49	10.5	5.5	2	0
Quan Sturdivant	47	1	0.5	0	1
EJ Wilson	44	5	4.5	2	0
Marvin Austin	26	4	2	0	0
Bruce Carter	25	0	2	3	0
Wesley Flagg	23	0	1	0	0
Aleric Mullins	19	2	1.5	1	0
Kendric Williams	16	0	0	0	0
Richie Rich	13	0	0	0	0
Darrius Massenburg	11	0	1	1	0
Da'Norris Searcy	9	0	0	0	0
Jermaine Strong	9	0	0	1	0
Tavares Brown	9	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brandon Tate	23	216	9.4	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Brandon Tate	39	939	24.1	0
Greg Little	11	145	13.2	0

NORTH CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	21.2	17	99	3.0	226	59.8	15.4	-6	2007	4	24.5	19	143	3.5	207	62.4	14.3
5	18.0	16	113	3.6	180	50.8	16.3	-11	2006	6	30.5	20	173	4.5	196	62.1	12.1
6	18.0	18	101	2.8	214	51.4	17.5	-1	2005	9	26.2	19	138	3.5	211	57.6	13.3
8*	26.6	19	176	4.9	214	59.6	14.7	-4	2004	6	31.8	23	218	5.2	228	61.5	14.0
8*	26.4	20	150	4.7	244	60.1	14.9	-15	2003	7	38.3	26	227	4.9	278	63.0	13.2
6	18.6	20	103	3.0	266	54.6	19.9	-15	2002	3	35.1	23	221	4.8	231	54.9	12.9

2007 STATS BY GAME

NC 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
58,500	James Madison	14	34-100	2.9	14-19	227	0	15	44-150	3.4	14-22	100	0	+1
43,387	at E Carolina	20	30-79	2.6	20-32	344	3	21	33-64	1.9	31-42	406	2	-2
58,000	Virginia	20	23-60	2.6	25-38	339	2	22	51-197	3.9	18-27	153	4	-3
37,693	at USF	11	35-79	2.3	11-27	85	4	26	52-194	3.7	18-33	234	1	-1
66,233	at Virginia Tech	18	45-124	2.8	16-25	182	6	11	36-165	4.6	11-20	76	4	-1
59,000	Miami, Fl	18	46-183	4.0	15-23	218	2	20	36-109	3.0	17-33	302	3	+3
61,000	South Carolina	22	36-113	3.1	22-43	285	5	15	32-110	3.4	17-26	172	3	-1
33,023	at Wake Forest	18	30-77	2.6	26-33	236	4	13	40-138	3.5	13-16	131	4	-3
56,000	Maryland	15	36-110	3.1	16-26	149	3	18	33-93	2.8	20-36	209	2	-1
57,583	at NC State	13	20-12	0.6	23-43	291	2	24	43-167	3.9	26-42	229	4	0
45,490	at Georgia Tech	18	35-79	2.3	21-35	283	4	20	44-178	4.0	15-26	260	4	+3
52,000	Duke	14	32-174	5.4	11-24	75	2	23	48-145	3.0	21-31	215	3	-1
TOTALS		201	402-1190	3.0	220-368	2714	37	228	492-1710	3.5	221-354	2487	34	-6
AVERAGES		16.8	34-99	3.0	18-31	226	3.1	19.0	41-143	3.5	18-30	207	2.8	-0.5

2003 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Florida St - #13	+16	0-37
-	Syracuse	+1'	47-49 OT
-	at Wisconsin	+14'	27-38
-	at NC State	+17'	34-47
-	Virginia	+8'	13-38
-	at East Carolina	-7'	28-17
-	Arizona St	+6	31-33
-	at Clemson	+13'	28-36
-	at Maryland	+16'	21-59
-	Wake Forest	+8'	42-34
-	at Georgia Tech	+10	24-41
-	Duke	-6	22-30

2004 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	William & Mary	NL	49-38
-	at Virginia - #15	+21'	24-56
-	Georgia Tech	+8'	34-13
-	Louisville - #24	+7'	0-34
-	at Florida St - #9	+28'	16-38
-	NC State	+10'	30-24
-	at Utah - #11	+22	16-46
-	Miami, Fl - #4	+22	31-28
-	Virginia Tech - #18	+10	24-27
-	at Wake Forest	+5'	31-24
-	at Duke	-7	40-17

2005 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Georgia Tech - #17	+12	21-27
-	Wisconsin	+3'	5-14
-	at NC State	+11	31-24
-	Utah	-4	31-17
-	at Louisville - #23	+13'	14-69
-	Virginia - #23	E	7-5
-	at Miami, Fl - #6	+21	16-34
-	Boston College - #19	+5	16-14
-	Maryland	-3	30-33 OT
-	Duke	-21	24-21
-	at Virginia Tech - #5	+24'	3-30

2006 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Rutgers	-4	16-21
-	Virginia Tech - #16	+14'	10-35
-	Furman	NL	45-42
-	at Clemson - #19	+16'	7-52
-	at Miami, Fl	+19	7-27
-	USF	+3	20-37
-	at Virginia	+6'	0-23
-	Wake Forest - #24	+8'	17-24
-	at Notre Dame - #11	+24'	26-45
-	Georgia Tech - #19	+13'	0-7
-	NC State	+3	23-9
-	at Duke	-7	45-44

2007 RESULTS

NC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	James Madison	NL	37-14
-	at East Carolina	+5'	31-34
-	Virginia	-3	20-22
-	at USF - #23	+12'	10-37
-	at Virginia Tech - #17	+19'	10-17
-	Miami, Fl	+7	33-27
-	South Carolina - #7	+7	15-21
-	at Wake Forest	+5'	10-37
-	Maryland	-2'	16-13
-	at NC State	+3'	27-31
-	at Georgia Tech	+9'	25-27
-	Duke	-15	20-14 OT

MIAMI HURRICANES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

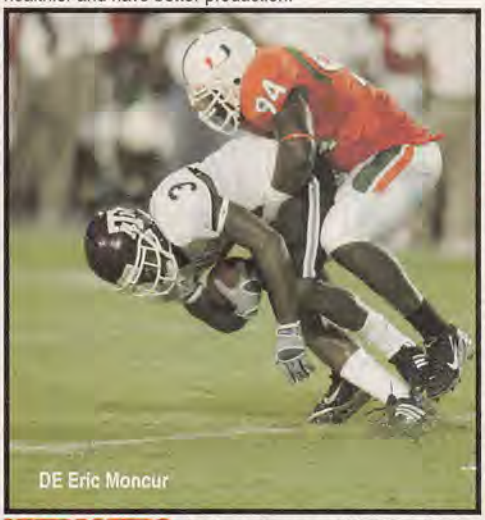
QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 soph Kyle Wright (PS#1) and rFr Kirby Freeman (PS#14) began their battle for the starting QB job. The two combined for three underachieving seasons with the ypg passing dropping from 234 in 2004 to 216 in 2005, 197 in 2006 and 170 last year with a 16-20 ratio. Their 170 ypg was the lowest in over 20 years. Wright finished #3 beating out Bernie Kosar in career completions. Wright has graduated and Freeman opted to transfer, so four frosh will battle for the job. The favorite figures to be Robert Marve (PS#12) who RS last year after being injured in a car accident. Two frosh were in for the spring in Cannon Smith (PS#64), who spent '07 at Hargrave, and Jacory Harris (PS#7). Normally when a team goes from 2 experienced starters to 4 untested frosh with zero career attempts, you would expect a downturn in the passing stats, but this unit could actually improve!

RUNNING BACKS - The Hurricanes have surprisingly had just six 1,000 yard rushers (Edgerrin James twice) in their history including Willis McGahee with 1,753 (6.2) in '02 and an amazing 28 TD's (#1DC). In 2006 Javarris ("Baby J") James (PS#22) started 10 as a true frosh and led with 802 (4.6). The leading returning rusher from '05, Tyrone Moss, added 285 (4.3). Charlie Jones (PS#8) added 206 (3.4) and Derron Thomas (PS#51) had 159 (7.6). Last year Moss appeared to be the only loss but Jones was injured. Thomas had his playing time taken away by true frosh Graig Cooper (PS#62) who was a game breaker at Milford prep in '06. Cooper led with 116 in the opener and led six of the first 8. He was #3 in the NCAA among frosh RB's when he was injured vs UVA and missed VT and had just 18 yds vs BC. He still led with 682 (5.5). James (banged up all year) led in 5 including 103 vs NCSt and finished with 582 (3.7). James is a powerful inside runner while Cooper has more breakaway speed. Thomas led with 43 vs BC and finished with 200 (5.0). True frosh Shawnbrey McNeal (PS#39, 4.26 speed) was a dangerous returnman who had 90 (4.5). The only loss is Jones and not listed in the PSL are Lee Chambers (5'10" 190 rFr), Jerrell Mabry (6'1 275 Jr, PS#79) and Joe Lucking (6'0" 218 rFr). This has the makings of one of the ACC's top RB corps especially with James now healthy.

RECEIVERS - Coming into last year UM's last 4 TE's were Bubba Franks, Jeremy Shockey, Kellen Winslow Jr, and Greg Olsen. Last year they had to replace TE Olsen (#1DC CHI) and #3 WR Ryan Moore. Sam Shields (PS#16RB) was #2 in '06 with 501 (13.5) but was in and out of Shannon's doghouse last year and his numbers dropped to 346 (12.8). Lance Leggett was #1 in '06 with 584 (15.4) but wore a knee brace all season missing 3 and had 238 (15.9). Darnell Jenkins became the team's game breaker. He had 97 & 84 yard TD's and led with 619 (20.0). This year they lose Jenkins (8 st), Leggett (6 st) and TE DajLeon Farr (4 st, 6 rec, PS#3). Eight return with starting experience and they add some VHT true frosh including Aldarius Johnson (PS#9) who was in for the spring. Not listed in the PSL are Chris Hayes (5'9" 179 So), Terrance Thomason (6'0" 173 Jr) and Daniel Adderley (6'6" 215 rFr). Much like the QB's, despite losing 2 of their top 3 receivers, you may see more production in '08.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Miami had just one starter back on the O-line and struggled. At one point then OL coach Mario Cristobal said that the OL play was, "my most painful time of my entire life." UM's rushing ypc was its lowest since 1992 (3.5) and the unit allowed 26 sacks (7.2%). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup but had 11 VHT's in the unit. Surprisingly the numbers only improved to 146 ypg (3.7) with 25 sacks allowed (8.3%). This year they lose 2nd Tm ACC RG Derrick Morse (12 st, 3Y st'r), LG Andrew Bain (9 st until inj, 2Y st'r), C John Rochford (12 st) and G Cyrim Wimbs (13 gm). Six players are back with starting experience. Despite being less experienced, this unit could improve upon 2007's lackluster production and they also add Xavier Shannon (Randy's son) who started 29 games at FIU before transferring.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Miami had 3 starters returning to the defensive front in 2005 and allowed just 3.0 ypc rush which was surprisingly their best since 1994. In 2006 the unit had just two starters back but still improved to a school record 68 ypg rush (2.3) with 38 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 27 starts and 17 sacks. They did return 1st Tm ACC DE Calais Campbell (10.5 sk, 10 tfl). At one point vs Okla their top 4 DT's were all injured. Josh Holmes, who Shannon compared to Warren Sapp, missed 10. Campbell saw his numbers drop (6 sk, 6 tfl). This year they lose Campbell (12 st, 85 tkl, #2DC ARZ), DT Teraz McCray (10 st, 46 tkl, 6 sk) and Vegas Franklin (6 st, 80 tkl, 7 sk). The numbers dropped to 3.4 ypc with 31 sacks and while Campbell is a big loss, this group is loaded with VHT's and should stay healthier and have better production.



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LINEBACKERS - Last year it appeared that two starters returned. They did have to replace a #1 NFL DC in Jon Beason (#1 tkl'r), then lost returning starting LB Glenn Cook to a foot injury in August. Darryl Sharpton missed most of Aug. Romeo Davis (13 career st) missed 10 games with injury. Tavares Gooden moved from OLB to MLB and led in tackles (119). This year they only lose Gooden (11 st, #3DC BAL) but get back Cook and Davis and bring in the best set of true frosh LB's in the country including PS#5, #9, #20, #22 and #35 among others (see Newcomers). This figures to be one of the most improved LB corps in the country.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami always has had an excellent secondary and opened the decade with finishes of #5, #2, #9, #3, #13, #1 and #24 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had 3 starters back but surprisingly dropped to #53 facing a weak slate of opposing QB's. One of those returning starters, Glenn Sharpe, missed most of the year with injury (2 st). They shuffled the lineup often and only two DB's started more than 9. This year they must replace 2nd Tm ACC S Kenny Phillips (95 tkl, 2 int, #1DC NYG), S Willie Cooper (10 st, 60 tkl) and CB Sharpe (7 tkl). Three of the four players competing for the open safety jobs have been full-time starters with Lovon Ponder starting 9 in '06, Anthony Reddick starting 6 in '04 and Randy Phillips with 12 starts the last two years. Brandon Harris (PS#8) could start as a true frosh. Seven return with starting experience and after an unusually low finish last year, they should move up despite the losses.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Hurricanes have produced some excellent ST players including Devin Hester and finished #1, #27, #49, #8, #5, #28 and #52 in my ST rankings this decade. Last year they had to replace their P and K and the return game was below avg. At midseason Shannon said both the P and K jobs were up for grabs. P Matt Bosher did improve and avg 51.7 vs VT. KR D was a major problem and they used 3 different KO men. K Francesco Zampogna hit 9 of 15 FG (long of 47) and lost his spot to Daren Daly. Daly did hit 4 of 6 but missed a crucial 27 yd FG in OT vs NCSt. They lose both kickers, 2 year LS Ross Abramson and PR Darnell Jenkins (19.0). Miami plummeted to #104 but signed true frosh K Jake Wieclaw (PS#4) and have many talented VHT to improve the return game, so I expect significant improvement.

COACHES - Randy Shannon is now in his 15th year at Miami and was the DC here for six years prior to taking over as the HC fielding fine units each season. He replaced Larry Coker who was 60-15 in six seasons with one National Title but was let go. Four different coaches have accounted for Miami's 5 National Titles over the last 25 years. Last year they brought in Patrick Nix as the OC (GT OC '04-'06). This year Shannon brings in DC Bill Young who did a tremendous job as Kansas' DC for the last 6 years (#12 ttl defense in NCAA in '07) and has previously been the DC at Ohio St, Oklahoma, USC and Tulsa.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Howard Schnellenberger guided Miami to a National Championship in 1983 and UM also won National Titles under Jimmy Johnson (1987) then two titles under Dennis Erickson (1989, 1991). They had a rare losing year in 1997 due to scholarship reductions but Butch Davis had them pointed in the right direction and in 2000 they went 11-1 and finished #2 in the country. Larry Coker guided them to a National Championship in his first season and almost a repeat the next year when they came up just short in the Fiesta Bowl vs Ohio St. After an 11-2 season in 2003, they won 9 games the next 2 years but suffered a blowout loss to LSU in the Peach Bowl in 2005. At 6-6 they needed a 1 pt win over Nevada just to have a winning season in 2006 and the Randy Shannon era began. They were unranked in the preseason for the first time since 1998 and while they opened with a solid win vs Marshall, they were destroyed by #5 Oklahoma 51-13. On national TV they took on #20 A&M at home and at one point led 31-0. It appeared Miami was back as they rose to 4-1 but they lost to former HC Davis at N Carolina (trailed 27-0) and had a streak of 5 straight home wins snapped by GT (led 7-0 at half). They got a fortunate win vs Florida St, taking the lead with 1:15 left after FSU blew numerous opportunities (5 FG's). They lost to NCSt at home missing a 27 yd FG in OT. One of the most embarrassing games in UM history came in the final game at the Orange Bowl when they had all of their former players back and hosted #23 Virginia and were embarrassed 48-0. Their previous worst home loss was to ND, 44-0 in 1973 and it was their first home shutout loss since 1974. They lost the next week to VT 44-14, the first time since 1984 that they allowed 40+ in B2B losses. When they lost to BC for the first time since 1984, it sealed their worst record since 1977. This proud team is now just 12-13 the last two years! They move into Dolphin Stadium where they have a 25 year lease. Last year's squad did miss 28 starts due to injury. They were just 2-6 in the ACC and were outgained by 66.4 ypg which was the 3rd worst mark in the conference. Miami has an amazing 18 seniors in the 2-deep. While Miami has just 11 returning starters and no experience at QB, they make my most improved list which means they will go from a losing season to bowl eligibility and will be much stronger in Shannon's 2nd year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Marcus Forston 6-2 309 PS#2
LB	Arthur Brown 6-2 230 PS#5
LB	Marcus Robinson 6-2 210 PS#9
WR	Aldarius Johnson 6-2 217 PS#9
DB	Brandon Harris 5-11 185 PS#8
QB	Jacory Harris 6-4 175 PS#7
LB	Ramon Buchanan 6-1 181 PS#20
DB	Vaughn Telemaque 6-2 190 PS#26
LB	Jordan Futch 6-3 202 PS#22
DL	Micanor Regis 6-3 300 PS#32
WR	Tommy Streeter 6-4 190 PS#28
RB	Patrick Hill 5-9 262 PS#112JC
OL	Brandon Washington 6-4 315 PS#43
LB	Sean Spence 6-0 202 PS#35
DL	Jeremy Lewis 6-3 295 PS#47
OL	Ben Jones 6-5 280 PS#51DL
WR	Laron Byrd 6-3 205 PS#44
WR	Davon Johnson 5-11 170 PS#47
DB	CJ Holton 6-2 195 PS#42
WR	Thearon Collier 5-9 163 PS#52
WR	Travis Benjamin 5-11 160 PS#56
LB	Antonio Harper 6-3 220 PS#59
LB	Gavin Hardin 6-4 240 PS#62
QB	Taylor Cook 6-7 230 PS#47
LB	Brandon Marti 6-0 196 PS#80
K	Jake Wieclaw 6-1 183 PS#4
DB	Joe Wylie 6-2 172 PS#91
QB	Cannon Smith 5-11 189 PS#64 '07
DB	CJ Odom 6-0 210 PS#165
LB	Zach Kane 6-3 200 PS#135
DL	Andrew Smith 6-3 240 PS#183
WR	Kendall Thompkins 5-10 165 PS#263
RB	John Calhoun 6-2 233 PS#315

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

QB 12 Robert Marve rFr. 6-1 203 **PS#12.** 12 Jacory Harris (6'4" 175 Fr) **PS#7.** In spg. 16 Cannon Smith (5'11" 189 Fr) PS#64. Hargrave. Taylor Cook PS#47. Jake Byrne (6'4" 214 So).

RB 5 JAVARRIS JAMES JR. 6-0 214 **PS#22.** 22 st 2Y, 1384 (4.1) 31 rec. 2 **Graig Cooper** (6'0" 202 So) Milford '06. 1 st, 682 (5.5) true. 33 Shawnbrey McNeal (5'11" 190 So) **PS#39.**

WR 4 Aldarius Johnson Fr. 6-2 217 **PS#9.** In spg. 87 Khalil Jones (6'2" 220 Sr) PS#112. 5 st, 8 rec 3Y. **FB 30** Patrick Hill PS#112JC. In spg. 43 John Calhoun PS#315.

WR 83 SAM SHIELDS JR. 6-0 180 PS#16RB. 4.26spd. 12 st, 847 (13.2) 2Y. 13 Ryan Hill (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#37DB. 2 st, 19 rec 2Y. 15 Jermaine McKenzie (6'2" 173 rFr) PS#46.

WR 85 Leonard Hankerson So. 6-2 218 PS#30. 7 gm, 2 st true, 6 rec. 82 Kayne Farquharson (6'2" 185 Sr) PS#26JC. 3 st LY, 10 gm, 9 rec. Tommy Streeter PS#28. Laron Byrd PS#44.

TE 88 CHRIS ZELLNER SR. 6-2 247 PS#28. 17 st 3Y, 145 (6.6). 84 Richard Gordon (6'4" 260 Jr) **PS#9.** 3 st, 12 gm, 1 rec. 18 Dedrick Epps (6'4" 255 Jr) PS#24LB. 1 st, 8 rec 2Y.

C 52 Xavier Shannon Sr. 6-1 298 PS#387. 5 st rFr, 12 st '06, 12 st '07 at Fla Int'l. In for spring. 65 Matt Pipho (6'7" 315 Jr) PS#47DL. **LS 60** Chris Ivory (6'2" 222 rFr) PS#515.

RG 61 Joel Figueroa So. 6-5 344 PS#507. 7 gm rFr, 90 play. 66 Harland Gunn (6'2" 309 rFr) **PS#18DL.** 79 **Chris Barney** (6'5" 340 Jr) **PS#15.** 1 st RT rFr, 6 gm. DNP '07.

LG 74 Orlando Franklin So. 6-7 345 PS#217. Canadian. 3 st LG true, 12 gm, 407 snap. 70 **AJ Trump** (6'3" 308 Jr) **PS#30.** 5 gm rFr, ACL. 1 gm LY. 63 Tyler Horn (6'4" 295 rFr).

RT 77 REGGIE YOUNGBLOOD SR. 6-5 312 **PS#4.** 8 gm true. 7 st LT '06. 9 st RT, 12 gm LY. 75 Chris Rutledge (6'5" 314 Sr) PS#154DL. 4 gm rFr. 6 st '06. 3 st RT LY, 12 gm, 92% grade.

LT 64 JASON FOX JR. 6-6 306 PS#22TE. 12 st true (8RT, 4LT). 12 st LT LY. 67 Tyrone Byrd (6'5" 309 Sr) **PS#52.** 15 gm 3Y. 68 Ian Symonette (6'9" 364 So) **PS#18.**

K 40 Jake Wieclaw Fr. 6-1 183 **PS#4.** 48 FG's in HS. 9 of 11, long 52 LY as Sr. 43 Alex Uribe (6'1" 171 Jr). 25 Matt Bosher PS#4 '06. 15 of 20 FG, long 52, 2Y HS.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

DE 57 Allen Bailey So. 6-4 287 **PS#10.** 12 gm true on ST. 49 Courtney Harris (6'3" 267 Jr) **PS#37.** 7 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. 21 tkl, 3 tfl LY. 97 Adewale Ojomo (6'3" 244 rFr) PS#56LB. Def Scout POY.

DT 99 Marcus Forston Fr. 6-2 309 **PS#2.** In spg. 91 Joe Joseph (6'3" 304 Jr) PS#91. 1 gm rFr. 5 st DT LY, 25 tkl, 2 tfl. 56 Luqman Abdallah (6'3" 307 Jr) 6 gm, 12 tkl LY. 365 bench.

DT 96 ANTONIO DIXON SR. 6-3 328 PS#66. 6 st DT 3Y, 42 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 93 Dwayne Hendricks (6'4" 298 Sr) **PS#16.** 3 st, 30 tkl, 4 tfl, 3Y. 75 Chaz Washington (6'4" 320 So) PS#31.

DE 94 ERIC MONCUR SR. 6-2 250 **PS#17.** 2 st rFr. 3 st '06. 8 st LY. 94 tkl 3Y, 8 sk, 8.5 tfl. 92 Josh Holmes (6'0" 290 So) **PS#60.** 2 gm, 3 tkl LY. 90 Steven Wesley (6'3" 257 So). PS#103.

WLB 50 DARRYL SHARPTON JR. 5-11 232 PS#125. 5 st, 41 tkl rFr. Last 5 st in '07, 57 tkl, 6 tfl. 48 Spencer Adkins (5'11" 230 Sr) **PS#11.** 5 st, 52 tkl LY. 11 Arthur Brown **PS#5.** Jordan Futch **PS#22.**

MLB 3 Glenn Cook Sr. 6-0 235 PS#65. 11 st '06, UM LB POY, 64 tkl, 4 tfl. RS LY. 51 Romeo Davis (6'3" 234 Sr) 13 st 3Y, 69 tkl. RS LY. 36 Kylan Robinson (6'1" 232 So) PS#111RB.

SLB 44 COLIN McCARTHY JR. 6-3 230 **PS#38.** 9 st in '07, 74 tkl, 12 tfl. Sean Spence **PS#35.** 59 Eric Houston (6'2" 230 Sr) PS#151. Damien Berry (5'11" 198 So) PS#37DB. Marcus Robinson **PS#9.**

CB 8 DeMARCUS VAN DYKE SO. 6-1 174 PS#60. 12 gm, 8 st true, 14 tkl, 1 pbu. 24 Chavez Grant (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#128. 10 st 2Y, 50 tkl, 3 tfl, 5 pbu. 2 int. Brandon Harris **PS#8.**

CB 22 BRUCE JOHNSON SR. 5-11 172 PS#69. 12 st 3Y, 41 tkl, 9 pbu. 27 Carlos Armour (6'3" 206 Sr) PS#114WR. 4 st, 30 tkl LY, 4 pbu. 23 Tervaris Johnson (6'2" 229 Jr) PS#123.

SS 35 Lovon Ponder Sr. 6-0 219 PS#44. 2 st, 20 tkl, 3 int '05. **9 st**, 53 tkl, 7 pbu '06. Inj'd LY. 26 Anthony Reddick (6'0" 208 Sr) **6 st**, 73 tkl '04. Inj L3Y. Vaughn Telemaque **PS#26.**

FS 6 Randy Phillips Sr. 6-0 208 PS#72. 8 st '06. 4 st LY. 73 tkl 3Y, 4 int, 15 pbu. JoJo Nicolas (6'1" 200 So) PS#90. 1 int true. 37 Jared Campbell (6'0" 198 So) PS#151. 1 tkl.

P 25 MATT BOSHER SO. 6-0 195 **PS#4.** Avg 46.5 on punts as Sr in HS. 12 st P here as rFr, 58 punts, 40.2 avg and 35.1 net, long 75 (4th UM history). 9 inside the 20, 2 blocked.

MIAMI HURRICANES

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Randy Shannon (Career 5-7)
2nd Year at Miami, FL Shannon's Bowl Record: 0-0

Shannon's records AT MIAMI, FL

5-7	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
4-3	Home	1-4	Vs Top 25
1-4	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
2-6	Vs Conference	2-4	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (19,28,1)
Lost: 21 (10,7,4)

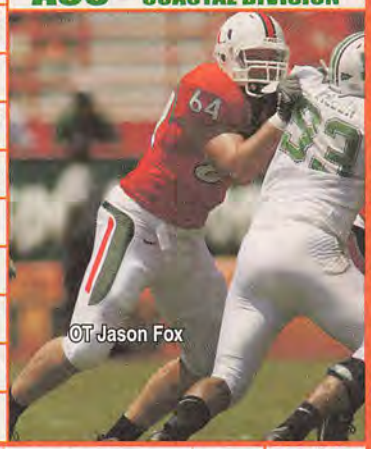
2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,589 (#52)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#44

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 28	Charleston Southern (Thu)	G						First meeting. The Buccaneers went 5-6 last yr including a 66-10 loss to Hawaii. The Hurricane are 9-1 in home openers with the lone loss to #11 FSU in '06.
Sep. 6	at Florida	G						Last played in '04 Peach Bowl & UM has not lost to the Gators S/'85, owning 6 straight wins in the series. Miami leads the series 28-25. The Canes are just 65-82-3 all-time vs SEC opp's.
Sep. 13								
Sep. 20	at Texas A&M	G						Last year UM defeated A&M holding them to 38 total yds with a 24-0 halftime lead. The visitor is 14-29 when Miami faces a Big XII opponent.
Sep. 27	North Carolina	G						HC Shannon was a player & an assistant under NC HC Davis. NC defeated UM 33-27 LY in Davis' 1st gm vs his former tm. The HT has won all 4 in this ACC matchup.
Oct. 4	Florida St	G						These 2 have played every year since 1969 & last played in Dolphin Stadium in the '03 Orange Bowl (UM 16-14). Miami is 7-2 the last 9 including a 37-29 win last yr.
Oct. 11	UCF	G						First ever meeting between these 2 instate tms that are only 243 miles apart. The Hurricanes are 34-17-1 all-time vs current CUSA opponents.
Oct. 18	at Duke	G						Last time here, UM was riddled by suspensions & needed an int on the last play to hold on for a 20-15 win. This is only the 6th meeting between these 2 & UM is 4-1.
Oct. 25	Wake Forest	G						Miami is 5-3 vs Wake Forest but 4-0 the last 4 including 2-0 in the ACC. The Hurricane outscored the Deacons 99-24 & outgained them by 532 yds in their 2 conf gms.
Nov. 1	at Virginia	G						Last year Virginia crushed UM 48-0 in the Canes' last game in the Orange Bowl. The home shutout was the 1st since 1974 & worst home loss since 1947.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 13	Virginia Tech (Thur)	G						From '92-'03 UM & VT split their 12 BE meetings & the HT has lost 3 of the 4 ACC match-ups. DC Young was the DC at Kansas LY as KU defeated VT in the Orange Bowl.
Nov. 20	at Georgia Tech (Thur)	G						Miami's OC Patrick Nix was the OC at GT for 5 yrs & coached there from '02-'06. In thirteen (UM 4-9) all-time meetings & the 2 have combined for just 36 ppg.
Nov. 29	at NC State	G						Last year UM lost 19-16 in OT, it was the 1st time NCSt beat UM since 1971. The Canes are 7-4-1 in this series but have won both meetings in Raleigh.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ken Dorsey 9,565 '99-'02	1. Ottis Anderson 3,331 '75-'78	1. Santana Moss 2,546 '97-'00
2. Gino Torretta 7,690 '89-'92	2. Edgerrin James 2,960 '96-'98	2. Reggie Wayne 2,510 '97-'00
3. Vinny Testaverde 6,058 '82, '84-'86	3. James Jackson 2,953 '96-'00	3. Michael Irvin 2,423 '85-'87



STADIUM: DOLPHIN STADIUM (75,000) (#22)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	12-0	12-1	11-2	9-3	9-3	7-6	5-7	76-23
Home	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-1	4-2	5-1	5-2	4-3	42-9
Away	4-1	5-0	6-0	4-1	4-1	4-1	1-4	1-4	29-12
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	5-2
vs Conf	7-0	7-0	7-0	6-1	5-3	6-2	3-5	2-6	43-17
vs Non-Conf	4-1	5-0	5-1	5-1	4-0	3-1	4-1	3-1	33-6
ATS	9-3	7-5	4-8	6-7	7-5	4-8	4-8	4-8	45-52
Home Fav (Butch Davis)	3-2	4-2	1-4	1-6	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-5	18-28
Home Dog (Larry Coker)	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-1
Away Fav	4-1	2-3	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-3	0-2	0-1	14-16
Away Dog (Randy Shannon)	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	7-4
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	4-3
vs Conf	7-0	3-4	2-5	3-4	5-3	3-5	3-5	2-6	28-32
vs Non-Conf	2-3	4-1	2-3	3-3	2-2	1-3	1-3	2-2	17-20
Off SU Win	8-2	6-5	4-8	5-5	4-4	4-5	2-4	1-4	34-37
Off SU Loss	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	0-2	2-3	2-4	7-12

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Graig Cooper	125	732	50	682	4	5.5
Javarris James	159	648	66	582	4	3.7
Derron Thomas	40	217	17	200	0	5.0
Shawnbrey McNeal	20	99	9	90	1	4.5
Kyle Wright	87	264	198	66	3	0.8
Darnell Jenkins	11	69	16	53	0	4.8
Kirby Freeman	22	78	28	50	0	2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kyle Wright	241	141	58.5	1747	12	14
Kirby Freeman	58	18	31.0	256	3	6

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darnell Jenkins	31	619	20.0	2	97
Sam Shields	27	346	12.8	3	51
Lance Leggett	15	238	15.9	1	80
Graig Cooper	13	129	9.9	1	25
Chris Zellner	13	105	8.1	1	27
Ryan Hill	11	105	9.5	2	23
DajLeon Farr	6	104	17.3	3	33
Javarris James	14	100	7.1	0	15
Dedrick Epps	8	83	10.4	1	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Matt Bosher	58	2329	40.2	19	35.0(t)	2	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Francesco Zampogna	23-24	5-7	1-3	3-5	0-0	9-15	47
Daren Daly	5-5	2-3	1-1	1-2	0-0	4-6	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tavares Gooden	119	0	5	4	1
Kenny Phillips	95	0	6.5	3	2
Calais Campbell	85	6	6	1	1
Vegas Franklin	80	7	4.5	4	0
Colin McCarthy	74	2	10	5	1
Willie Cooper	60	0	1	0	0
Darryl Sharpton	57	0	6	2	0
Spencer Adkins	52	1	2	1	1
Eric Moncur	48	6	5.5	2	0
Teraz McCray	46	6	5.5	0	0
Randy Phillips	34	0	2	3	2
Carlos Armour	30	0	0	4	0
Bruce Johnson	28	0	0	6	1
Chavez Grant	26	0	1	2	1
Joe Joseph	25	0.5	1.5	0	0
Antonio Dixon	21	1.5	2	1	0
Courtney Harris	21	0.5	2.5	0	0
Dwayne Hendricks	19	1	1	0	0
Lovon Ponder	15	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Darnell Jenkins	5	95	19.0	0
Graig Cooper	16	76	4.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Hill	21	428	20.4	0
Shawnbrey McNeal	10	199	19.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Fiesta - #1	-11'	Ohio St - #2 (2OT)	24-31
03	Orange - #10	+1'	Florida St - #9	16-14
04	Peach - #14	-4	Florida - #20	27-10
05	Peach - #9	-7	LSU - #10	3-40
06	MPC Computers	-3'	Nevada	21-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Miami's All-Time Bowl Record 18-13

MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	20.6	16	146	3.7	170	53.5	15.3	-6	2007	6	26.0	18	134	3.4	212	56.8	13.3
5*	19.6	16	116	3.5	197	59.2	16.0	-3	2006	6	15.5	14	68	2.3	188	53.3	16.5
4	27.1	18	138	3.7	216	57.4	13.0	+5	2005	9	14.3	16	118	3.0	152	46.6	19.0
6*	31.7	18	131	3.7	234	55.9	11.5	+14	2004	4	17.0	18	155	3.8	173	50.6	19.3
6	27.8	20	180	4.6	215	59.8	14.2	-4	2003	7	15.1	14	117	3.3	141	50.9	17.1
4*	40.5	21	182	5.2	284	55.8	11.5	-1	2002	6	19.1	18	169	3.8	120	46.2	15.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

UM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
39,830	Marshall	20	40-260	6.5	9-21	81	0	13	32-51	1.6	19-35	183	6	+3
85,357	at Oklahoma	7	35-52	1.5	11-24	87	2	25	45-116	2.6	22-28	295	1	+1
40,915	Florida Int'l	18	40-204	5.1	10-19	224	1	11	37-159	4.3	6-14	105	1	-1
44,622	Texas A&M	18	40-127	3.2	21-26	275	2	12	33-98	3.0	12-22	142	3	0
30,614	Duke	21	37-185	5.0	20-25	245	2	17	37-61	1.6	18-27	241	9	0
59,000	at N Carolina	20	36-109	3.0	17-33	302	3	18	46-183	4.0	15-23	218	2	-3
52,416	Georgia Tech	12	38-167	4.4	8-18	56	1	22	50-264	5.3	11-29	114	0	+1
82,728	at Florida St	17	45-153	3.4	11-22	173	2	19	47-158	3.4	14-33	208	2	+1
34,621	NC State	16	60-314	5.2	1-14	84	0	16	35-110	3.1	19-40	207	1	-3
62,106	Virginia	9	39-95	2.4	9-21	94	4	21	39-130	3.3	20-25	288	2	-4
66,233	at Virginia Tech	13	29-(-2)	-0.1	21-36	215	5	20	43-182	4.2	14-26	176	4	-3
44,500	at Boston College	19	39-83	2.1	23-42	198	3	19	25-93	3.7	26-43	369	0	+2
TOTALS		190	478-1747	3.7	161-301	2034	25	213	469-1605	3.4	196-345	2546	31	-6
AVERAGES		15.8	40-146	3.7	13-25	170	2.1	17.8	39-134	3.4	16-29	212	2.6	-0.5

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
#3	† Louisiana Tech	-28	48-9
#3	Florida - #21	-14	38-33
#2	East Carolina	-41	38-3
#2	at Boston College	-11'	33-14
#2	West Virginia	-25'	22-20
#2	at Florida St - #5	+7	22-14
#2	Temple	-31	52-14
#2	at Virginia Tech - #10	-3'	7-31
#6	Tennessee - #18	-12'	6-10
#14	Syracuse	-19	17-10
#14	Rutgers	-27	34-10
#10	at Pittsburgh - #20	-3	28-14

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	Post #11 Score
#5	Florida St - #4	-2	16-10 OT
#4	Louisiana Tech	-30'	48-0
#4	at Houston	-29'	38-13
#4	at Georgia Tech	-14	27-3
#3	Louisville - #18	-9	41-38
#4	at NC State	-7	45-31
#4	at North Carolina	-22	28-31
#11	Clemson	-16'	17-24 OT
#18	at Virginia - #10	+3'	31-21
#12	Wake Forest	-18'	52-7
#9	Virginia Tech - #10	-7	10-16

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#9	at Florida St - #14	-3	7-10
#13	at Clemson - #20	-7	36-30 3OT
#12	Colorado	-14	23-3
#9	South Florida	-21	27-7
#9	Duke	-35'	52-7
#7	at Temple	-41'	34-3
#6	North Carolina	-21	34-16
#5	at Virginia Tech - #3	+6'	27-7
#3	at Wake Forest	-17	47-17
#3	Georgia Tech	-18	10-14
#10	Virginia	-17'	25-17

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post – Score
#12	Florida St - #11	-3'	10-13
#17	Florida A&M	NL	51-10
#17	at Louisville - #12	+4	7-31
–	Houston	-16'	14-13
–	North Carolina	-19	27-7
–	Florida Int'l	-26	35-0
–	at Duke	-17'	20-15
–	at Georgia Tech - #21	+4'	23-30
–	Virginia Tech - #23	+2'	10-17
–	at Maryland - #23	+3	13-14
–	at Virginia	-3	7-17
–	Boston College - #18	+4	17-14

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre – Opponent	Line	Post – Score
–	Marshall	-17'	31-3
–	at Oklahoma - #5	+11	13-51
–	Florida Int'l	-32'	23-9
–	Texas A&M - #20	-1'	34-17
–	Duke	-24	24-14
–	at North Carolina	-7	27-33
–	Georgia Tech	-2	14-17
–	at Florida St	+5	37-29
–	NC State	-10'	16-19 OT
–	Virginia - #23	-3'	0-48
–	at Virginia Tech - #10	+16'	14-44
–	at Boston College - #15	+14'	14-28

GEORGIA TECH YELLOW JACKETS

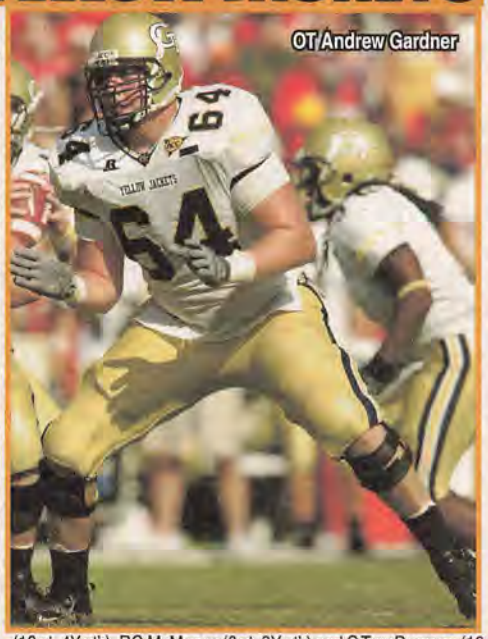
POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In former HC Chan Gailey's six years this position has not been a strength. In his first season ('02) the team completed 54.9% and then in '03 Reggie Ball started as a true frosh (52.5). The following 4 years saw GT's completion rate at just 48.8, 47.1, 47.2 and 49.3. Taylor Bennett hit 14 of 37 for 145 in '05 but had an outstanding bowl (19-29 for 326) vs #13 WV in '06 thanks in part to WR Calvin Johnson. Last season many speculated that the QB position would be improved despite the loss of 4 year starter Ball but Bennett struggled. His best game was vs Maryland (309 yds). Bennett was hurt by a lot of drops but finished with 2,136 yards and a 7-9 ratio. The backup QB was supposed to be Calvin Booker (PS#38) and he played in 5 with 21 passes. The backup became true frosh Josh Nesbitt (PS#16) who was used mostly as a runner. In 11 games Nesbitt threw 13 passes but rushed for 339 net yards (6.4). Nesbitt is the clear frontrunner in new HC Paul Johnson's option-oriented offense and Bennett opted to transfer to LA Tech. This year's true frosh are also a good fit for the offense. GT should have their best QB play in years.

RUNNING BACKS - PJ Daniels was 1st Tm ACC in 2003 and with 307 in the bowl he had the #2 all-time single season rushing total for a GT RB with 1,447 (5.1) trailing only Eddie Lee Ivery (1,562, 1978). Daniels was banged up in '04 and rushed for 714 (4.6) and Rashaun Grant (PS#15) had 3 starts and 425 (4.5). In '05 Oklahoma transfer Tashard Choice (PS#59) rushed for 513 (4.4) with one start. Choice did not lead in rushing in the first three of '06 but had nine 100 yard efforts in the final ten and edged past Daniels' #2 all-time mark with 1,473 (5.0). Grant had just 177 (4.9) and true frosh Jamaal Evans (PS#36) had 215 (5.2). All 3 returned last year and Choice led the ACC in rushing with 1,379 (5.3) despite missing 1 full game and parts of 3 others. True frosh Jonathan Dwyer (PS#5) emerged as #2 with 436 (5.3) and Grant, who missed the first 2 and then the last 5 with injury, had 231 (5.9). Evans chipped in 127 (4.0). This year they must replace Choice (#4DC DAL), Grant and FB Mike Cox (10 st, 140 ttl yds). While no RB will match Choice's outstanding numbers, switching to the option will result in higher overall rushing numbers and Johnson moved their top WR from 2007 (Greg Smith) to AB. Keep in mind the BB gets the majority of carries in Johnson's offense and he's never had a VHT like Dwyer to work with.

RECEIVERS - In 2003 under Gailey, Jonathan Smith (#7DC '04) snagged a school record 78 rec for 1,138 yards and had more than twice the amount of catches as the #2 man. Calvin Johnson broke Smith's record with 1,202 (15.8) in '06. James Johnson had 608 (15.6). The #3 receiver, Greg Smith, had 113 (16.1). WR Coach Buddy Geis said Smith is probably the hardest worker they have. In spring 2007 Demaryius Thomas looked like he would be the go-to receiver. James Johnson had one big game with 136 vs VTech but missed a few games with injury and finished #3 with 447 with a team high 17.9 ypc. Smith led the team with 588 (15.9) and Thomas added 558 (15.9). This year they lose James Johnson (10 st), TE Colin Peek (11 st, 248) and WR DJ Donley (2 st, 101). The top rec Smith moves to AB. Not listed in the PSL are RB Clyburn (6'6" 209 rFr), Kevin Cone (6'2" 202 So) and Zach Fisher (6'2" 193 rFr). With one less spot to fill, this unit has a little more experience, but in the new offense will get a lot less balls thrown their way.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Tech had four returning starters and a mobile QB and the O-line paved the way for 4.3 ypc rush, their best in 4 years and allowed 22 sacks (6%). Last year Tech had 8 of their top 10 back and 113 combined career starts returning. I called it the top OL of Gailey's tenure and indeed it was. The OL paved the way for a Gailey-era high 199 ypg rushing and 4.7 ypc, both their best totals since 1999 and they again had 22 sacks despite QB Bennett rushing for -13 net yards. They did lose returning starting G Nate McManus after six starts due to injury. This year they lose 2nd Tm ACC C Kevin Tuminello (13 st, 3Y st'r), LG Matt Rhodes



(13 st, 4Y st'r), RG McManus (6 st, 3Y st'r) and C Trey Dunmon (10 gms, transferred). Four players do return with starting experience and the projected starters have size, avg 6'5" 298), but they go from 113 career starts to 58 and must learn a new offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - GT had two starters back in 2006 but allowed 3.3 ypc rush, their highest total since 2002, but the D did have 36 sacks. Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back but had to replace a 1st Tm ACC DT. While they allowed 3.2 ypc rush, the D led the NCAA with 47 sacks. This year six of the top 8 are back but they lose both starting DE's in Adamm Oliver (12 st, 41 tkl, 4.5 sk) and 2nd Tm ACC Darrell Robertson (13 st, 36 tkl, 6.5 sk, 9.5 tfl). Both productive DT's return and they combined for 75 tackles and 13 sk and I like the replacements at DE which include 2 VHT's from last year's class (PS#27, PS#15) and Michael Johnson who Troy's coach said was "as good as any Florida St DL." They are learning a new D but even with the losses, this is one of the ACC's top D-lines.

LINEBACKERS - In both 2006 and 2007 GT had to replace their #1 tackler but had 5 of the top 6 LB's back. Philip Wheeler turned down an early shot at the NFL to return for his senior season and led the Jackets with 89 tackles and 9 tfl earning 2nd Tm ACC honors. This year they lose their top 2 LB's in Wheeler (13 st, #3DC IND) and Gary Guyton (13 st, 78 tkl, 5 sk, 8.5 tfl). Two players return with starting experience and some of this year's true frosh signees could have an impact. With the loss of their top two, this group is down a few notches in 2008.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - GT was #20 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and in 2006 they had to replace 3 starters but still finished #33. Last year they had to replace one starter. CB Jahi Word-Daniels led GT with 13 pbu in 2006 despite starting just 7 games. He was hampered with nagging injuries last year but led again, this time with 8. Surprisingly, GT fell to #71 with just 5 int, 3 by true frosh Morgan Burnett. This year they lose CB Avery Roberson (12 st, 58 tkl, 6 pbu), S Djay Jones (13 st, 55 tkl, 2 pbu), HM ACC S Jamal Lewis (74 tkl, 9 tfl), S Joe Gaston (3 tkl) and CB Pat Clark (4 st, 31 tkl L2Y). Word-Daniels and Burnett both will contend for All ACC honors and Johnson brought in a slew of frosh that will battle for time. While this unit is clearly less experienced than 2007, they should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In '06 GT had to replace their P and KR. Travis Bell hit 12 of 18 with a long of 47 and Durant Brooks emerged at P earning 2nd Tm AA honors with an outstanding 40.7 net (#2 NCAA). True frosh Jamaal Evans avg 22.8 on KR and Tyler Evans was the leading PR (9.6). GT ranked #119 in the NCAA in KR defense (27.0) and that had them finish just #81 in my ST rankings. Paul Johnson's ST units at Navy finished #76, #113, #69 and #107 his first 4 years but improved to #15 last year. Last year with everyone back, I said GT had Top 20 potential and they moved all the way up to #5. Brooks had another phenomenal season avg 45.1 with a team net of 39.2. Frosh Scott Blair had 8 TB on 73 KO and that KR D went from a weakness to one of the best in the NCAA allowing just 17.0. Travis Bell hit 23 of 28 with a long of 51 and 2 of his misses were 50+ including a 62 yarder. True frosh Jonathan Dwyer had 14 KR (21.9) and Jamaal Evans had 25 (20.8). They RS Mohamed Yahiaoui who had 12 TB on KO in '05 and 11 TB on KO in '06. This year they lose Ray Guy Winner Brooks (#6DC WAS) and K Bell and clearly are weaker.

COACHES - In Chan Gailey's six years he guided the team to six bowls with a winning record each year and in 2006 they played in the ACC Title game. That was not enough for the GT alumni and now Paul Johnson comes in with heavy expectations. Johnson did a phenomenal job at Navy. He was 62-10 at Georgia Southern and was IAA National Coach of the Year four straight seasons (1997-2000). In six years at Navy, he guided them to 5 bowl games and won five straight Commander-in-Chief's trophies, dominating their rivals. In 2004 he was named the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year. Johnson will serve as his own OC as he did at Navy. The DC is Dave Wommack who was the LB coach at S Miss last year, the DB/LB coach at S Carolina in '05 and '06 and the DC at Arkansas in '02-'04. Wommack steps into some large shoes replacing Jon Tenuta who left for Notre Dame and GT's 3.62 sacks per game last year was #1 in the NCAA.

PHIL'S FORECAST

GT has now been to a school record 11 straight bowl games. In five of Gailey's six seasons, they finished with exactly 7 wins and in 2006 GT got to the ACC Title game finishing with 9 wins. That 2006 squad was led by AA WR Calvin Johnson and they landed their first Jan 1 bowl since 1999 getting as high as #13 in the polls. Last year they opened the season strong demolishing Notre Dame in South Bend 33-3. After beating Samford, GT rose to #15 in the polls but they were dominated at home by BC being outgained 527-267 then suffered their 8th straight loss in Charlottesville, Virginia. Clemson missed 4 FG's and had a punt blocked to set up GT's only TD while a fumbled KR set up a GT FG. Even though their longest scoring drive was 11 yards, GT beat #13 CU at home, 13-3. They missed a 52 yd FG with :54 left and lost at MD but then dominated the 2H and came back to upset Miami on the road 17-14. GT was thumped by #11 VT at home 27-3 and Gailey was booed by the home crowd, a game in which GT had 6 TO's. GT did get a FG with :16 left to edge NC and the Tar Heels had a 63 yd FG blk'd on the last play. GT led #6 UGA 14-10 but gave up a TD late in the 1H and lost to their rival for the 6th time in six years under Gailey. DC Tenuta was the interim HC for the bowl and Fresno St piled up 571 yards in the 40-28 bowl loss. GT was 4-4 in the ACC but did outgain conf foes by an avg of 32.3 ypg (4th best). I am a big Paul Johnson fan and think he did an incredible job at Navy making that team a perennial bowl team and they dominated their rivals. I do think his option offense can work in the ACC (ask WF). I also like the talent in the backfield. Despite those factors, Johnson will have to do a great job just to get this team back to the usual 7+ wins. They draw the top two teams in the ACC out of the Atlantic (FSU and Clem) and also have just 9 returning starters which is the fewest in the ACC and among the lowest in the country. They have to learn new schemes on both sides of the ball and replace their exceptional DC. The D loses its top 4 tacklers and 7 of the top 10 plus they lose their exceptional K and P. Drawing a pair of SEC bowl squads on the non-conf slate has me calling for a rebuilding year. They do have my #4 O-line and #5 D-line in the ACC and have a shot at bowl eligibility but will likely have their fewest amount of wins in a season since 1996.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 8 **Josh Nesbitt So.** 6-1 214 **PS#16**. 13 att true, 339 net rush (6.4). 16 Calvin Booker (6'4" 234 Sr) PS#38. Auburn trans. 167 yds pass LY. 11 Jaybo Shaw PS#57.

RB 21 **Jonathan Dwyer So.** 6-0 228 **PS#5**. 436 (5.3) true. 48 Richard Watson **PS#33**. 28 Quincy Kelly (6'0" 238 So) 10 gm rFr. 46 Matt Kamp (5'11" 240 Jr). 36 Luke Cox (6'0" 254 So).

AB 22 **Jamaal Evans Jr.** 5-8 193 PS#36. 1 st 2Y, 342 (4.7). 45 Jason Davis (5'10" 196 Jr) PS#334DB. 3 Marcus Wright is **PS#42**. 61 Trevor Bray (6'0" 244 So).

AB 5 **GREG SMITH JR.** 6-3 195 PS#121WR. 1 st, 113 (16.1) rFr. 7st LY, 588 (15.9) LY. Roddy Jones (5'9" 194 rFr) PS#53. 42 Tyler Evans (5'8" 186 Jr) 529 all-purp yd 2Y.

WR 15 **Correy Earls So.** 6-0 190 PS#154. 2 st rFr, 188 (13.4). Tyler Melton (6'0" 199 Fr) PS#216. GS. Tyler Davis (6'0" 199 Sr) PS#189. Jonathan Malone (5'9" 167 Jr).

WR 8 **DEMARYIUS THOMAS SO.** 6-3 229 PS#80. 10 st rFr, 558 (15.9). 85 Austin Barrick (6'3" 254 So) PS#68TE. 83 Andrew Smith (5'11" 191 Sr) 28 PR (8.9) 3Y. Paul Reese (6'0" 178 rFr).

C 55 **David Brown Sr.** 6-3 271 **PS#43DL**. 8 gm OL LY. 66 Drew Brannon (6'4" 297 So). LS 50 Bret White (5'11" 240 Sr). 73 Zach Ware (6'0" 220 Jr).

RG 53 **AJ Smith Sr.** 6-7 299 PS#159DL. 3 gm rFr. 14 gm '06. 6 st RT LY. 78 Clyde Yandell (6'5" 296 rFr) **PS#54**. 62 Chase Hudson (6'2" 268 rFr). Zach Krish (6'5" 286 So).

LG 77 **DAN VOSS JR.** 6-4 294 4 gm rFr. Last 7 st LG LY. 72 Jason Hill (6'4" 299 Jr) PS#222. 5 gm 2Y. 65 Andrew Folkner (6'0" 299 Sr). Michael St. Denis (6'3" 300 Jr).

RT 71 **CORD HOWARD JR.** 6-5 308 2nd string rFr. Last 6 st RG LY. Missed spring. 75 **Nick Claytor** (6'6" 304 rFr) **PS#15**. 68 Alex Paquette (6'2" 253 Jr) 1 gm LY.

LT 64 **ANDREW GARDNER SR.** 6-6 297 12 st LT, Frosh AA rFr. 14 st LT '06. 13 st LT LY, **1st Tm ACC**. 60 Brad Sellers (6'2" 252 Jr) PS#117. 70 Joseph Gilbert (6'4" 288 rFr). PS#186.

K 14 **Scott Blair So.** 6-0 173 8 TB on 73 KO true. Mohamed Yahiaoui (5'11" 215 Jr) 12 TB 32 KO true. 11 TB 62 KO '06. RS '07. 24 Chandler Anderson (5'11" 193 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 91 **Derrick Morgan So.** 6-4 270 **PS#27LB**. 9 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. 97 Robert Hall (6'3" 248 So) PS#104. 8 tkl true. RS LY. 79 Sean Bedford (6'1" 268 So). 66 Luke Snider (6'0" 218 So).

DT 99 **VANCE WALKER SR.** 6-2 293 **1st Tm ACC LY, 3rd Tm AA**, 13 st, 45 tkl, 8.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. 98 Ben Anderson (6'2" 271 So) PS#98. 1 tkl rFr. 90 TJ Barnes (6'7" 325 Fr) PS#162.

DT 95 **DARRYL RICHARD SR.** 6-4 290 **PS#38**. 13 st '06, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 30 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7 tfl. 94 Elris Anyaibe (6'3" 280 Sr) PS#263OL. 26 tkl 3Y. 96 Logan Walls (6'2" 287 rFr) PS#81.

DE 92 **Michael Johnson Sr.** 6-7 247 PS#60TE. 1 st '06, 34 tkl, 5 sk. 1 st LY, 21 tkl, 4 sk. 82 **Jason Peters** (6'4" 272 rFr) **PS#15**. Anthony Egbuniwe (6'4" 253 So). Steven Powers (6'2" 226 So).

SLB 57 **SHANE BOWEN JR.** 6-1 218 PS#309. 7 tkl true. 10 st LY, 34 tkl, 4 tfl. 59 Kyle Jackson (6'0" 226 rFr) PS#86. Tony Clark (6'1" 207 Sr) PS#133DB. 27 tkl 3Y. Sedric Griffin (5'11" 239 Jr) PS#227. 15 tkl 2Y.

MLB 51 **Brad Jefferson So.** 6-2 227 PS#54. 10 tkl true. 52 Travis Chambers (5'11" 232 Sr) PS#70. 10 tkl 2Y. 17 Matt Braman (6'3" 236 Sr) PS#230. 8 tkl 2Y.

WLB 12 **Anthony Barnes So.** 6-3 231 PS#73WR. 3 st LY, 29 tkl, 6 tfl. 55 Osahon Tongo (6'3" 252 So) PS#61. 2 gm LY. Albert Rocker (6'1" 225 rFr) PS#131. 30 James Liipfert (6'0" 234 Sr).

CB 32 **JAHI WORD-DANIELS SR.** 6-0 194 PS#105. 7 st '06, 42 tkl, 13 pbu, 2 int. 13 st LY, 56 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. 35 Michael Peterson (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#264. 16 Tyler Barrett (5'10" 186 Sr).

CB 2 **Mario Butler So.** 6-1 181 PS#142. 3 tkl true. 37 Jerrard Tarrant (6'0" 189 rFr) PS#147. 33 Troy Garside (5'11" 202 Sr) 11 tkl LY. 29 Jon Lockhart (6'0" 190 Fr) PS#207WR.

SS 1 **Morgan Burnett So.** 6-1 198 **PS#39**. 1 st true, 57 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu. 47 Jake Blackwood (6'1" 180 Jr) 10 tkl 2Y. 25 DeRon Jasper (6'2" 198 So). 5 Alex Walker (6'0" 180 rFr).

FS 26 **Dominique Reese So.** 5-11 178 PS#210WR. 16 tkl rFr, 1 pbu. 8 Willie White (6'3" 182 rFr) PS#67WR. 10 Martin Frierson (6'2" 208 Jr) PS#136WR. 4 rec '06. Brandon Leslie PS#58.

P 31 **Mohamed Yahiaoui Jr.** 5-11 215 RS LY. 14 Scott Blair (6'0" 173 So). 82 Kevin Crosby (6'3" 191 So) 43.9 avg in HS. 12 Iain Vance (6'2" 208 So). 24 Chandler Anderson (5'11" 193 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Richard Watson 6-1 225 PS#33
RB	Marcus Wright 5-8 175 PS#42
LB	Steven Sylvester 6-2 225 PS#49
RB	Embry Peeples 5-10 175 PS#70
DB	Brandon Leslie 6-0 195 PS#58
OL	Nick McRae 6-4 290 PS#99
LB	BJ Machen 6-1 225 PS#74
OL	Omoregie Uzzi 6-3 291 PS#106DL
QB	Jaybo Shaw 6-0 190 PS#57
DB	Cooper Taylor 6-4 195 PS#102
DL	TJ Barnes 6-7 325 PS#162
DB	Kamaron Riley 6-2 180 PS#162WR
LB	Malcolm Munroe 6-3 215 PS#165
OL	Phil Smith 6-6 290 PS#244
DB	Rashaad Reid 5-10 180 PS#236
QB	Tevin Washington 6-1 205 PS#136
DB	Jon Lockhart 6-0 190 PS#207WR
WR	Tyler Melton 6-0 199 PS#216 '07
WR	Daniel McKayhan 6-0 180 PS#326
WR	Quentin Sims 6-3 190 PS#326
DL	Antonio Wilson 6-6 220 PS#464

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Johnson's records AT GEORGIA TECH

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7–6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (22,25,3)
Lost: 24 (12,10,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 50,280 (#43)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#37

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score GT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	Jacksonville St (Thur)	G					
Sep. 6	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 13	at Virginia Tech	G					
Sep. 20	Mississippi St	G					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	Duke	G					
Oct. 11	Gardner-Webb	G					
Oct. 18	at Clemson	G					
Oct. 25	Virginia (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	Florida St	G					
Nov. 8	at North Carolina	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 20	Miami, Fl (Thur)	G					
Nov. 29	at Georgia	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joe Hamilton 8,882 '96-'99
2. Shawn Jones 8,441 '89-'92
3. Reggie Ball 8,128 '03-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Robert Lavette 4,066 '81-'84
2. Jerry Mays 3,699 '85-'89
3. Eddie Lee Ivery 3,517 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Calvin Johnson 2,927 '04-'06
2. Kelly Campbell 2,907 '98-'01
3. Kerry Watkins 2,680 '99-'02

First meeting. Jack Crowe (former HC at Arkansas) & the Gamecocks won the OVC crown in '03 & '04 but have posted 3 straight 6-5 seasons. GT is 8-1 in home openers.

Prior to LY the last meeting between these 2 was in '98. GT's last visit to Alumni Stadium was in '97, when they beat BC, 42-14. GT is 8-2 their last 10 road openers.

The winner of the four ACC gms in this series has a 23 ppg avg margin of victory. The Yellow Jackets have lost 3 of the 4, but won in their last trip to Blacksburg.

Georgia Tech is 4-11 at home vs non-conference BCS school. GT has played every SEC team & MSU is the only school they haven't lost to (2-0 all-time).

The winner in this series has won by DD 19 times in 22 gms (86%) since 1986. Georgia Tech has won 12 of the L/13 in this series including 6 straight in Atlanta.

This is the 2nd FCS tm GT will face TY & they must win at least 7 gms to become bowl elig. The Runnin' Bulldogs went 5-6 last year including losses to Ohio & Miss St.

Nine of the last 12 in this series has been decided by 5 or less pts. GT's last visit to Clemson was their only regular season ACC loss (31-7) in 2006.

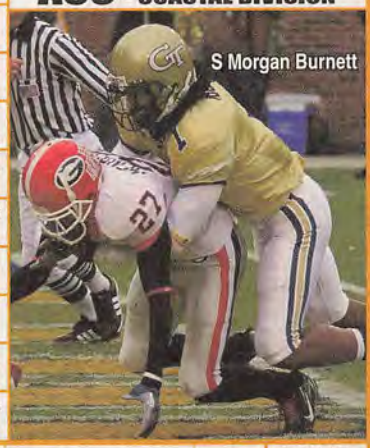
The home team is 12-1 in this series with the last 4 in Atlanta decided by 20 ppg. Georgia Tech has won 12 straight Homecoming games.

These two have not met since '03 as GT nearly upset #10 ranked Seminoles but allowed 2 TD's in the last 7:09 & FSU pulled off the 14-13 win.

The legendary Bobby Dodd won his 1st gm as GT's HC vs N Carolina in 1945. Yellow Jackets are 9-1 the L/10 vs the Tar Heels but needed a FG w/:15 left LY.

GT has won 3 straight vs Miami. They're 1 of 4 opp's L30Y to do that (FSU, VT & ND). GT has played every yr S/'93 on Thurs Nights on ESPN but lost 5 of the last 7.

Governor's Cup. LY GA beat GT 31-17 & HC Gailey was fired as he could not defeat GA in his tenure at GT. They have played every yr S/ '25 & GT has lost 7 straight (GA leads 59-38-5).



STADIUM: BOBBY DODD STADIUM (55,000) (#49)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	8-5	7-6	7-6	7-5	7-5	9-5	7-6	61-41
Home	5-1	3-3	4-2	4-2	3-3	4-2	6-1	4-3	33-17
Away	4-1	3-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	24-18
Neutral	0-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	0-1	4-6
vs Conf	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	7-2	4-4	38-27
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-1	3-2	3-2	3-1	2-2	2-3	3-2	23-14
ATS	9-3	4-8	4-9	7-5-1	6-5	5-7	7-5-1	4-7-1	46-49-3
Home Fav (George O'Leary)	4-1	1-4	2-3	1-1	1-1	2-3	3-2	0-3-1	14-18-1
Home Dog (George O'Leary)	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-1	0-3	0-1	1-0	1-1	6-7
Away Fav (Mac McWhirter (Bowl))	2-0	2-2	1-2	0-1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-2	8-9-1
Away Dog (Chan Gailey)	2-1	0-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	2-2	1-1-1	2-0	14-9-1
Neutral	0-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	4-6
vs Conf	7-1	2-6	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-5	5-4	3-5	31-34
vs Non-Conf (Chan Gailey/Jon Tenuta (Bowl))	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-2-1	3-0	2-2	2-1-1	1-2-1	15-15-3
Off SU Win	7-2	2-4	2-5	4-2	2-4	2-5	4-4-1	0-5-1	23-31-2
Off SU Loss	2-0	2-3	1-4	3-2-1	4-1	2-2	2-1	3-2	19-15-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Humanitarian		-7	Tulsa	52-10
04	Champs Sports		-5'	Syracuse	51-14
05	Emerald - #24		-9	Utah	10-38
06	Gator		+10	West Virginia - #13	35-38
07	Humanitarian		-6	Fresno St	28-40

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GEORGIA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	26.2	20	199	4.7	186	49.3	14.7	-4	2007	8	20.8	17	115	3.2	216	56.3	15.8
9*	24.9	17	162	4.3	170	47.2	13.3	+3	2006	5	18.4	16	105	3.3	196	51.6	16.4
5*	18.5	20	154	4.0	195	47.1	18.9	+10	2005	9	20.1	17	104	3.0	214	53.4	15.8
7*	22.0	19	162	4.0	184	48.8	15.7	-13	2004	7	18.9	16	105	3.1	193	54.4	15.7
7*	21.1	18	160	4.1	170	52.5	15.7	+2	2003	5	20.5	17	101	2.9	222	60.5	15.7
5	21.5	20	164	4.3	211	54.9	17.4	-8	2002	9	20.5	18	135	3.6	221	53.4	17.3

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tashard Choice	261	1412	33	1379	10	5.3
Jonathan Dwyer	82	472	36	436	9	5.3
Josh Nesbitt	53	355	16	339	0	6.4
Rashaun Grant	39	232	1	231	1	5.9
Jamaal Evans	32	142	15	127	2	4.0
Mike Cox	6	48	0	48	0	8.0
Taylor Bennett	44	125	138	-13	4	-0.3
Calvin Booker	8	6	30	-24	0	-3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Taylor Bennett	327	162	49.5	2136	7	9
Calvin Booker	21	11	52.4	167	1	1
Josh Nesbitt	13	5	38.5	93	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Smith	37	588	15.9	2	47
Demaryius Thomas	35	558	15.9	4	56
James Johnson	25	447	17.9	0	53
Colin Peek	25	248	9.9	1	37
Correy Earls	14	188	13.4	1	38
Tashard Choice	14	107	7.6	0	17
DJ Donley	8	101	12.6	1	22
Mike Cox	12	92	7.7	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Durant Brooks	65	2929	45.1	21	39.2(t)	0	33

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Travis Bell	37-37	6-7	9-10	7-8	1-3	23-28	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Phillip Wheeler	89	6	3	5	0
Gary Guyton	78	5	8.5	5	0
Jamal Lewis	74	1.5	7.5	5	0
Avery Roberson	58	0.5	3.5	6	0
Morgan Burnett	57	1	1.5	7	3
Jahi Word-Daniels	56	0	2.5	8	2
Djay Jones	55	0	0	2	0
Vance Walker	45	8.5	5.5	0	0
Adamm Oliver	41	4.5	3.5	1	0
Darrell Robertson	36	6.5	9.5	0	0
Shane Bowen	34	3	1	1	0
Darryl Richard	30	4.5	7	1	0
Anthony Barnes	29	1.5	4.5	0	0
Michael Johnson	21	4	2	1	0
Dominique Reese	16	0	0	1	0
Tony Clark	12	0	0.5	0	0
Pat Clark	12	0	0	0	0
Troy Garside	11	0	0	0	0
Elris Anyaibe	10	1	2.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyler Evans	34	315	9.3	0
Andrew Smith	8	96	12.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamaal Evans	25	519	20.8	0
Jonathan Dwyer	14	306	21.9	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

GT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
80,795	at Notre Dame	20	43-259	6.0	11-24	121	1	13	41-(-8)	-0.2	15-22	130	9	+3
43,288	Samford	20	55-389	7.1	10-12	109	0	12	28-84	3.0	15-29	156	2	+2
51,112	Boston College	16	28-63	2.3	20-39	204	1	26	33-92	2.8	30-44	435	2	+1
57,681	at Virginia	17	31-121	3.9	17-40	230	2	20	42-121	2.9	20-35	233	2	+1
54,635	Clemson	14	46-189	4.1	7-16	67	0	15	32-34	1.1	17-39	194	6	0
47,527	at Maryland	24	43-175	4.1	22-34	309	0	12	35-88	2.5	10-17	255	4	0
52,416	at Miami, Fl	22	50-264	5.3	11-29	114	0	12	38-167	4.4	8-18	56	1	-1
50,242	Army	29	51-292	5.7	14-25	218	2	13	33-118	3.6	12-28	148	2	+1
52,202	Virginia Tech	13	26-105	4.0	12-29	166	2	20	46-185	4.0	22-33	296	6	-5
18,788	at Duke	21	52-259	5.0	11-25	218	2	9	28-24	0.9	12-29	122	8	-1
45,490	North Carolina	20	44-178	4.0	15-26	260	4	18	35-79	2.3	21-35	283	4	-3
54,990	Georgia	22	39-136	3.5	12-32	179	5	20	39-218	5.6	14-29	214	1	-2
27,062	† Fresno St	23	40-161	4.0	17-32	218	3	29	42-286	6.8	23-31	285	0	0
TOTALS		261	548-2591	4.7	179-363	2413	22	219	472-1488	3.2	219-389	2807	47	-4
AVERAGES		20.1	42-199	4.7	14-28	186	1.7	16.8	36-115	3.2	17-30	216	3.6	-0.3

2003 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at BYU	+3'	13-24
–	Auburn - #17	+8'	17-3
–	at Florida St - #10	+23'	13-14
–	Clemson	-4	3-39
–	at Vanderbilt	-7	24-17 OT
–	NC State	+6'	29-21
–	at Wake Forest	+5	24-7
–	Maryland	+2'	7-3
–	at Duke	-13	17-41
–	North Carolina	-10	41-24
–	at Virginia	+7	17-29
–	Georgia - #5	+8'	17-34

2004 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Samford	NL	28-7
–	at Clemson - #20	+7	28-24
–	at North Carolina	-8'	13-34
–	Miami, Fl - #4	+14	3-27
–	at Maryland - #23	+13	20-7
–	Duke	-18	24-7
–	Virginia Tech - #22	+6	20-34
–	at NC State	+7'	24-14
–	Connecticut	-9	30-10
–	Virginia - #18	+5	10-30
–	at Georgia - #8	+15	13-19

2005 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Auburn - #16	+7'	23-14
#17	North Carolina	-12	27-21
#16	Connecticut	-14'	28-13
#15	at Virginia Tech - #4	+11	7-51
#24	NC State	-4'	14-17
–	at Duke	-21	35-10
–	Clemson	-2'	10-9
–	Wake Forest	-7'	30-17
#24	at Virginia	+3'	17-27
–	at Miami, Fl - #3	+18	14-10
#20	Georgia - #13	+4	7-14

2006 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Notre Dame - #2	+6'	10-14
–	Samford	NL	38-6
–	Troy	-17'	35-20
–	Virginia	-16'	24-7
#24	at Virginia Tech - #11	+10	38-27
#18	Maryland	-14	27-23
#13	at Clemson - #12	+7'	7-31
#21	Miami, Fl	-4'	30-23
#20	at NC State	-4	31-23
#19	at North Carolina	-13'	7-0
#18	Duke	-24'	49-21
#16	at Georgia	+3	12-15
#23	† Wake Forest - #16	-1'	6-9

2007 RESULTS

GT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Notre Dame	+1	33-3
#21	Samford	NL	69-14
#15	Boston College - #21	-6'	10-24
–	at Virginia	-3'	23-28
–	Clemson - #13	+3	13-3
–	at Maryland	-3'	26-28
–	at Miami, Fl	+2	17-14
–	Army	-24	34-10
–	Virginia Tech - #11	-3	3-27
–	at Duke	-13'	41-24
–	North Carolina	-9'	27-25
–	Georgia - #6	+3'	17-31

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, despite having two experienced QB's returning, Zack Asack (PS#43) became the first true frosh to start here since Steve Slayden in 1984. Asack started 6 of the last 7 and threw for 966 (50%) with a 5-8 ratio (242 rush). Another true frosh Marcus Jones (PS#154) had 7 pass attempts and also started 4 at WR. In 2006 three QB's left the program knowing that the job was in Asack's hands but he was susp'd over the summer. Jones, who was at WR, moved back to QB and started the opener. He played in just 3 series vs Richmond then Thaddeus Lewis (PS#71) finished the game. Lewis started vs WF and hit 21 of 32 for 305 but was then knocked out of the VT game with a concussion. Lewis threw for 2,134 (52.9%) with an 11-16 ratio (190 rush) starting the final 11. Last year Lewis beat out Asack. After a slow start (143 ypg in first 2) Lewis threw for 246 in their road upset vs Northwestern, 428 vs Navy, 241 vs Miami and 291 vs WF but then just 144 ypg the next 5. Lewis hit 18 of 27 for 219 vs UNC in the finale and for the season threw for 2,430 (55.3%) with an outstanding 21-10 ratio. Asack played in 6 (22 att). This year both return and added to the mix is Mike Cappetto (6'5" 210 rFr, PS#138). New HC Cutcliffe coached the last two Super Bowl MVP's and landed Sean Renfree (PS#16) who originally committed to GT. I look for continued improvement out of Lewis who has the 4th most career passing yards in ACC history by a sophomore.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2003 Chris Douglas (4.3 spd) became the school's career leader in both rushing and all-purp yards and Duke avg 172 ypg rushing (3.8). True frosh Justin Boyle (PS#112) was #2 in 2004 with 241 (4.8) and Ronnie Drummer (PS#121), who is an exciting returnman, had 114 (4.6). They both returned in '05 and Boyle had 458 (3.4) leading in 5 of the first 7. Drummer avg 10.2 ypc with 337 yards. True frosh Re'quan Boyette had 123 vs Flor St and had 252 (4.2) on the year. Those three all returned in '06 and were nicknamed "The Stable" as it was the most talented unit on the team. Both Drummer and Boyle were injured in the opener. Drummer played in 10 and rushed for 148 (5.1). Boyle rushed for 358 (3.9) and tied the modern day school record (Robert Baldwin, 1994) with 4 TD's vs Vandy. Boyette led with 388 (4.5). RB/QB Clifford Harris had 206 (3.7). Army transfer Tielor Robinson rushed for 78 (3.7) and added 15 rec (9.3). Last year Robinson missed most of the year with injury but everyone else returned. Surprisingly, the Duke RB's only topped 51 yards twice with Boyette getting 71 vs Miami and 77 vs WF. That makes a stretch of 16 straight games without a 100 yard rusher. Boyette led with 432 (4.2), Boyle added 226 (3.0) and Drummer surprisingly avg just 2.5 ypc. This year they lose Boyle (2 st) and Drummer (3 st). Naturally, new coaches like their own recruits so true frosh will play. Duke finished #117 in the NCAA in rushing and can only improve even with the losses.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 Jomar Wright (PS#110) led the team in rec with 40 (14.0) and soph Eron Riley (PS#151) led in receiving yards (643, 20.1). Raphael Chestnut, who had 2 rec as a true in '05, was #3 with 375 (9.6). Last year all 3 returned but Chestnut was lost after 5 with injury. Wright led in rec's, this time with 56 (10.7) and departs tied for #9 all-time in rec's at Duke with 122. Riley led again in yards with 830 including an ACC high 20.8 ypc. Riley's biggest game came vs Navy when he had 6 rec for 235 yards and 4 TD's. True frosh Austin Kelly started 3 (15 rec). This year they must replace Wright (10 st) as well as TE Nick Stefanow (9 st, 8 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Kevin Wu (5'6" 160 So), John Phillips (6'3" 190 Jr) and Trevor Dixon (6'1" 220 So). Despite the loss of their leader in rec's for the last 2 years, this group should be at least as strong as the 2007 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Amazingly from 2004-2006 Duke had just one returning starter on the front wall each year and they averaged just 2.7, 3.2 and 2.9 ypc while allowing 39, 31 and 43 sacks. They had just 12 career starts returning in 2006 (nation's youngest O-line). They finally had an experienced group in 2007 as all 5 starters returned. Stunningly Duke dropped to 64 ypg rush (2.0), their lowest of the modern era and also allowed 45 sacks (11.7%). This year they must replace C Matt Rumsey (12 st, 3Y st'r), LG Zach Maurides (12 st, 2Y st'r) and backup C Garrett Mason (12 gm). My wrap-up for this team was going to be, "While this group is less experienced, it can only improve upon last year's stats," but I said that in '07 and they did not improve.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Duke had an experienced D-line and still allowed 5.1 ypc, their highest since 2001. In 2006 they added VHT Vince Oghobaase (PS#18) and starting LB Patrick Bailey, so they had 3 starters back. Duke improved to 4.6 ypc rush but had just 14 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 6 of the top 8 back. They did lose DE Bailey, their top sack man, in Wk 6 with an injury. Duke improved again allowing 4.3 ypc rush and increased the sack total to 25. This year the only losses are Bailey (6 st, 37 tkl, 4.5 sk) and Ryan Radloff (1 st, 4 tkl). All 4 players who started the final 6 games on the DL return in '08.

LINEBACKERS - In both 2006 and 2007 Duke had to replace two starters but had their #1 tacker Mike Tauiliili returning. They moved in QB/WR/RB Marcus Jones and he started 5. Vincent Rey actually beat out Tauiliili (susp 1 gm) for the #1 tackler spot last year. This is the most experienced LB corps Duke has had in years as the only loss is Tim Ball (1 st, 19 tkl) and the unit goes 4 deep including 5 players with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are Abraham Kromah (6'1" 210 So), Trent Mackey (5'10" 220 Fr) and Andrew Holoman (6'2" 225 So).

LB Michael Tauiliili

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Duke actually ranked #3 in the ACC in int in 2004 (15) but finished #98 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters in 2005 and were #102. John Talley became the ACC's all-time leader in IR yards and had 7 int's (for 150 yds) as a senior in 2006 but Duke finished #110 allowing a 27-10 ratio. Last year they had to replace Talley and another solid veteran CB and finished #109 in my pass D rankings. This year they must replace S Chris Davis (12 st, 70 tkl) and CB Rodney Ezzard (14 tkl) and can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In former HC Ted Roof's first two years, Duke finished #27 and #41 in my ST rankings. In 2006 Joe Surgan hit just 3 of 10 FG's, they had a net punt avg of 30.4 and were -4 in the TD/blk category and dropped to #109. Last year they had to replace their P but had everyone else back, so improvement was expected. The kicking game perhaps cost Roof his job. A win in the season finale over UNC may have kept him around but true frosh Nick Maggio missed 2 FG's in regulation then Joe Surgan missed a FG in OT. Surgan and senior Greg Meyers combined to hit 1 of 5 FG's early on when Maggio took the job. Maggio was 2 of 5 and the team was 2-9 on 30+ FG's. KR Jabari Marshall appeared to be a lock to break the school's career KR yardage record with 5 games to go he needed just 40 yards but surprisingly he had just 35 in the final 5. The last 2 years he avg 25.1 and 24.6. Leon Wright avg 6.1 and 5.7 on PR in '06 and '07. They struggled on punts in the opener but PS#29 rFr Kevin Jones took over (net 33.6). Surgan had 1 TB on 44 KO. Duke finished just #98. David Cutcliffe's final 2 units at Mississippi finished #37 and #31 in my ST rankings so you can expect big-time improvement.

COACHES - Roof was an asst coach who did well as an interim HC and then was hired full-time in 2004. Unfortunately Duke had just 3 ACC wins in his 6 years on the staff. This year they go to an experienced veteran in David Cutcliffe who was the HC at Mississippi from the end of 1998 (coached bowl) through 2004 guiding Ole Miss to 4 bowl wins in 5 appearances including a Cotton Bowl victory. He was 44-29 in six years at Ole Miss and was the only coach at UM to have 7+ wins in his first 5 years. Amazingly Ole Miss fired him after his first losing season and that program has not recovered. Cutcliffe coached with Tennessee for 19 years and returned there in '06 as the OC. His co-OC's are Kurt Roper, who was the Tenn RB Coach the past 2 years, and Matt Luke, who was the TE coach/recruiting coor at Tenn the last 2Y. The co-DC's are Mike MacIntyre, who was the NYJ DB coach last year and spent 2003-'06 with the Dallas Cowboys, and Marion Hobby, who was the NO Saints' DL coach the last 2 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In the past 45 years Duke has had just 3 seasons of 6 or more wins. They occurred in 1988 and 1989 with Steve Spurrier at the helm and in 1994 during Fred Goldsmith's first season. Since their Hall of Fame Bowl game in 1994, Duke is just 22-125. That includes a 9-95 record in ACC play with EIGHT winless ACC seasons the last 12 years (only 3 ACC wins in the last 8 seasons). Last year Duke possessed the NCAA's longest losing streak at 22 and ironically ended that streak with a road upset of Northwestern, 20-14. I say ironically because NW holds the all-time NCAA Div IA record for the longest losing streak at 34 games and had they lost that game, the Blue Devils would be on a 32 game slide. Despite their 1-11 record and the fact they were outgained by a league worst 138.5 ypg in ACC play, the Blue Devils had their opportunities. They only trailed UVA 17-13 after 3Q's and Navy got a 44 yd FG on the final play to get past them 46-43. Duke missed a 31 yd FG in the 4Q which would have put them up by 14 in that game. For the 2nd straight year Duke outgained WF and while they trailed 34-9 Duke got within 5 with 1:05 left but WF held on. In their first national TV game since 1996 vs Notre Dame, they were tied at zero but gave up 2 TD's in the final 1:17 of the 1H and needed a TD with 1:12 left to avoid the shutout. Duke suffered a tough loss to NC in the finale when they lost in OT, 20-14, missing 2 FG's in regulation and another in OT. A surprising stat is Duke was tied for #24 in the NCAA in tfl last year. Roof did not make any promises about 2007 but did say that the team would be bowl eligible in 2008! Duke has 17 returning starters and just 15 lettermen lost and could have easily been a 4-win team last year. They are the 2nd most experienced team in the league, and I'm a big fan of Cutcliffe and think he will get the most out of an underrated team. While I am not ready to agree with Roof's call for bowl eligibility, I do consider it a possibility. I will call for Duke to have at least as many wins this year as they've had in the last 4 years combined (4) and actually do not pick them last in the Coastal.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

QB 9 THADDEUS LEWIS JR. 6-2 190 PS#71. 11 st true, 12 st LY. 4564 (54.1%) 32-26 ratio 2Y. **13** Zack Asack (6'4" 200 Jr) PS#43. 6 st, 1006 (49.5%), 5-8 2Y. **Sean Renfree PS#16.**

RB 21 RE'QUAN BOYETTE SR. 5-10 210 PS#116. 10 st 3Y, 1072 (4.3) 30 rec. **4** Clifford Harris (5'10" 220 Sr) PS#109. 6 st 3Y, 351 (3.8). **32** Cameron Jones (5'10" 185 rFr) PS#182WR.

WR 83 Austin Kelly So. 6-3 195 3 st true, 186 (12.4). **TE/HB 2 Tielor Robinson** (5'11" 245 Sr) 10 st Army '03-'04, 845 ttl yd. **10 st FB '06**, 217 ttl yd. Tony Jackson (5'10" 185 So) PS#103DB.

WR 15 ERON RILEY SR. 6-3 200 PS#151. 4 st, 247 (22.5) true. 12 st, 643 (20.1) '06. 12 st, **2nd Tm ACC**, 830 (20.8) '07. Josh Trezvant (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#52. James Brooks (6'3" 185 Sr).

WR 5 RAPHAEL CHESTNUT SR. 6-2 190 PS#358. 7 st, 3Y, 575 (10.8). **17** Sheldon Bell (6'4" 200 So) 1 st rFr, 4 rec. **18** Jeremy Ringfield (6'5" 210 So) PS#106. **82** Ryan Wood (6'1" 190 Sr).

TE 22 Brandon King Jr. 6-2 260 PS#97RB. 4 st 2Y, 130 (7.6). **87** Brett Huffman (6'5" 245 So) PS#37. 1 rec rFr. **88** Danny Parker (6'4" 225 So) PS#44. Garrett Utt (6'4" 220 rFr) PS#148.

C 63 Chris Shannon rFr. 6-5 300 PS#88DL. C as true but RS. **73** Marcus Lind (6'4" 300 So) squat 585. 2 gm rFr. **LS** Jackson Anderson (6'4" 240 Fr) PS#107TE.

RG 61 ROB SCHIRMANN SR. 6-5 285 PS#628. 7 gm rFr, 65 snap. 12 st RG '06, 778 snap. 12 st RG LY. **67** Mitchell Lederman (6'8" 320 So) PS#173. 2nd string '06 but RS. 11 gm LY.

LG 77 Jarrod Holt Jr. 6-6 310 **PS#91**. 2nd string true, 10 gm, 148 snap. 12 gm LY. **65** Jeffrey Cowart (6'5" 310 So) PS#374. Pontus Bondeson (6'6" 275 So). Justin Freeman (6'1" 290 Sr).

RT 70 FRED ROLAND SR. 6-8 310 PS#158. 11 gm rFr. 12 st RT '06. 11 st RT in '07. **62** Bryan Morgan (6'3" 255 So) PS#157. 1 st true. Ben Loebner (6'9" 315 Jr) PS#172. 2 gm, Inj LY.

LT 74 CAMERON GOLDBERG SR. 6-6 280 PS#179DL. 1 st rFr. 10 st LT '06. 12 st LG LY. **75** Robert Drum (6'6" 285 So) PS#144. Jon Needham (6' 7" 305 rFr) PS#158. Kyle Hill (6'6" 260 rFr).

K 26 JOE SURGAN SR. 6-4 210 PS#10. 10-23 FG 3Y, long 49. 6-8 in '05. **47** Nick Maggio (6'4" 190 So) PS#57. 2-5 FG true, long 40. Paul Asack PS#150LB. 12-18 FG Jr/Sr in HS.

DEFENSE

DE 99 WESLEY OGLESBY SO. 6-6 250 **PS#64**. 10 st, 12 gm rFr, 37 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **90** Patrick Egboh (6'4" 250 So) PS#427. 4 gm, 4 tkl, 1.5 sk rFr. **41** Eriks Reks (6'5" 225 rFr) 32 sk in HS.

DT 3 VINCE OGHOBAASE JR. 6-6 310 **PS#18**. 12 st, 28 tkl, 8 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 49 tkl, **12 tfl**. **97** Clifford Respress (6'4" 275 Sr) PS#150. 1 st, 53 tkl 3Y. **95** Brandon Harper (6'3" 320 Jr) 1 tkl LY.

NG 91 AYANGA OKPOKOWURUK JR. 6-4 270 PS#136. 5 st rFr, 16 tkl. 12 st LY, 23 tkl, **42** Kinney Rucker (6'2" 300 Jr) PS#204LB. 28 tkl, 3.5 sk LY. **93** Charlie Hatcher (6'3" 275 rFr) PS#117.

DE 54 GREG AKINBIYI SR. 6-2 250 6 tkl true, 26 tkl, 336 snap '06. Last 6 st DE LY, 33 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **44** Justin Wilkerson (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#255LB. **92** Ifreke Okpokowuruk (6'1" 285 So).

SLB 6 MARCUS JONES SR. 6-3 220 PS#154QB. 7 st QB/WR 2Y, 267 ttl yds. 5 st LB LY, 32 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **39** Adam Banks (6'4" 230 So) 2 st, 13 tkl. **53** Sam Poggi (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#244.

MLB 34 MIKE TAUILILI SR. 5-11 235 1st Tm Fr AA '05. #1 tkl'r '05 & '06. 11 st LY, #2 tkl'r. 294 tkl, 33 tfl 3Y. **33** Alfred Williams (6'2" 250 Sr) PS#155. 26 tkl 3Y. Paul Thornton (6'3" 225 Jr) PS#166.

WLB 31 VINCENT REY JR. 6-0 255 PS#235. 12 tkl true. 12 st LY, 111 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **45** Charles Robinson (6'2" 215 Sr) 4 st, 3Y, 30 tkl, 5 tfl. **56** Damian Thornton (6'1"235 So) PS#188.

CB 7 LEON WRIGHT JR. 5-9 165 17 tkl true. 12 st LY, 67 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. **16** Chris Rwabukamba (6'0" 175 So) Canadian. **30** Colin Jones (5'10" 185 rFr) PS#336WR '06.

CB 24 GLENN WILLIAMS SR. 5-10 185 PS#156. 21 tkl true. 1 st '06, 54 tkl, 2 pbu. 10 st LY, 66 tkl, 3 pbu. **1** Jabari Marshall (5'11" 200 Sr) 2 st, 25 tkl, 5 pbu LY. **11** Randez James PS#253. In spg.

SS 28 ADRIAN AYE-DARKO SR. 6-2 210 PS#276. 11 st '06, 55 tkl. 9 st LY, 58 tkl, 5 pbu. **23** Catron Gainey (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#292. 4 st 2Y, 55 tkl. Matt Daniels (6'1" 195 Fr) PS#106.

FS 29 Eddie Morgan So. 6-0 185 PS#172. 11 tkl true. **12** Marvin Marcelin (6'2" 185 Jr) PS#263WR. 2 tkl, 7 gm LY. **19** Kris Stubbs (6'1" 185 Sr) PS#357WR. Moved to DB in spg.

P 49 KEVIN JONES SO. 6-3 185 PS#29. 75 punts as rFr, 38.3 avg, net of 33.6, 15 inside 20. **47** Nick Maggio. 3 punts, 26.3 avg true. **29** Will Snyderwine (5'9" 165 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Sean Renfree 6-3 210 PS#16
LB	Trent Mackey 5-10 220 PS#60
DB	Matt Daniels 6-1 195 PS#106
RB	Jay Hollingsworth 5-11 185 PS#110
DB	Lee Butler 5-10 180 PS#126
TE	Kenny Anunike 6-5 230 PS#44
OL	Brian Moore 6-4 280 PS#160
DB	Donovan Varner 5-9 170 PS#184
K	Paul Asack 6-2 215 PS#150LB
DL	Curtis Hazelton 6-3 260 PS#65TE
DB	Randez James 5-11 175 PS#253
RB	Patrick Kurunwune 5-10 200 PS#212
WR	Jordon Byas 6-1 195 PS#247
DL	Jackson Anderson 6-4 240 PS#107TE
WR	Johnny Williams 5-10 190 PS#320
WR	Tony Foster 6-1 170 PS#360
OL	Conor Irwin 6-5 250 PS#481

DUKE BLUE DEVILS

Durham, North Carolina
Weather (919) 515-8209

Phil's Homefield Edge-1.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#56

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score DUKE	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	James Madison	G					
Sep. 6	Northwestern	G					
Sep. 13	Navy	G					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Virginia	G					
Oct. 4	at Georgia Tech	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	Miami, Fl	G					
Oct. 25	at Vanderbilt	G					
Nov. 1	at Wake Forest	A					
Nov. 8	NC State	G					
Nov. 15	at Clemson	G					
Nov. 22	at Virginia Tech	G					
Nov. 29	North Carolina	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ben Bennett 9,614 '80-'83
2. Spence Fischer 9,021 '92-'95
3. Steve Slayden 8,004 '84-'87

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chris Douglas 3,122 '00-'03
2. Steve Jones 2,951 '70-'72
3. Randy Cuthbert 2,771 '88-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Clarkston Hines 3,318 '86-'89
2. Wes Chesson 2,399 '68-'70
3. Scottie Montgomery 2,379 '96-'99

Duke is 12-9 vs CAA teams & this is the 1st meeting between these 2 teams.
The Dukes were 8-4 LY including a loss to NC & a playoff loss to Appalachian St.

This will be the 16th all-time meeting between these 2 & Duke holds a slight 8-7 edge including LY when they snapped a 22 gm losing streak defeating Northwestern 20-14.

Duke has lost 4 straight & are 12-20-5 in the series.
Last year QB Lewis threw for 428 yds & WR Riley had 235 yds & 4 TD's.

Duke is 1-12 since 1995 vs the Cavs including 8 straight losses.
Last year Duke only trailed Virginia 17-13 to start the 4Q.

Duke has lost 12 of the last 13, with the only victory during that stretch coming in Durham in 2003. DC MacIntyre played football for 2 years at Georgia Tech.

Last time here, Miami was riddled by suspensions & needed an int on the last play to hold on for a 20-15 win. Duke is 1-4 all-time in this series (win in 1976).

Duke is just 3-7 vs Vandy & have been outscored by an avg of 36-19 the last 4.
The Blue Devils have not travelled to Nashville since 2000 & lost 26-7.

The 53 wins vs WF is the most by Duke vs 1 team & 14 more than #2 NCSt (39).
Duke has been outscored by an average 34-20 the last 8 meetings.

This will be the 80th meeting (Duke 39-35-5) but they have not met since 2003.
Duke is 0-5 vs the Pack in Durham & have lost 10 straight in this series.

Prior to LY, CU was the last Div IA school Duke defeated (Nov 2004).
The Blue Devils are just 16-34-1 all-time vs Clemson including 4-22 since 1981.

Duke has lost 7 straight vs Virginia Tech & have been outscored 241-66.
Hokies have shutout Duke in 3 of the L/5 meetings & outgained them by 271 ypg the L/4.

This is the 95th meeting in this instate rival & NC holds a 55-35-4 record.
The Blue Devils are 1-17 vs NC S/'90 but the L/3 have been decided by an avg of 3 ppg.

DAVID CUTCLIFFE (Career 44-29)

1st Year at Duke — Cutcliffe's Bowl Record: 4-1

Cutcliffe's records AT DUKE

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

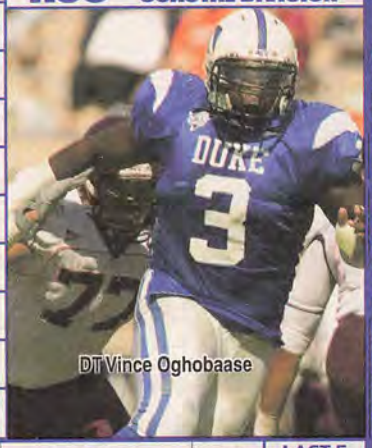
2007 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (20,27,3)
Lost: 15 (7,6,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,064 (#92)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION



DT Vince Oghobaase

STADIUM: WALLACE WADE STADIUM (33,941) (#87)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	0-11	0-11	2-10	4-8	2-9	1-10	0-12	1-11	10-82
Home	0-5	0-6	1-5	3-4	2-3	1-5	0-7	0-5	7-40
Away	0-6	0-5	1-5	1-4	0-6	0-5	0-5	1-6	3-42
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-8	0-8	0-8	2-6	1-7	0-8	0-8	0-8	3-61
vs Non-Conf	0-3	0-3	2-2	2-2	1-2	1-2	0-4	1-3	7-21
ATS	5-6	2-9	8-4	5-6	7-3	2-8	5-6	6-6	40-48
Home Fav (Cal Frosty)	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
Home Dog (Cal Frosty)	3-2	1-5	3-2	2-2	2-2	0-5	2-4	1-4	14-26
Away Fav (Ted Roof)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1
Away Dog (Ted Roof)	2-4	1-4	5-1	3-2	5-1	2-2	3-2	5-2	26-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	5-3	4-4	6-2	2-6	4-4	4-4	31-33
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	1-2	2-2	9-15
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	3-6
Off SU Loss	5-5	2-8	6-3	5-2	6-1	2-6	5-6	5-5	36-36

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Re'quan Boyette	104	472	40	432	2	4.2
Justin Boyle	75	249	23	226	1	3.0
Ronnie Drummer	47	139	20	119	0	2.5
Clifford Harris	16	73	3	70	0	4.4
Tielor Robinson	14	54	2	52	0	3.7
Zack Asack	14	43	20	23	1	1.6
Thaddeus Lewis	96	157	305	-148	2	-1.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Thaddeus Lewis	360	199	55.3	2430	21	10
Zack Asack	22	10	45.5	40	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Eron Riley	40	830	20.8	9	76	
Jomar Wright	56	599	10.7	5	65	
Ronnie Drummer	24	196	8.2	2	56	
Raphael Chestnut	12	188	15.7	0	30	
Austin Kelly	15	186	12.4	1	28	
Clifford Harris	15	155	10.3	0	31	
Nick Stefanow	8	90	11.2	0	18	
Re'quan Boyette	14	77	5.5	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kevin Jones	75	2871	38.3	18	33.6(t)	1	15
Nick Maggio	3	79	26.3	0	–	0	0
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Nick Maggio	13-13	0-0	1-2	1-3	0-0	2-5	40
Joe Surgan	4-6	1-2	0-0	0-3	0-0	1-5	21

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Vincent Rey	111	2.5	6	4	0
Michael Tauiliili	108	4	9	2	3
Chris Davis	70	0.5	5	5	1
Leon Wright	67	0	2	8	3
Glenn Williams	66	0.5	1.5	3	0
Adrian Aye-Darko	58	0.5	0.5	5	0
Catron Gainey	48	0	1.5	0	1
Vince Oghobaase	49	4.5	7.5	0	0
Patrick Bailey	37	4.5	2.5	0	0
Wesley Oglesby	37	1	5.5	0	0
Greg Akinbiyi	33	0	3.5	0	0
Marcus Jones	32	0	2.5	0	1
Kinney Rucker	28	3.5	2.5	0	0
Jabari Marshall	25	0	1	5	1
Ayanga Okpokowuruk	23	0	1	0	0
Clifford Respress	21	2	3.5	0	0
Charles Robinson	20	0	4	0	1
Tim Ball	19	0	0	0	0
Alfred Williams	16	0	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Leon Wright	15	85	5.7	0	
Tony Jackson	1	28	28.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jabari Marshall	38	933	24.6	1	
Chris Davis	11	211	19.2	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
54	Orange - #14	NL	Nebraska	34-7
57	Orange - #16	NL	Oklahoma - #4	21-48
60	Cotton - #10	NL	Arkansas - #7	7-6
89	All-American - #20	-3	Texas Tech - #25	21-49
94	Hall of Fame - #25	+8	Wisconsin	20-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Duke's All-Time Bowl Record 3-5

DUKE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
11*	17.9	14	64	2.0	207	54.8	15.1	-3	2007	5	33.2	22	180	4.3	244	64.4	12.8
3	14.9	16	98	2.9	185	52.8	19.0	-8	2006	7	33.8	20	168	4.6	227	60.1	11.7
7*	16.1	14	127	3.2	121	47.2	15.4	-8	2005	6	37.1	21	207	5.1	204	59.5	11.1
4*	16.6	14	94	2.7	170	57.3	15.9	+2	2004	6	29.3	21	226	5.0	201	58.5	14.6
11*	17.6	20	172	3.8	171	49.0	19.5	+4	2003	9	28.6	19	158	4.4	217	59.0	13.1
5	18.9	18	158	3.9	200	53.4	18.9	+2	2002	7	29.4	20	121	3.4	255	60.2	12.8

2007 STATS BY GAME

DUKE 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
17,251	Connecticut	10	28-15	0.5	15-29	154	4	23	47-189	4.0	22-30	298	4	-2
58,554	at Virginia	12	34-84	2.5	15-35	145	5	17	34-133	3.9	22-32	191	0	+1
23,716	at Northwestern	15	32-63	2.0	19-23	246	0	25	34-138	4.1	30-51	368	2	+1
31,278	at Navy	21	26-78	3.0	23-36	428	1	29	69-304	4.4	13-21	236	2	-1
30,614	at Miami, Fl	17	37-61	1.6	18-27	241	9	21	37-185	5.0	20-25	245	2	0
20,134	Wake Forest	16	31-95	3.1	21-47	291	4	18	42-115	2.7	22-30	221	1	-1
23,691	Virginia Tech	13	36-72	2.0	14-28	122	5	21	38-99	2.6	21-30	346	4	-1
79,159	at Florida St	9	19-9	0.5	17-31	213	1	30	39-195	5.0	35-47	339	1	+1
20,457	Clemson	11	30-28	0.9	17-29	170	3	18	32-152	4.8	19-29	198	3	-2
18,788	Georgia Tech	9	28-24	0.9	12-29	122	8	21	52-259	5.0	11-25	218	2	+1
80,975	at Notre Dame	16	27-94	3.5	18-38	138	2	24	48-220	4.6	16-32	194	2	-1
52,000	at N Carolina	23	48-145	3.0	21-31	215	3	14	32-174	5.4	11-24	75	2	+1
TOTALS		172	376-768	2.0	210-383	2485	45	261	504-2163	4.3	242-376	2929	25	-3
AVERAGES		14.3	31-64	2.0	18-32	207	3.8	21.8	42-180	4.3	20-31	244	2.1	-0.3

2003 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Virginia - #18	+14'	0-27
–	W Carolina	NL	29-3
–	Rice	-11	27-24 OT
–	Northwestern	-3	10-28
–	Florida St - #6	+29'	7-56
–	at Maryland	+27'	20-33
–	Wake Forest	+10	13-42
–	NC State	+20'	21-28
–	at Tennessee - #19	+24	6-23
–	Georgia Tech	+13	41-17
–	at Clemson	+14	7-40
–	at North Carolina	+6	30-22

2004 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Navy	+7	12-27
–	at Connecticut	+15	20-22
–	at Virginia Tech	+29	17-41
–	Maryland - #23	+16'	21-55
–	The Citadel	NL	28-10
–	at Georgia Tech	+18	7-24
–	Virginia - #14	+25	16-37
–	at Wake Forest	+17	22-24
–	at Florida St - #13	+30	7-29
–	Clemson	+12'	16-13
–	North Carolina	+7	17-40

2005 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at East Carolina	-3	21-24
–	Virginia Tech - #7	+21	0-45
–	VMI	NL	40-14
–	at Virginia - #23	+24'	7-38
–	Navy	+6	21-28
–	at Miami, Fl - #9	+35'	7-52
–	Georgia Tech	+21	10-35
–	Florida St - #11	+30	24-55
–	Wake Forest	+12'	6-44
–	at Clemson	+30	20-49
–	at North Carolina	+21	21-24

2006 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Richmond	NL	0-13
–	at Wake Forest	+20	13-14
–	at Virginia Tech - #14	+35	0-36
–	Virginia	+4'	0-37
–	at Alabama	+28'	14-30
–	Florida St	+23	24-51
–	Miami, Fl	+17'	15-20
–	Vanderbilt	+8'	28-45
–	Navy	+10	13-38
–	at Boston College - #22	+29'	7-28
–	at Georgia Tech - #18	+24'	21-49
–	North Carolina	+7	44-45

2007 RESULTS

DUKE Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Connecticut	+4'	14-45
–	at Virginia	+18	13-24
–	at Northwestern	+16'	20-14
–	at Navy	+14	43-46
–	at Miami, Fl	+24	14-24
–	Wake Forest	+7'	36-41
–	Virginia Tech - #12	+14'	14-43
–	at Florida St	+17'	6-25
–	Clemson - #25	+16	10-47
–	Georgia Tech	+13'	24-41
–	at Notre Dame	+6'	7-28
–	at North Carolina	+15	14-20 OT

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 rFr Jameel Sewell's first start was vs GT's gambling, blitzing D in Wk 4. For the season he threw for 1,342 (57.9%) with a 5-6 ratio (408 rush). He was the clear cut starter last year. The backup was supposed to be Scott Deke (PS#72) but true frosh Peter Lalich (PS#15) won that spot. Lalich and Sewell split snaps in the first 4 with Lalich guiding a 6:00, 82 yd TD drive in the 4Q vs Duke finishing 13 of 18 for 131 (game ball). It was a short passing game early on with just a 25 yd pass to a RB vs NC, the longest at that point. Sewell took charge vs Pitt opening up 7 of 7 in the 1Q (3 TD) and the rotation ended with Lalich throwing just 13 more passes (3 gm). Sewell topped 200 for the first time vs MT then did so in 4 of the next 5 games including 20-25 for 288 vs Miami. He improved his numbers to 2,176 (58.8%) with a 12-9 ratio (485 rush). Lalich threw for 321 (57.4%) with a 2-1 ratio. Lalich was actually the first true frosh to letter since Scott Gardner back in 1972 (left in '75 as the career passing leader). Not listed among the 4 QB's below is Brendan Lane (6'6" 218 rFr). Sewell will miss 2008 (acad) and Deke, who graduated and was originally not going to return, is now the backup. I look for Lalich to have a fine sophomore season.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cavs have had just one 1,000 yard rusher the last 7 years (Alvin Pearman, 1037 in '04). They had an injury plagued unit in '06 with FB Jason Snelling leading with 772 (4.2) and the top TB was Cedric Peerman (PS#29) who had just 153 (3.3). At the start of '07, HC Al Groh said that soph Mikell Simpson (PS#31DB) would be used both rushing and receiving like Reggie Bush. Peerman got off to a great start with 137 vs Duke then 186 vs NC. Those two performances were more than any RB had in '06. He was leading the ACC in rushing when he was injured vs MT. At midseason Simpson had 2 carries for -9 yards. Keith Payne (6'3" 236 So, PS#77), who is the biggest back but still has speed, rushed for 70 vs MT but Simpson had 119 vs MD and led in 4 of the last 5. Simpson touched the ball on 14 straight plays vs Miami and while he had just 35 vs Wake, he was the team's leading receiver playing every snap at the RB spot. Payne had 9 yards on 9 att's vs Miami and finished with 219 (3.8). Cedric Peerman led with 585 (5.2). Simpson had 570 (5.0) which included 170 in the bowl and a bowl record 96 yd TD run. Andrew Pearman (Alvin's brother) added 144 (3.9). This year the only loss is FB Josh Zidenberg (0 yds). Not listed below are Max Milien (6'0" 215 rFr, PS#96), Raynard Horne (6'0" 210 So, PS#229), William Webb (5'9" 167 rFr), FB's Hall Simmons (5'9" 200 Jr) and Curt Orshoski (6'2" 232 rFr). Andrew Pearman was not in for spring (personal) and may return in the fall. The Cavs should easily have their best RB production since '04.

RECEIVERS - The Cavs' top receiver by far in 2005 was Deyon Williams with 767, 13.2 (#2 had 358). It appeared the top 5 WR's were back in '06 but Williams was injured and played in just 6 (10 rec). Kevin Ogletree (PS#105) was the top WR with 582 (11.2). Last year Ogletree was lost in the preseason and the TE's became a big part of the offense. UVA's #2 WR was Maurice Covington (PS#64LB, 6 rec in '06). Covington was inj'd early missing 4 and parts of others. It's no surprise that TE Tom Santi (PS#7) led with 418 (11.6). RB Mikell Simpson was #2 and TE Jonathan Stupar (PS#6) #3 with 359 (9.0). Covington was the top WR with just 269 (12.8) and TE John Phillips was #5 with 193 (11.4). This year they lose Stupar (11 st), Santi (6 st, #6DC IND) and WR Chris Gorham (4 st, 123, 15.4). The TE's are weaker but the WR's can only improve their production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Cavs had to replace 3 OL starters with 2 NFL DC's including 1st Rd DC D'Brickashaw Ferguson. One of the two returning starters then lost his job and the unit struggled early and often, opening holes for just 100 ypg rushing and 3.3 ypc (lowest since '97). There were no seniors on the front wall so naturally they returned intact in '07 and big-time improvement was expected. Star LT Eugene Monroe missed 2 and surprisingly Zak Stair (7 st '06) did not start in his place as it was 6th year senior Gordie Sammis, who had 10 career plays prior to his start vs GT. Four OL's did manage to start all 13 but the Cavs only improved to 136 ypg rush (3.6) allowing 33 sacks (7.7%). Making those numbers even more surprising was the presence of mobile QB Sewell (485 rush yd). This year the Cavs must replace C Jordy Lipsey (13 st, 2Y st'r), RG Ian-Yates Cunningham (13 st, 2Y st'r), 3rd Tm AA LG Branden Albert (#1DC KC, 13 st, 3Y st'r) and LG Sammis (2 st). Monroe figures to be one of the top OL's taken in next year's draft but this unit is less experienced with only 48 career starts which ties them at #89 in the NCAA.

OT Eugene Monroe

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the Cavs had to replace #4 and #6 DC's, were inexperienced and allowed 4.0 rush (19 sacks). They had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups again in 2006 but had Chris Long (PS#31) back and they improved to 3.3 ypc rush with 30 sacks. Last year they had their most veteran front since 2004 with 3 starters back including Long and improved by allowing just 107 ypg and 2.9 ypc, their best total since 1996 (104 ypg, 2.6) while also recording 43 sacks. Gone are 1st Tm AA Long (13 st, 79 tkl, 14 sk, #1DC STL, #2 overall), NT Allen Billyk (13 st, 38 tkl, 3 tfl) and DE Jeffrey Fitzgerald (13 st, 73 tkl, 7 sk, 4.5 tfl) who unexpectedly left the team. This year the unit goes from one of the best DL's in the country to the biggest question mark on the team with zero starting experience.

LINEBACKERS - After having an inexperienced LB corps in both '05 and '06 the Cavs had all 4 starters returning last year and the group stayed healthy with only two missed starts. This year the unit is nearly as experienced with the only losses being OLB Jermaine Dias (11 st, 54 tkl, 1.5 tfl), Bernie McKeever (2 tkl) and VHT rFr J'Courtney Williams (PS#14). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Daniel Childress (6'2" 213 So) and Darnell Carter (6'3" 249 So). This is one of the strongest ACC LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Cavs had a very experienced secondary in 2006 but finished #55 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace a 2nd Tm ACC honoree but had 3 full-time starters back. CB Chris Cook (11 st '06) only started 7 due to injury. In the 4th game, 3 of the team's 4 int were by DL's. This year they lose SS Nate Lyles (13 st, 68 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and Jamaal Jackson (2 st, 39 tkl). Also lost is CB Cook (39 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu) who will miss 2008 (acad). Despite being less experienced, this group could come close to matching 2007's #63 finish.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cavs were #48, #76, #39 and #47 in my ST rankings in Groh's first 4 years. Thanks to outstanding K Connor Hughes, some dangerous returnmen and KO specialist Kurt Smith (#6DC SD) they moved up to #7 in '05. UVA lost Hughes (21-24 FG) and dropped to #53 in '06. Last year all of the top players returned. K/P Chris Gould, who was the P in '05 (33.4 net), only avg'd 38.4 in '06 and Ryan Weigand took over in the 2H of '06 (42.4). Last year Weigand avg'd 45.2 but the team net was 34.8. Vic Hall (PS#5) took over the PR duties (10.0). Cedrick Peerman avg an outstanding 27.3 on KR in '06 but was inj'd in '07 and Andrew Pearman led (21.0). Gould hit 11 of 19 FG's (long of 48) in '06, but concentrating on just FG's in '07, he improved to 16-20 FG and was a perfect 5-5 from 40+ with a long of 51. Bad snaps were a problem for the unit early and they finished just #68. This year they must replace Gould and Weigand and the Cavs figure to drop a few more notches.

COACHES - After a 5-7 record in Al Groh's debut season of 2001 (first losing season here since 1986), he coached the team to four straight bowls. Groh earned ACC Coach of the Year in 2002. He previously served as HC at Wake Forest from 1981-'86 and was HC of the NY Jets in 2000. Groh was not given the automatic contract extension after 2006 and was on the hot seat heading into 2007. The Cavs nearly made it to the ACC Title game and Groh was named 2007 ACC Coach of the Year. His son Mike is the OC, and was the QB coach here for 3 years ('03-'05) and was also one of the top QB's in school history. The Cavs were #11 in the ACC in sacks in '05 but under new DC Mike London moved up to #5 in '06 then #3 in '07 with 43. London took the HC job at Richmond but Groh made a GREAT hire in Bob Pruett who did a phenomenal job as HC at Marshall where he was 94-23 from 1996-2004.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Al Groh has guided UVA to winning records in 5 of the last 6 years. In 2002 after a 48-22 bowl win over WV, they finished the season #22. In 2004 UVA was 5-0 and got as high as #6 but finished 8-4 after a bowl loss in OT and were #23 in the final polls. A 34-31 bowl win over Minnesota in 2005 helped UVA achieve a 7-5 record. Groh said that 2006 was "a rebuilding year" with just 5 seniors on the 2 deep and they finished just 5-7 despite the fact that their defense allowed just 17.8 ppg. The 289 ypg allowed by the D was the lowest in more than 15 years. The Cavs had 19 starters back last year and made my list of Most Improved Teams. UVA has only won 9 games or more five times in the last 50 years but Groh thought they had a shot at it in 2007 and was not disappointed. Every time the team huddled in August they chanted "ACC Champ" but after they were embarrassed in the opener vs Wyoming, a game they were outgained 452-100, they stopped that chant. UVA did rebound and became the first team in NCAA history to have 5 wins by 2 pts or less in 1 year. They stopped a UNC 2 pt conv with 1:57 left to win by 2 and later got a 34 yd FG with :08 left to slip past MT 23-21. Against Conn, UVA got a 19 yd FG with 3:20 and prevailed 17-16. The next week the Cavs got a TD with :16 left capping a 90 yd drive to pull out a 1 pt win over MD, their 8th straight win. UVA rose to #21 but lost at NCSt. WF missed a FG on the final play and the Cavs won 17-16 over the #21 Deacons. UVA was not given a chance by many at beating Miami in the Orange Bowl finale with all of the former players on hand, but handed UM its worst ever loss in the Orange Bowl, 48-0. The next week, had UVA beaten VT, they would have won the ACC Title but they lost to the #8 Hokies. In the bowl, UVA blew another lead with TT getting 17 points in the final 4:00 to prevail 31-28. The Cavs have just 11 returning starters and have major ? on the O-line and D-line as well as QB. Change 5 plays last year and they could have easily been a 4-9 team and this looks like a 2nd rebuilding season in 3 years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 7 Peter Lalich So. 6-5 225 **PS#15**. 321 (57.4%) 2-1 ratio, 8 gm true. **15** Scott Deke (6'3" 215 Sr) PS#72. **6** Marc Verica (6'3" 206 So) PS#113. **8** Warner Blunt (6'4" 212 rFr).

TB 37 CEDRIC PEERMAN SR. 5-10 208 **PS#29**. 2 st '05-'06, 390 (3.4). First 6 st LY, #1 ACC rusher until inj (585, 5.2). **5** Mikell Simpson (6'1" 200 Jr) PS#31DB. 5 st, 570 (5.0) 43 rec LY.

WR 22 STATON JOBE SO. 6-0 182 PS#270. 12 st rFr, 163 (9.6). Dontrelle Inman (6'3" 191 So) **PS#62DB**. 181 (10.6) true. **FB 31 Rashawn Jackson** (6'1" 253 Jr) **PS#96LB**. 3 st 118 yd.

WR 80 MAURICE COVINGTON SR. 6-4 225 PS#64LB. 105 (9.5) '05-'06. 8 st LY (inj 4), 269 (12.8). Cary Koch (6'0" 192 Sr) PS#309RB. 1 st, 308 (13.4) Tulane '05. 9 rec LY. Chris Dalton PS#113.

WR 20 KEVIN OGLETREE JR. 6-2 189 PS#105. #1 w/582 (11.2) '06. RS LY. **18** Kris Burd (5'11" 189 rFr) PS#68. Andrew Pearman (5'10" 168 Sr) PS#47RB. 852 all-purp yds '07.

TE 85 John Phillips Sr. 6-6 250 PS#54DL. 15 st 3Y, 285 (13.6). Joe Torchia (6'5" 255 So) PS#25. Andrew Devlin (6'6" 258 rFr) PS#20. **82** Mark Ambrose (6'5" 245 rFr) PS#63.

C 64 Jack Shields So. 6-5 289 PS#42TE. 2nd string, 1 gm. **68** Anthony Mihota (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#154DL. **LS 86** Danny Aiken (6'4" 250 So) 13 gm, 140 snaps (perfect on 134) LY.

RG 65 BJ Cabbell So. 6-6 304 PS#172. 2nd string RG rFr, 4 gm. **62** Billy Cuffee (6'5" 310 rFr) PS#394. '06 Hargrave. RS '07. **72** Dave Roberts (6'6" 280 rFr).

LG 76 Zak Stair Sr. 6-6 300 PS#132. 10 gm rFr. 7 st LT '06. 10 gm bkup LT LY, 30 snap. **74** Patrick Slebonick (6'5" 298 Jr) **PS#64**. 2 gm LY. Austin Pasztor Fork Union LY.

RT 61 WILL BARKER JR. 6-7 315 PS#106. 12 st RT rFr. 13 st RT LY, 44 kd. **69 Lamar Milstead** (6'5" 290 rFr) **PS#28. 67** Landon Bradley (6'7" 275 rFr) PS#290. Added 20 lbs.

LT 75 EUGENE MONROE SR. 6-6 315 **PS#1**. 12 gm true. 5 st LT '06. 11 st LY, missed 2 inj, **HM ACC. 78 Isaac Cain** (6'4" 298 Jr) 1 gm rFr. Matt Mihalik (6'7" 275 Fr) PS#108.

K 11 Chris Hinkebein rFr. 6-1 190 PS#29. 54 & 52 yd FG in HS and 70% TB. Added 20 lbs. 256 career pts in HS school rec. Jimmy Howell PS#132QB.

DE 93 Alex Field Sr. 6-7 270 PS#32TE. 2 tkl true. 10 tkl, 2 tfl '06. 11 tkl, 1.5 sk, 113 plays LY. **70** Matt Conrath (6'7" 269 rFr) PS#171OL. Tory Allen (6'6" 220 Fr) PS#382.

NT 98 Nate Collins Jr. 6-2 280 PS#169LB. 1 st true, 17 tkl, 4 tfl. 31 tkl LY, 2 sk, 2.5 tfl. **96** Nick Jenkins (6'3" 285 rFr) **PS#44**. Klinton "Buddy" Ruff (6'4" 290 Fr) is PS#71.

DE 99 Sean Gottschalk So. 6-4 275 PS#135. 9 gms, 101 plays as rFr, 4 tkl. **90** Jason Fuller (6'5" 255 Jr) PS#125. 5 gm 2 yr 1tkl. **92** Zane Parr (6'6" 267 rFr) PS#257OL.

OLB 45 Denzel Burrell Jr. 6-4 230 PS#87. 18 snap until injury rFr. 12 tkl, 1 sk LY. **55** Jared Detrick (6'1" 235 So) PS#67. 11 gm, 3 tkl true. Aaron Taliaferro (6'2" 222 rFr) PS#72.

ILB 58 ANTONIO APPLEBY SR. 6-4 250 **PS#45DL**. 12 st '06, 68 tkl, 3 tfl, 13 st LY, 60 tkl, 5 tfl. **33** John Bivens (6'2" 233 So) PS#202. 3 tkl rFr. **49** Darren Childs (6'1" 233 Jr) PS#233.

ILB 54 JON COPPER SR. 6-0 230 PS#194. 12 st '06, 81 tkl, 9 tfl. 13 st LY, 109 tkl, 3 sk, 6 tfl. **50** Terrence Fells-Danzer (6'1" 242 rFr) PS#78. John-Kevin Dolce (6'2" 240 So) PS#87.

OLB 51 CLINT SINTIM SR. 6-3 254 PS#107DL. Capt '08. 12 st, 53 tkl rFr. 12 st '06, 45 tkl, 4 sk, 8 tfl. 13 st LY, 77 tkl, **9 sk (top NCAA for LB)**. Aaron Clark (6'5" 250 Sr) PS#88DL.

CB 4 VIC HALL JR. 5-9 190 PS#5QB. Capt '08. 13 tkl rFr. 13 st LY, 58 tkl, 1 int. **23** Dom Joseph (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#80. **28** Mike Brown (5'9" 184 Sr) **PS#26**. 4 st, 31 tkl 2Y. ? for 2008.

CB 19 Ras-I Dowling So. 6-2 200 PS#179WR. 2 st true, 44 tkl, 2 int, 9 pbu. **1** Trey Womack (5'11" 182 So) PS#120. 12 tkl rFr. **31** Chase Minnifield (6'0" 192 rFr) PS#38WR.

SS 43 Mike Parker So. 6-2 200 PS#286. 4 st CB rFr, 26 tkl, 4 pbu. **34** Matt Leemhuis (6'1" 201 So) PS#178. 1 tkl rFr. **40** Corey Mosley (5'10" 197 rFr) PS#250RB. Ausar Walcott PS#57.

FS 22 BYRON GLASPY SR. 5-11 206 11 st '06, 56 tkl, 3 pbu. 13 st LY, 71 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **17** Brandon Woods (6'2" 211 Jr) PS#60WR. 11 tkl 2Y. **29** Rico Bell (5'10" 190 So) PS#142RB. 1 tkl LY.

P 4 John Thornton Sr. 6-4 212 Walk-on. #1 punter in spg. Nathan Rathjen (5'10" 187 So) added 12 lbs as rFr. Jimmy Howell (6'6" 238 Fr) PS#132QB. 43+ avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Torrey Mack 6-0 190 PS#24
LB	Cameron Johnson 6-4 200 PS#59WR
DL	Klinton "Buddy" Ruff 6-4 290 PS#71
DB	Ausar Walcott 6-4 200 PS#57
OL	Matt Mihalik 6-7 275 PS#108
DB	Rodney McLeod 5-10 180 PS#72
TE	Colter Phillips 6-6 240 PS#38
TE	Rod Wheeler 6-3 240 PS#41
DB	Devin Wallace 5-11 200 PS#176
WR	Javaris Brown 5-11 180 PS#150
QB	Riko Smalls 6-1 190 PS#118
K	Jimmy Howell 6-6 238 PS#132QB
TE	Bill Schautz 6-4 220 PS#70
LB	Steve Greer 6-2 218 PS#201
OL	Aaron Van Kuiken 6-7 308 PS#296
OL	Mike Price 6-5 265 PS#359
DL	Tory Allen 6-6 220 PS#382
OL	Austin Pasztor 6-6 310 PS#434

VIRGINIA CAVALIERS

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#9

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UVA	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	USC	G					
Sep. 6	Richmond	G					
Sep. 13	at Connecticut	G					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	at Duke	G					
Oct. 4	Maryland	G					
Oct. 11	East Carolina	G					
Oct. 18	North Carolina	G					
Oct. 25	at Georgia Tech	G					
Nov. 1	Miami, FI	G					
Nov. 8	at Wake Forest	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Clemson	G					
Nov. 29	at Virginia Tech	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Matt Schaub 7,502 '00-'03	1. Thomas Jones 3,998 '96-'99	1. Billy McMullen 2,978 '99-'02
2. Shawn Moore 6,629 '87-'90	2. Tiki Barber 3,389 '93-'96	2. Herman Moore 2,504 '88-'90
3. Scott Gardner 5,218 '72-'75	3. Terry Kirby 3,348 '89-'92	3. John Ford 2,399 '84, '86-'88

This is the first ever meeting between these two teams & only the 2nd Pac-10 team (Washington '76). Virginia is 20-3 in home openers since 1985.

The Cavaliers are 24-2-2 vs the Spiders. Last yr UR won the CAA Title & 11 gms. New Richmond HC Mike London coached under UVA HC Groh from 2001-'04

Last year in their 1st ever meeting, Virginia defeated Connecticut, 17-16. UC HC Edsall was the DC for GT in '98 beating Virginia in his only season there.

Virginia has outscored Duke by 20 ppg the L19Y going 17-2 including 8 straight. UVA is 7-14 their last 21 ACC away games but has won 6 straight in Durham.

Virginia drove 90 yds & scored with :16 left for last year's 18-17 win. UVA has won 7 of the last 8 in Charlottesville in this series.

The Cavaliers have dropped both games, their last was a 10 pt loss in 2006. Virginia is 2-6 all time vs current CUSA opponents including 1-3 at home.

This is billed as the South's oldest rivalry & is the 113th meeting. The home team is 6-2 since 2000. The Cavs shutout the Tar Heels (23-0) their last meeting here.

The Cavs are 1-5 vs the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta since 1996. The home team is 12-1 since 1995, including LY's UVA 28-23 upset win.

Last year Virginia shutout the Canes 48-0 in the last game at the Orange Bowl. The Cavaliers are 2-3 all-time in this series but do have 2 straight upset wins.

Groh was the HC at WF from 1981-'86 compiling a 26-40 record in 6 seasons. Virginia is 20-1 since 1984 vs Wake Forest. The lone loss in 2001.

UVA is 8-35-1 all-time in this series but have won 3 of the last 4. The last meeting was a 30-10 Virginia win in 2004. The Cavs have lost 3 of the last 4 home finales.

These 2 have played every year since 1970. VT leads series 47-37-5. VT has won 4 straight & 8 of 9 with the last 9 decided by over 12 pts ppg.

AL GROH (Career 77-77)
8th Year at Virginia — Groh's Bowl Record: 3-2

Groh's records AT VIRGINIA

51-37	Straight Up	1-6	Vs Top 10
34-10	Home	10-16	Vs Top 25
14-25	Away	11-7	Vs BCS Teams
3-2	Neutral	11-5	Off A Bye
31-25	Vs Conference	20-14	Off A Loss

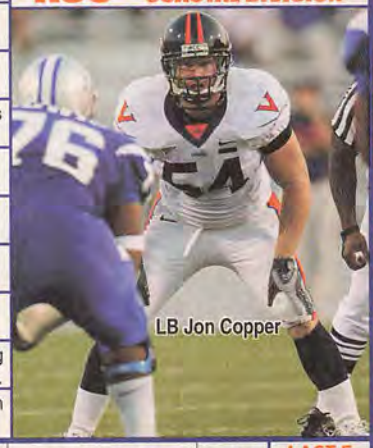
2007 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 31 (14,16,1)
Lost: 22 (10,10,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 59,824 (#32)

ACC - COASTAL DIVISION


LB Jon Copper

STADIUM: SCOTT STADIUM (61,500) (#41)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (P.A.T.)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	5-7	9-5	8-5	8-4	7-5	5-7	9-4	57-43
Home	4-2	4-3	6-1	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-2	5-1	38-12
Away	2-3	1-4	2-4	2-4	3-2	1-4	1-5	4-2	16-28
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-3
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	6-2	4-4	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-2	36-28
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	3-3	4-1	3-1	4-0	1-3	3-2	21-15
ATS	3-8	7-4	8-6	8-5	6-6	6-6	5-7	7-6	50-48
Home Fav (George Welsh)	1-2	1-1	1-1	4-1	4-2	3-1	2-2	1-2	17-12
Home Dog (Al Groh)	1-1	3-1	4-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	2-1	14-4
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-1	2-3	2-1	0-2	1-0	0-3	6-11
Away Dog	0-3	3-2	2-3	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-5	3-0	9-17
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	4-2
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-3	35-29
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	2-4	4-1	2-2	2-2	0-4	2-3	15-19
Off SU Win	0-6	3-1	4-4	3-4	4-4	2-4	1-4	5-4	22-31
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-3	4-1	4-1	1-2	4-1	4-2	2-1	25-12

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Continental Tire	+6	West Virginia - #15	48-22
03	Continental Tire	-3	Pittsburgh	23-16
04	MPC Computers - #18	-5	Fresno St (OT)	34-37
05	Music City	+6'	Minnesota	34-31
07	Gator - #21	+6	Texas Tech	28-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Virginia's All-Time Bowl Record 7-10

VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	24.4	19	136	3.6	195	58.4	13.5	+2	2007	10	19.7	18	107	2.9	226	58.2	16.9
6	15.1	14	100	3.3	157	58.8	17.0	+2	2006	6	17.8	14	119	3.3	170	58.8	16.2
6*	26.7	20	143	3.8	224	61.7	13.7	+3	2005	5	23.3	21	151	4.0	225	62.1	16.2
7	30.3	22	243	5.3	181	63.0	14.0	+6	2004	8	17.7	17	118	3.4	195	60.7	17.7
8*	28.0	20	130	3.9	256	67.8	13.8	+5	2003	7	20.4	20	162	4.2	223	56.6	18.9
6*	28.7	20	127	3.7	230	68.3	12.4	+15	2002	6	24.9	22	209	4.6	216	60.5	17.1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cedric Peerman	113	620	35	585	5	5.2
Mikell Simpson	113	605	35	570	8	5.0
Jameel Sewell	126	485	206	279	4	2.2
Keith Payne	58	235	16	219	2	3.8
Andrew Pearman	37	152	8	144	2	3.9
Rashawn Jackson	20	75	3	72	0	3.6
Peter Lalich	9	0	60	-60	0	-6.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Jameel Sewell	364	214	58.8	2176	12	9
Peter Lalich	61	35	57.4	321	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Tom Santi	36	418	11.6	3	45	
Mikell Simpson	43	402	9.3	2	30	
Jonathan Stupar	40	359	9.0	2	23	
Maurice Covington	21	269	12.8	2	39	
John Phillips	17	193	11.4	2	30	
Dontrelle Inman	17	181	10.6	0	31	
Staton Jobe	17	163	9.6	1	26	
Chris Gorham	8	123	15.4	0	35	
Andrew Pearman	13	99	7.6	0	19	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ryan Weigand	52	2352	45.2	6	34.8(t)	0	2
Chris Gould	26	949	36.5	4	–	0	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Chris Gould	35-37	6-7	5-8	4-4	1-1	16-20	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jon Copper	109	3	6	1	2
Chris Long	79	14	5	9	1
Clint Sintim	77	9	0	0	0
Jeffrey Fitzgerald	73	7	4.5	4	2
Byron Glaspy	71	0	2	4	1
Nate Lyles	68	1	3.5	2	0
Antonio Appleby	60	2.5	2.5	6	0
Vic Hall	58	0	0	3	1
Jermaine Dias	54	0	1.5	1	0
Ras-I Dowling	44	0	0	9	2
Jamaal Jackson	39	0	0	4	1
Chris Cook	39	0	1	6	1
Allen Billyk	38	1	2	1	0
Nate Collins	31	2	2.5	0	0
Mike Parker	26	0	0	4	0
Josh Zidenberg	16	0	0	0	0
Denzel Burrell	12	1	0	1	0
Trey Womack	12	0	0	0	0
Alex Field	11	1.5	1	0	0
Aaron Clark	9	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Vic Hall	23	230	10.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Andrew Pearman	29	608	21.0	0	
Josh Zidenberg	11	250	22.7	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

UVA 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
31,620	at Wyoming	5	18-(-3)	-0.2	14-29	103	3	27	55-199	3.6	25-34	253	4	0
58,554	Duke	17	34-133	3.9	22-32	191	0	12	34-84	2.5	15-35	145	5	-1
58,000	at N Carolina	22	51-197	3.9	18-27	153	4	20	23-60	2.6	25-38	339	2	+3
57,681	Georgia Tech	20	42-121	2.9	20-35	233	2	17	31-121	3.9	17-40	230	2	-1
60,888	Pittsburgh	23	42-173	4.1	16-31	169	0	14	34-107	3.1	18-31	181	3	+1
23,227	at Middle Tenn	23	37-151	4.1	22-38	223	2	16	39-127	3.3	17-34	181	2	-1
60,004	Connecticut	16	44-148	3.4	15-25	184	2	17	33-78	2.4	17-33	176	4	-1
52,782	at Maryland	25	39-191	4.9	23-36	248	3	16	38-130	3.4	13-19	105	2	0
55,342	at NC State	23	36-94	2.6	26-51	275	6	20	30-84	2.8	26-46	347	3	-1
60,106	Wake Forest	18	25-82	3.3	20-43	225	0	16	50-140	2.8	20-26	175	3	0
62,106	at Miami, FI	21	39-130	3.3	20-25	288	2	9	39-95	2.4	9-21	94	4	+4
61,711	Virginia Tech	15	36-97	2.7	17-28	144	6	20	46-131	2.8	17-26	299	6	0
60,243	† Texas Tech	21	47-249	5.3	17-28	96	3	24	20-34	1.7	44-69	407	3	-1
TOTALS		249	490-1763	3.6	250-428	2532	33	228	472-1390	2.9	263-452	2932	43	+2
AVERAGES		19.2	38-136	3.6	19-33	195	2.5	17.5	36-107	2.9	20-35	226	3.3	0.2

UVA Pre #18 2003 RESULTS — Post #25

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#18	Duke	-14'	27-0
#15	at South Carolina	-3	7-31
–	at W Michigan	-7	59-16
–	Wake Forest	-7	27-24
–	at North Carolina	-8'	38-13
#25	at Clemson	-4'	27-30 OT
–	Florida St - #7	+7'	14-19
–	Troy	-21	24-0
–	at NC State	-1	37-51
–	at Maryland	+6	17-27
–	Georgia Tech	-7	29-17
–	Virginia Tech - #21	-1	35-21

UVA Pre #16 2004 RESULTS — Post #23

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#16	at Temple	-16	44-14
#15	North Carolina	-21'	56-24
#12	Akron	-31'	51-0
#12	Syracuse	-26'	31-10
#10	Clemson	-15'	30-10
#6	at Florida St - #7	+3	3-36
#14	at Duke	-25	37-16
#12	Maryland	-14	16-0
#10	Miami, FI - #18	-3'	21-31
#18	at Georgia Tech	-5	30-10
#16	at Virginia Tech - #11	+4	10-24

UVA Pre #25 2005 RESULTS — Post –

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#25	W Michigan	-34	31-19
#25	at Syracuse	-7	27-24
#23	Duke	-24'	38-7
#19	at Maryland	-3	33-45
–	at Boston College - #18	+7	17-28
–	Florida St - #4	+7	26-21
#23	at North Carolina	E	5-7
–	Temple	-34	51-3
–	Georgia Tech - #24	-3'	27-17
–	Virginia Tech - #7	+7	14-52
–	at Miami, FI - #10	+17'	17-25

UVA Pre – 2006 RESULTS — Post –

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Pittsburgh	+3'	13-38
–	Wyoming	-9	13-12 OT
–	W Michigan	-10	10-17
–	at Georgia Tech	+16'	7-24
–	at Duke	-4'	37-0
–	at East Carolina	+6'	21-31
–	Maryland	+3	26-28
–	North Carolina	-6'	23-0
–	NC State	-1'	14-7
–	at Florida St	+12'	0-33
–	Miami, FI	+3	17-7
–	at Virginia Tech - #17	+16'	0-17

UVA Pre – 2007 RESULTS — Post –

UVA Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Wyoming	-3	3-23
–	Duke	-18	24-13
–	at North Carolina	+3	22-20
–	Georgia Tech	+3'	28-23
–	Pittsburgh	-6	44-14
–	at Middle Tenn	-10	23-21
–	Connecticut	-3	17-16
–	at Maryland	+4	18-17
#21	at NC State	-3'	24-29
–	Wake Forest - #21	+1	17-16
#23	at Miami, FI	+3'	48-0
#16	Virginia Tech - #8	+3	21-33

PAC-10 CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 PAC-10 TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Rudy Carpenter, Arizona St	Willie Tuitama, Arizona	Jake Locker, Washington	Mark Sanchez, USC
RB	Stafon Johnson, USC	Jahvid Best, California	Dwight Tardy, Washington St	Nicholas Grigsby, Arizona
RB	Keegan Herring, Arizona St	Jeremiah Johnson, Oregon	Joe McKnight, USC	Toby Gerhart, Stanford
WR	Brandon Gibson, Washington St	Patrick Turner, USC	David Ausberry, USC	Nyan Boateng, California
WR	Mike Thomas, Arizona	Jaison Williams, Oregon	Vidal Hazelton, USC	Chris Polk, Washington
WR	Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St	Michael Jones, Arizona St	Chris McGaha, Arizona St	Richard Sherman, Stanford
TE	Rob Gronkowski, Arizona	Ed Dickson, Oregon	Logan Paulsen, UCLA	Ben Ladner, Stanford
C	Max Unger, Oregon	Alex Mack, California	Alex Fletcher, Stanford	Kristofer O'Dowd, USC
OG	Jeff Byers, USC	Colin Baxter, Arizona	Noris Malele, California	Joe Longacre, Arizona
OG	Jeremy Perry, Oregon St	Paul Fanaika, Arizona St	Casey Bulyca, Washington	Ryan Tolar, Washington
OT	Eben Britton, Arizona	J'Marcus Webb, Arizona	Vaughn Lesuma, Washington St	Chris Marinelli, Stanford
OT	Fenuki Tupou, Oregon	Andy Levitre, Oregon St	Butch Lewis, USC	Micah Kia, UCLA
DE	Nick Reed, Oregon	Dexter Davis, Arizona St	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Wash	Andy Mattingly, Wash St
DT	Ekom Udofia, Stanford	Brigham Harwell, UCLA	Brian Price, UCLA	Will Tukuafu, Oregon
DT	Fili Moala, USC	Averell Spicer, USC	Fevaea'i Ahmu, Washington St	Derrick Hill, California
DE	Everson Griffen, USC	Kyle Moore, USC	Pannel Egboh, Stanford	Victor Butler, Oregon St
LB	Rey Maualuga, USC	EJ Savannah, Washington	Anthony Felder, California	Greg Trent, Washington St
LB	Worrell Williams, California	Reggie Carter, UCLA	Pat Maynor, Stanford	Travis Goethel, Arizona St
LB	Brian Cushing, USC	Zack Follett, California	Ronnie Palmer, Arizona	Jerome Boyd, Oregon
LB	Clinton Snyder, Stanford	Vuna Tuihalamaka, Arizona	Chris Galippo, USC	Donald Butler, Washington
CB	Walter Thurmond, Oregon	Alterraun Verner, UCLA	Syd'Quan Thompson, California	Chima Nwachukwu, Wash St
CB	Jairus Byrd, Oregon	Cary Harris, USC	Brandon Hughes, Oregon St	Keenan Lewis, Oregon St
SS	Patrick Chung, Oregon	Kevin Ellison, USC	Al Afalava, Oregon St	Jeremy Payton, Arizona St
FS	Taylor Mays, USC	Troy Nolan, Arizona St	Bo McNally, Stanford	Nate Ness, Arizona
K	Thomas Weber, Arizona St	Kai Forbath, UCLA	David Buehler, USC	Jason Bondzio, Arizona
P	Keenyn Crier, Arizona	Aaron Perez, UCLA	Josh Syria, Oregon	Jared Ballman, Washington
KR	Jahvid Best, California	Ronald Johnson, USC	Mike Thomas, Arizona	CJ Gable, USC
PR	Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St	Terrence Austin, UCLA	Kyle Williams, Arizona St	Joe McKnight, USC

Oregon St
WR Sammie Stroughter

Oregon
DE Nick Reed

Arizona
P Keenyn Crier

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 PAC-10 FORECAST

1. USC - Last year USC had to overcome playing all the toughest Pac-10 foes on the road and this year they get all of them at home. While they have just 11 returning starters and lose a league high 26 lettermen, I'll call for them to go unbeaten in the Pac-10 and grab a school record 7th straight Pac-10 Title.

2. California - I got beat up by Cal fans last year when I picked them 5th in the Pac-10 and they entered the season ranked #12 in the AP poll. My projection looked bad when Cal opened 6-0 and moved to #2 but for the 2nd straight year they collapsed late and needed a comeback in the bowl just to pull out a 7-6 season and finished 6th in the Pac-10. This year they have just 12 returning starters but get 5 Pac-10 HG's, including ASU and Oregon and that is the key for me calling them 2nd. While none of my 8 sets of power ratings calls them the 2nd best team in the conf, the schedule (and some underrated talent) gets them up this high.

3. Oregon - Tough to pick the Ducks here as 7 of my 8 sets of power ratings call them the 2nd best team in the league but they do have to play USC, California and Arizona St all on the road. Last year, had QB Dennis Dixon stayed healthy, they would likely have played for the National Title. With my #3 rated offense and #2 rated D in the Pac-10, they can overcome their tough schedule.

3. Arizona St - The Sun Devils were Pac-10 co-champs last year at 7-2 but were waxed in the Holiday Bowl by Texas. I thought they would jump out to an 8-0 start last year and they did. This year they probably have a stronger team but also have a tougher schedule, including Georgia in the non-conf slate. They also have 5 Pac-10 road games. While they won't match last year's 7 wins in Pac-10 play, it will be another strong year.

5. Arizona - The Cats got a couple of late wins vs backup QB's to finish 4-5 in the Pac-10 and keep HC Mike Stoops around another year. This year they have five conference home games and my #2 rated offense. They have a Pac-10 low 17 lettermen lost and more experience than you would think on a defense that has just 3 starters back. I'll call for the Cats to move into the upper half of the Pac-10 standings and save Stoops' job.

6. Oregon St - The Beavers finished 3rd in the Pac-10 last year at 6-3 and their 12 wins in Pac-10 play the last two years trails only USC (14). Despite their 6-3 record, they did only outgain Pac-10 foes by 18.3 ypg and have the 2nd fewest amount of returning starters in the conf at 10. My main concern is the defensive front 7 which lost all 7 starters but it wouldn't surprise me to see HC Mike Riley fashion another winning season with this team.

6. UCLA - The Bruins have just 9 returning starters and maybe less than that if QB Ben Olson does not return from an injury suffered in the spring. They do have an inexperienced O-line but were an injury ravaged team last year so they have more experience than you would think. UCLA gets five Pac-10 HG's but still needs an upset or two to land a bowl bid.

8. Washington - The Huskies have 5 Pac-10 road games. With Jake Locker now a soph, this is HC Tyrone Willingham's best team and after a lot of close losses (12 by 8 or less) in his first 3 years, things could break right for a big move up in the standings. The Huskies have won a Pac-10 low 6 games in the league in the last 3 years and while they will be better, they may find it tough to move into the upper half of the standings.

9. Stanford - For the 6th straight year SU was outgained by a league worst 175.9 ypg and it was not even close as UW was #2 at 66.5! This year SU has 16 returning starters and figures to be one of the more improved teams in the country but they have a lot of ground to make up and also draw five Pac-10 road games. They will find it tough to top last year's Pac-10 win total (3).

10. Washington St - The Cougars did not catch a lot of breaks the last 3 years, losing a lot of close games and only winning 8 in Pac-10 play. While the Cougars have 14 returning starters, first year HC's usually go through a transition year as they gain knowledge of the players and the players learn their systems. They must also travel to 3 of the 4 teams listed directly above them.

Pac-10 Notes: The modern era record for rushing yards by a QB in Pac-10 play was held by Jeff Dankworth of UCLA who had 815 in 1976. Jake Locker topped that with 986 (5.7). Since 1960 there have been 29 Pac-10 teams coming off of a losing season to change coaches and only 5 had winning marks the next year. Jeff Tedford had the biggest turnaround, taking Cal from a 1-10 record to 7-5 in 2002. That stat does not bode well for UCLA or Wash St. The Pac-10 plays some of the toughest schedules in the country. They play a round robin so they have NINE conference games and some of the schools play 3 BCS non-conf games, making them the only league with teams playing all 12 games vs BCS schools. USC was expected to make the National Title game and I am still scratching my head wondering how they ended the regular season #6 in the AP poll as I would have had them at #1 or #2. The Pac-10 did have 4 teams in the Top 25 at the end of the year, despite the tough schedules. They were 5-3 vs BCS schools in non-conf play which was the best % of all the leagues but their 65.5% mark overall vs non-conf 1A teams was only 4th best. They not only were 4-2 in the bowls but beat a pair of ranked teams in the post season (3rd best). I give USC a great shot at notching its SEVENTH straight Pac-10 title and that comes on the heels on NOT winning a title for six straight years. Experience is a question in the Pac-10 as they are the ONLY BCS conference that has just ONE team returning with 15 or more starters.

2007 PAC-10 vs PAC-10 OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
8	USC	27.8	6	409.1	3	162.9	5	4.11	4	246.2	5	61.6	3	14.7	7	20	4	14	2
12	Oregon	33.4	1	443.0	1	215.8	1	4.57	2	227.2	6	58.3	4	13.2	5	21	7	17	3
19	Washington	30.2	3	398.9	4	200.2	2	4.84	1	198.7	8	42.8	10	13.2	3	18	3	19	4
20	California	24.2	8	386.8	5	140.0	6	4.16	3	246.8	4	57.3	5	16.0	8	23	10	8	1
23	Washington St	21.9	9	422.2	2	101.2	8	3.41	7	321.0	1	55.1	7	19.3	10	20	4	20	5
24	Arizona St	30.4	2	384.7	6	122.6	7	2.86	8	262.1	3	63.4	1	12.6	2	13	1	46	10
46	Arizona	28.6	4	377.1	7	72.9	10	2.66	9	304.2	2	63.3	2	13.2	4	21	7	27	8
59	Oregon St	28.1	5	351.2	8	171.9	3	4.05	6	179.3	9	55.4	6	12.5	1	21	7	26	7
68	UCLA	26.2	7	347.8	9	168.8	4	4.05	5	179.0	10	49.2	9	13.3	6	16	2	21	6
85	Stanford	16.4	10	297.0	10	79.2	9	2.34	10	217.8	7	53.8	8	18.1	9	20	4	37	9

2007 PAC-10 vs PAC-10 DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
2	USC	16.7	1	252.0	1	85.9	1	2.54	2	166.1	1	52.4	3	15.1	4	18	6	29	2
7	Oregon St	25.4	4	332.9	2	90.7	2	2.47	1	242.2	5	51.7	1	13.1	8	26	1	32	1
11	Arizona St	23.4	3	374.6	4	110.7	3	3.69	5	263.9	9	53.6	5	16.0	2	20	4	20	7
12	UCLA	21.3	2	359.6	3	130.3	5	3.41	3	229.2	4	52.3	2	16.9	1	21	2	26	5
23	Oregon	25.7	5	378.3	6	124.3	4	3.46	4	254.0	7	53.1	4	14.7	5	18	6	28	3
25	Arizona	27.7	7	378.9	7	155.8	6	3.87	6	223.1	3	55.5	6	13.7	7	21	2	19	9
34	California	26.8	6	376.2	5	159.7	7	3.95	8	216.6	2	59.9	7	14.0	6	17	8	12	10
62	Stanford	31.1	8	472.9	10	192.6	9	4.70	9	280.3	10	62.0	9	15.2	3	20	4	27	4
68	Washington	35.7	10	465.4	9	215.0	10	5.39	10	250.4	6	62.4	10	13.0	9	16	9	22	6
72	Washington St	33.6	9	427.0	8	170.6	8	3.92	7	256.4	8	61.5	8	12.7	10	16	9	20	7

Washington St
WR Brandon Gibson

UCLA
K Kai Forbath

2007 PAC-10 STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
USC	7	2	250	150	11	2	424	208	+157.1	+84.2	+274.5
Arizona St	7	2	274	211	10	3	420	293	+10.1	+34.1	-40.0
Oregon St	6	3	253	229	9	4	362	294	+18.3	+28.7	+13.7
Oregon	5	4	301	231	9	4	496	307	+64.7	+136.4	+77.8
UCLA	5	4	236	192	6	7	291	290	-11.8	-6.0	-72.9
Arizona	4	5	257	249	5	7	336	322	-1.8	-80.3	-82.9
California	3	6	218	241	7	6	381	348	+10.6	+32.2	+32.6
Washington St	3	6	197	302	5	7	308	389	-4.8	+17.5	-14.5
Stanford	3	6	148	280	4	8	235	339	-175.9	-168.5	-105.6
Washington	2	7	272	321	4	9	380	411	-66.5	-78.3	-82.6

Coach of the Year: Dennis Erickson, Arizona State

2006 PAC-10 STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	7	2	242	131	11	2	396	197
California	7	2	280	173	10	3	427	251
Oregon St	6	3	207	182	10	4	389	311
UCLA	5	4	198	169	7	6	299	259
Oregon	4	5	255	238	7	6	383	345
Arizona St	4	5	216	247	7	6	348	326
Washington St	4	5	208	212	6	6	295	277
Arizona	4	5	152	167	6	6	199	235
Washington	3	6	186	225	5	7	262	311
Stanford	1	8	74	274	1	11	127	377

Coach of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC

2005 PAC-10 STANDINGS

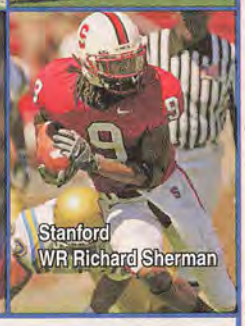
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
USC	8	0	383	149	12	1	638	297
Oregon	7	1	278	189	10	2	414	278
UCLA	6	2	271	306	10	2	469	410
California	4	4	243	190	8	4	395	254
Arizona St	4	4	251	247	7	5	442	359
Stanford	4	4	180	241	5	6	269	337
Oregon St	3	5	195	261	5	6	293	365
Arizona	2	6	173	220	3	8	252	290
Washington St	1	7	227	292	4	7	368	346
Washington	1	7	169	275	2	9	237	337

Co-Coaches of the Year: Pete Carroll, USC & Karl Dorrell, UCLA

California
C Alex Mack

Washington
DE Daniel Teo-Nesheim

California
LB Zack Follett


Stanford
WR Richard Sherman

2007 PAC-10 LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Dennis Dixon, Oregon	254	172	67.7	4	2136	8.4	20	161.2
Rudy Carpenter, Ariz St	**398**	**246**	**61.8**	**10**	**3202**	**8.0**	**25**	**145.1**
John David Booty, USC	340	215	63.2	10	2361	6.9	23	138.0
Alex Brink, Wash St	503	305	60.6	15	3818	7.6	26	135.5
Willie Tuitama, Arizona	**524**	**327**	**62.4**	**12**	**3683**	**7.0**	**28**	**134.2**
Nate Longshore, California	**384**	**230**	**59.9**	**13**	**2580**	**6.7**	**16**	**123.3**
Sean Canfield, Oregon St	**286**	**165**	**57.7**	**15**	**1661**	**5.8**	**9**	**106.4**
Jake Locker, Washington	**328**	**155**	**47.3**	**15**	**2062**	**6.3**	**14**	**105.0**
Tavita Pritchard, Stanford	**194**	**97**	**50.0**	**9**	**1114**	**5.7**	**5**	**97.5**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDSPG
Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	13	280	1722	11	6.2	132.5
Justin Forsett, California	13	305	1546	15	5.1	118.9
Yvenson Bernard, Oregon St	11	275	1214	13	4.4	110.4
Louis Rankin, Washington	13	233	1294	6	5.6	99.5
Jake Locker, Washington	**12**	**172**	**986**	**13**	**5.7**	**82.2**
Chauncey Washington, USC	12	195	969	10	5.0	80.8
Dwight Tardy, Wash St	**9**	**143**	**676**	**6**	**4.7**	**75.1**
Nicholas Grigsby, Arizona	**10**	**161**	**704**	**2**	**4.4**	**70.4**
Keegan Herring, Arizona St	**13**	**154**	**815**	**5**	**5.3**	**62.7**
Stafon Johnson, USC	**11**	**98**	**673**	**5**	**6.9**	**61.2**

Arizona
WR Mike Thomas

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	REC/PG	RECAVG	YDS/PG
Brandon Gibson, Wash St	**11**	**67**	**1180**	**9**	**6.1**	**17.6**	**107.3**
Mike Thomas, Arizona	**12**	**83**	**1038**	**11**	**6.9**	**12.5**	**86.5**
Fred Davis, USC	13	62	881	8	4.8	14.2	67.8
Lavelle Hawkins, California	13	72	872	6	5.5	12.1	67.1
Michael Bumpus, Wash St	12	70	789	4	5.8	11.3	65.8
Jaison Williams, Oregon	**13**	**55**	**844**	**8**	**4.2**	**15.3**	**64.9**
Chris McGaha, Arizona St	**13**	**61**	**830**	**1**	**4.7**	**13.6**	**63.8**
DeSean Jackson, California	12	65	762	6	5.4	11.7	63.5
Brandon Breazell, UCLA	13	51	810	4	3.9	15.9	62.3
Richard Sherman, Stanford	**11**	**39**	**651**	**4**	**3.5**	**16.7**	**59.2**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Alex Brink, Wash St	12	63	34	503	3818	3852	321.0
Willie Tuitama, Arizona	**12**	**54**	**-163**	**524**	**3683**	**3520**	**293.3**
Dennis Dixon, Oregon	10	105	583	254	2136	2719	271.9
Jake Locker, Washington	**12**	**172**	**986**	**328**	**2062**	**3048**	**254.0**
Rudy Carpenter, Ariz St	**13**	**93**	**-205**	**398**	**3202**	**2997**	**230.5**
John David Booty, USC	10	23	-106	340	2361	2255	225.5
Nate Longshore, Cal	**12**	**19**	**-44**	**384**	**2580**	**2536**	**211.3**
Sean Canfield, Oregon St	**11**	**36**	**-115**	**286**	**1661**	**1546**	**140.5**
Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	13	280	1722	0	0	1722	132.5
Tavita Pritchard, Stanford	**9**	**66**	**45**	**194**	**1114**	**1159**	**128.8**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Keenyn Crier, Arizona	**12**	**59**	**2577**	**43.7**
Aaron Perez, UCLA	**13**	**91**	**3853**	**42.3**
Josh Syria, Oregon	**13**	**71**	**2962**	**41.7**
Jay Ottovegio, Stanford	12	78	3215	41.2
Andrew Larson, California	13	61	2505	41.1
Jared Ballman, Washington	**13**	**71**	**2906**	**40.9**
Reid Forrest, Wash St	**10**	**46**	**1863**	**40.5**
Thomas Weber, Arizona St	**13**	**47**	**1847**	**39.3**
Greg Woidneck, USC	**12**	**60**	**2274**	**37.9**
Alexis Serna, Oregon St	13	81	2866	35.4

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Spencer Larsen, Arizona	12	87	44	131	10.9
Bo McNally, Stanford	**12**	**71**	**43**	**114**	**9.5**
Patrick Chung, Oregon	**13**	**71**	**46**	**117**	**9.0**
Thomas DeCoud, California	13	71	45	116	8.9
Dennis Keyes, UCLA	13	73	42	115	8.8
EJ Savannah, Washington	**13**	**73**	**38**	**111**	**8.5**
Robert James, Arizona St	13	62	44	106	8.2
Worrell Williams, California	**13**	**57**	**48**	**105**	**8.1**
Clinton Snyder, Stanford	**12**	**63**	**33**	**96**	**8.0**
Pat Maynor, Stanford	**11**	**47**	**41**	**88**	**8.0**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Nick Reed, Oregon	**22.5**	**115**
Lawrence Jackson, USC	17	83
Pat Maynor, Stanford	**16.5**	**85**
Bruce Davis, UCLA	15.5	77
Spencer Larsen, Arizona	15.5	54
Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Wash	**15**	**61**
Clinton Snyder, Stanford	**14.5**	**81**
EJ Savannah, Washington	**14**	**34**
Pannel Egboh, Stanford	**13.5**	**75**
Dexter Davis, Arizona St	**13.5**	**72**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Nick Reed, Oregon	**12**	**101**
Bruce Davis, UCLA	12	66
Victor Butler, Oregon St	**10.5**	**101**
Lawrence Jackson, USC	10.5	64
Dexter Davis, Arizona St	**10.5**	**63**
Slade Norris, Oregon St	**9**	**87**
Sedrick Ellis, USC	8.5	67
Daniel Te'o-Nesheim, Wash	**8.5**	**44**
Clinton Snyder, Stanford	**8**	**66**
Andy Mattingly, Wash St	**8**	**62**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Thomas Weber, Arizona St	**13**	**25**	**24**	**96.0**	**53**
David Buehler, USC	**13**	**19**	**16**	**84.2**	**47**
Kai Forbath, UCLA	**13**	**30**	**25**	**83.3**	**54**
Jason Bondzio, Arizona	**12**	**26**	**21**	**80.8**	**49**
Matt Evensen, Oregon	**13**	**20**	**16**	**80.0**	**47**
Ryan Perkins, Washington	**13**	**20**	**15**	**75.0**	**45**
Romeen Abdollmohammadi, Wash St	12	19	14	73.7	42
Alexis Serna, Oregon St	13	27	18	66.7	52
Jordan Kay, California	**13**	**20**	**13**	**65.0**	**47**
Derek Belch, Stanford	12	27	15	55.6	52

*Numbers come from Pac-10 final statistics.

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
DeSean Jackson, California	12	129	1	10.8
Andiel Brown, Oregon	17	177	0	10.4
Anthony Russo, Washington	22	222	0	10.1
Antoine Cason, Arizona	27	271	2	10.0
Terrence Austin, UCLA	**31**	**311**	**0**	**10.0**
Kyle Williams, Arizona St	**23**	**224**	**0**	**9.7**
Joe McKnight, USC	**19**	**160**	**0**	**8.4**
Taylor Kavanaugh, Oregon St	**27**	**186**	**0**	**6.9**
Chris Hobbs, Stanford	**18**	**122**	**0**	**6.8**
Michael Bumpus, Wash St	16	106	0	6.6

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Matthew Slater, UCLA	34	986	3	29.0
Jahvid Best, California	**15**	**405**	**0**	**27.0**
Jonathan Stewart, Oregon	23	614	0	26.7
Ronald Johnson, USC	**25**	**620**	**0**	**24.8**
Louis Rankin, Washington	40	976	1	24.4
Doug Baldwin, Stanford	**23**	**555**	**0**	**24.1**
Mike Thomas, Arizona	**26**	**615**	**0**	**23.7**
Rudy Burgess, Arizona St	38	879	1	23.1
Gerard Lawson, Oregon St	49	1085	0	22.1
Lavelle Hawkins, California	42	922	1	22.0

PHIL'S PAC-10 UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
USC	5	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	1
California	3	4	8	1	5	2	5	6	2
Oregon	7	2	3	1	2	7	1	4	2
Arizona St	1	3	4	10	3	3	4	5	5
Arizona	3	7	1	5	9	6	6	2	8
Oregon St	7	7	5	7	6	9	3	7	4
UCLA	6	5	6	9	4	5	7	1	6
Washington	1	10	10	4	10	7	9	9	6
Stanford	9	6	9	7	8	4	8	8	8
Washington St	9	7	6	6	6	9	9	10	10

USC TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Carson Palmer struggled in his first four years but had a great senior season in '02 throwing for 3,942 (63.2%) with a 33-10 ratio. He won the Heisman and was the NFL's #1 pick. Matt Leinart won a 4-way battle for the job in '03 and won the Heisman in '04 (as a junior) throwing for 3,322 (65.3%) with a 33-6 ratio. Leinart turned down a shot at being the top pick in the draft and as a senior threw for 3,815 (65.7%) with a 28-8 ratio. John David Booty (PS#1) got into 10 games in '05 as Leinart's backup throwing for 327 (64.3%) with a 3-2 ratio. In 2006 Booty battled rFr Mark Sanchez (PS#2) who was '05's scout team Off MVP. Booty won the job and threw for 3,347 (61.7%) and a 29-9 ratio. Sanchez got into 6 (7 pass). Last year Booty suffered a broken finger on his throwing hand vs Stanford but still played the last 2.5Q's and threw 4 int's. Sanchez then started the next 3 (2-1). Booty recovered to start the last 5. He threw for 2,361 (63.2%) with a 23-10 ratio and finished his career 9-0 vs Top 25 teams. Sanchez threw for 695 (60.5%) with a 7-5 ratio. This year they must replace Booty (#5DC MIN) and Michael McDonald (2 att). Aaron Corp (6'3" 185 rFr, PS#9) and Arkansas transfer Mitch Mustain (PS#1) battled Sanchez in the spring. Mustain was 8-0 as a starter for the Hogs in '06 when he threw for 894 (52.3%) with a 10-9 ratio. The Trojans' 238 ypg passing last year was their lowest since Carroll's first season in 2001 (227) and even with the loss of Booty they could improve.

RUNNING BACKS - This is a school known for its RB's with five Heisman Trophy winners in Mike Garrett, OJ Simpson, Charles White, Marcus Allen and Reggie Bush. In 2006 they had to replace a tremendous set of RB's in Bush and powerful LenDale White who combined for 3,042 (7.7) with 40 rush TD's (697 yd rec). Chauncey Washington (PS#12) led in '06 with 744 (4.7). Emmanuel Moody (PS#6) rushed for 459 (5.8). CJ Gable (PS#9) had 434 (3.9) and FB Allen Bradford added 42 (3.2). Carroll, who only recruits players that are not afraid of competition, came into last August with an amazing 11 RB's that fit into my VHT category. By the opener Moody transferred to Florida and true frosh Mark Tyler (PS#1) and Broderick Green (PS#9) both RS due to injuries. The most impressive back early on was Stafon Johnson (PS#3) who rushed for 144 vs Nebraska and 122 vs UW. He suffered a foot injury vs the Huskies and was never really 100% after but still finished #2 (673, 6.9). Washington only topped 100 twice, Wash (106) and Cal (220) but led with 969 (5.0). True frosh Joe McKnight (PS#3DB) offered a speedy (4.3 forty) change of pace. He rushed for 540 (5.7) and had a huge PR vs Ariz (set up winning TD). Gable played in the first 3 (143, 11.0) but was injured and RS. The Trojans possess outstanding FB's in Stanley Havili (134, 6.4) and Bradford (47 ttl yd). This year the only losses are Washington (#7DC JAX), Hershel Dennis (PS#10, 89 yds), Desmond Reed (343 all-purp yds) and FB Jody Adewale (17 yd). I look for more production from one of the most talented RB corps in the country.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace a pair of #2DC's including Dwayne Jarrett (#2 career receiver). Carroll said it was their fastest group of WR's yet but they lost their two best burners in rFr Jamere Holland (PS#3, transfer) and Travon Patterson (inj Wk 3). The star of the unit was TE Fred Davis who won the Mackey Award and led with 881 (14.2), Patrick Turner (PS#3) finished 2nd with 569 (11.9) while Vidal Hazelton (PS#6) had 540 (10.8). This year they lose their top 2 TE's in Davis (#2DC WAS) and Dale Thompson (PS#3, 1 rec, 13 gm) as well as WR Brad Walker (1st, 6 rec). Not listed below are Jordan Cameron (6'5" 220 rFr), Sean Calcagnie (6'0" 190 So) and Patterson (5'10" 175 So, PS#58). The WR's are more experienced so even with the loss of Davis, this unit could be as strong as 2007.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, Oregon HC Mike Bellotti said the Trojans had as good an OL as he had ever seen and they averaged 6'5" 312 with 4 returning starters plus a 2003 starter. The unit paved the way for 6.4 ypc rushing (3.5% sk). In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters (all NFL DC's). The rushing productivity slipped even more than expected (4.0 ypc) with 17 sacks allowed (3.8%). Last year they had to replace two starters. LT Sam Baker missed 3 but still earned his 3rd consecutive 1st Tm AA honors. Baker is the 20th OL to leave here as a #1DC since 1968 (but the first S/'96). The OL was hit hard by injuries and LG Jeff Byers was the only OL to start all 13. The unit paved the way for 197 ypg rushing (5.0) and despite the injuries, allowed just 17 sacks (3.7%). This year they lose LT Baker (4Y st'r, #1DC ATL), RT Drew Radovich (12 st, 2Y st'r, HM Pac-10), RG Chilo Rachal (10 st, 2Y st'r, 1st Tm Pac-10, #2DC SF), C Matt Spanos (9 st) and G Alatini Malu (2 st). The losses are big but they return 5 with starting experience and all are VHT's including Byers (PS#1) and C Kristofer O'Dowd who started 3 as a true. Their 26 career starts are the 9th fewest in the NCAA but if this unit maintains better health, they could come close to last year's production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Trojans defense allowed just 1.8 ypc rush in 2003 and 2.6 (50 sacks) in '04 with their "Wild Bunch II" D-line. In 2005 they had to replace the first pair of DL AA's (#1, #2 DC's) since 1969. They allowed 3.8 ypc rushing, their worst total since 2001. In 2006 they had to replace two starters (#3, #6 DC's) but improved to 3.0 ypc rush (35 sk). Last year they returned their top two players in DT Sedrick Ellis (1st Tm Pac-10) and DE Lawrence Jackson (3rd Tm AA in '05) and one other starter. As expected, the ypc decreased to 2.5 and the sacks increased to 45. This year they must replace Pac-10 Def POY Ellis (13 st, 8.5 sk, #1DC NO) as well as 2nd Tm AA DE Jackson (60 tkl, 10.5 sk, 13 st, #1DC SEA) and DE Alex Morrow (5 tkl, 2 sk). The 4 projected starters had just 11 sacks in '07 (Ellis & Jackson 19) and while still a premiere unit, it is down a notch or two.

LINEBACKERS - Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup (#5 and #7 DC's). The returning starters were PS#1 Rey Maualuga and PS#2 Keith Rivers and they welcomed back 2nd Tm Pac-10 DE Brian Cushing (PS#5) who moved back to LB from '06's DE/Hybrid position. This year they lose 1st Tm Pac-10 Rivers (78 tkl, 5 tfl, #1DC CIN) and Thomas Williams (PS#8, 4 st, 56 tkl, #5DC JAX). This unit is loaded with VHT's and while still one of the top units in the NCAA, is just a little weaker.

LB Rey Maualuga

DEFENSIVE BACKS Under Pete Carroll, the Trojans have finished #16, #12, #7, #1, #9, #10 and #6 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and still finished #10 despite losing FS Josh Pinkard after 1 start (ACL) and projected starting CB Kevin Thomas only played in 4. Last year they had all 4 starters (entire 2 deep) back and they tied for the NCAA lead with Utah with the fewest TD passes allowed (9). This year they lose CB Terrell Thomas (13 st, 45 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu, #2DC NYG), CB Vincent Joseph (1 tkl) and S Mozique McCurtis (5 tkl). Pinkard and Thomas are both healthy and are battling for the open CB job. Carroll said "This is a terrific secondary, it has a chance to be the best we've had." Once again this is one of the NCAA's top secondaries but it is just a notch below last year's fine unit.

SPECIAL TEAMS - USC finished #35, #15, a surprising #87 and #36 in my ST rankings from '03-'06. Last year they returned their top PR, KR and P but had to deal with the tragic loss of K Mario Danelo. The team had a classy gesture when after scoring the first TD of the season, they lined up in xp formation with no K and took a delay penalty. P Greg Woidneck had a net of just 32.6 (#104 NCAA). The '06 top KR CJ Gable was injured and true frosh Ronald Johnson (PS#14) avg 24.8. Desmond Reed avg 4.3 on PR in '07. True frosh Joe McKnight had a scintillating 45 yard return vs Ariz but avg just 6.4 in his 18 other returns. The star of the unit was K David Buehler who had 18 TB's on his KO's and hit 16 of 19 FG's. Overall USC finished a Carroll-Era low #101 and figure to make a large improvement.

COACHES - Pete Carroll had been the HC of NYJ and New England Patriots. When he was hired, not too many Trojan fans were happy. When he opened up 2-5, the Trojan faithful began to countdown the days until his departure. Since then, USC has gone 74-9 with two National Titles. Carroll had coached the D himself, but in '06 he rehired DC Nick Holt who was the Idaho HC and had been the LB coach here from '01-'03. Steve Sarkisian became the 3rd OC in 3 years in '07. The passing game coord is John Morton (OAK '97-'04, NO '06).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Pete Carroll had inherited a team that had only topped 6 wins in a season once ('98) in the five years prior to his arrival. Carroll has since returned the Trojans to glory. They are the only team in the country to finish in the Top 5 in each of the last 6 years! In 2003, USC had to replace Heisman winner Carson Palmer but won the AP National Title (12-1). They outscored their foes 41-18 and their only defeat was a 3 OT loss to Cal. In 2004, USC returned 12 starters and became just the 2nd team ever to be #1 in the AP poll for the entire season. They outscored foes by an avg 38-13 and had their 5th perfect regular season (1st since 1972). They demolished Oklahoma 55-19 in the National Title game, but did have four close calls (Cal, Stan, Oreg St, UCLA). USC nearly got the much-hyped three-peat in 2005 and broke Miami's record of 21 straight weeks as the AP's #1 team (33). The Trojans' D allowed 23 ppg, the highest in 5 years, but the offense was almost unstoppable (49 ppg). For the 5th consecutive year, the Trojans benefitted from plus double-digit turnovers (+21) but again had some narrow escapes (Ariz St, ND, Fresno). In the National Title game, they were stopped short by 2 inches on a 4th & 2 which would have clinched it and allowed a TD with :19 left. In 2006 USC had a very young team with just 9 returning starters and had to replace their QB and 2 RB's who were all first day NFL DC's. The Trojans still could easily have played in the National Title game despite a midseason upset loss to Oreg St. They were upset by UCLA 13-9 in the season finale however which cost them the trip. The Trojans were co-Pac-10 champs and played in the Rose Bowl thanks to a 23-9 win over Cal and they set a record winning their 5th straight Pac-10 Title. Last year Carroll called the defense, which had 10 starters back, the fastest D he had ever coached. They were a much more veteran squad and the consensus preseason #1. The Trojans were an injury plagued team and suffered perhaps the biggest upset in NCAA history when they were stunned by Stanford on a 4th & goal 10 yd TD pass with :49 left. The loss ended a 35 game home win streak. They overcame a harrowing flight to South Bend and dealt the Irish their worst home loss since 1956, 38-0. USC lost the next week in Autzen Stadium to perhaps the best team in the country in Oregon which featured a healthy Dennis Dixon. When QB Booty returned from injury USC was arguably the best team in the country over the final 5 as they beat #24 Cal on the road 24-17, waxed #7 ASU on the road 44-24 and then wrapped up their 6th consec Pac-10 Title with a 24-7 win over UCLA. They outgained conf foes by 157 ypg, which was 92 ypg better than #2 Oreg. The Trojans throttled Illinois in the Rose Bowl 49-17. Their 23 Rose Bowl wins are more than any other team has accomplished in any other bowl. This year the Trojans have just 11 returning starters from what might have been the best team in the country. All of the toughest Pac-10 teams have to travel to LA so they should notch their 7th consecutive Pac-10 Title. Perhaps what might be a semifinal to the National Championship game takes place Sept 13th when they host Ohio St. A win there could give them the National Title everyone thought they would achieve last year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 6 Mark Sanchez Jr. 6-3 225 **PS#2**. 3 st LY, 695 (60.5%) 7-5 ratio. **16 Mitch Mustain** (6'3" 205 So) **PS#1**. 8 st, 12 gm. Ark true, 894 (52.3%) 10-9 ratio, 8-0 as starter.

RB 13 Stafon Johnson Jr. 6-0 210 **PS#3**.673 (6.9) LY. **Joe McKnight** (6'0" 180 So) **PS#3DB**. 540 (5.7), 23 rec (8.8). **CJ Gable** (6'1" 195 So) **PS#9. Marc Tyler PS#1 LY. Broderick Green PS#9 LY.**

FB 31 STANLEY HAVILI SO. 6-1 225 **PS#39**. 13 st rFr, 134 (6.4), 34 rec (7.3). **Allen Bradford** (6'0" 225 Jr) **PS#3LB**. Adam Goodman (6'2" 235 Jr) PS#314JC. Alfred Rowe (6'0" 205 So).

WR 1 PATRICK TURNER SR. 6-5 220 **PS#3**. 12 st 3Y, 1011 yd (11.4). David Ausberry (6'4" 225 So) **PS#2**. 5 st, 240 (9.2). Garrett Green (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#42QB. TD pass in bowl.

WR 7 VIDAL HAZELTON JR. 6-3 210 **PS#6**. 9 st LY, 540 (10.8). **18** Damian Williams (6'1" 190 So) **PS#11**. 5 st Ark true. 235 (12.4). Ronald Johnson (6'1" 190 So) **PS#14DB**. 1st, 757 all-purp true.

TE 86 Anthony McCoy Jr. 6-5 255 **PS#15**.2 rec LY. **Blake Ayles PS#1**. Rhett Ellison (6'5" 235 rFr) PS#42. Jimmy Miller (6'5" 250 Sr) **PS#39DL**. **WR** Brandon Carswell (6'2" 175 rFr) PS#56.

C 61 Kristofer O'Dowd So. 6-5 300 **PS#6**. 3 st C true, 7 gm. **2nd Tm Frosh AA**. Alex Parsons (6'4" 285 Jr) PS#88DL. 13 gm true. 13 gm LY. **LS** Christian Putnam (5'11" 210 Jr).

RG 74 Zack Heberer So. 6-5 300 **PS#71**.12 gm rFr, 2 st. **67** Michael Reardon (6'5" 265 rFr) **PS#30DL** Move to OL LY. **66** Matt Meyer **PS#24**. **64** Garrett Nolan PS#502JC.

LG 53 JEFF BYERS SR. 6-4 285 **PS#1**. 4 st true, 9 gm. RS '05. 1 gm '06 (inj). 13 st LY (12LG, 1C). **77** Thomas Herring (6'6" 300 Jr) **PS#5DL**. 1 gm rFr. 7 gm LY until inj.

RT 71 Charles Brown Jr. 6-6 290 PS#17TE. 13 gm rFr on ST, 4 OL. 1 st LY, 9 gm. **72 Martin Coleman** (6'5" 320 rFr) **PS#9**. Tyron Smith **PS#5**. **62** David Clinco (6'5" 270 Jr).

LT 68 Butch Lewis So. 6-5 280 **PS#20**. 10 gm rFr, 3 st LT, **1st Tm Frosh AA**. **76** Nick Howell (6'5" 275 Jr) **PS#72**. 13 gm C & OT rFr. Inj'd LY 1 gm. Matt Kalil is **PS#7**.

K 18 DAVID BUEHLER SR. 6-2 225 JC '05. Monster leg. 16-19 FG LY. 3-5 from 40+, L/47. 18 TB on KO's. **Jordan Congdon** (5'9" 180 Jr) **PS#1** 24-30 FG at Neb L/41 2Y.

DE 93 Everson Griffen So. 6-3 265 **PS#1**. First true DL to start opener here S/'86. 2 st, 21 tkl, 5.5 sk. **81** Gerald Washington (6'6" 260 Sr) **PS#9JC**. 1 tkl LY. Trey Henderson (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#66TE.

NT 99 Averell Spicer Jr. 6-2 290 **PS#15**.3 tkl rFr, 2 tfl. 12 gm LY, 9 tkl, 2 tfl. **44** Christian Tupou (6'2" 275 So) **PS#49**. 3 gm true, no stats. **98** DaJohn Harris (6'4" 270 rFr) **PS#5TE**.

DT 75 FILI MOALA SR. 6-5 295 **PS#59**. 2 st, 8 tkl rFr. 10 st '06, 20 tkl, 7 tfl, **HM P10**. 13 st LY, 32 tkl, 5.5 tfl. Derek Simmons (6'4" 275 So) **PS#60**. 2 tkl rFr. Armond Armstead **PS#19**.

DE 84 KYLE MOORE SR. 6-6 275 **PS#12**. 11 tkl '05-'06. 11 st DE LY, 35 tkl, 2 sk, 1.5 tfl, 5 pbu. Nick Perry **PS#7**. **79** Andrew Weiss (6'9" 225 Sr) UC San Diego '05-'06.

WLB 43 Kaluka Maiava Sr. 6-0 225 **PS#35**. 1 st true, 20 tkl. 34 tkl, 3.5 tfl '06. 1 st LY, 44 tkl, 2 sk. **6** Malcolm Smith (6'2" 215 So) **PS#12RB**. 6 tkl true. Jordan Campbell (6'0" 225 rFr) PS#93.

MLB 58 REY MAUALUGA SR. 6-3 255 **PS#1**. 10 st, **1st Tm P10** '06. 12 st LY, 79 tkl, 6 sk, 1st Tm P10. **54 Chris Galippo** (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#2. 8 tkl MedRS LY. Luthur Brown (6'3" 230 Jr) **PS#6**. 25 tkl.

SLB 10 BRIAN CUSHING SR. 6-4 240 **PS#5**. 4 st, 23 tkl LB true. 13 st DE '06, 57 tkl 13.5 tfl. 8 st LB LY. 25 tkl, 2 pbu. Clay Matthews (6'4" 240 Sr) 2 st, 40 tkl 3Y. Michael Morgan (6'3" 220 So) **PS#12.**

CB 36 Josh Pinkard Sr. 6-1 215 **PS#60**. 7 st '05. 54 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. 1 st FS '06, inj, RS. Inj LY. Kevin Thomas (6'1" 185 Jr) **PS#23**. 2 st, 17 tkl 2Y. **TJ Bryant PS#12**. Omari Crittenden (6'0" 180 So).

CB 7 CARY HARRIS SR. 6-0 180 **PS#25**. 9 tkl true. 11 st '06, 48 tkl, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 48 tkl, 7 pbu **HM P10**. **24** Shareece Wright (6'0" 180 Jr). **25** Daniel Harper (5'11" 180 rFr).

SS 4 KEVIN ELLISON SR. 6-1 225 **PS#64RB**. 13 st '06, 64 tkl, 6 tfl, 5 pbu. 13 st LY, **1st Tm P10**. 57 tkl, 8 tfl, 2 int. Will Harris (6'1" 205 Jr) **PS#21**. 5 tkl LY. Robert Erickson (6'0" 190 So).

FS 2 TAYLOR MAYS JR. 6-4 225 **PS#1**. 12 st true, 62 tkl, 3 int. 13 st LY, **3rd Tm AA**. 65 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **27** Marshall Jones (6'0" 185 So) **PS#10**. Justin Hart (6'0" 180 Jr).

P 44 GREG WOIDNECK SR. 6-0 200 48 punts '06, 38.3 avg, 33.7 net. 60 punts LY, 37.9 avg, net of 32.6. **25** Billy O'Malley (6'1" 190 So) backup punter as rFr.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Tyron Smith 6-6 270 PS#5
OL	Matt Kalil 6-6 290 PS#7
WR	DJ Shoemate 6-0 220 PS#5
TE	Blake Ayles 6-5 255 PS#1
DL	Nick Perry 6-3 240 PS#7
DB	TJ Bryant 6-1 190 PS#12
OL	Khaled Holmes 6-4 305 PS#14
WR	Brice Butler 6-3 215 PS#17
DL	Armond Armstead 6-5 290 PS#19
DL	Wes Horton 6-5 245 PS#20
OL	Matt Meyer 6-8 290 PS#24
OL	Daniel Campbell 6-5 330 PS#30
DL	Jurrell Casey 6-1 280 PS#28
LB	Uona Kaveinga 6-1 235 PS#36DL
RB	Curtis McNeal 5-8 180 PS#34
DL	Malik Jackson 6-5 230 PS#54
DB	Shane Horton 6-2 205 PS#112 '07
DB	Brian Baucham 5-11 190 PS#265RB
OL	Garrett Nolan 6-5 285 PS#502JC
LB	Maurice Simmons 6-0 215 PS#370
DB	Drew McAllister 6-1 200 PS#428

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USC	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	at Virginia	G					First meeting. USC is 10-6 vs current ACC tms. The Trojans have won 10 straight season openers by an avg 36-11 margin. USC has won 7 straight non-conf BCS road games.
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	Ohio St	G					The Trojans & Buckeyes have met in the Rose Bowl on 7 different occasions. USC leads the all-time series 11-9-1 but has won the L/5 in the series (L/gm '90).
Sep. 20							
Sep. 25	at Oregon St (Thur)	A					QB Booty's 2 pt pass was batted down with :07 left allowing OSU to hold on in the '06 upset. It ended the Trojans 27 gm Pac-10 winning streak. USC has lost just twice to OSU S/'68 (33 gms).
Oct. 4	Oregon	G					LY vs UO marked the 1st Pac-10 gm S/'01 that the Trojans weren't favored. Backup QB Sanchez threw a late int on USC's final drive allowing the #5 Ducks to prevail.
Oct. 11	Arizona St	G					Trojans moved back into the Rose Bowl picture after dismantling the Sun Devils 44-24 in front of a sold-out Thanksgiving crowd LY in Tempe. USC has won 8 straight in the series.
Oct. 18	at Washington St	A					LY QB Booty threw for 4 TD's as the Trojans totaled 509 total yds hammering the Cougars at the Coliseum. USC is 55-8-4 vs Wash St including 5 straight & 16 of 19.
Oct. 25	at Arizona	G					USC QB Sanchez made his 1st career start last year at home vs the Wildcats & led the Trojans back from a 3 point, 4th quarter deficit pulling out the 20-13 victory.
Nov. 1	Washington (HC)	G					Despite outgaining the Huskies 460-190, USC committed 3 TO's & 16 pen as they escaped Seattle with the 3 pt victory. USC leads all-time series 48-26-4 including 6 straight wins.
Nov. 8	California	G					LY RB Chauncey Washington rushed for a career-high 220 yds & CB Terrell Thomas int'd a late pass by Longshore allowing the Trojans to hold on in a constant heavy rain.
Nov. 15	at Stanford	G					Stanford handed the Trojans one of the biggest upsets in NCAA history LY ending USC's home win streak of 35 straight gms. USC is just 5-4 vs the Cardinal S/'99.
Nov. 22							Bonus: Coming into '08, USC was 23-0 in November under HC Pete Carroll.
Nov. 29	Notre Dame	G					Making his 2nd career start, Mark Sanchez threw for 4 TD's as USC got their largest margin of victory ever vs ND in '07 38-0 w/a 462-165 yd edge. USC has now won the L/6 vs ND.
Dec. 6	at UCLA	G					UCLA's '06 upset of the Trojans cost USC a trip to the National Championship gm. USC is 42-28-7 all-time vs the Bruins & has won 8 of L/9. The visitor has lost 3 straight.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Carson Palmer 11,818 '98-'02
2. Matt Leinart 10,693 '02-'05
3. Rob Johnson 8,472 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Charles White 6,245 '76-'79
2. Marcus Allen 4,810 '78-'81
3. Anthony Davis 3,724 '72-'74

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnnie Morton 3,201 '90-'93
2. Dwayne Jarrett 3,138 '04-'06
3. Kareem Kelly 3,104 '99-'02

PETE CARROLL (Career 76–14)

8th Year at USC — Carroll's Bowl Record: 5-2

Carroll's records AT USC

76-14	Straight Up	11-3	Vs Top 10
39-3	Home	28-7	Vs Top 25
31-9	Away	19-4	Vs BCS Teams
6-2	Neutral	16-5	Off A Bye
49-9	Vs Conference	9-3	Off A Loss

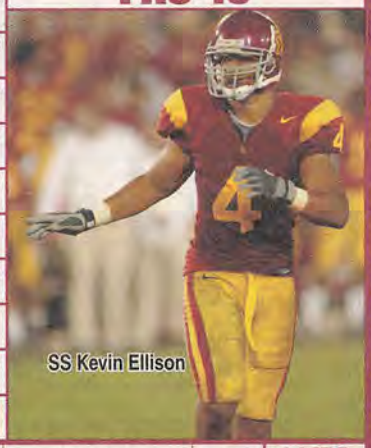
2007 RECORD: (11–2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (22,22,2)
Lost: 26 (15,10,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 87,476 (#9)

PAC-10


SS Kevin Ellison

STADIUM: LA MEMORIAL COLISEUM (92,000) (#9)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001 (Paul Hackett)	2002 (Pete Carroll)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	6-6	11-2	12-1	13-0	12-1	11-2	11-2	81-21
Home	2-5	4-2	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	6-0	5-1	41-8
Away	2-2	2-3	4-2	5-1	5-0	6-0	4-2	5-1	33-11
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	7-2
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	7-1	7-1	8-0	8-0	7-2	7-2	51-15
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-3	4-1	5-0	5-0	4-1	4-0	4-0	30-6
ATS	3-9	6-6	9-4	11-2	8-5	6-7	7-6	7-6	57-45
Home Fav	0-5	1-3	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-3	4-2	2-4	24-21
Home Dog	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
Away Fav	0-2	2-1	3-1	4-1	2-3	3-3	2-4	4-1	20-16
Away Dog	2-0	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	6-2
Neutral	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	6-3
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	6-2	7-1	4-4	4-4	3-6	4-5	36-30
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-4	3-2	4-1	4-1	2-3	4-0	3-1	21-15
Off SU Win	0-5	2-4	8-2	9-2	8-4	5-7	4-6	6-4	42-34
Off SU Loss	2-4	4-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	1-1	11-7

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chauncey Washington	195	992	23	969	10	5.0
Stafon Johnson	98	689	16	673	5	6.9
Joe McKnight	94	610	70	540	3	5.7
CJ Gable	13	143	0	143	0	11.0
Stanley Havili	21	134	0	134	2	6.4
Hershel Dennis	23	95	6	89	1	3.9
Allen Bradford	15	38	14	24	1	1.6
Mark Sanchez	14	42	20	22	0	1.6
John David Booty	23	17	123	-106	1	-4.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
John David Booty	340	215	63.2	2361	23	10
Mark Sanchez	114	69	60.5	695	7	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Fred Davis	62	881	14.2	8	63
Patrick Turner	48	569	11.9	3	31
Vidal Hazelton	50	540	10.8	4	48
Stanley Havili	34	248	7.3	5	35
David Ausberry	26	240	9.2	2	21
Joe McKnight	23	203	8.8	1	32
Ronald Johnson	7	110	15.7	1	47
Desmond Reed	9	107	11.9	1	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Greg Woidneck	60	2274	37.9	17	32.6	3	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
David Buehler	52-54	7-7	6-7	3-5	0-0	16-19	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rey Maualuga	79	6	4.5	3	1
Keith Rivers	78	0	5	4	0
Taylor Mays	65	0	0	6	1
Lawrence Jackson	60	10.5	6.5	3	0
Sedrick Ellis	58	8.5	4	7	0
Kevin Ellison	57	2	6	6	2
Thomas Williams	56	0	5	5	1
Cary Harris	48	0	2	7	1
Terrell Thomas	45	1	3.5	7	4
Kaluka Maiava	44	2	2.5	2	0
Kyle Moore	35	2	1.5	5	2
Fili Moala	32	2.5	3	0	0
Shareece Wright	29	1	2.5	4	0
Luthur Brown	25	0	0.5	0	0
Brian Cushing	25	1	1.5	2	0
Everson Griffen	21	5.5	0	2	0
Clay Matthews	17	0	3	1	0
Allen Bradford	11	0	0	0	0
Michael Morgan	9	0	0	0	0
Averell Spicer	9	1	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Joe McKnight	19	160	8.4	0
Desmond Reed	20	86	4.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ronald Johnson	25	620	24.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Rose - #1	-7	Michigan - #4	28-14
04	Orange - #1	-1	Oklahoma - #2	55-19
05	Rose - #1	-7	Texas - #2	38-41
06	Rose - #8	-1	Michigan - #3	32-18
07	Rose - #6	-14	Illinois - #13	49-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USC'S All-Time Bowl Record 30–16

USC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	32.6	22	197	5.0	238	62.2	13.3	+2	2007	10	16.0	17	84	2.5	189	54.3	17.1
4	30.5	21	128	4.0	264	61.1	12.9	+4	2006	5	15.2	16	91	3.0	205	54.6	19.5
8*	49.1	29	260	6.4	320	64.9	11.8	+21	2005	5	22.8	20	131	3.8	230	59.7	15.8
6*	38.2	23	177	4.7	272	65.6	11.8	+19	2004	6	13.0	16	79	2.6	200	53.8	21.5
5	41.1	22	156	4.5	292	62.0	10.9	+20	2003	6	18.4	20	60	1.8	276	55.0	18.3
9*	35.8	24	142	3.6	307	63.4	12.6	+18	2002	5	18.5	16	83	2.8	202	49.8	15.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

USC 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
90,917	Idaho	24	43-214	5.0	22-34	206	1	14	32-98	3.1	16-35	155	2	-2
84,959	at Nebraska	22	38-313	8.2	19-30	144	0	28	28-31	1.1	36-54	389	2	+1
86,876	Washington St	28	34-197	5.8	31-39	312	1	15	27-64	2.4	21-43	183	2	-1
68,654	at Washington	20	39-224	5.7	20-37	236	1	15	33-100	3.0	13-28	90	1	-1
85,125	Stanford	19	38-95	2.5	24-41	364	4	16	39-86	2.2	11-30	149	4	-4
84,671	Arizona	19	43-146	3.4	19-31	130	3	13	16-22	1.4	30-43	233	1	+1
80,795	at Notre Dame	24	36-227	6.3	21-38	235	0	10	30-48	1.6	17-33	117	7	+2
59,277	at Oregon	18	33-101	3.1	26-42	277	1	22	47-182	3.9	16-25	157	1	-1
85,713	Oregon St	16	36-100	2.8	20-34	187	2	12	37-91	2.5	11-28	85	9	0
72,516	at California	19	48-239	5.0	11-20	129	0	25	45-200	4.4	13-29	199	1	+1
71,706	at Arizona St	25	37-133	3.6	26-40	375	1	16	35-16	0.5	22-31	243	6	+1
91,553	UCLA	26	49-231	4.7	21-36	206	1	10	25-12	0.5	13-29	156	4	+2
93,923	† Illinois	30	43-344	8.0	26-38	289	2	19	37-144	3.9	22-36	301	5	+3
TOTALS		290	517-2564	5.0	286-460	3090	17	215	431-1094	2.5	241-444	2457	45	+2
AVERAGES		22.3	40-197	5.0	22-35	238	1.3	16.5	33-84	2.5	19-34	189	3.5	0.2

2003 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #8 Opponent	Line	USC Score	Post #1 Score
#8	at Auburn - #6	+3'	23-0	
#4	BYU	-21'	35-18	
#4	Hawaii	-21	61-32	
#3	at California	-13'	31-34	3OT
#10	at Arizona St	-12	37-17	
#9	Stanford	-21	44-21	
#5	at Notre Dame	-8	45-14	
#5	at Washington	-10'	43-23	
#3	Washington St - #6	-11'	43-16	
#2	at Arizona	-28'	45-0	
#2	UCLA	-23	47-22	
#2	Oregon St	-21'	52-28	

2004 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	USC Score	Post #1 Score
#1	† Virginia Tech	-17	24-13	
#1	Colorado St	-24'	49-0	
#1	at BYU	-26'	42-10	
#1	at Stanford	-22	31-28	
#1	California - #7	-7'	23-17	
#1	Arizona St - #15	-10'	45-7	
#1	Washington	-35	38-0	
#1	at Washington St	-24'	42-12	
#1	at Oregon St	-18	28-20	
#1	Arizona	-35	49-9	
#1	Notre Dame	-23'	41-10	
#1	at UCLA	-22'	29-24	

2005 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	USC Score	Post #2 Score
#1	at Hawaii	-36	63-17	
#1	Arkansas	-30	70-17	
#1	at Oregon - #24	-21	45-13	
#1	at Arizona St - #14	-16	38-28	
#1	Arizona	-38	42-21	
#1	at Notre Dame - #9	-12	34-31	
#1	at Washington	-30	51-24	
#1	Washington St	-29'	55-13	
#1	Stanford	-34	51-21	
#1	at California	-18	35-10	
#1	Fresno St - #16	-23	50-42	
#1	UCLA - #11	-21	66-19	

2006 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #6 Opponent	Line	USC Score	Post #4 Score
#6	at Arkansas	-8	50-14	
#4	Nebraska - #19	-17'	28-10	
#3	at Arizona	-21'	20-3	
#3	at Washington St	-16'	28-22	
#3	Washington	-19	26-20	
#3	Arizona St	-19	28-21	
#3	at Oregon St	-10	31-33	
#9	at Stanford	-28	42-0	
#7	Oregon - #21	-8'	35-10	
#4	California - #17	-6	23-9	
#3	Notre Dame - #6	-8'	44-24	
#2	at UCLA	-11'	9-13	

2007 RESULTS

USC Rank	Pre #1 Opponent	Line	USC Score	Post #3 Score
#1	Idaho	-47	38-10	
#1	at Nebraska - #14	-9'	49-31	
#1	Washington St	-25	47-14	
#1	at Washington	-20'	27-24	
#2	Stanford	-41	23-24	
#10	Arizona	-21	20-13	
#13	at Notre Dame	-17'	38-0	
#9	at Oregon - #5	+2'	17-24	
#13	Oregon St	-15	24-3	
#12	at California - #24	-4	24-17	
#11	at Arizona St - #7	-3	44-24	
#8	UCLA	-19'	24-7	

CALIFORNIA GOLDEN BEARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - As a QB coach, Jeff Tedford has had 7 QB's to start an NFL game including six #1 DC's. In his first season here he inherited an underachieving Kyle Boller (career 47%). In his only season under Tedford, Boller threw for 2,815 (53.4%) with a 28-10 ratio (#1DC BAL). Aaron Rodgers was next and left as a #1DC of the Packers. Nate Longshore (PS#18) started the opener in 2005 but was injured. In 2006 Longshore won the starting job again beating out '05 starter Joseph Ayoob. Longshore threw for 3,021 (60.2%) with a 24-13 ratio. He did have a 17-4 ratio early on but in the final 7 only had a 7-8 ratio. Last year Longshore hit 64% with a 7-2 ratio in his first 5. He suffered a chipped bone in his ankle and missed the Oreg St gm. RFr backup Kevin Riley (PS#33) had a solid game hitting 20-34 for 294 vs the Beavers but made a crucial mistake as he ran the ball with no time-outs left instead of throwing an incomplete pass which would have allowed the Bears to att the game tying FG. Longshore returned vs UCLA but his ankle seemed to be worse in the 2H of games. Over the final 5 Longshore completed just 55% with a 6-8 ratio. He was booed in their home win vs Wash St and fans chanted for backup Riley vs Stanford. In the bowl Riley replaced Longshore in the 2Q and was outstanding with 269 (84%) and 4 TD's (3 passing). This year Longshore and Riley both return and added to the mix are Brock Mansion (6'5" 229 rFr, PS#27), Cory Smits (6'1" 210 Jr, PS#201) and Bryan Van Meter (6'1" 192 Sr). No matter who wins the starting job, Cal should have significantly improved passing numbers.

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RUNNING BACKS - JJ Arrington rushed for 2,018 (7.0) in '04. VHT Marshawn Lynch (PS#23) was his backup as a true frosh and rushed for 628 with a sensational 8.8 ypc. In 2005 the job was Lynch's and he rushed for 1,246 (6.4) with Justin Forsett starting 3 and rushing for 999 (7.6!). Everyone returned in '06 but 3 OL's were taken in the NFL draft. Lynch was banged up but still became just the 2nd Bear to top 1,000 yards twice (Russell White '91-'92) and was the Pac-10 Off POY rushing for 1,356 (6.1). Forsett saw his ypc drop to 5.3 (626 yd). Lynch left early for the NFL (#1DC BUF) and they also lost their #3 and #4 RB's. Forsett took over in 2007 and finished 2nd in the Pac-10 with 1,546 (5.1). Speedy true frosh Jahvid Best (PS#10) had 221 (7.6) while James Montgomery (PS#21) had 171 (4.8). Not listed in the PSL are true frosh Covaughn DeBoskie (PS#17, in spg), backup FB's John Tyndall (6'3" 232 rFr, PS#158LB), RJ Garrett (5'9" 249 So, PS#142), Will Kapp (5'10" 221 rFr) and Peter Geurts (6'1" 204 rFr). This year they must replace Forsett (#7DC SEA) and Montgomery (transfer WSU). This is the least experienced RB corps so far under Tedford but I expect Best to be the 7th straight 1,000 yard rusher.

RECEIVERS - Cal had to replace their top 3 receivers in '05 but added talent in DeSean Jackson (PS#1) and Lavelle Hawkins (PS#5). Jackson led with 601 (15.8) and Robert Jordan had 455 (13.4) while Hawkins only had 171 (9.5). The top six returned in 2006. Jackson was one of the most explosive players in the Pac-10 with 1,060 (18.0). Hawkins added 705 (15.3) and Jordan 571 (12.4). TE Craig Stevens (2nd Tm Pac-10) added 239 (14.1). All four returned last year and much was expected. Unfortunately Jackson was plagued by injuries. He did have 161 vs Oreg and 136 vs UCLA. Hawkins had 192 vs Oreg St and led with 872 (12.1). He did drop a sure TD pass at the end vs Stanford. Jackson saw his #'s drop to 762 (11.7) and Jordan added 689 (14.7). This year they lose their top 4 as Jackson left early (10 st, 2#DC PHI) and also gone are Jordan (11 st), Hawkins (3 st, #4DC TEN), Stevens (13 st, 17 rec, #3DC TEN), Sam DeSa (1 st, 0 rec), Sean Young (1 rec) and TE Julian Arthur (2 st, 3 rec). Not listed below are WR Cameron Toler (5'9" 179 Sr) and TE's Savai'i Eselu (6'3" 259 rFr, PS#41) and Garry Graffort (6'3" 244 So, PS#302DL). Their top returning WR had just 4 rec last year making this unit weaker than 2007's injury riddled group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Cal had to replace four starters but surprisingly the inexperienced O-line paved the way for 6.1 ypc rushing (25 sk). In 2005 they only had to replace one starter but nine different players started due to injury. They opened holes for 5.8 ypc (23 sk). In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters who were all drafted (#5, #6, #7 DC's). The ypg rushing dropped to 163 (5.0) but they did allow just 13 sacks (3.1%!). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups but did return 5 with starting experience including 1st Tm Pac-10 C Alex Mack. They put up similar numbers rushing for 166 ypg (4.9) and allowed just 11 sacks (2.5%!) despite not having a mobile QB. This year they lose LT Mike Gibson (2nd Tm Pac-10 '06, 12 st, #6DC PHI), LG Brian De La Puente (13 st, HM Pac-10) and backup C Mark Gray (1 gm). Cal has allowed 24 sacks the last 2 years combined which is the 3rd lowest total in the NCAA and best in the Pac-10. Mack turned down the NFL and I will call this unit at least equal to last year's outstanding group.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Cal's defensive strength over the last 10 years has been their DL play. They had just one starter back in both '04 and '05 but allowed just 2.7 and 3.3 ypc rush. With a veteran unit in 2006 they surprisingly yielded 3.8 ypc. Last year they had to replace three starters and had just one career sack returning. As expected, Cal dropped to 4.0 ypc rush with just 22 sacks. Projected starter Rulon Davis missed 7 and their top DL, Matthew Malele only started 7. This year the unit is in much better shape. They do lose Malele (16 tkl) as well as DE John Allen (L/7 st, 14 tkl) but have six of the top 8 back giving them their most experienced unit in a few years.

LINEBACKERS - Cal only returned one starter at LB last year but Anthony Felder (PS#32), who had an injury plagued 2006, reclaimed his starting spot (HM Pac-10). Three Cal players finished with 100+ tackles and two were LB's in Felder and Worrell Williams. This year the only losses are Justin Moye (4 st, 48 tkl, 2 tfl) and Greg Van Hoesen (2 st, 19 tkl). Not listed below are Shea McIntyre (6'0" 225 Jr) and Tyler Morrow (6'0" 210 Jr). With all three starters returning including two VHT's, this is one of the Pac-10's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Cal was #10 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and with 3 starters back in 2005 were #11. In 2006 they had just one starter back but it was CB Daymeion Hughes (6'2", 4.4 spd) who was named Pac-10 Def POY. Cal slipped to #26. Last year they had to replace Hughes and one backup. ROV Brandon Hampton moved to CB. FS Thomas DeCoud was the top player. He was susp for the 1Q of the bowl and they trailed 21-0 but in the last 3Q's he finished with a team high 10 tackles. Cal dropped to #54, their lowest finish since 2001 (#96). This year they lose HM Pac-10 DeCoud (12 st, 116 tkl, 4 pbu, #3DC ATL), Hampton (10 st, 54 tkl, 5 pbu), Robert Peele (5 tkl) and Brandon Jones (9 tkl). Five return with starting experience and despite being less experienced overall, Cal should climb back up in my pass D rankings, especially with a strong front 7.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Tedford's first 4 seasons, they were #33, #47, #69 and #34 in my ST rankings. They brought in DeSean Jackson in 2006 who avg 18.2 on PR's with 4 TD's and won the first ever Randy Moss Returnman Award. Tom Schneider hit 15 of 20 FG's and tied a school record with a 55 yarder (3 miss 50+) helping Cal finish #2 in '06. Last year Schneider injured his leg in warm-ups in the opener and missed the season. His replacement, Jordan Kay, hit 13 of 20 FG's (long of 47) while P Andrew Larson had 5 TB's on 72 KO's. Jackson had an injury plagued season (10.8 PR, 1 TD). Hawkins was the top KR (22.0, 1 TD) and Larson avg 41.1 on punts (net 37.6). Cal's opponents hit an amazing 23 of 25 FG's (92%). This year they lose P Larson, PR Jackson, top KR Hawkins and Schneider. Cal slipped to #49 last year and may slip again.

COACHES - Jeff Tedford was the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in his first season and again in 2004. He had previously been the OC at both Oregon and Fresno St and has produced many fine NFL QB's. This year they bring in their 3rd OC in 3 years, Frank Cignetti, who was the QB coach of the 49ers last year and was the OC at UNC and Fresno prior. For two of his 4 years at FSU, they were in the NCAA top 10 in scoring and he will call the plays. Last year's OC Jim Michalczik will stay onboard as co-OC and OL coach. DC Bob Gregory enters his 7th year here. His last five defenses have ranked #4, #3, #1, #3 and #6 in the Pac-10 and he was a candidate for the WSU head coaching job.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004, I called Cal my #2 surprise team in the country and forecasted that they would go from 8-6 to a potential 10 or 11 win season. In a road trip to USC, Cal had 28-12 FD and 424-205 yard edges but came up short failing to score on 1st & goal from the 9 and lost by 6. Those 6 points cost them the Pac-10 Title and a trip to the 2004 National Title game. The Bears amazingly outgained Pac-10 foes in 2004 by 158.5 ypg and outscored them by 23 ppg, even better marks than the Trojans! Cal was very inexperienced in '05 with just 8 starters back. That team still opened 5-0 and rose to #10 but went 2-4 before beating BYU in the bowl. Their 8-4 finish was the 2nd best under Tedford despite their first negative turnover ratio (-6). They finished #25 (#9 in '04) which was the first time since '50-'51 that Cal finished ranked in back-to-back years. In 2006 expectations were high for Cal. They opened the year #9 but were whipped by Tennessee on the road. They rebounded to win their next 8, but with a huge matchup vs USC on deck, lost to Arizona in Tucson. Still, if they had beaten USC they would have had their first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1959 and they led 9-6 at the half but lost. They won a share of the Pac-10 Title, their first conf title since 1975. They thrashed Texas A&M 45-10 in the Holiday Bowl and it was the first time in school history that they'd been to 4 straight bowls. Last year it was the same story for Cal as they had a great start and poor finish. Cal was ranked #12 in the preseason and picked 2nd in the Pac-10. I got beaten up by Cal fans during the offseason as I picked them 5th in the Pac-10 and did not have them ranked. Things looked pretty bad for my prediction as the Bears opened 5-0 knocking off #11 Oregon on the road (Ducks fumbled going in for tying TD). They were trying to become the first Cal team to open 6-0 in 57 years and were #2 in the polls. Playing without QB Longshore, they lost at home to Oreg St when backup QB Riley ran the ball deep into OSU terr with no time-outs. That loss snapped a 10 game home winning streak. Cal trailed UCLA by 2 the next week and gave up a 76 yd IR TD with 1:33 left. They led ASU 13-0 in the 1Q but lost, snapping a streak of 5 straight years in which the team did not have a 3 game losing streak (longest since 1947-'52). They got past Wash St at home but then lost their final 3 including dropping The Battle for the Axe for the first time in six years. The Bears went from #2 in the NCAA and a National Title contender to finishing 6th in the Pac-10 and got the conf's lowest bowl spot. Playing without some suspended players in the 1Q they trailed AF by 3 TD's but rallied for a 42-36 win and avoided a losing record finishing at 7-6. Cal has just 12 returning starters and while none of my 8 sets of power ratings call them the best team in the Pac-10, they have the schedule to get there, hosting their toughest foes (ASU, Oreg) with 5 Pac-10 home games. Despite having their fewest returning starters since 2005, I'll call for Cal to top last year's 7 win total and four of my 8 sets of power ratings call for a double digit win season.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 13 KEVIN RILEY SO. 6-2 224 **PS#33.** 1 st rFr, 563 (64%) 5-1 ratio. **6 Nate Longshore** (6'5" 233 Sr) **PS#18.** 26 st 3Y, 5732 (60%) 41-27 ratio, 63 yd rush. Inj spg '08.

RB 4 Jahvid Best So. 5-10 193 **PS#10.** 10.3 100M. 221 (7.6), 15 KR (27.0) true. Shane Vereen (5'10" 192 rFr) **PS#25.** Tracy Slocum (5'10" 198 So) PS#47. 7 gm mostly ST.

WR NA Verran Tucker Jr. 6-2 183 **PS#86JC. Marvin Jones PS#20. FB Will Ta'ufo'ou** (5'11" 253 Sr) PS#93. 5 st, 120 ttl yd 2Y. Zach Smith (5'10" 215 Sr). 2 st LY. Brian Holley (5'9" 224 Jr).

WR 8 Nyan Boateng Jr. 6-2 210 **PS#8.** 4 rec true **Fla.** Susp LY here. **3** Jeremy Ross (5'11" 208 So) PS#250. **85** LaReylle Cunningham (6'1" 205 Sr) 1 st, 10 rec (15.5) 3Y.

WR 84 Michael Calvin rFr. 6-2 202 PS#72. **82** Alex Lagemann (6'1" 216 rFr) PS#47. **18** Drew Glover (6'2" 205 Sr). **40** Ian Albrecht (6'0" 207 rFr). **87** Alex Stroud (6'1" 201 Sr) PS#304.

TE 5 Cameron Morrah Jr. 6-4 245 PS#63DL. 7 st 2Y, 14 rec. **83** Skylar Curran (6'4" 256 Jr) PS#212JC. Spencer Ladner **PS#13.** Tad Smith (6'5" 265 Jr) PS#168DL. 3 st, 13 tkl DL LY.

C 51 ALEX MACK SR. 6-5 316 13 st C rFr, **1st Tm P10 '06 & '07!** 13 st C LY. **54** Chris Guarnero (6'2" 275 So) **PS#41. LS 68** Nick Sundberg (6'0" 244 Sr) 26 gm 2Y.

RG 55 NORIS MALELE SR. 6-2 303 **PS#42.** 1 st LG rFr. 9 st RG '06. 13 st RG LY. **61** Justin Cheadle (6'2" 303 rFr) PS#131. TJ Emery (6'3" 288 rFr). Todd Huber (6'3" 296 rFr) **PS#82.**

LG 70 Mark Boskovich So. 6-4 301 PS#464. 9 gm rFr. **50** Kevin Bemoll (6'4" 325 Jr) **PS#33.** 1 gm 2Y. **75** Matt Summers-Gavin **PS#16. In spg. 73** Richard Fisher (6'4" 276 So).

RT 72 Mitchell Schwartz rFr. 6-7 330 **PS#57. 58 Chet Teofilo** (6'3" 316 Sr) 1 gm '05. 3 gm LY, 1 st. **78** Justin Prueitt (6'4" 287 So). Tyler Rigsbee (6'5" 280 Fr) **PS#50.**

LT 79 MIKE TEPPER SR. 6-7 321 PS#189. 13 gm '06, 2 st LT. 13 st RT LY. **76** Matt Laird (6'7" 305 Jr) PS#273. 2 gm LY. **71** Sam DeMartinis (6'5" 288 rFr) **PS#51.**

K 34 JORDAN KAY SR. 5-9 201 PS#28. 13-20 FG & 5-9 from 40+, L/47. **30** Joe Robles (5'10" 197 So) PS#98. Three 50+ FG in HS. **14** Nick Demopoulos (5'9" 168 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 94 Rulon Davis Sr. 6-5 281 PS#94JC. Miss 7 w/inj, 3 st, 16 tkl, 3 tfl. **57** Keith Browner (6'6" 264 So) **PS#46. 92** Scott Smith (6'6" 261 rFr). **90** Solomona Aigamaua (6'1" 243 rFr).

DT 91 CODY JONES JR. 6-4 276 PS#78. 1 st, 5 tkl rFr. 10 st DT LY, 22 tkl, 5 tfl. **77** Michael Costanzo (6'2" 302 So) **PS#49OL.** 1 tkl, 3 gm rFr. Trevor Guyton **PS#69OL.**

DT 76 DERRICK HILL SO. 6-2 298 **PS#22.** 1 st LY, 24 tkl, 2 tfl. **Mika Kane** (6'3" 311 Sr) 1 st, 9 tkl '05-'06. 8 st LY, 36 tkl. Jonathan Karacozoff (6'0" 262 Jr). Kendrick Payne PS#255. In spg.

DE 44 TYSON ALUALU JR. 6-3 290 PS#113.1 st true, 16 tkl. 13 st LY, 52 tkl, 2.5 sk. Cameron Jordan (6'4" 286 So) PS#91. 18 tkl true. **95** Ernest Owusu (6'4" 258 rFr). **54** Justin Gates (6'1" 272 rFr).

WLB 7 ANTHONY FELDER SR. 6-3 235 **PS#32.** 8 st '05, 39 tkl. 18 tkl '06. 11 st LY, 101 tkl, 2 sk. **18** Michael Mohamed (6'3" 229 So) PS#266WR. 1 st, 46 tkl rFr. **37** Robert Mullins **PS#50** '07.

MLB 1 WORRELL WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 250 **PS#26.** 1 st '05, 26 tkl, 4 tfl. 12 st '06, 51 tkl. 11 st '07, 105 tkl, 8.5 tfl. DJ Holt (6'1" 255 rFr) PS#119DL. Matt Russi (5'9" 244 Jr). Charles Johnson (6'1" 241 So).

SLB 56 ZACK FOLLETT SR. 6-1 238 PS#85. 1 st '06, 62 tkl, 5.5 sk, 7 tfl. 10 st LY, 64 tkl, 5.5 sk, 7 tfl. Eddie Young (6'0" 230 Jr) PS#59TE. Devin Bishop (6'1" 238 Jr) **PS#42JC.** RS.

CB 5 SYD'QUAN THOMPSON JR. 5-9 184 **PS#20.** WR true. 13 st rFr, 60 tkl, 2 pbu. 13 st LY, 78 tkl, 10 pbu. **11** Sean Cattouse (6'2" 204 rFr) PS#97. **27** Charles Amadi (5'10" 182 So) 7 tkl.

CB 17 Chris Conte So. 6-3 198 PS#187. 3 st true, 32 tkl. 1 tfl. **Darian Hagan** (6'0" 181 So) **PS#23.** 3 gm, 0 tkl. Kamaron Yancy (6'0" 185 So) PS#220JC. Gary Doxy (6'0" 200 Jr).

SS 29 Marcus Ezeff Jr. 5-11 208 **PS#50.** 12 tkl rFr. 4 st LY, 47 tkl, 2 tfl, 1 pbu. **8** DJ Campbell (5'11" 194 rFr) PS#92. **20** Jesse Brooks (5'11" 202 Jr) PS#184RB. 3 tkl, 8 gm 2Y.

FS 2 BERNARD HICKS SR. 5-11 210 PS#139. 9 st '06, 58 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 9 st LY, 40 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **25** Brett Johnson (6'1" 192 Jr) 1 st, 12 tkl, 23 gm 2Y. Chris Little PS#91WR.

P 19 Bryan Anger rFr. 6-3 196 **PS#1.** 41.8 avg in HS and Tedford says as good as any P in the country. Travelled with team as true but RS. **35** Ryan Theimer (6'2" 196 rFr) PS#96.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Matt Summers-Gavin 6-4 311 PS#16 '07
LB	Robert Mullins 5-11 207 PS#50 '07
WR	Marvin Jones 6-3 185 PS#20
RB	Covaughn DeBoskie 5-11 198 PS#17
WR	Verran Tucker 6-2 183 PS#86JC
TE	Spencer Ladner 6-6 225 PS#13
OL	Tyler Rigsbee 6-5 280 PS#50
QB	Beau Sweeney 6-2 200 PS#24
WR	Jarrett Sparks 6-3 200 PS#57
DL	Trevor Guyton 6-4 280 PS#69OL
DB	Marc Anthony 6-0 185 PS#60
TE	Anthony Miller 6-3 240 PS#24
OL	Dominic Galas 6-2 275 PS#100
LB	Mychal Kendricks 6-0 215 PS#77
DB	Kamaron Yancy 6-0 185 PS#220JC
DB	Chris Little 6-2 210 PS#91WR
LB	JP Hurrell 6-0 195 PS#80DB
DL	Aaron Tipoti 6-4 265 PS#124
WR	Charles Satchell 6-2 195 PS#155
LS	Matt Rios 6-1 230 PS#240OL
DL	Kendrick Payne 6-2 281 PS#255
WR	Joseph Washington 6-1 185 PS#229RB
DB	Josh Hill 6-1 182 PS#328

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#38

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CAL	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Michigan St	A					Fourth meeting between these 2 schools (MSU leads 2-1) & their 1st matchup in Berkeley S/'57. Bears have won 6 straight home openers including LY's redeeming win over Tenn.
Sep. 6	at Washington St	A					Cal lost 6 of their final 7 gms vs P10 opp's LY with their only win coming at home vs the Cougars as Justin Forsett ran for 132 yds inc a late 44 yd TD run. Cal has won 3 straight in this series.
Sep. 13	at Maryland	G					First meeting. Cal is 7-7-1 all-time vs current ACC members. The Bears have won 5 of 6 road games vs non-conference foes, but this is the 1st game in EST S/'01.
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Colorado St	A					The Bears made their 1st ever trip to CSU LY holding on to the narrow 34-28 victory. Cal's last non-conference home loss was to Colorado St in 2003.
Oct. 4	Arizona St (HC)	A					Cal put up 213 1H yds in the air for a 20-14 lead, but passed for just 62 2H yds as ASU outscored them 17-0, pulling out the 31-20 victory & snapping a 4 gm series win streak.
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at Arizona	G					LY in Berkeley, Cal allowed just 21 yds on 20 carries while creating 4 TO's in the 45-27 win. In '06, Cal had their BCS hopes end in Tucson as UA pulled out the 24-20 upset.
Oct. 25	UCLA	A					Cal trails the all-time series 29-48-1 but the home team has won 8 straight. Last year Cal led 21-20 late 3Q & then threw an int at the UCLA 24 w/1:33 left.
Nov. 1	Oregon	A					Last year the Bears snapped a 7 gm losing streak at Autzen Stadium (L/W '87) as they forced four 4Q TO's to prevail. Cal HC Tedford was the Oregon OC from '98-'01.
Nov. 8	at USC	G					QB Longshore had a late pass int'd vs the Trojans last season allowing USC to prevail in rain soaked Memorial Stadium. Cal has now lost 4 straight to the Trojans.
Nov. 15	at Oregon St	A					QB Riley made his 1st career start (Longshore inj) nearly leading the Bears back from a 10 pt, 4Q deficit. Prior to the loss, Cal was ranked #2, their highest ranking since '67.
Nov. 22	Stanford	A					This yr will mark the 102nd football edition of the "Big Game" (SU leads all-time series 50-41-10). For the 1st time since the 2001 season, the Axe returned to the Cardinal as they defeated Cal 20-13.
Nov. 29							
Dec. 6	Washington	A					The Huskies rolled up 334 yds on the ground LY on their way to the 37-23 upset of Cal. The Bears actually lost 19 straight to the Huskies prior to the arrival of HC Tedford (5-1 since).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Troy Taylor 8,126 '86-'89
2. Kyle Boller 7,980 '99-'02
3. Pat Barnes 7,360 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Russell White 3,367 '90-'92
2. Marshawn Lynch 3,230 '04-'06
3. Justin Forsett 3,220 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Geoff McArthur 3,188 '00-'04
2. Bobby Shaw 2,731 '94-'97
3. DeSean Jackson 2,423 '05-'07

JEFF TEDFORD (Career 50-26)
7th Year at California (Tedford's Bowl Record: 4-1)

Tedford's records AT CALIFORNIA

50-26	Straight Up	1-4	Vs Top 10
28-9	Home	10-10	Vs Top 25
18-15	Away	8-3	Vs BCS Teams
4-2	Neutral	9-5	Off A Bye
30-20	Vs Conference	15-10	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (14,23,3)
Lost: 20 (11,8,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 63,136 (#27)

PAC-10

STADIUM: MEMORIAL STADIUM (72,516) (#23)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	1-10	7-5	8-6	10-2	8-4	10-3	7-6	54-44
Home	2-3	0-6	4-3	4-2	5-0	4-2	7-0	4-2	30-18
Away	1-5	1-4	3-2	3-3	5-1	3-2	2-3	2-4	20-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-2
vs Conf	2-6	0-8	4-4	5-3	7-1	4-4	7-2	3-6	32-34
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-2	3-1	3-3	3-1	4-0	3-1	4-0	22-10
ATS	7-4	3-8	8-4	9-4-1	7-5	3-8	6-6	4-9	47-48-1
Home Fav (Tom Holmoe)	0-2	0-1	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-3	3-3	2-3	15-18
Home Dog (Tom Holmoe)	3-0	1-4	1-1 (Jeff Tedford)	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	6-7
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	0-4	8-11
Away Dog	4-2	2-2	4-1	2-1-1	1-0	0-2	0-1	1-1	14-10-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	4-2
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-2-1	6-2	3-5	4-5	2-7	33-32-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	3-1	4-2	1-3	0-3	2-1	2-2	14-16
Off SU Win	3-0	0-0	3-3	4-3	5-5	2-5	5-3	2-4	24-23
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-7	4-1	4-1-1	1-0	1-3	1-2	1-5	18-23-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justin Forsett	305	1626	80	1546	15	5.1
Jahvid Best	29	243	22	221	2	7.6
James Montgomery	36	190	19	171	2	4.8
DeSean Jackson	11	139	7	132	1	12.0
Lavelle Hawkins	7	60	0	60	0	8.6
Will Ta'ufo'ou	9	52	0	52	0	5.8
Kevin Riley	11	22	16	6	2	0.5
Nate Longshore	19	15	59	-44	1	-2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Nate Longshore	384	230	59.9	2580	16	13
Kevin Riley	56	36	64.3	563	5	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Lavelle Hawkins	72	872	12.1	6	64
DeSean Jackson	65	762	11.7	6	44
Robert Jordan	47	689	14.7	3	52
Craig Stevens	17	204	12.0	3	23
Justin Forsett	22	202	9.2	0	49
Cameron Morrah	13	155	11.9	1	49
Jahvid Best	13	74	5.7	1	16
James Montgomery	4	48	12.0	1	24
Will Ta'ufo'ou	4	48	12.0	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andrew Larson	61	2505	41.1	9	37.6	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jordan Kay	48-48	6-6	2-5	5-9	0-0	13-20	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Thomas DeCoud	116	1	2	4	1
Worrell Williams	105	1	7.5	2	0
Anthony Felder	101	2	1.5	1	1
Syd'Quan Thompson	78	0	6	10	1
Zack Follett	64	5.5	7	6	0
Brandon Hampton	54	0	2	5	2
Tyson Alualu	52	2.5	1	1	1
Justin Moye	48	1	1	0	1
Marcus Ezeff	47	0.5	1.5	1	0
Michael Mohamed	46	0	1	3	0
Bernard Hicks	40	0	2.5	4	1
Mika Kane	36	0	2	0	0
Chris Conte	32	0	1	0	0
Derrick Hill	24	1	1	1	1
Cody Jones	22	2	3	0	0
Greg Van Hoesen	19	0	0	0	0
Cameron Jordan	18	1	0	0	0
Matthew Malele	16	1.5	0	0	0
Rulon Davis	16	1.5	1.5	1	0
John Allen	14	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
DeSean Jackson	12	129	10.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lavelle Hawkins	42	922	22.0	1
Jahvid Best	15	405	27.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Insight	+3	Virginia Tech	52-49
04	Holiday - #4	-11	Texas Tech - #23	31-45
05	Las Vegas	-8	BYU	35-28
06	Holiday - #20	-3	Texas A&M - #21	45-10
07	Armed Forces	-4	Air Force	42-36

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
California's All-Time Bowl Record
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CALIFORNIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	29.3	21	166	4.9	242	60.0	13.9	-3	2007	5	26.8	21	164	4.0	214	60.6	14.2
7*	32.8	20	163	5.0	253	59.3	12.7	+6	2006	7	19.3	18	125	3.8	241	56.3	19.0
5	32.9	21	235	5.8	193	52.0	13.0	-6	2005	3	21.2	19	119	3.3	240	55.9	17.0
6*	36.8	24	257	6.1	236	66.2	13.4	+2	2004	8	16.0	17	83	2.7	238	51.9	20.1
6	32.6	23	168	4.3	265	61.5	13.3	+3	2003	2	24.4	20	134	3.7	251	55.9	15.8
7*	35.6	19	108	3.3	248	53.7	10.0	+18	2002	8	26.5	21	114	3.0	279	58.2	14.8

2007 STATS BY GAME

CAL 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
72,516	Tennessee	23	37-230	6.2	19-28	241	0	20	27-111	4.1	32-47	271	1	0
27,805	at Colorado St	14	31-245	7.9	19-29	146	1	22	42-157	3.7	21-30	301	5	+3
58,057	Louisiana Tech	25	36-217	6.0	22-36	230	2	18	38-121	3.2	19-33	153	4	+2
56,021	Arizona	22	38-186	4.9	16-30	235	0	22	20-21	1.1	42-62	309	3	+2
59,273	at Oregon	21	33-115	3.5	28-43	285	1	27	39-191	4.9	31-44	306	0	+4
63,995	Oregon St	23	39-184	4.7	20-37	294	3	17	42-153	3.6	18-33	186	1	-2
83,494	at UCLA	19	30-67	2.2	22-34	232	1	22	45-183	4.1	19-28	190	1	-2
71,706	at Arizona St	18	25-84	3.4	18-36	275	0	25	53-144	2.7	17-29	219	2	-1
55,711	Washington St	22	42-169	4.0	26-39	213	0	17	22-52	2.4	22-46	306	1	-2
72,516	USC	25	45-200	4.4	13-29	199	1	19	48-239	5.0	11-20	129	0	-1
60,005	at Washington	16	27-147	5.4	20-28	236	0	20	56-334	6.0	7-19	108	3	-3
49,209	at Stanford	17	24-108	4.5	22-47	252	2	20	39-120	3.1	21-33	196	1	-1
40,905	† Air Force	26	34-202	5.9	21-27	305	0	24	61-312	5.1	9-20	113	0	-2
TOTALS		271	441-2154	4.9	266-443	3143	11	273	532-2138	4.0	269-444	2787	22	-3
AVERAGES		20.8	34-166	4.9	20-34	242	0.8	21.0	41-164	4.0	21-34	214	1.7	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	† Kansas St	+28	28-42
–	S Mississippi	-4	34-2
–	Colorado St	-2'	21-23
–	at Utah	+1	24-31
–	at Illinois	+3	31-24
–	USC - #3	+13'	34-31 3OT
–	Oregon St	-1	21-35
–	at UCLA	+3	20-23 OT
–	Arizona	-17	42-14
–	at Arizona St	+3	51-23
–	at Oregon	-2	17-21
–	Washington	-6	54-7
–	at Stanford	-10	28-16

2004 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post #9 Score
#13	at Air Force	-14	56-14
#12	New Mexico St	-34'	41-14
#10	at Oregon St	-7	49-7
#7	at USC - #1	+7'	17-23
#8	UCLA	-16'	45-28
#7	at Arizona St - #20	-22'	38-0
#4	Oregon	-17	27-0
#5	at Washington	-20	28-27
#4	Stanford	-30'	42-12
#4	at S Mississippi	-24'	41-6

2005 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre #19 Opponent	Line	Post #25 Score
#19	Sacramento St	NL	41-3
#16	at Washington	-9	56-17
#15	Illinois	-21'	35-20
#13	at New Mexico St	-29	41-13
#12	Arizona	-16'	28-0
#10	at UCLA - #20	+1'	40-47
#18	Oregon St	-15'	20-23
#25	Washington St	-12	42-38
#23	at Oregon	+2'	20-27 OT
–	USC - #1	+18	10-35
–	at Stanford	-5'	27-3

2006 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre #9 Opponent	Line	Post #14 Score
#9	at Tennessee - #23	-3	18-35
#22	Minnesota	-8	42-17
#21	Portland St	NL	42-16
#21	Arizona St - #22	-8'	49-21
#20	at Oregon St	-9	41-13
#16	Oregon - #11	-5	45-24
#10	at Washington St	-8'	21-3
#11	Washington	-24	31-24 OT
#10	UCLA	-17	38-24
#8	at Arizona	-13'	20-24
#17	at USC - #4	+6	9-23
#21	Stanford	-29'	26-17

2007 RESULTS

CAL Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
#12	Tennessee - #15	-6'	45-31
#10	at Colorado St	-14	34-28
#8	Louisiana Tech	-33'	42-12
#6	Arizona	-14	45-27
#6	at Oregon - #11	+6'	31-24
#2	Oregon St	-14	28-31
#10	at UCLA	-2	21-30
#18	at Arizona St - #7	+3	20-31
–	Washington St	-14'	20-17
#24	USC - #12	+4	17-24
–	at Washington	-7	23-37
–	at Stanford	-13'	13-20

OREGON DUCKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - The Ducks have had three 1st round DC's at QB since 1979 in Chris Miller, Akili Smith and Joey Harrington and a #2 DC in Kellen Clemens. Dennis Dixon (PS#10) wasted his redshirt with just 15 passes in 2004 playing behind Clemens. Clemens was lost after 7 to injury in 2005 and Dixon shared time with Brady Leaf. In 2006 Dixon had a solid start but once again split time with Leaf as both QB's struggled. Surprisingly Bellotti burned the RS of Nathan Costa who played in just 2. Dixon played baseball for the Braves organization over the summer of '07 but had a phenomenal year. Dixon was leading the race for the Heisman Trophy when he was injured vs ASU. It turns out he tore his ACL and still played against Arizona as only Bellotti and the team physicians knew the severity of the injury. He went down in the 1Q with Oregon leading and was lost for the season. Dixon completed 68% with a 20-4 ratio and of his 4 int's, two were deflected and 1 was on a Hail Mary. Dixon had 583 net rush (5.6) and was a #5DC of PIT. Leaf was hobbled with an ankle sprain but played vs Arizona's strong pass rush. He was then injured in his start the next week and rFr Cody Kempt (PS#78) and Justin Roper (PS#91) were tossed into action. Roper was the #3 QB but Kempt beat him out during the week of practice prior to UCLA. Kempt hit just 6 of 23 for 52 with Roper hitting 1 of 5. The next week Kempt won the starting job but suffered a concussion in the 1Q and Roper played well. Roper is 6'6" and has the best arm but Kempt is slightly faster making him more suitable for OC Chip Kelly's offense. Roper led the Ducks to a big Sun Bowl win with 4 TD passes and finished the year with 342 (52.5%) and a 6-2 ratio while Kempt had just 3 pass att's the rest of the season (26 ttl). Added to the competition this year are Costa (PS#56), BYU transfer Cade Cooper (PS#5JC), JUCO transfer Jeremiah Masoli and two true frosh who were in for spring in Chris Harper (PS#17) and Darron Thomas (PS#22). This unit is in better shape than they were in the last 4 games of the season, but it's doubtful a Heisman Trophy candidate will emerge.

RUNNING BACKS - Mike Bellotti used to stock this position with JUCO's but hasn't since 2004. With their #1 rusher, Terrence Whitehead, gone in '06 Jonathan Stewart had 981 (5.4) and Jeremiah Johnson (PS#68) 644 (6.3). Last year my magazine was the only one to have Stewart on the Preseason All American Tm. Stewart lived up to his billing despite injuries and rushed for 1,722 (6.2) including a Sun Bowl record 253. They had a formidable 1-2 punch and in the first six, Johnson rushed for 344 (6.4) but he was lost for the year. Andre Crenshaw rushed for 415 (5.1) as the new #2 back. This year they lose Stewart (#1DC CAR) and joining Johnson and Crenshaw are Remene Alston (5'8" 200 So, PS#149, 42 yd) and Bellotti has gone back to the JUCO route bringing in LeGarrette Blount (PS#10) who is a powerful back that he compares to Reuben Droughns. Droughns had three 200 yard games in his first 5 at UO after transferring from JC. This is still one of the Pac-10's top RB corps but it will be tough to duplicate Stewart's school record rushing total.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Ducks had to replace their #2 and #4 rec's who were #5 and #6 DC's. Their top WR Jaison Williams (PS#57) had 984 (14.5) in '06. Williams did suffer from some dropped passes last year and finished with 844 (15.3). It was a talented receiving corps but one that was hit hard by injuries. Cameron Colvin (PS#6) had 248 (12.4) but was lost after 6. Brian Paysinger, who was the #3 in '06 with 451 (13.3), played in just 4 and had 165 (18.3). Speedy Derrick Jones (PS#9) played in just 9 with 199 (10.5). JUCO Terence Scott (PS#18) took off his RS and played in 5. True frosh S Jeffrey Maehl moved to WR late and had 118 (13.1). Aaron Pflugrad took over a starting job but played in just 9 and had 168 (9.9) as a true. This year they lose Paysinger (3 st), Colvin (3 st) and Garren Strong (13 st, 249). They can only remain healthier and have 5 VHT's including USC transfer Jamere Holland (PS#3). Not listed below are Rory Cavaille (6'3" 210 Jr), Terrell Robinson (5'11" 188 Sr), Elvis Akpia (6'2" 185 rFr) and TE Matt Larkin (6'3" 223 Sr).

OFFENSIVE LINE - From 1999-2001 the Ducks led the Pac-10 in the fewest amount of sacks allowed. They surprisingly avg 35 sacks allowed the next 3 years including the most sacks in the conf in 2004 (41) but have since returned to form. With just one starter back in '05 they yielded 20. In 2006 with all 5 starters back I mentioned that the OL would remind Duck fans of the 1999-2001 OL's. They avg 5.0 ypc while allowing just 16 sacks (3.3%). Last year they had to replace two starters (1st Tm Pac-10) but had 6 back with starting experience and added VHT Fenuki Tupou (PS#13JC) who RS in '06. Tupou's emergence allowed LT Max Unger to move to C. Bellotti said last year's O-line was the best in school history and they paved the way for 252 ypg rush (5.3), their best total since 1955. While they allowed 24 sacks, 9 came in the 2 games (AZ & UCLA) with untested QB's. They allowed just 4.7% sacks in the other games. Dixon rushed for 741 gross yards and the RB's avg 5.6 ypc (#16 in IA). This year they lose LG Josh Tschirgi (10 st, 3Y st'r), 2nd Tm Pac-10 RT Geoff Schwartz (13 st, 2Y st'r, #7DC CAR), G Pat So'oalo (4 st) and 3rd string C Sean Cullen (4 gm). With their top 2 back in Unger and Tupou, Oregon has one of the Pac-10's top O-lines again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UO had some big losses (see pg 322) in '06 and allowed 4.3 ypc rush, their worst since '97. Last year they had to replace two starters but got some solid additions and improved to 3.6 ypc rush allowed with 38 sacks. DE Nick Reed led the Pac-10 in sacks (12). This year they must replace DT David Faaeteete (13 st, 19 tkl, 8 tfl) and DT Jeremy Gibbs (9 st, 27 tkl, 4.5 sk). Not listed below are Michael DiVincenzo (6'2" 244 Jr), Matt Simms (6'3" 225 rFr), Conrad Davis (6'3" 265 So) and Josh Pope (6'3" 248 Jr). They add a couple of top-notch JC's and with their top two guys back, look even stronger.

OT Max Unger

LINEBACKERS - The Ducks for years have listed themselves in a 4-2-5 but their SS was basically an SLB and this year they use that terminology. Last year they had two starters back but did have to replace their #1 tackler. Kwame Agyeman (13 st '06) lost his spot to Jerome Boyd. He still started 8 due to injuries at the other two spots. Starting MLB John Bacon suffered an ACL injury after 9 starts and true frosh Casey Matthews started 1 but he also was injured. WLB AJ Tuitele missed 5 with a foot injury. This year they lose Tuitele (7 st, 31 tkl, 2 tfl) and Agyeman (59 tkl, 10.5 tfl). Despite the losses, I look for improvement.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Ducks have snagged 4 straight Top 20 finishes in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they had to replace 1st and 2nd Tm Pac-10 CB's and lost starting CB Jackie Bates in Wk 3. DB Coach Neal compares ROV Patrick Chung to the NFL's Shawne Merriman. They finished #14 in '06 and last year had 3 starters back in outstanding CB's Walter Thurmond, Jairus Byrd and Chung. The unit moved up to #8 (20 int) with Byrd leading the conf with 7 int. Thurmond is a lockdown corner who has recorded the fastest shuttle time ever for a UO player and had 5 int and 18 pbu. The great news this year is that 1st Tm Pac-10 Chung turned down an early trip to the NFL. The only losses are FS Matthew Harper (13 st, 98 tkl, 3 int) and FS Ryan DePalo (7 tkl). As long as a FS emerges, this could be the best secondary in the country.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year they had to replace their P and K but brought back their excellent ST coor in Tom Osborne who left for a 6 year stint at Ariz St. In his last 6 years as the Ducks ST coor ('95-'00), they finished #30, #22, #4, #15, #13 and #47 in my ST rankings. Last year despite the losses, they moved back up to #32. K Matt Evensen hit 16 of 20 FG and Bellotti noted he had a strong leg. Evensen had 17 TB's on 87 KO's. True frosh Daniel Padilla (PS#75) hit 3-4 FG and may RS this year if Evensen stays healthy. P Josh Syria improved the team's net from 33.3 to 36.7. Jonathan Stewart avg 26.7 in '07 on KR and Andiel Brown led in PR (10.4). This year they must replace Stewart and Brown but Osborne should craft another fine finish.

COACHES - Mike Bellotti has the most wins (106-52) of any current Pac-10 HC at their current school. Last year the new OC was Chip Kelly who had been the OC at New Hampshire since 1999 ('05 offense ranked 2nd in IAA with 493.5 ypg, #3 in ppg with 41.7). DC Nick Aliotti was the architect of the "Gang Green" D that started the UO revival and returned to the school after being the DC at UCLA in '98. He is now back for his 10th year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001 the Ducks were ranked in the preseason AP poll for the first time and went 11-1 narrowly missing out on playing in the BCS Title game. The next 2 years, despite starting 6-0 and 4-0, they finished just 7-5 and 8-4. In 2004 the first game set the tone for the season as UO outgained Indiana 495-198 but due to 7 TO's came up short 30-24, their first non-conf home loss in 21 games. The Ducks bottomed out when they needed a win in the season finale to become bowl eligible and were waxed by Ore St, 50-21. It broke a streak of 10 straight winning years for the Ducks. In 2005 I had UO as the #4 most improved team in the country and also listed them as one of my surprise teams. The Ducks nearly made it to a BCS bowl despite losing their starting QB. With a healthy QB Clemens, they avg'd 487 ypg but without him, just 371. It was a senior-laden team and their most experienced since the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. They led USC at the half in the battle of unbeatens but lost. They thrashed Ore St 56-14 in the season finale and lobbied hard for the open BCS spot but were relegated to the Holiday Bowl. A disappointed 10-1 team (#6) was beaten by Oklahoma in a thrilling bowl. That 2005 squad did benefit from +13 in turnovers (pg 312) and had 4 close wins. In 2006 they had 13 returning starters and got a gift vs Oklahoma (officiating). UO stood 7-2 when they travelled to face #7 USC and still had a shot at the Pac-10 Title. They then dropped their final 4 including an embarrassing bowl loss to BYU (38-8) which was their 4th straight bowl loss. The good signs for last year was that they were -10 in TO's and had a 12.1 defensive ypp in '06 (see pg 299). Last year I called the Ducks one of my surprise teams and a darkhorse National Title contender despite coming off a 7-6 season. Had QB Dixon stayed healthy, they would have played in the National Title game despite being picked 6th in the Pac-10 preseason media poll. Dixon would have also won the Heisman Trophy had he stayed healthy. They destroyed Michigan on the road 39-7 and rose to #11 but then suffered a tough loss at home vs Cal. QB Dixon, who had zero int's on the season threw two in the 4Q and they also fumbled going in for the game tying TD. The Ducks rebounded when they beat #9 USC 24-17 and then #6 Ariz St the next week rising to #2 with 3 winnable games on deck. Unfortunately they led Ariz 7-0 when Dixon was lost for the season and they lost on a Thur night. The next week Leaf was injured early and a pair of rFr, who had been working with the scout team, took over at QB and were shutout by UCLA, UO's first shutout in 22 years. UO then lost one they could have easily won in 2OT to OSU. It was the 2nd straight year they entered the post season with 3 straight losses. UO rebounded with 56-21 bowl win over USF and it was the first time they won their last game in 6 years. This year the Ducks have 5 Pac-10 road games and last year benefitted from +9 in TO's. Seven of my 8 sets of power ratings call UO the 2nd best team in the Pac-10 but they have to face USC, ASU, Cal and rival Oregon St on the road giving them the toughest schedule of the Big Boys. Even so, I think the Ducks have a shot at topping '07's 9 win total.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 7 Nathan Costa So. 6-1 220 PS#56. ACL LY. **11** Justin Roper (6'6" 205 So) PS#91. 1 st LY (bowl) 342 pass. **Darron Thomas PS#22. Chris Harper PS#17.** Cody Kempt (6'2" 210 So).

RB 24 Jeremiah Johnson Sr. 5-10 205 PS#68. 1 st 3Y, 1135 (6.3), 28 rec. **LeGarrette Blount PS#10JC.** 2292 rush 2Y at JC. **22** Andre Crenshaw (5'11" 195 Jr) PS#152. 415 (5.1) LY.

WR 4 JAISON WILLIAMS SR. 6-5 240 PS#57. 9 st, 984 (14.5) '06. 12 st LY, 844 (15.3). **82** Drew Davis (6'1" 202 So) **PS#21.** 10 gm, 3 rec true. Ellis Krout (6'4" 190 Jr) 2230 rec yd JC 2Y.

WR 18 Jamere Holland So. 6-1 190 **PS#3 USC. 4.21 spd. 8** Terence Scott (5'11" 170 Sr) **PS#18JC.** 4.37 spd. 2 rec LY. **87** Daniel Barkley (6'1" 210 So). **94** Michael Mackie (6'5" 202 rFr).

WR 23 Jeffrey Maehl So. 6-1 178 PS#117DB. 3 st true. 14 tkl DB, 152 ttl yd WR. **Derrick Jones** (6'1" 176 Jr) **PS#9.** 1 st, 199 (10.5). Aaron Pflugrad (5'10" 172 So) 4 st, 168 (9.9) true.

TE 83 ED DICKSON JR. 6-5 240 PS#21. 13 st LY, 453 (10.5). **26** Malachi Lewis (6'3" 215 So) **PS#27RB.** 3 rec true. **42** David Paulson (6'4" 250 rFr). **17** Sam Doman (6'4" 228 So) BYU trans.

C 60 MAX UNGER SR. 6-5 300 12 st LT rFr, 12 st LT '06, **2ndTm P10.** 13 st C LY. **1st Tm P10. 51** Jeff Kendall (6'3" 297 Sr) PS#196. 17 gm 3Y. **LS** Zach Taylor PS#143JC.

RG 71 MARK LEWIS SR. 6-4 308 PS#227. 1 st RT '06. 12 st RG LY. **63** Jon Teague (6'2" 301 Sr) 2 st LG '06. 16 gm 3Y. **64** Max Forer (6'3" 279 So). Nick Cody PS#86DL.

LG 54 Jordan Holmes So. 6-4 295 PS#193. 2nd string rFr, 8 gm. CE Kaiser (6'4" 290 So) PS#204. 4 gm rFr. Charlie Carmichael (6'4" 296 rFr) PS#105DL. Ramsen Golpashin (6'4" 325 rFr).

RT 78 Jacob Hucko Sr. 6-7 317 **PS#30.** 3 gm rFr. 1 st RT '06. 1 st LT LY, 11 gm. **69** William "Bo" Thran (6'5" 295 So) PS#182. 1 gm rFr. **77 Carson York PS#34DL in spg.**

LT 57 FENUKI TUPOU SR. 6-6 322 **PS#13JC.** 425 bench. 12 st LT LY, **2ndTm P10.** **79** Mark Asper (6'7" 320 So) PS#241. '04 mission. **74 Darrion Weems** (6'5" 300 rFr) **PS#48.**

K 85 MATT EVENSEN SR. 6-1 194 5-12 FG in '05-'06, L/51. 16-20 FG LY, long 47. 1 miss 50+. Daniel Padilla (6'2" 210 So) PS#75. 3-4 FG true, L/43. **41** Morgan Flint (5'9" 168 Jr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 39 WILL TUKUAFU JR. 6-4 279 PS#45JC. 11 st in '07, 36 tkl, 4.5 sk, HM P10. **58 Kenny Rowe** (6'3" 215 So) **PS#19.** 8 tkl true, 13 gm. **97** Brandon Bair (6'7" 250 So) 6 tkl rFr.

DT 97 Cole Linehan Sr. 6-4 295 PS#54. 11 st 3Y, 44 tkl, 3 sk, 4 tfl. Blake Ferras (6'5" 285 Jr) PS#140JC in spg. **50** Simi Toeaina (6'4" 308 Jr). **94** Hayden Piper (6'1" 290 rFr).

DT 91 Ra'Shon Harris Sr. 6-5 321 PS#217. 15 tkl LY. **Justin Thompson PS#58JC.** **43** Michael Speed (6'4" 258 Sr) 1 st, 5 tkl 2Y. **96** Mike Bellagamba (6'2" 260 Jr) Walk-on. RS LY.

DE 49 NICK REED SR. 6-2 255 **1stTm P10.** 10 st, 30 tkl, 3.5 sk '06. 13 st, 60 tkl, 12 sk, 10.5 tfl LY. **95** Tonio Celotto (6'3" 268 So) PS#63. 4 tfl LY. **98** Dominic Glover (6'5" 260 rFr) PS#71.

WLB 25 Kevin Garrett Jr. 5-11 215 PS#83. 7 tkl rFr. 1 st LY, 21 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **55** Casey Matthews (6'2" 220) PS#70. 1 st true. 18 tkl, 4 tfl. **52** Terrance Pritchett (6'2" 208 rFr) PS#74.

MLB 40 JOHN BACON SR. 6-3 230 PS#190. 2 tkl '06. 9 st LY until ACL. 42 tkl, 1.5 tfl. Brandon Hanna (6'2" 235 rFr) PS#113. Terrell Turner (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#172. Kiko Alonso PS#102.

SLB 13 JEROME BOYD SR. 6-2 220 PS#54DB. 4.3 spd. 13 st LY, 79 tkl, 11 tfl, HM P10. Eddie Pleasant (5'11" 225 rFr) PS#118RB. Spencer Paysinger (6'3" 222 So) 4 tkl. Blake Thompson (5'11" 215 rFr).

CB 6 WALTER THURMOND III JR. 6-0 185 12 st rFr, 67 tkl, 9 pbu. 13 st LY, 103 tkl, 5 int, 18 pbu. Talmadge Jackson III (5'10" 182 So) 9 tkl true. Chad Peppars PS#377RB. Javes Lewis (6'1" 185 rFr).

CB 32 JAIRUS BYRD JR. 6-0 208 PS#167. 10 st rFr, 56 tkl, 5 int, 7 pbu. 13 st LY, 65 tkl, **7 int,** 15 pbu. **17 Willie Glasper** (5'11" 184 Jr) **PS#7.** 1 st, 33 tkl 2Y. Anthony Gildon (6'1" 175 So).

ROV 15 PATRICK CHUNG SR. 6-0 210 **1st Tm P10.** 38 st 3Y, 292 tkl, 8 int, 11 pbu, 12.5 tfl. **2** Terrell Ward (5'11" 191 Jr) 21 tkl LY. **27** Titus Jackson (6'0" 204 Jr) PS#220. 13 gm, 2 tkl 2Y.

FS 20 John Boyett Fr. 5-10 185 **PS#39,** in spg. **1** Marvin Johnson (5'10" 205 So) PS#167. 10 tkl rFr. **29** Todd Doxey (6'0" 170 rFr) PS#74. **21** William Taylor (6'0" 190 So).

P 80 JOSH SYRIA SR. 6-3 232 Avg 38.3 ypp at Wofford '06. Transfer. 71 punt LY, 41.7 avg, tm net 36.7. **26** Tim Taylor (5'11" 185 So). **23** Morgan Flint PS#92. 3 KO '07.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	LeGarrette Blount 6-2 229 PS#10JC
DL	Justin Thompson 6-5 290 PS#58JC
OL	Carson York 6-5 280 PS#34DL '07
QB	Chris Harper 6-2 230 PS#17
RB	LaMichael James 5-9 180 PS#41
QB	Darron Thomas 6-3 202 PS#22
OL	Hamani Stevens 6-3 288 PS#53
DB	John Boyett 5-10 185 PS#39
DL	Blake Ferras 6-6 280 PS#140JC
TE	Dion Jordan 6-7 210 PS#50WR
LS	Zach Taylor 6-5 225 PS#143JC
LB	DeWitt Stuckey 6-0 220 PS#61
OL	Nick Cody 6-6 290 PS#86DL
DB	Garrett Embry 6-0 208 PS#107
LB	Kiko Alonso 6-3 234 PS#102
DB	Scott Grady 5-11 180 PS#116
RB	Kenjon Barner 5-11 170 PS#115
WR	Blake Cantu 6-0 200 PS#124
TE	Mychal Rivera 6-4 235 PS#43
QB	Jeremiah Masoli 5-11 220 PS#351JC
WR	Ellis Krout 6-4 190 PS#412JC
LB	Josh Kaddu 6-3 201 PS#278

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MIKE BELLOTTI (Career 106-52) (Div II 21-25-2)
14th Year at Oregon Bellotti's Bowl Record: 5-6

Bellotti's records AT OREGON

106-52	Straight Up	7-11	Vs Top 10
63-18	Home	22-23	Vs Top 25
38-28	Away	12-9	Vs BCS Teams
5-6	Neutral	18-8	Off A Bye
65-41	Vs Conference	23-22	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (26,23,4)
Lost: 21 (12,8,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 58,845 (#34)

PAC-10

Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#33

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UO	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	Washington	A						Last yr UO won their 4th straight over UW for the 1st time S/'28-'31 as the Ducks broke a school record with 465 rush yds on 62 att including 251 yds from Jonathan Stewart.
Sep. 6	Utah St	A						Under Bellotti, the Ducks have lost just 1 HG vs non-conf opponents going 27-1 with the lone loss in '04 to Indiana 30-24. UO is 83-15-4 vs current WAC tms & 3-0 vs Utah St.
Sep. 13	at Purdue	G						Second meeting (PU won 13-7 in W Lafayette in '79). Oregon is just 13-26 vs current Big Ten tms but did have an impressive victory over Michigan LY in the "Big House".
Sep. 20	Boise St	A						First meeting. UO has gone 83-15-4 vs current WAC members including beating Fresno St LY 52-21. They've now won 14 straight with the last loss in '94 (Hawaii).
Sep. 27	at Washington St	A						Oregon marched out to a 40-0 HT lead (390 total yds) LY in Eugene. The Ducks have won 7 of L/10 vs WSU overall & have won 5 of L/7 in Pullman.
Oct. 4	at USC	G						UO took advantage of an energized home crowd & a USC QB making his 1st career start to knock off USC 24-17. The win stopped a 3 gm losing streak but they are 5-3 the L/8.
Oct. 11	UCLA	A						Making his 1st start for the injured Dixon, QB Leaf was injured himself forcing the Ducks to turn to their 4th & 5th string QB's who completed just 7 of 28 for 60 yds & 3 int's in the 16-0 loss LY.
Oct. 18								
Oct. 25	at Arizona St	G						Last year the #4 ranked Ducks jumped out to a 21-3 lead over the #6 Sun Devils. Oregon has won 3 straight all by 12+ pts including 2 in a row at Tempe.
Nov. 1	at California	A						Trailing by 7 pts with the ball at the Cal 5, WR Colvin took a pass to the half yd line where he fumbled into the EZ for a TB allowing Cal to hold on for their 1st victory in Eugene S/'87.
Nov. 8	Stanford	A						Last year the Ducks pulled out the win despite trailing by 7 at HT (three 2Q TD's). The Ducks have won 6 straight vs Stanford by an avg of 25 ppg.
Nov. 15	Arizona	A						Arizona has played spoiler the L2Y vs UO ending their BCS Champ hopes in Tucson LY (Dixon lost after 1Q) & handing UO their only home loss in '06. UO is 11-3 the L14Y.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	at Oregon St	A						112th meeting of the "Civil War" (UO leads the all-time series 55-46-10). The Ducks mismanaged the clock LY missing a FG att in the final seconds that snapped a 10 gm home win streak.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Bill Musgrave 8,343 '87-'90
2. Danny O'Neil 8,301 '91-'94
3. Kellen Clemens 7,555 '02-'05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Derek Loville 3,296 '86-'89
2. Jonathan Stewart 2,891 '05-'07
3. Terrence Whitehead 2,832 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Samie Parker 2,761 '00-'03
2. Tony Hartley 2,744 '96-'99
3. Keenan Howry 2,698 '99-'02

STADIUM: AUTZEN STADIUM (54,000) (#51)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	11-1	7-6	8-5	5-6	10-2	7-6	9-4	67-32
Home	6-0	5-1	5-3	5-1	3-3	5-1	5-1	5-2	39-12
Away	3-2	5-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	5-0	2-4	3-2	25-16
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	3-4
vs Conf	7-1	7-1	3-5	5-3	4-4	7-1	4-5	5-4	42-24
vs Non-Conf	3-1	4-0	4-1	3-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	4-0	25-8
ATS	6-6	7-5	5-7	8-5	7-4	7-4	6-6	9-4	55-41
Home Fav (Mike Bellotti)	3-3	1-5	3-3	1-2	3-3	4-0	3-2	5-1	23-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	3-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-2
Away Fav	1-2	3-0	1-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	1-1	2-2	12-9
Away Dog	1-1	2-0	1-2	1-1	4-1	1-0	2-2	1-0	13-7
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	4-3
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	3-5	5-3	5-3	5-3	5-4	5-4	36-30
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	2-2	3-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	4-0	19-11
Off SU Win	4-5	6-4	3-3	5-3	4-1	5-4	3-4	6-2	36-26
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-0	1-4	2-2	3-2	1-0	2-2	2-2	14-12

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jonathan Stewart	280	1798	76	1722	11	6.2
Dennis Dixon	105	741	158	583	9	5.6
Andre Crenshaw	82	445	30	415	4	5.1
Jeremiah Johnson	54	360	16	344	5	6.4
Derrick Jones	3	49	0	49	0	16.3
Remene Alston	25	66	24	42	1	1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dennis Dixon	254	172	67.7	2136	20	4
Brady Leaf	72	34	47.2	276	0	2
Justin Roper	61	32	52.5	342	6	2
Cody Kempt	26	6	23.1	52	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jaison Williams	55	844	15.3	8	52
Ed Dickson	43	453	10.5	3	46
Garren Strong	27	249	9.2	3	17
Cameron Colvin	20	248	12.4	2	71
Derrick Jones	19	199	10.5	2	61
Aaron Pflugrad	17	168	9.9	1	23
Brian Paysinger	9	165	18.3	2	85
Jonathan Stewart	22	145	6.6	2	21
Jeffrey Maehl	9	118	13.1	1	33

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Josh Syria	71	2962	41.7	11	36.7(t)	0	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Matt Evensen	52-52	4-5	7-7	5-7	0-1	16-20	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Patrick Chung	117	0	7.5	7	2
Walter Thurmond	103	0	8	18	5
Matthew Harper	98	2	0	9	3
Jerome Boyd	79	3	8	2	1
Jairus Byrd	65	1	3	15	7
Nick Reed	60	12	10.5	0	0
Kwame Agyeman	59	1	9.5	2	0
John Bacon	42	0	1.5	1	1
Will Tukuafu	36	4.5	4	2	0
AJ Tuitele	31	0	2	1	0
Jeremy Gibbs	27	4.5	1	1	0
Willie Glasper	25	0	1	0	0
Kevin Garrett	21	1.5	4	0	0
TJ Ward	21	0	1	1	0
David Faaeteete	19	2	6	2	0
Cole Linehan	18	1	1	1	0
Casey Matthews	18	1	3	0	0
Tonio Celotto	16	0	4	1	0
Ra'Shon Harris	15	0	3	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andiel Brown	17	177	10.4	0
Jairus Byrd	7	63	9.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jonathan Stewart	23	614	26.7	0
Derrick Jones	6	137	22.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Seattle	-7	Wake Forest	17-38
03	Sun	+4'	Minnesota - #24	30-31
05	Holiday - #6	-3	Oklahoma	14-17
06	Las Vegas	+3'	BYU - #19	8-38
07	Sun	+6	USF - #23	56-21

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OREGON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	38.2	25	252	5.3	216	59.1	12.3	+9	2007	7	23.6	20	133	3.6	249	53.0	16.2
7	29.5	24	182	5.0	241	59.3	14.4	-10	2006	6	26.5	18	149	4.3	173	55.0	12.1
7*	34.5	23	134	3.8	305	62.9	12.7	+13	2005	7	23.2	19	134	3.9	224	56.9	15.4
8*	25.6	22	159	4.1	238	59.0	15.5	-2	2004	5	25.6	19	122	3.3	217	52.9	13.2
7*	27.4	20	132	3.5	253	57.8	14.1	-5	2003	6	26.8	19	107	3.1	260	52.2	13.7
6	32.1	18	146	4.0	228	51.9	11.6	+5	2002	6	27.8	21	118	3.0	291	57.3	14.7

2007 STATS BY GAME

UO 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
57,662	Houston	22	49-339	6.9	9-15	134	3	30	49-315	6.4	22-39	230	1	+4
109,733	at Michigan	28	51-331	6.5	17-26	293	1	22	44-144	3.3	18-40	221	4	+3
58,525	Fresno St	23	47-307	6.5	15-23	154	2	17	36-60	1.7	21-35	267	2	+1
35,019	at Stanford	26	46-215	4.7	28-38	374	2	19	32-140	4.4	25-44	262	3	-1
59,273	California	27	39-191	4.9	31-44	306	0	21	33-115	3.5	28-43	285	1	-4
58,749	Washington St	30	51-213	4.2	26-35	338	3	17	30-63	2.1	15-36	251	6	+2
66,481	at Washington	39	62-465	7.5	19-30	196	1	17	29-164	5.7	12-31	257	2	0
59,277	USC	22	47-182	3.9	16-25	157	1	18	33-101	3.1	26-42	277	1	+1
59,379	Arizona St	22	41-200	4.9	15-26	200	0	25	41-110	2.7	22-37	379	9	+1
50,387	at Arizona	24	43-238	5.5	27-54	225	4	16	30-56	1.9	21-39	266	1	-2
72,434	at UCLA	12	39-43	1.1	11-39	105	5	10	51-156	3.1	4-17	64	5	-2
59,050	Oregon St	21	57-195	3.4	13-28	144	1	23	44-214	4.9	20-37	245	0	+2
49,867	† USF	25	43-353	8.2	17-30	180	1	25	34-88	2.6	24-47	236	3	+4
TOTALS		321	615-3272	5.3	244-413	2806	24	260	486-1726	3.6	258-487	3240	38	+9
AVERAGES		24.7	47-252	5.3	19-32	216	1.8	20.0	37-133	3.6	20-37	249	2.9	0.7

2003 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi St	-3'	42-34
–	Nevada	-22	31-23
–	at Arizona	-11'	48-10
#22	Michigan - #3	+7	31-27
#10	Washington St - #21	-4	16-55
#19	at Utah	-3	13-17
–	at Arizona St	-2'	14-59
–	Stanford	-10	35-0
–	at Washington	+1	10-42
–	California	+2	21-17
–	at UCLA	+2	31-13
–	Oregon St	+3	34-20

2004 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre #23 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#24	Indiana	-20'	24-30
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+28	7-31
–	Idaho	-35	48-10
–	Arizona St - #21	-2'	13-28
–	at Washington St	+3'	41-38
–	Arizona	-11	28-14
–	at Stanford	+3'	16-13
–	Washington	-19'	31-6
–	at California - #4	+20	27-28
–	UCLA	-6'	26-34
–	at Oregon St	+3'	21-50

2005 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
–	at Houston	-7'	38-24
–	Montana	NL	47-14
–	Fresno St - #23	-2'	37-34
#24	USC - #1	+21	13-45
–	at Stanford	-7	44-20
#25	at Arizona St - #17	+10	31-17
#20	Washington	-17	45-21
#15	at Arizona	-11'	28-21
#15	California - #23	-2'	27-20 OT
#11	at Washington St	-4'	34-31
#10	Oregon St	-13	56-14

2006 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre #21 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#21	Stanford	-12	48-10
#20	at Fresno St	-3'	31-24
#18	Oklahoma - #15	-4'	34-33
#14	at Arizona St	+1	48-13
#11	at California - #16	+5	24-45
#18	UCLA	-8'	30-20
#16	at Washington St	-3'	23-34
#25	Portland St	NL	55-12
#24	Washington	-16	34-14
#21	at USC - #7	+8'	10-35
–	Arizona	-14'	10-37
–	at Oregon St	+3	28-30

2007 RESULTS

UO Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #23 Score
–	Houston	-16	48-27
–	at Michigan	+7	39-7
#19	Fresno St	-16'	52-21
#13	at Stanford	-18'	55-31
#11	California - #6	-6'	24-31
#9	Washington St	-19	53-7
#7	at Washington	-13	55-34
#5	USC - #9	-2'	24-17
#4	Arizona St - #6	-7'	35-23
#2	at Arizona	-10'	24-34
#9	at UCLA	-1'	0-16
#18	Oregon St	E	31-38 2OT

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

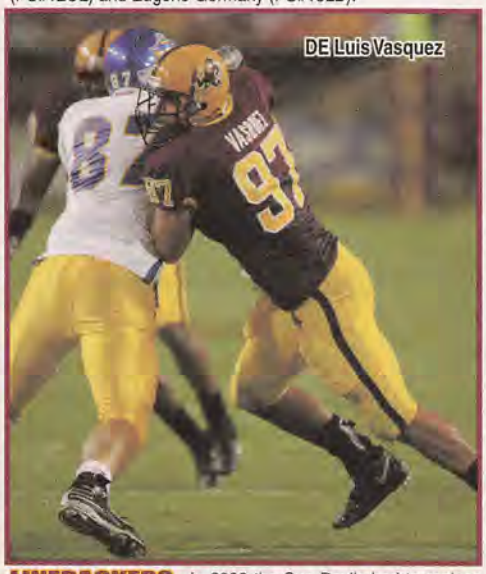
QUARTERBACKS - The Sun Devils appeared to have the deepest set of QB's in the country in '06. Sam Keller was the bowl MVP in 2004 and threw for 2,165 (58.7%) with a 20-9 ratio in 2005 before injury. Rudy Carpenter came in and in his first start threw for 401 and was also the bowl Off MVP in '05 (467 yd) throwing for 2,273 (68.4%) with an amazing 17-2 ratio. He was 4-1 as a starter and led the NCAA in pass efficiency. Keller was awarded the starting job in late August 2006 but 2 days later, ex-HC Dirk Koetter said he'd made a mistake and Carpenter was named the starter. That caused Keller to transfer. Carpenter had an up-and-down year in 2006 but never used injuries as an excuse although he was banged up. He threw for 2,523 (55.4%) with a 23-14 ratio. Backup Danny Sullivan had 15 passes. Carpenter adapted well to the new offense in 2007 throwing for 3,202 (61.8%) with a 25-10 ratio while Sullivan hit 19 of 29 for 212 in 7 games. True frosh Samson Szakacsy (6'3" 195 rFr, PS#31) was 3rd string until injured then Chasen Stangel (6'0" 209 rFr, PS#86) was 3rd string but both RS. Carpenter had a sprained thumb in the 2H of last year and if he stays healthy the entire season, he should have his best year yet. He's started 31 straight games, the longest of any current IA QB.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 the RB corps was decimated by injuries and WR Rudy Burgess (5'10" 188) started 3 at RB. He had 1,214 all-purp yards (404 rush). In 2005 Burgess started 10 at RB (1 at WR), rushed for 644 (4.4) and was the #2 receiver (655, 11.1). True frosh Keegan Herring (PS#44), who was a sprinter in HS and has 4.3 speed, started 2 and had 134 vs Temple, the best debut for a RB in school history. Herring broke ASU's frosh rushing record (773 in '03) with 870 (5.5). In 2006 they added JUCO Ryan Torain. Torain, a 213 lb powerback with speed, took control rushing for 1,229 (5.5). Herring had 4 starts (549, 5.8), true frosh Dimitri Nance (PS#139) had 229 (4.1) and Shaun DeWitty (6'2" 227 Jr, PS#49) added 95 (4.1). Last year everyone returned and Erickson had two Pac-10 rushing champions in four years at Oregon St. Torain had 553 (5.0) in six starts but was lost for the season. Herring took over and rushed for 815 (5.3) while Nance added 500 (3.8). This year they lose Torain (#5DC DEN) and Preston Jones (97, 3.9). Not listed in PSL are Avory Battle (5'9" 200 rFr), Cole Ptacek (5'10" 201 So) and Jarrell Woods (5'10" 212 Jr). While Torain will be missed, he was out for over half of 2007 so this unit could put up improved numbers and keep an eye on true frosh Ryan Bass (PS#4).

RECEIVERS - In 2006 ASU had to replace Derek Hagan who left as the Pac-10's all-time career leading receiver. They had plenty of talent returning but the WR's were banged up and they even took the RS off Kyle Williams in the 8th game. TE Zach Miller led with 484 (9.7) and was a Mackey Award finalist while the top WR, Michael Jones, had just 318 (15.9). Last year they only lost Miller. Soph Chris McGaha (PS#61) led with 830 yds (13.6). Michael Jones was #2 with 769 (16.7, 10 TD) and Rudy Burgess (ex-TB) had 4 starts with 467 (13.7). Kyle Williams had 360 (12.4). TE Brent Miller missed 3 with injury and had 211 (9.6). This year they lose Miller (9 st), Burgess, Jeff Gray (4 rec), TE Tyrice Thompson (4 st, 15 rec) and TE Brady Conrad (3 st, 7 rec). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Dan Knapp (6'4" 250 rFr), Wes Evans (6'3" 267 Sr) and WR's Dustin Driscoll (5'11" 182 So) and Kevin Ballard (5'9" 167 rFr). Despite the losses, I look for more production from the Sun Devil receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Sun Devils' O-line was banged up in each of the final 3 years of Dirk Koetter's regime. Last year Erickson inherited a veteran unit with ASU being the only Pac-10 team that had all 5 OL starters returning. The starters included 4 redshirt seniors and a junior but by the end of the year soph LG Shawn Lauvao beat out returning starter Robert Gustavis (13 st '06) for the job. Two things greatly puzzled me about the Sun Devils last year. The first would be the stats put up by the O-line. The ypg dropped to 137 and they had their lowest ypc (3.2) in 5 years while allowing 55 sacks (12.9%) which was 2nd last in the NCAA (58 by ND). The other puzzling thing is that the Sun Devils still managed to put up 32.3 ppg. Naturally this year the losses are heavy as gone are C Mike Pollak (1st Tm Pac-10, 13 st, 4Y st'r, #2DC IND), RT Julius Orieukwu (8 st, 2Y st'r), LT Brandon Rodd (13 st, 3Y st'r), RT Zach Krula (5 st, 9 gm) and Gustavis (4 st). The line has great size avg 6'4" 325 (3rd largest) but their 33 career starts returning are the 12th lowest in the NCAA. This group is far less experienced but can only improve, especially in sacks allowed.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Sun Devils allowed 117 ypg (3.6) rush, their best total since 1997 while the D had 35 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and projected starting DT Tranell Morant DNP. With three DL's banged up in Aug they moved TE Dane Guthrie to DE (13 tkl, 2 sk). The rush D stats were almost identical to 2006 and Luis Vasquez (PS#2JC) lived up to his billing with 13 starts (11.5 tfl). Dexter Davis earned 2nd Tm Pac-10 (10.5 sk). This year they lose DT Michael Marquardt (11 st, 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl), DE Kellen Mills (2 tkl), DT Tashaka Merriweather (4 tkl), Guthrie who moves back to TE, DT Jon Hargis (2 st, 20 tkl) who moves to the O-line and Morant. Not listed in the PSL are Zach Brown (6'2" 238 So) and Zach Niusulu (6'3" 298 So, PS#139). Three full-time starters are back plus they get 3 significant additions in Spencer Gasu (PS#53JC), true frosh Lawrence Guy (PS#12OL) and Eugene Germany (PS#15LB).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LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Sun Devils had to replace a Pac-10 co-Def POY, a #4DC and had three true frosh in the 2 deep. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 21 starts but added PS#36JC Morris Wooten. Erickson was asked at midseason who the team's MVP was and with no hesitation he said Robert James. James, whose nickname is "The Beast", earned 1st Tm Pac-10 (#1 tkl'r). This year they must replace James (13 st, #5DC ATL) but have 5 LB's returning with starting experience! Not listed in the PSL are Derrall Anderson (6'1" 222 rFr), Oliver Aaron (6'0" 200 rFr, PS#280), Anthony Reyes (6'0" 232 Sr) and true frosh Brandon Magee (PS#37). Even with the loss of their star, this group is more experienced and could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU had an inexperienced secondary in 2006 but still finished #34 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups. Their star SS Josh Barrett started just 8 (38 tkl). CB Justin Tryon was 2nd Tm Pac-10 and had 16 pbu. ASU climbed to #5 allowing just 52.8% with an 18-17 ratio. This year they must replace CB Tryon (13 st, #4DC WAS), SS Barrett (#7DC DEN), CB Chris Baloney (4 st,19 tkl, 4 pbu), CB Littrele Jones (18 tkl) and SS Brett Nenaber (8 tkl). They have 4 back with starting experience including 2nd Tm Pac-10 FS Troy Nolan whose 6 int were the most here since 1999. They also signed two JUCO's who were in for the spring. Not listed below are Kamron Brown (6'0" 198 So) and Mike Callaghan (6'2" 210 So, 2 tkl). This group is just as experienced as the 2007 version.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ASU had the Pac-10's best ST coordinator, Tom Osborne. In 2006 despite their return game being wiped out by injuries, he still fashioned a #14 finish. Last year he went back to Oregon and the Sun Devils had to replace their top KR, PR and outstanding K Jesse Ainsworth. RFr Thomas Weber not only won the K job, but had a phenomenal year hitting 24 of 25 FG's (two 50+) and took home the Lou Groza Award! Jonathan Johnson began the year as P (37.7) but Weber took over and avg 39.3 (team net 32.8). Rudy Burgess had just the Sun Devils' 2nd home KR TD in 21 years while the top PR, Kyle Williams, avg 9.7. This year they must replace Burgess and while it will be tough for Weber to duplicate last year's success, the punting game should improve and the Sun Devils have a shot at moving up (#44 '07).

COACHES - Dennis Erickson took over last year (3rd Pac-10 team). He was the HC at Idaho, Wyoming, Wash St, Miami, Fl and Oreg St then back at Idaho again in 2006. He has a 158-68-1 record overall as a college HC and spent 7 years in the NFL as HC of Seattle and the 49ers. He won National Title's with Miami in '89 and '91 and his 2000 OSU squad finished 11-1 and ranked #4. Erickson became the first ASU coach to have his team ranked in his first year and became the 2nd Pac-10 coach to start 5-0 tying Cal's Steve Mariucci (1996). Erickson is 27-18 vs ranked teams (2-7 S/'01) while ex-coach Koetter was 2-19 vs ranked teams. Erickson became the first coach to win Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors at 3 different schools. His OC is Rich Olson who was the OC at Miami, Fl in '06. He spent 10 years in the NFL and was the OC at Miami from 1992-'94. His DC is Craig Bray who was the DC under Erickson at OSU from 2000-'02 and his DB coach at WSU from '87-'88.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Dirk Koetter's first three seasons the Sun Devils were just 17-20. In 2004 I called them one of the most improved teams in the country. They started out 8-2 with their only two losses to #1 USC and #7 Cal (lost by 72-7 margin) and finished 9-3. In 2005 they were 3-1 and appeared on their way to beating USC leading 24-3 at the half but lost. They then stumbled to a 7-5 finish. The 2006 team, despite having just 12 starters back, made it to their 3rd straight bowl which was the first time here since 1985-'87. Koetter moved his record to 4-2 vs Arizona but was fired prior to the bowl and the team finished 7-6. They had a couple of embarrassing performances like their 48-13 loss at home to Oregon and their 44-10 loss at Oreg St. Erickson inherited 9 returning starters on offense including QB Rudy Carpenter. Despite ASU coming off a 4-5 year in Pac-10 play, being outscored by conf foes by 31 pts, I looked at their schedule and said in my "Phil's Forecast" that they had a great shot at opening the year 8-0! The Sun Devils did not disappoint me despite getting off to some slow starts. Five times the Sun Devils overcame double digit deficits to come away with victories and when they knocked off #18 Cal at home they moved their record to 8-0 (ranked #6). After a loss to #4 Oregon, they beat a UCLA team that was without their top 2 QB's which was their first win in Metro LA since 1999. USC throttled them 44-24 but they rebounded to beat Arizona and got to their 4th straight bowl which tied a school record (1970-'73). ASU sold all of their tickets to the Holiday Bowl and had 27 seniors but was blasted by Texas 52-34 and finished #16. This year the Sun Devils have UGA on the non-conf slate and 5 Pac-10 road games. They earned a Pac-10 co-championship LY tying USC at 7-2 but their +10.1 ypg in conf play was just 6th best in the league. While they are more talented than the '07 version, they probably will not match 2007's 10 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 12 RUDY CARPENTER SR. 6-2 202 PS#39. 5 st '05, 2273 (68.4%), 17-2 ratio. 13 st '06, 2523 (55%) 23-14. 13 st LY 3202 (62%) 25-10 ratio. **15** Danny Sullivan (6'5" 238 Jr).

RB 24 KEEGAN HERRING SR. 5-10 195 PS#44. 4.3 spd. 6 st, 1419 (5.6) '05-'06. 6 st LY, 815 (5.3) 10 rec. **Ryan Bass PS#4. 31 Dimitri Nance** (5'10" 220 Jr) PS#139. 729 (3.9) 2Y.

WR 13 CHRIS McGAHA JR. 6-1 193 PS#61. 4 st rFr, 238 (14.9). 13 st LY, 830 (13.6). **16** Nate Kimbrough (6'1" 208 Sr) PS#64. 4 st 3Y, 367 yd. Rodney Glass (5'10" 178 So) PS#67RB.

WR 1 MICHAEL JONES SR. 6-4 203 PS#99. 9 st '06, 318 (15.9). 13 st LY, 769 (16.7). Gerell Robinson **PS#11DB. 9** Brandon Smith (6'2" 213 Jr) PS#115, 2 st '06. Corey Brown (6'3" 233 Jr).

WR 6 Kyle Williams Jr. 5-10 185 PS#134RB. 1 st true, 87 (21.8). 5 st '07, 360 (12.4) 23 PR (9.7). **5** Kerry Taylor (6'0" 191 So) **PS#34.** 8 rec true. **86** TJ Simpson (6'0" 188 rFr) PS#102.

TE 80 Dane Guthrie Sr. 6-3 275 **PS#15.** 4 rec '06. 13 tkl, 2 sk DE LY. Andrew Pettes (6'4" 259 Sr) **PS#13.** 1 rec 3Y. Jovon Williams (6'4" 231 Jr). Lance Evbuomwan (6'4" 279 So) PS#83.

C 56 Thomas Altieri Jr. 6-2 300 **PS#96.** 2 gm rFr. 2nd string LY, 2 gm. **52 Garth Gerhart** (6'0" 305 rFr) PS#138. **LS** Clay Davie (6'0" 223 rFr) PS#525. Thomas Ohmart (6'0" 265 Fr).

RG 63 PAUL FANAIKA SR. 6-6 359 Last 10 st RG '06, **HM P10.** 13 st RG LY, **HM P10. 66** Matt Hustad (6'4" 275 rFr) PS#217DL. **68** Trent Marsh (6'2" 310 rFr). Walk-on.

LG 67 SHAWN LAUVAO JR. 6-3 305 PS#476. 5 gm rFr. L/9 st LG '07. **77** Adam Tello (6'2" 283 rFr) PS#172. **92** Chris Scott (6'2" 287 rFr) PS#505. **69** Curtis Cole (6'2" 316 rFr).

RT 75 Richard Tuitu'u Jr. 6-4 353 **PS#95.** 1 st LT, 9 gm rFr. 2nd string LY, 10 gm. Zach Schlink is **PS#42. 50** Nick Emanuele (6'5" 285 Fr). **74** Brent Good (6'2" 354 Jr).

LT 59 Jon Hargis So. 6-4 310 PS#72DL. 2 st DT LY, 13 gm, 20 tkl, 1.5 sk, 1.5 tfl. Tom Njunge (6'5" 280 Jr) PS#243JC. In for spg. **70** Mike Marcisz (6'5" 292 rFr) PS#413.

K 28 THOMAS WEBER SO. 6-1 205 **1st Tm Pac-10** rFr. Hit 24-25 FG's, L/53 and 7-7 from 40+! **Lou Groza Award winner!** 13 TB on 86 KO. **43** Zach Richards (6'2" 195 rFr).

DE 58 DEXTER DAVIS JR. 6-2 252 PS#147. 13 st rFr, 40 tkl, 6 sk, 4.5 tfl. **2nd Tm P10 LY**, 13 st, 33 tkl, **10.5 sk. 45** Jamarr Robinson (6'2" 233 So) PS#107LB. **95** Eric Tanner (6'2" 240 Jr) PS#203JC. RS.

DT NA Lawrence Guy Fr. 6-5 270 **PS#12OL. Jonathan English** (5'11" 304 So) PS#76. 2 tkl true. **Saia Falahola** (6'2" 310 So) PS#245OL, 2 tkl rFr. Alex Asi (6'3" 288 Sr) PS#120JC.

DT 90 DAVID SMITH SR. 6-3 288 PS#137. 19 tkl '05-'06. 13 st in '07, 22 tkl, 3.5 sk. **54** Paul 'Unga (6'3" 262 Sr) PS#194JC. 11 tkl LY. Spencer Gasu **PS#53JC.** Bo Moos (6'0" 285 rFr).

DE 97 LUIS VASQUEZ SR. 6-3 260 **PS#2JC.** HM P10. 13 st LY, 43 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7 tfl. **Eugene Germany** (6'4" 270 Jr) **PS#15LB** '04. Orig USC. James Brooks (6'4" 283 rFr) PS#83. Leo Montt (6'1" 272 Jr).

SLB 44 TRAVIS GOETHEL JR. 6-3 233 PS#66. 4 st true, 29 tkl, 1 sk. 12 st LY, 71 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **46** Jeff Bereuter (6'3" 222 So) PS#174. 2 tkl rFr. **21** Colin Parker (6'1" 220 rFr) **PS#60.**

MLB 25 MIKE NIXON JR. 6-3 227 **PS#13QB UCLA.** Baseball. 9 st 2Y, 90 tkl, 4 sk. **47 Gerald Munns** (6'4" 238 Jr) PS#63. 3 st, 35 tkl 2Y. Chad Lindsey (6'0" 242 Jr) PS#163. 6 tkl 2Y.

WLB 52 Morris Wooten Sr. 6-1 245 **PS#36JC.** 8 st LY, 47 tkl, 3 tfl. **2** Ryan McFoy (6'2" 214 Jr) PS#188DB. 8 st NB '06, 49 tkl 2Y. **41** Antone Saulsberry (6'0" 232 Sr) PS#78.

CB 5 Terell Carr Jr. 5-9 180 PS#89JC in spring. **17** Travis Smith (5'11" 188 Jr) PS#134. 6 tkl, 1 pbu rFr. Pierre Singfield (5'11" 210 Jr) PS#446JC. Allante Battle PS#88.

CB 32 OMAR BOLDEN SO. 5-10 194 PS#80RB. 9 st true. 33 tkl, 6 pbu. **6** Grant Crunkleton (5'10" 187 Jr) PS#65. **13** Cameron Harkey (5'10" 181 Jr) Jonathan Clark (5'11" 187 rFr).

SS 7 Jeremy Payton Sr. 6-1 207 PS#65. 6 st 3Y, 76 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu, 2 sk. **22** Rodney Cox (6'1" 215 Sr) PS#197. 2 st LY, 22 tkl. **8** Jarrell Holman (6'0" 203 Jr) PS#225JC, RS LY.

FS 14 TROY NOLAN SR. 6-2 207 PS#191JC. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm P10**, 64 tkl, **6 int**, 7 pbu. **19** Max Tabach (6'2" 205 So) PS#144JC. **15** Angelo Fobbs-Valentino (6'1" 205 Sr) PS#226. 11 tkl 2Y.

P 28 THOMAS WEBER SO. 6-1 205 Took over P duties 2H of '07 as rFr. 47 punts, 39.3 avg and tm net of 32.8. **43** Zach Richards (6'2" 195 rFr) 55 yd FG in HS. Also played WR.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Ryan Bass 5-10 200 PS#4
DL	Lawrence Guy 6-5 270 PS#12OL
WR	Gerell Robinson 6-4 210 PS#11DB
DE	Eugene Germany 6-4 270 PS#15 LB '04
WR	Kemonte Bateman 6-1 178 PS#19
DL	Spencer Gasu 6-2 295 PS#53JC
WR	Jarrell Barbour 6-3 190 PS#30DB
DB	Terell Carr 5-9 180 PS#89JC
OL	Zach Schlink 6-4 300 PS#42
DL	Jamaar Jarrett 6-5 250 PS#50
LB	Brandon Magee 6-0 230 PS#37
DB	Max Tabach 6-2 205 PS#144JC
OL	Andrew Sampson 6-4 280 PS#71
QB	Jack Elway 6-3 200 PS#40
OL	Patrick Jamison 6-5 290 PS#84
WR	Clint Floyd 5-10 180 PS#76
OL	Kyle Johnson 6-7 287 PS#102
WR	AJ Pickens 5-10 175 PS#85
TE	Steven Figueroa 6-5 225 PS#34
WR	Allante Battle 5-8 202 PS#88DB
OL	Tom Njunge 6-5 280 PS#243JC
DL	Zeb Togiai 6-3 265 PS#128
DB	Keelan Johnson 6-0 200 PS#102RB
DB	Josh Jordan 5-10 170 PS#131
LB	Shelly Lyons 6-2 225 PS#128
DB	Deveron Carr 6-0 185 PS#161
DL	Otis Jones 6-2 275 PS#194
DL	Toa Tuitea 6-4 250 PS#235

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS

Tempe, Arizona
Weather (602) 265-5550

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#40

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Northern Arizona	G					
Sep. 6	Stanford	G					
Sep. 13	UNLV	G					
Sep. 20	Georgia	G					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	at California	A					
Oct. 11	at USC	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	Oregon	G					
Nov. 1	at Oregon St	A					
Nov. 8	at Washington	A					
Nov. 15	Wash St (HC)	G					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	UCLA (Fri)	G					
Dec. 6	at Arizona	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Andrew Walter 10,617 '01-'04
2. Jake Plummer 8,827 '93-'96
3. Rudy Carpenter 7,998 '05-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Woody Green 4,188 '71-'73
2. Freddie Williams 3,424 '73-'76
3. JR Redmond 3,299 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Derek Hagan 3,939 '02-'05
2. John Jefferson 2,993 '74-'77
3. Shaun McDonald 2,867 '00-'02

The Sun Devils lead the series 18-14-4 but have gone 10-0-1 the last 11. The Lumberjacks went 6-5 including a 45-24 loss at Arizona last year.

The home team had won 7 straight (by avg 21 ppg) prior to ASU's win last year. The Sun Devils have now outscored Stanford 79-6 over the last 2 years.

Entering the season, Arizona St has gone 18-2 at home vs non-conf opponents. The Sun Devils have gone 102-27-2 vs current MWC tms but have never faced UNLV.

First meeting (ASU is 0-3 vs the SEC). ASU has gone 8-3 (incl bowls) vs non-conf BCS teams & will be playing their 4th straight HG to open the ssn for the 2nd consecutive year.

ASU outscored Cal 17-0 in the final 2Q's LY. In their last trip to Berkeley, ASU gave up 2 int's & a PR for TD's. ASU has lost 3 straight in Berkeley & 4 of 5 overall.

ASU has lost 8 straight to USC including Thanksgiving night in Tempe LY as they were held to a ssn low 259 yds of total offense including just 16 yds rush on 35 att (0.5).

Despite QB Carpenter passing for a season-high 379 yds LY, the #4 Ducks prevailed over the #6 Sun Devils in front of the largest crowd to attend a football gm in Oregon.

Dennis Erickson was the HC at OSU from '99-'02 posting a 31-17 record. Rallying back from an early 19 pt deficit, QB Carpenter threw for 361 yds & 4 TD's. ASU is 24-9-1 in series.

Trailing by 4 at HT, the Sun Devils outscored Washington 31-3 in the 2nd half to pull out the victory. The Sun Devils have won 4 straight by an avg 16 ppg.

ASU has won 4 straight vs WSU including LY when Thomas Weber kicked a 37 yd FG with :50 remaining. ASU's Erickson was the HC at WSU from '87-'88 going 12-10-1 in that span.

Last yr ASU held off a late Bruin drive to win in Pasadena for the 1st time S/'96. ASU has lost 5 of their last 7 meetings vs the Bruins (UCLA leads all-time 15-8-1).

This will mark the 82nd meeting (63 straight) between the Sun Devils & the Wildcats (latest date in history). AZ leads the all-time series 44-36-1, but ASU has won 5 of the last 6.

DENNIS ERICKSON (Career 158-68-1)
2nd Year at Arizona St Erickson's Bowl Record: 5-6

Erickson's records AT ARIZONA ST

10-3	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-1	Home	1-3	Vs Top 25
3-1	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
7-2	Vs Conference	2-0	Off A Loss

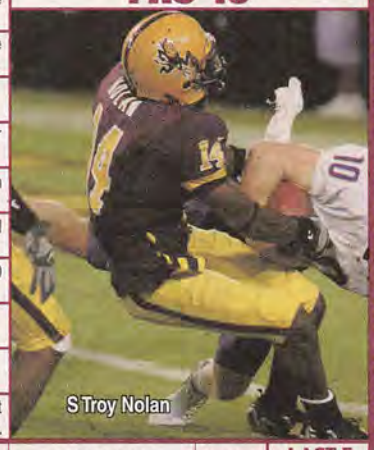
2007 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (16,22,1)
Lost: 24 (12,11,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 62,875 (#28)

PAC-10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STADIUM: SUN DEVIL STADIUM (71,706) (#27)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	4-7	8-6	5-7	9-3	7-5	7-6	10-3	56-43
Home	3-3	4-3	5-2	4-2	6-0	4-3	4-2	7-1	37-16
Away	3-2	0-4	3-3	1-5	2-3	2-2	3-3	3-1	17-23
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	3-5	1-7	5-3	2-6	5-3	4-4	4-5	7-2	31-35
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	3-3	3-1	4-0	3-1	3-1	3-1	25-8
ATS	6-4-2	5-6	8-5	2-9	7-5	6-6	7-5	6-7	47-47-2
Home Fav (Brock Snyder)	2-1	4-2	3-2	1-2	4-2	3-3	2-2	5-2	24-16
Home Dog (Dirk Koetter)	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	6-3-1
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	8-7
Away Dog (Dennis Erickson)	1-1-1	1-3	1-3	0-4	2-2	0-1	2-2	0-1	7-17-1
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	4-2-2	2-6	5-3	2-6	3-5	4-4	5-4	4-5	29-35-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-0	3-2	0-3	4-0	2-2	2-1	2-2	18-12
Off SU Win	3-1-2	1-3	6-2	0-4	5-3	3-3	3-4	5-5	26-25-2
Off SU Loss	3-2	3-3	2-2	2-5	1-2	2-3	4-1	0-2	17-20

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Keegan Herring	154	859	44	815	5	5.3
Ryan Torain	110	568	15	553	5	5.0
Dimitri Nance	133	527	27	500	7	3.8
Preston Jones	25	100	3	97	0	3.9
Rudy Burgess	6	54	12	42	0	7.0
Rudy Carpenter	93	175	380	-205	0	-2.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Rudy Carpenter	398	246	61.8	3202	25	10
Danny Sullivan	29	19	65.5	212	2	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Chris McGaha	61	830	13.6	1	42	
Michael Jones	46	769	16.7	10	64	
Rudy Burgess	34	467	13.7	3	62	
Kyle Williams	29	360	12.4	6	35	
Tyrice Thompson	15	272	18.1	1	45	
Brent Miller	22	211	9.6	1	28	
Dimitri Nance	13	120	9.2	0	32	
Ryan Torain	7	100	14.3	2	48	
Keegan Herring	10	88	8.8	0	28	
Nate Kimbrough	5	56	11.2	0	17	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Thomas Weber	47	1847	39.3	6	32.8(t)	0	11
Jonathan Johnson	25	942	37.7	3	–	0	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Thomas Weber	46-48	9-9	8-9	5-5	2-2	24-25	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Robert James	106	2.5	7	3	4
Travis Goethel	71	1	2.5	3	0
Troy Nolan	64	0	2	7	6
Mike Nixon	58	1	2	4	0
Justin Tryon	56	0	1	16	3
Morris Wooten	47	0	3	1	0
Luis Vasquez	43	4.5	7	1	0
Josh Barrett	38	1	3	7	1
Omar Bolden	33	0	0	6	1
Dexter Davis	33	10.5	3	1	0
Jeremy Payton	26	0	0	1	0
Michael Marquardt	23	0	1.5	0	0
Rodney Cox	22	0	0.5	1	1
David Smith	22	3.5	3	1	1
Gerald Munns	20	1	2.5	1	0
Jon Hargis	20	1.5	1.5	1	0
Chris Baloney	19	0	1	4	0
Littrele Jones	18	0	0	0	0
Ryan McFoy	15	0	0	0	0
Dane Guthrie	13	2	1.5	0	0
Paul 'Unga	11	0.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Kyle Williams	23	224	9.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rudy Burgess	38	879	23.1	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Holiday	+18'	Kansas St - #6	27-34
04	Sun - #21	+8	Purdue	27-23
05	Insight	-9	Rutgers	45-40
06	Hawaii	+7	Hawaii	24-41
07	Holiday - #12	+2'	Texas - #17	34-52

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Arizona St's All-Time Bowl Record 12-11-1

ARIZONA ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	32.3	22	137	3.2	263	61.9	12.4	+3	2007	5	22.5	18	116	3.7	229	52.8	15.3
8*	26.8	19	170	4.4	198	54.4	13.7	-1	2006	4	25.1	17	117	3.6	211	54.5	13.1
7	36.8	26	146	3.9	373	63.3	14.1	+7	2005	5	29.9	24	180	4.4	289	59.6	15.7
7*	29.8	22	118	3.3	317	57.6	14.6	+5	2004	6	24.5	18	123	3.5	236	53.7	14.6
9*	24.8	19	117	3.5	274	52.5	15.8	-4	2003	7	27.3	21	151	3.8	254	55.0	14.8
4	32.3	20	89	2.5	304	54.8	12.2	+4	2002	8	29.1	18	119	3.4	244	49.9	12.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
54,405	San Jose St	33	53-250	4.7	23-32	270	1	7	26-40	1.5	11-23	75	3	+1
58,417	Colorado	22	44-138	3.1	19-37	269	3	15	26-32	1.2	17-47	172	2	-1
54,617	San Diego St	26	40-268	6.7	16-22	211	1	17	31-143	4.6	22-38	180	2	0
56,099	Oregon St	19	36-35	1.0	25-36	361	4	28	32-190	5.9	28-48	324	1	+4
32,125	at Stanford	18	41-174	4.2	21-28	266	6	13	26-(-2)	-0.1	20-35	237	7	+2
35,117	at Wash St	21	45-79	1.8	19-27	217	7	21	25-82	3.3	27-51	369	2	-1
64,347	Washington	23	49-296	6.0	20-31	227	4	13	32-146	4.6	10-30	142	3	+1
71,706	California	25	53-144	2.7	17-29	219	2	18	25-84	3.4	18-36	275	0	+1
59,379	at Oregon	25	41-110	2.7	22-37	379	9	22	41-200	4.9	15-26	200	0	-1
78,690	at UCLA	20	45-152	3.4	16-31	200	6	14	33-119	3.6	14-29	181	2	0
71,706	USC	16	35-16	0.5	22-31	243	6	25	37-133	3.6	26-40	375	1	-1
71,706	Arizona	18	40-97	2.4	20-37	247	2	17	19-44	2.3	28-52	272	4	+2
64,020	† Texas	23	27-22	0.8	25-50	305	4	27	54-300	5.6	21-32	174	2	-4
TOTALS		289	549-1781	3.2	265-428	3414	55	237	407-1511	3.7	257-487	2976	29	+3
AVERAGES		22.2	42-137	3.2	20-33	263	4.2	18.2	31-116	3.7	20-37	229	2.2	0.2

ASU Pre #22 2003 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Opponent	Pre Line	Post Score
#22	N Arizona	NL	34-14
#20	Utah St	-27'	26-16
#16	at Iowa - #18	+7'	2-21
#16	at Oregon St	+6	17-45
–	USC - #10	+12	17-37
–	Oregon	+2'	59-14
–	at North Carolina	-6	33-31
–	at UCLA	+2'	13-20
–	California	-3	23-51
–	at Stanford	-2'	27-38
–	at Washington St - #8	+13	19-34
–	Arizona	-15	28-7

ASU Pre – 2004 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Opponent	Pre Line	Post Score
–	UTEP	-24'	41-9
–	at Northwestern	+2	30-21
–	Iowa - #16	-1'	44-7
#22	Oregon St	-7'	27-14
#21	at Oregon	+2'	28-13
#15	at USC - #1	+10'	7-45
#21	UCLA	-7'	48-42
#20	at California - #7	+17	0-27
#23	Stanford	-10'	34-31
#20	Washington St	-13	45-28
#18	at Arizona	-14	27-34

ASU Pre #20 2005 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Opponent	Pre Line	Post Score
#20	Temple	-31'	63-16
#15	LSU - #5	-1	31-35
#18	Northwestern	-14'	52-21
#18	at Oregon St	-6'	42-24
#14	USC - #1	+16	28-38
#17	Oregon - #25	-10	17-31
–	at Stanford	-10'	35-45
–	Washington	-17	44-20
–	at Washington St	-2'	27-24
–	at UCLA - #14	+3'	35-45
–	Arizona	-10	23-20

ASU Pre #24 2006 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Opponent	Pre Line	Post Score
#24	N Arizona	NL	35-14
#25	Nevada	-14'	52-21
#22	at Colorado	-11'	21-3
#22	at California - #21	+8'	21-49
–	Oregon - #14	-1	13-48
–	at USC - #3	+19	21-28
–	Stanford	-23	38-3
–	at Washington	-2	26-23 OT
–	at Oregon St	+2	10-44
–	Washington St	+1	47-14
–	UCLA	-5'	12-24
–	at Arizona	+2'	28-14

ASU Pre – 2007 RESULTS

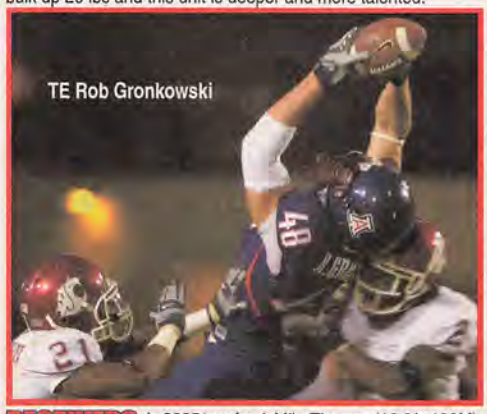
ASU Rank	Opponent	Pre Line	Post Score
–	San Jose St	-15	45-3
–	Colorado	-15	33-14
–	San Diego St	-28	34-13
–	Oregon St	-11	44-32
#23	at Stanford	-14'	41-3
#18	at Washington St	-9	23-20
#14	Washington	-11'	44-20
#7	California - #18	-3	31-20
#6	at Oregon - #4	+7'	23-35
#9	at UCLA	-6'	24-20
#7	USC - #11	+3	24-44
#13	Arizona	-6'	20-17

ARIZONA WILDCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Since Arizona joined the Pac-10 in 1978, they have had zero QB's drafted or make 1st Tm Pac-10. In '04 Kris Heavner (PS#44) began as the starter (837, 58.7%, 4-4 ratio) but lost his job and transferred to Baylor. In 2005 HC Stoops took the RS off of true frosh Willie Tuitama (PS#32) in Wk 7 and he guided the team to wins over Oregon St and UCLA. They could have beaten ASU had he not been injured in the 4Q. Tuitama threw for 1,105 (57.7%) with a 9-5 ratio. Expectations were high for Tuitama in '06 (improved his squat from 185 to 335), but he suffered with concussions. He threw for 1,335 (55.9%) with a 7-6 ratio while starting 9. Walk-on Adam Austin threw for 517 (46.8%) with a 2-6 ratio starting 2. Heavner transferred back and hit 21 of 30 for 172. As expected, in 2007's new pass heavy offense, Tuitama set the school record for att and comp in a game hitting 42 of 61 vs Cal then for yards with 510 vs UW (Jason Johnson 492 vs Cal in '02). He stayed healthy all year for the first time and set UA single season records for passing yards (3,683, 62.4%), att, comp and TD's (28-12 ratio). Heavner played in 3 hitting 5 of 6. This year Heavner departs and adding depth are Tyler Lyon (6'5" 220 So, PS#21), Bryson Beirne (6'3" 214 rFr, PS#109) who figures to be the backup and true frosh Matt Scott (PS#15) who may be used as a running QB. Tuitama should improve in the second year of the new system.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Cats had to replace their leading rusher (#2 DC) and the top returnee was former walk-on Chris Jennings who had 451 (4.3). Xavier Smith (PS#53) had 120 (5.2) as a rFr. Last year true frosh Nicholas Grigsby (PS#108) had the best speed and break-away ability of the backs. Jennings started the opener (41) but had just 1 carry vs N Arizona. Grigsby got his first start vs Cal then exploded for 186 vs Wash St. He added 126 vs Stanford and 124 vs UCLA but at 178 lbs, he had problems as a pass blocker and with some fumbles. He did become just the 3rd UA true frosh starter at RB (Gilbert Harris '02 and Ontiwaun Carter '91). This year they lose Jennings (156, 2.9) but everyone else returns including Terry Longbons (5'11" 210 Jr, PS#16), Glyndon Bolasky (PS#42), Joe Reese (6'1" 190 rFr, PS#20) and this year's true frosh. The coaches want Grigsby to bulk up 20 lbs and this unit is deeper and more talented.



RECEIVERS - In 2005 true frosh Mike Thomas (10.3 in 100M) was named co-Pac-10 Frosh of the Year and led with 771 (14.8). Anthony Johnson added 419 (13.1) and leading returning WR Syndric Steptoe had 493 (13.3). They added 3 true frosh who were expected to contribute in 2006 in 6'4" Delashaun Dean (PS#41), 6'4" Terrell Reese (PS#32), and 6'2" Terrell Turner (PS#66). Steptoe and Thomas moved to the forefront and combined for 1,165 yards with #3 Anthony Johnson having just 312 (12.0). Steptoe (#7 DC) had to be replaced last year but Thomas and Johnson were back. The team also got a large addition in true frosh TE Rob Gronkowski (260 lbs, PS#4). Thomas led the team by far with 1,038 (12.5) and Johnson surprisingly started just 3 with 410 (11.7). RFr Dean had 418 (11.3) and soph Turner, who had 2 starts and 1 rec as a true, had 575 (11.5). RFr Reese had 202 (10.1) while Gronkowski had 525 (18.8). This year they must replace Johnson but have everyone else back and are now in the second year of the system.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they basically had one starter back (2 returning starters played in just 3) and dropped to 84 ypg rush (2.7) and yielded 31 sacks (8.7%). Arizona rushed for negative yards in 3 straight games. Last year the Cats had 4 full-time starters and soph Daniel Borg (PS#17, 5 st '06) all returning. The seasoned group did have 3 soph in the starting lineup and only allowed 7 sacks in the first 5 but gave up 8 vs Oregon St. They still allowed just 31 sacks (5.8%) despite throwing nearly 200 more passes. Surprisingly the rushing did not improve (77 ypg, 2.9). This year they lose HM Pac-10 LT Peter Graniello (12 st, 4Y st'r) and LG Borg (1 st). They bring in PS#24JC J'Marcus Webb who originally signed at Texas (PS#10) as well as two other top-notch JUCO's which gives them 10 VHT's in the O-line. The Cats' 86 career starts returning ranks #24 in IA. Also their paltry rushing ypc was partly due to Tuitama's immobility as their RB's combined to avg 4.0 ypc. With the new offense, the emphasis has been on bigger OL's and this is a good sized group avg 6'4" 303.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cats almost always have a solid rush D. They did not allow over 4.3 ypc rush between 1992 and 2004. They had a veteran unit in 2005 but due to injuries the Cats shockingly allowed 4.6 ypc, their worst in the last two decades. They had six back with starting experience in 2006 and improved to 120 ypg (3.9) but had just 15 sacks. Last year the unit returned intact. They improved to slightly allowing 3.6 ypc with 27 sacks. This year they must replace 2nd Tm Pac-10 DT Lionel Dotson (12 st, 50 tkl, 6.5 sk, #7DC SD), DE Louis Holmes (10 st, 37 tkl, 5.5 tfl), DT Yaniv Barnett (11 st, 33 tkl, 8 tfl) and DE Jason Parker (8 st, 49 tkl, 4 sk). While I was disappointed in 2007's numbers and do not expect a huge drop off, this group is vastly less experienced than 2007.

LINEBACKERS - After having an inexperienced LB corps for three straight years, the Cats have had an experienced unit the last two. Last year they only had to replace two players who combined for 7 starts. They expected to add Vuna Tuihalamaka (PS#19JC) but he DNQ. This year they must replace 1st Tm Pac-10 WLB Spencer Larsen (131 tkl, 15.5 tfl, #6DC DEN), SLB Dane Krogstad (7 st, 51 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and James Alford (6 tkl). Keep in mind that five times they opened with a nickleback. I look for both JUCO's and true frosh Zander Fabbri to make an impact and while less experienced, this still looks like a quality LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Antoine Cason was the first true frosh starting DB here since 1994 and had a storied four year career. In 2005 with all four starters back AZ finished #21 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they had to replace their star FS and even with 3 starters back, dropped to #35. Last year they had 7 of their top 8 back and Cason won the Thorpe Award for top DB with 5 int and 14 pbu. His cohort at CB the last three years was Wilrey Fontenot. This year they must replace Cason (12 st, #1DC SD), Fontenot (12 st, 40 tkl, 7 pbu, #7DC ATL), FS Michael Klyce (1 st, 15 tkl) and FS Dominic Patrick (5 st, 28 tkl, 11 st '06). AZ finished #23 but with the loss of Cason, figures to drop some.

SPECIAL TEAMS - HC Mike Stoops inherited a unit that finished #115 in my ST rankings in 2003. They improved to #78 and #52 in his first two seasons. In '06 they had to replace their star P (47.5 avg) but Nick Folk had a fantastic year hitting 15 of 20 FG's (long 52) and avg'd 44.0 on punts and had 31 TB on 49 KO. Thanks to Folk's presence AZ rose to #10. Last year was the first time since 1997 that AZ had simultaneously debuted a new K, P and returnman. K Jason Bondzio is accurate but did not show a strong leg. Alex Zendejas (PS#8) had 42 TB on 50 KO as a HS senior. Surprisingly Bondzio (PS#16) won both the PK and KO jobs hitting 21 of 26 FG's (8 of 10 from 40+) and nailing 22 TB on 71 KO. RFr P Keenyn Crier avg 43.7 (tm net 38.1) and Mike Thomas was a dangerous KR (23.7). This year everyone returns with the exception of top PR Antoine Cason (10.0) and 3 year LS Garon McHone meaning they could improve upon 2007's top-notch #22 finish. The new ST coach is Jeff Hammerschmidt who was a fan favorite when he played here (4 yr ST cch Joe Robinson left for LSU job).

COACHES - Mike Stoops was K-St's DC from '96-'98 then DC at Oklahoma from '99-'03. He is now in his 5th year here. Last year they brought in a new OC in Sonny Dykes who was the co-OC at TTech the previous two years and Tech's receivers coach for seven. The Cats' offense improved from 16.6 ppg to 28.0, their best mark since 2001 (29.1). They set the school's record for passing yards in a season in his first year. The DC is Stoops' brother, Mark who was Miami Fl's DB coach from '01-'03 and Houston's co-DC in 2000.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Arizona joined the Pac-10 in 1978 and is the only team in the conference that has not been to the Rose Bowl. The Cats were ranked #4 in the 1999 preseason polls but have gone just 39-65 overall the last 9 years including a surprising 9-28 record at home in Pac-10 play (3-1 last year). In 2003 Arizona finished 2-10 and was outgained in conf play by 144.1 ypg. When Stoops was hired there was great enthusiasm but the team struggled to a 3-8 finish (-118 ypg Pac-10). In 2005 they had 14 returning starters and after just 20 players stayed over the summer to workout in 2003, 80 stayed in 2005. Stoops' honeymoon with the fans was quickly over when the team opened 1-6 in '05. Willie Tuitama got his first start the next week and led the upset of Oregon St on the road before beating undefeated #7 UCLA at home. They lost their last 2, were -9 in turnovers and had 5 losses by 7 or less so things looked positive for '06. I called Arizona my #2 Most Improved team in the country and they did achieve bowl eligibility. Unfortunately Tuitama suffered a concussion vs LSU and started just 9. As has been a pattern under Stoops, they struggled in October but played great in November upsetting #25 Wash St and #8 Cal and also got their first win in Auzten Stadium since 1986 with a 37-10 blowout of Oregon. They had a bowl bid firmly in their grasp but Tuitama, for the 2nd straight year was injured vs Ariz St and they lost. Last year I called for them to have their best offensive production since 2001 and that is precisely what the Cats accomplished avg 28.0 ppg. The D had 9 starters back but surprisingly went from allowing 19.6 ppg to 26.8. While the offense avg'd 385 ypg, it was hit and miss as they did not top 330 yards in 5. They suffered a tough loss at home to New Mexico including a Hail Mary TD pass just prior to the half and fumbled at the NM 5. They did lead USC 13-10 in a tight 20-13 loss but the next week were stunned by Stanford and at 2-6 it appeared Stoops would be on his way out. Wash piled up 415 yards in the 1H but only led 28-23. UW still led 41-26 with 12:52 left when Arizona got a miracle comeback win. They played great in November (as usual) knocking off a QB-less UCLA team and #2 Oregon who lost QB Dixon in the 1Q after he'd guided the Ducks to an 8-0 lead. UO was the highest ranked visitor to lose at Arizona since 1992 when they beat #1 Wash. A win over ASU would have equaled a bowl game which has been the case 6 times recently vs the Sun Devils but they are just 1-5 (2-7 S/'99). They were 1 of just 3 teams in the Pac-10 that had a healthy QB all year but still had a 4-5 Pac-10 record for the 2nd straight year. The Cats' talented D, which will have 5 players in NFL camps this year, surprisingly yielded 372 ypg. Arizona has not been to a bowl game since 1998 and must land in the post season or they'll have a new HC next year. They have a manageable non-conf slate and 5 Pac-10 home games. I'll call for the Cats to get to the post season this year.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 7 WILLIE TUITAMA SR. 6-3 220 **PS#32**. Last 4 st true. 9 st '06, 6123 (60%) 44-23 ratio 3Y. **17** Bryson Beirne (6'3" 214 rFr) PS#109. Tyler Lyon (6'5" 220 So) **PS#21**.

RB 5 NICHOLAS GRIGSBY SO. 5-10 178 PS#108. 8 st true, 704 (4.4), 35 rec (5.7). **27** Joe Reese (6'1" 190 rFr) **PS#20**. **30** Xavier Smith (5'11" 210 Jr) PS#53. 227 (4.6) 2Y. Keola Antolin **PS#39**.

WR 10 MIKE THOMAS SR. 5-8 195 PS#73. 4 st, 771 (14.8) true. 10 st, 597 (11.9) '06. 12 st LY, 1038 (12.5), **1st Tm P10**. **4** BJ Dennard (5'11" 194 Sr) PS#158DB. 4 st, 423 all-purp 4Y.

WR 84 TERRELL TURNER JR. 6-2 190 PS#66. 2 st, 1 rec true. 8 starts in '07, 575 (11.5). **11** Terrell Reese (6'4" 205 So) **PS#32**. 4 st, 202 (10.1) rFr. **19** William "Bug" Wright (5'9" 175 rFr).

WR 18 DELASHAUN DEAN SO. 6-4 198 **PS#41**. 7 st rFr, 418 (11.3). **80** Devin Veal (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#131. **81** David Roberts (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#114. **82** Kyle Day (5'11" 180 So).

TE 48 ROB GRONKOWSKI SO. 6-6 260 **PS#4**. 9 st true, 525 (18.8). **88** AJ Simmons (6'3" 250 So) **PS#39DL**. **HB 45** Brandon Lopez (6'1" 230 Sr) PS#209LB. Glyndon Bolasky (6'0" 203 So) **PS#42**.

C 50 BLAKE KERLEY JR. 6-2 285 **PS#56**. 12 st C rFr, every snap. 12 st C '07. **54** Herman Hall PS#276JC. **LS 60** Ricky Wolder (5'10" 220 Jr). Nathan McBride (6'2" 214 Jr).

RG 75 JOE LONGACRE SR. 6-3 315 4 st rFr. L/11 st '06. 12 st RG LY. **57 Jovon Hayes** (6'2" 300 So) **PS#29**. 2 gm rFr. Vaughn Dotsy (6'5" 355 Fr) **PS#70**. **68** Chris Hannon (6'1" 290 Jr).

LG 64 COLIN BAXTER SO. 6-4 295 **PS#89**. 11 st LG rFr. **74 Mike Diaz PS#32JC In for spg. 55** Conan Amituanai (6'4" 310 So) PS#113DL. **73** Brad Allen (6'0" 270 Jr).

RT 77 EBEN BRITTON JR. 6-6 310 **PS#38**. 12 st rFr. **HM P10**. 12 st RT LY, **2nd Tm P10. 52** Bill Wacholz (6'6" 310 Sr) PS#415. 16 gm 2Y. **67** Phillip Garcia (6'7" 340 Jr) PS#103JC.

LT NA J'Marcus Webb Jr. 6-7 310 **PS#24JC**. 12 gm Texas true. **JC 1st Tm AA '07**. James Tretheway (6'6" 305 Sr) **PS#40JC**. 8 gm '07. **78** Adam Grant (6'6" 308 Jr) PS#91DL.

K 13 JASON BONDZIO SR. 5-9 165 **PS#16**. 21 of 26 FG LY, long 49, 1 miss 50+. **8 of 9 from 40-49!** 22 TB on KO (#7 tm in NCAA). Alex Zendejas (5'11" 175 rFr) **PS#8**.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 44 Ricky Elmore So. 6-5 260 PS#182OL. 10 tkl rFr, 1.5 tfl. **42** Brooks Reed (6'3" 260 So) PS#109RB. 7 tkl rFr. **58** Apaiata Tuihalamaka (6'3" 220 rFr) PS#69. Jaryd Hickman (6'2" 225 rFr).

NT 49 Earl Mitchell Jr. 6-2 280 PS#51TE. 7 st FB '06. 5 st HB LY. 189 ttl yd 2Y. **Solomon Koehler PS#46. 70** Donald Horton (6'0" 275 Jr) **PS#50**. 11 tkl 2Y. Cory Elmore (6'5" 270 So).

DT 99 Kaniela Tuipulotu So. 6-2 280 PS#65. 1 tkl true. **94** Lolomana Mikaele (6'2" 285 So) PS#237LB. 1 st, 13 tkl LY. **98** Hans Philipp (6'1" 282 rFr). **93** Josh Lewis (6'3" 270 Jr).

DE 97 Johnathan Turner Sr. 6-3 262 **PS#58LB**. 10 st '05, 27 tkl. 9 st '06, 18 tkl. 6 st LY, 25 tkl, 3.5 sk. **83** D'Aundre Reed (6'4" 240 So) PS#192. 2 tkl. **40** Ron Jackson (6'3" 230 rFr) PS#365.

SLB 8 Vuna Tuihalamaka Jr. 6-2 240 **PS#19JC**. In for spg. **25 Adrian McCovy** (6'2" 223 Sr) **PS#37**. 7 tkl, 2 sk true. 1 st, 15 tkl '06. 3 tkl LY (inj). **45** Edwin Lopez (5'10" 237 Jr).

MLB 33 RONNIE PALMER SR. 6-3 245 **PS#42**. 5 st '05, 38 tkl. 11 st '06, 69 tkl, 6 pbu. 12 st LY, 83 tkl, 3 tfl, 4 pbu. Zander Fabbri **PS#54. 37** Chris Gronkowski (6'2" 245 Jr) Maryland trans.

WLB 15 Xavier Kelley Jr. 5-11 215 **PS#62**. 8 tkl rFr. 12 tkl, 1 sk LY. **24** Sterling Lewis PS#109JC. **56** Cole Graybill (6'3" 236 So) PS#258. **57** Jeremy Samoy (6'2" 208 Jr).

CB 6 Devin Ross Jr. 5-11 170 **PS#8**. 7 tkl true. 16 tkl, 2 pbu, 23 KR (21.3) LY. Trevin Wade (5'11" 175 rFr). **27** Victor Yates (5'11" 185 So). **29** Trevor Foster (6'0" 180 So).

CB 23 Marquis Hundley Sr. 6-0 175 **PS#81JC**. 7 tkl, 12 gm, 1 pbu LY. **Robert Golden PS#21. 2** Mike Turner (5'11" 188 So) PS#129. 3 rec WR rFr. **47** Haig Abnous (6'0" 180 So).

SS 20 CAM NELSON JR. 6-1 200 PS#191. 7 tkl true. 12 st SS LY, 60 tkl, 3 pbu. **21 Corey Hall** (5'10" 190 Jr) **PS#41**. 5 st '07, 36 tkl, 2 pbu. Joe Perkins (6'2" 180 So) PS#446JC. RS LY.

FS 32 NATE NESS SR. 6-1 190 **PS#17JC**. L/6 st FS LY, 32 tkl, 5 int. **34** Brandon Tatum (6'1" 210 Jr) **PS#32**. 4 tkl, 1 gm true. 7 tkl, 10 gm LY **38** Orlando Vargas (6'0" 195 Jr).

P 47 KEENYN CRIER SO. 6-1 200 46.0 as senior in HS. **1st Tm P10** as rFr, 59 punt LY, 43.7 avg and net of **38.1**! 83 yd P vs USC. **37** Tim Egger (6'0" 180 So) PS#88. 1 gm LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	J'Marcus Webb 6-7 310 PS#10 '06
DL	Solomon Koehler 6-3 305 PS#6
LB	Vuna Tuihalamaka 6-2 240 PS#19JC '07
OL	Mike Diaz 6-5 340 PS#32JC
DB	Robert Golden 5-11 190 PS#21
QB	Matt Scott 6-3 205 PS#15
OL	Phillip Garcia 6-7 340 PS#103JC
LB	Sterling Lewis 5-11 225 PS#109JC
RB	Keola Antolin 5-8 180 PS#39
LB	Zander Fabbri 6-1 255 PS#54
OL	Vaughn Dotsy 6-5 355 PS#70
OL	Kyle Quinn 6-2 275 PS#97
OL	Trace Biskin 6-5 270 PS#113
WR	Juron Criner 6-4 205 PS#90
DL	Chris Merrill 6-2 275 PS#120
DL	Dominique Austin 6-4 255 PS#126
OL	Herman Hall 6-3 325 PS#276JC
DL	Kenny Barnes 6-2 235 PS#155
LB	RJ Young 5-11 225 PS#143
DL	Jowyn Ward 6-2 265 PS#214
WR	David Douglas 6-1 190 PS#176
RB	Greg Nwoko 6-2 220 PS#204
DB	Marc Watley 6-0 170 PS#454

ARIZONA WILDCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#57

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Idaho	G					
Sep. 6	Toledo	G					
Sep. 13	at New Mexico	G					
Sep. 20	at UCLA	G					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	Washington	G					
Oct. 11	at Stanford	G					
Oct. 18	California	G					
Oct. 25	USC (HC)	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at Washington St	A					
Nov. 15	at Oregon	A					
Nov. 22	Oregon St	G					
Nov. 29							
Dec. 6	Arizona St	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tom Tunnicliffe 7,618 '80-'83
2. Willie Tuitama 6,123 '05-Present
3. Alfred Jenkins 6,016 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Trung Canidate 3,824 '96-'99
2. Ontiwaun Carter 3,501 '91-'94
3. Art Luppino 3,371 '53-'56

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bobby Wade 3,351 '99-'02
2. Dennis Northcutt 3,252 '96-'99
3. Theopolis "T" Bell 2,509 '72-'75

The Wildcats have gone 52-13-2 all-time vs current WAC schools including 9-2 vs Idaho. Arizona has won 7 consecutive home openers by an avg of 20 ppg.

Second meeting all-time between these schools (AZ won 23-10 in '85). Arizona has gone 3-0 all-time vs current MAC members outscoring them by a 41-6 avg.

This marks the 66th meeting between these 2 schools. AZ leads all-time series 43-19-3. The Wildcats have dropped 5 of their last 6 games against current MWC schools.

Wildcats amassed 345 1H yds & outgained the Bruins by a 469-288 margin. Arizona is 7-18 the L6Y in Pac-10 AG's & just 1-6 when visiting the Rose Bowl.

LY Wildcat QB Willie Tuitama passed for a school record 510 yards including a 22 yd TD pass with 2 minutes left to rally Arizona back from a 15 pt, 4th quarter deficit.

The Wildcat D held the Cardinal to just 52 total yds (-6 rush) in their last trip to Stanford marking their lowest ydg total in school history. AZ has won 6 of L/7 at Stanford.

QB Tuitama set school records for pass attempts and completions hitting 42 of 61 for 309 yds in the 45-27 loss to the #6 ranked Bears. UA has dropped 4 of the last 5.

LY UA actually led the heavily favored Trojans 13-10 entering the 4Q but allowed 10 unanswered pts. UA has dropped 6 straight to the Trojans by an avg of 23 ppg.

Making his 2nd career start, true frosh RB Nicholas Grigsby rushed for 186 yds as AZ pounded WSU in a game that featured 985 yds of total offense & 55 FD's.

Arizona ended the Ducks' BCS dreams by knocking them off 34-24 last season. In 2006, the Wildcats won in Autzen Stadium for the 1st time since 1986.

Arizona has lost 8 of the last 9 games vs OSU including LY in Corvallis where they trailed 24-3 after the 1st quarter rushing for just 9 yds (0.3 ypc) the entire game.

UA/ASU play for the Territorial Cup (nation's oldest traveling trophy). This will be their 82nd meeting (UA 44-36-1). Arizona has dropped 5 of the last 6 in this series.

MIKE STOOPS (Career 17-29)

5th Year at Arizona — Stoops' Bowl Record: 0-0

Stoops' records AT ARIZONA

17-29	Straight Up	3-7	Vs Top 10
11-15	Home	5-13	Vs Top 25
6-14	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	3-4	Off A Bye
12-22	Vs Conference	10-16	Off A Loss

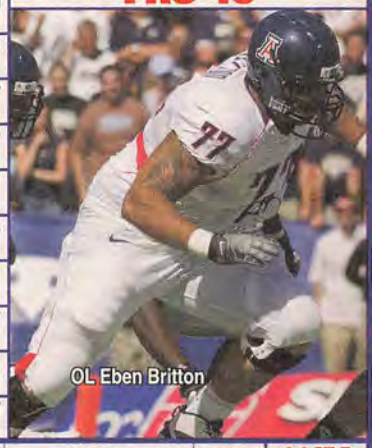
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (16,21,2)
Lost: 17 (9,7,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 52,161 (#38)

PAC-10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STADIUM: ARIZONA STADIUM (57,400) (#47)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	4-8	2-10	3-8	3-8	6-6	5-7	33-59
Home	2-4	2-4	3-4	2-5	2-5	2-4	3-4	4-2	20-32
Away	3-2	3-2	1-4	0-5	1-3	1-4	3-2	1-5	13-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	2-6	1-7	1-7	2-6	2-6	4-5	4-5	19-47
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-0	3-1	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	1-2	14-12
ATS	5-6	5-6	4-7	5-7	4-6	6-3-1	5-6	6-5	40-46-1
Home Fav (Dick Tomey)	0-5	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	1-2	3-14
Home Dog (John Mackovic)	0-1	1-0	2-3	3-3	3-3	2-0-1	2-1	2-0	14-15-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Away Dog (John Mackovic (1-5)/Mike Hankwitz (6-12))	5-0	3-1	2-3	1-4	1-3	4-1	2-2	3-3	21-17
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-4	3-5	3-5	3-5	3-5	5-3	5-4	6-3	32-34
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-1	1-0-1	0-2	0-2	8-12-1
Off SU Win	3-2	1-3	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1-1	3-3	3-2	12-18-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-3	3-4	4-5	4-4	4-2	2-2	3-2	24-26

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	John Hancock - #22	-6'	Baylor	15-20
93	Fiesta - #16	+6	Miami, Fl - #10	29-0
94	Freedom - #15	-3'	Utah - #14	13-16
97	Insight.com	-9'	New Mexico	20-14
98	Holiday - #5	+3	Nebraska - #14	23-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Arizona's All-Time Bowl Record 5-7-1

ARIZONA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.0	20	77	2.9	309	62.5	13.8	-1	2007	9	26.8	21	138	3.6	234	57.5	13.9
8*	16.6	14	84	2.7	169	53.7	15.2	+7	2006	9	19.6	16	120	3.9	207	61.7	16.7
7*	22.9	19	122	3.5	229	57.3	15.3	-9	2005	7	26.4	20	184	4.6	225	58.7	15.5
9*	14.9	16	118	3.4	171	52.6	19.4	+3	2004	5	25.0	20	124	3.3	255	58.0	15.2
6	15.1	14	124	3.9	184	46.8	20.4	-5	2003	5	35.8	24	181	3.9	279	61.2	12.9
7*	18.9	18	44	1.5	290	57.2	17.6	-7	2002	6	25.8	20	162	3.8	224	58.2	14.9

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Nicholas Grigsby	161	759	55	704	2	4.4
Mike Thomas	10	174	1	173	1	17.3
Chris Jennings	53	160	4	156	1	2.9
Xavier Smith	26	107	0	107	0	4.1
Kris Heavner	1	0	28	-28	0	-28.0
Willie Tuitama	54	96	259	-163	3	-3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Willie Tuitama	524	327	62.4	3683	28	12
Kris Heavner	6	5	83.3	19	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Thomas	83	1038	12.5	11	66
Terrell Turner	50	575	11.5	4	65
Rob Gronkowski	28	525	18.8	6	57
Delashaun Dean	37	418	11.3	1	45
Anthony Johnson	35	410	11.7	1	27
Chris Jennings	27	232	8.6	1	55
Terrell Reese	20	202	10.1	0	41
Nicholas Grigsby	35	200	5.7	2	22
Earl Mitchell	5	38	7.6	1	14
BJ Dennard	5	38	7.6	0	12
Mike Turner	3	10	3.3	0	7

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Keenyn Crier	59	2577	43.7	11	38.1(t)	0	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Bondzio	37-38	4-5	9-11	8-9	0-1	21-26	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Spencer Larsen	131	4	11.5	5	1
Ronnie Palmer	83	0	3	4	0
Antoine Cason	71	1	3	14	5
Cam Nelson	60	0	4	3	0
Dane Krogstad	51	0	3.5	1	0
Lionel Dotson	50	6.5	2.5	1	0
Jason Parker	49	4	3.5	1	1
Wilrey Fontenot	40	0	0.5	7	1
Louis Holmes	37	2	3.5	0	0
Corey Hall	36	0	1.5	2	1
Yaniv Barnett	33	2	6	1	0
Nate Ness	32	0	1	2	5
Dominic Patrick	28	0	2.5	1	0
Johnathan Turner	25	3.5	1	3	0
Devin Ross	16	1	0	2	1
Michael Klyce	15	0	0.5	3	0
Lolomana Mikaele	13	0	1.5	0	0
Xavier Kelley	12	1	0.5	1	0
Ricky Elmore	10	0	1.5	1	0
Mike Turner	8	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antoine Cason	27	271	10.0	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mike Thomas	26	615	23.7	0
Devin Ross	23	490	21.3	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

UA 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
64,525	at BYU	11	19-32	1.7	28-38	223	2	22	32-104	3.3	26-39	288	1	+1
52,638	N Arizona	30	33-195	5.9	26-48	295	1	11	28-56	2.0	22-41	187	4	-1
51,996	New Mexico	25	21-38	1.8	30-53	446	1	24	39-94	2.4	29-42	327	3	-1
56,021	at California	22	20-21	1.1	42-62	309	3	22	38-186	4.9	16-30	235	0	-2
50,945	Washington St	28	45-221	4.9	22-31	346	0	27	25-71	2.8	35-58	347	3	+1
40,489	at Oregon St	15	27-9	0.3	18-38	222	8	19	41-187	4.6	20-35	164	1	-1
84,671	at USC	13	16-22	1.4	30-43	233	1	19	43-146	3.4	19-31	130	3	-1
55,270	Stanford	19	32-130	4.1	28-41	239	3	21	45-96	2.1	19-27	181	3	0
61,124	at Washington	22	24-25	1.0	38-51	510	3	25	46-236	5.1	17-30	336	1	+3
51,727	UCLA	21	34-128	3.8	21-35	341	4	14	41-145	3.5	10-28	143	2	0
50,387	Oregon	16	30-56	1.9	21-39	266	1	24	43-238	5.5	27-54	225	4	+2
71,706	at Arizona St	17	19-44	2.3	28-52	272	4	18	40-97	2.4	20-37	247	2	-2
TOTALS		239	320-921	2.9	332-531	3702	31	246	461-1656	3.6	260-452	2810	27	-1
AVERAGES		19.9	27-77	2.9	28-44	309	2.6	20.5	38-138	3.6	22-38	234	2.3	-0.1

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	UTEP	-21'	42-7
–	LSU - #13	+11'	13-59
–	Oregon	+11'	10-48
–	at Purdue - #25	+27'	7-59
–	TCU - #19	+14	10-13 OT
–	at Washington St - #14	+28'	7-30
–	UCLA	+17	21-24
–	at California	+17	14-42
–	at Oregon St	+22'	23-52
–	Washington	+16'	27-22
–	USC - #2	+28'	0-45
–	at Arizona St	+15	7-28

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	N Arizona	NL	21-3
–	Utah - #17	+13'	6-23
–	Wisconsin - #20	+11	7-9
–	Washington St	+3'	19-20
–	at UCLA	+10	17-37
–	at Oregon	+11	14-28
–	California - #7	+22'	0-38
–	Oregon St	+7	14-28
–	at Washington	+1'	23-13
–	at USC - #1	+35	9-49
–	Arizona St - #18	+14	34-27

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Utah	+7'	24-27
–	N Arizona	NL	31-12
–	Purdue - #12	+7	24-31
–	at California - #12	+16'	0-28
–	at USC - #1	+38	21-42
–	Stanford	-4'	16-20
–	Oregon - #15	+11'	21-28
–	at Oregon St	+9'	29-27
–	UCLA - #7	+9'	52-14
–	Washington	-13	14-38
–	at Arizona St	+10	20-23

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	BYU	-6'	16-13
–	at LSU - #8	+16'	3-45
–	Stephen F Austin	NL	28-10
–	USC - #3	+21	3-20
–	Washington	-3'	10-21
–	at UCLA	+12	7-27
–	at Stanford	-3'	20-7
–	Oregon St	+2'	10-17
–	at Washington St - #25	+16	27-17
–	California - #8	+13'	24-20
–	at Oregon	+14'	37-10
–	Arizona St	-2'	14-28

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at BYU	+3'	7-20
–	N Arizona	NL	45-24
–	New Mexico	-10	27-29
–	at California - #6	+14	27-45
–	Washington St	-3	48-20
–	at Oregon St	+3	16-31
–	at USC - #10	+21	13-20
–	Stanford	-13	20-21
–	at Washington	+3'	48-41
–	UCLA	+1	34-27
–	Oregon - #2	+10'	34-24
–	at Arizona St - #13	+6'	17-20

OREGON ST BEAVERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Jonathan Smith left after 2001 as the school's all-time career passing leader (9,680). Derek Anderson broke that record (11,249) and was the starting QB for the Cleveland Browns this past year. UCLA transfer Matt Moore (PS#19) took over in 2005. A reoccurring theme under HC Mike Riley had been that a QB struggles in the first year and gets much better in the 2nd. Anderson had a 24-24 ratio in Riley's first year (2nd stint) and improved to 29-17 as a senior. Moore had an 11-19 ratio in 2005 but improved that to 18-7 in 2006 (60.6%). Last year two different types of QB's battled for the job. Sean Canfield (PS#40) has a strong arm and is a drop back QB. He battled 5'11" JUCO Lyle Moevao (more mobile). Canfield split the job with Moevao the first 3 but then took almost all of the snaps over the next 6 until he was injured vs USC. In Moevao's first start vs UW, he hit just 10 of 22 but finished 4-0 as a starter (inj'd 1H bowl). This year the only loss is Ryan Gunderson (3 gm, 5 pass att, PS#27). Added to the mix is true frosh Ryan Katz (in for spg). Not listed below are Brennan Sim (6'3" 198 So) and Justin Engstrom (6'5" 204 rFr). Canfield did miss spring but is expected to be 100% in August. This unit is vastly more experienced and if history holds true to form, will put up much better numbers than the team's 11-21 ratio of '07.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Beavers had 2-time 1,000 yard rusher Yvenson Bernard back. Riley wanted to RS true frosh Ryan McCants (PS#138) and Ahmed Mokhtar (PS#67). Bernard missed the final 2 but returned for the bowl and was the game's MVP with 177. He finished as OSU's #2 all-time rusher (3,862). True frosh WR James Rodgers was #2 last year with 586 (11.7) with many of those yards gained on fly sweeps. Senior Matt Sieverson was a DB that moved to WR in the spring. He later moved to RB and had 344 (4.0) including 142 in The Civil War! Clinton Polk played in 7 with 187 (5.5). This year they lose Bernard (11 st), Sieverson (2 st), FB Andy Stewart (1 st, 32 ttl yd), Mokhtar (trans) and Polk. While Bernard's steady production will be missed, they bring in true frosh Jacquizz Rodgers and JUCO Jeremy Francis who will battle McCants for the starting job. Riley should uncover another solid feature back.

RECEIVERS - OSU has had some fine receivers including in its Fiesta Bowl season in 2000 when they had their best unit ever led by Chad Johnson and TJ Houshmandzadeh (both drafted by CIN). In 2003, Mike Hass became just the 3rd Beaver to top 1,000 yards in a season (23.0). Hass set a school record with 86 rec (16.0) in '04 and reset the record (90) in '05. He also set a Pac-10 mark with 1,532 (17.0), was #1 in the NCAA in receiving ypg and won the Biletnikoff Award (#6DC) that same year. In 2006, Sammie Stroughter led with 1,293 (17.5) and TE Joe Newton was #2 with 466 (12.9). Last year they only had to replace Newton. Unfortunately, Stroughter basically missed the season (3 gm, 15 rec). Anthony Brown (PS#99RB) led with 550 (14.1) and true frosh Darrell Catchings (PS#183) had 386 (11.7). The top returnee with Stroughter's absence was Brandon Powers who had 433 (11.1) in '06 but his yardage dropped to 312 (10.1) in '07. True frosh James Rodgers was looked at as the star of the future and had 208 (10.9). This year they must replace Brown (13 st) and Powers (5 st). Not listed in the PSL are Shawn McGarity (5'10" 173 So) and TE John Reese (6'3" 234 Jr, PS#58). If Stroughter returns to his 2006 form, this group will be solidly improved.

WR James Rodgers

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06, all 5 starters returned but they lost their RT after 3 starts. They were the only team that had all 5 OL starters earn some type of Pac-10 recognition but surprisingly the stats did not improve (118 ypg, 3.5, 35 sacks, 8.2%). Last year they had to replace 2nd Tm Pac-10 LT Adam Koets (#6DC) but had 8 of their top 10 back. LT Tavita Thompson was lost after 7 (acad) and star LG Jeremy Perry was lost for most of the season (3 st, 4 gm). Without Perry in the lineup OSU yielded 30 of its 36 sacks and Riley said, "we miss Perry." They had 2 OL out vs Stanford and allowed 6 sacks and vs USC yielded 9. The unit still improved to 175 ypg rush (4.2), their best since 2000 but allowed 36 sacks (8.2%). 1st Tm RG Roy Schuening set a school record with 50 career starts and departs. Also gone is HM Pac-10 C Kyle DeVan (13 st, 3Y st'r). Not only do 3 starters return but Perry and Thompson (elig Nov 1) are back and they add in JUCO Brent McNeil (PS#79). Provided the unit stays healthier, they should at least equal last year's stats.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 OSU had to replace two starters but got back a 2004 starter. They allowed 110 ypg rush (3.5), had 47 sacks and their sack leader was a backup DE, Dorian Smith (PS#23JC). Last year they had to replace two starters but had six of the top 8 back. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace all 4 starters in 2nd Tm Pac-10 DE Jeff Van Orsow (13 st, 43 tkl, 2 sk), HM Pac-10 DT Curtis Coker (19 tkl), DE Dorian Smith (42 tkl, 6 sk) and DT Gerard Lee (13 st, 19 tkl, 4 tfl) as well as DT Jeff Kruskamp (9 tkl), DE Naymon Frank (1 st) and DT William 'Akau'ola Vea (23 tkl, 3.5 sk, 7 tfl). While they lose six of the top 8 they return their top 2 sack-men in Slade Norris (9) and Victor Butler (10.5). They also went heavy with a JUCO infusion including Simi Kuli (PS#11JC). This unit is more experienced than you would think but will not be as tough vs the run as OSU led the NCAA in rush D last year and their 2.1 ypc allowed is the best in the modern era.

LINEBACKERS - OSU has had some excellent LB's and since 2002 six have been drafted. Riley takes a lot of pride in this group calling it the West Coast version of "LB U" saying his LB's all have the ability to rush the passer and drop back in coverage. Last year all three starters returned and were a big part of the reason OSU finished #1 in the NCAA in rush D. This year their losses are heavy. All 3 of the departing LB's earned 2nd Tm Pac-10 in SLB Derrick Doggett (13 st, 93 tkl, 14 tfl), MLB Alan Darlin (13 st, 62 tkl, 4 tfl) and WLB Joey LaRocque (13 st, 86 tkl, 10 tfl, #7DC CHI). This group is my biggest concern on the entire team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - OSU recorded 3 straight Top 10 finishes in my pass D rankings including #2 in 2004. They had to replace three 1st or 2nd Tm Pac-10 starters including both CB's in 2005. It was the first time since 1989 that OSU didn't have at least 2 starters returning and the Beavers dropped to #79. In 2006, all 4 starters returned and as expected, OSU moved up to #7. They had a streak of 22 straight games without an int by an OSU CB end late in the year. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm Pac-10 CB's but had 6 of the top 8 back. The experienced secondary finished #10 with a 20-22 ratio. This year the only losses are SS Daniel Drayton (10 st, 35 tkl) and CB Gerard Lawson (21 tkl). Normally losing the entire front 7 would have a big time impact on my pass D rankings but with the top pass rushers back and an experienced secondary, OSU should finish near the top again as their 2 CB's combine for 66 starts heading into 2008.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006, OSU was #4 in my ST rankings. K Alexis Serna, who won the Groza Award in '05, hit 22 of 29 (long of 58) and P Kyle Loomis (PS#33) avg 41.3. Sammie Stroughter was #2 in the Pac-10 in PR (15.7) and Coye Francies was #4 in KR (22.4). It looked like the Beavers would have one of the best ST again last year but Loomis unexpectedly quit in August, KR Francies was dismissed and PR Stroughter played in just 3. KR Gerard Lawson fumbled 3 straight vs UCLA and Serna avg just 35.4 (31.7 net, #111 NCAA) and had just 2 TB on 68 KO. They plummeted to #83. This year they lose Serna and LS Joel Cohen but did manage to RS P Kyle Harper. With Stroughter's return, the Beavers have a shot at improving.

COACHES - Mike Riley began the turnaround at OSU in 1997 as he inherited a team filled with players recruited for the wishbone. In his 2nd year he guided OSU to their first 5-win season in 27 years. Riley left in '99 to be the HC of the SD Chargers but returned to Corvallis in '03. Riley is 4-0 in bowls as a HC and 3-0 in bowls as an OC (USC). He also calls the plays on game day. Danny Langsdorf (ex-OC CFL Eskimos) is the OC (4th year). The DC is Mark Banker, who was the co-DC at Stanford in 2002 and the DB coach for Riley from 1997 to 2001.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Oregon St snapped a TWENTY-EIGHT year streak of losing seasons in 1999 and has had solid success this decade even finishing #4 in the final polls in 2000. The Beavers have turned Reser Stadium into a pit for opposing teams as they are 43-12 at home since '99. When Mike Riley returned in 2003, he inherited a team that went 4-4 in the Pac-10 and outgained foes by 67 ypg. OSU opened 5-1 and made it to their 4th bowl in 5 years. This time they outgained Pac-10 foes by 141.8 ypg. That was even better than co-National Champion USC despite their 4-4 league mark! OSU whipped New Mexico in their bowl 55-14. In 2004 they nearly defeated defending co-Nat'l Champ LSU in OT in Death Valley but opened the season just 1-4 and were blown out by Cal 49-7. They went 5-1 just to make a bowl then dispatched ND 38-21 in the Insight Bowl (5th bowl in six years). The 2004 squad faced the toughest schedule in the country. In 2005 they were the only team in the Pac-10 not to face USC. They suffered some tough losses and in the season finale, needing a win for a bowl, they were blown out by #10 Oregon 56-14. Despite their 3-5 conf record, they still outgained conf foes by 13.7 ypg (4th best) and were -14 in TO's. They started out 2006 just 2-3 suffering blowout losses to Boise and Cal and trailed Washington 17-10 at half. Their season turned around as they rallied for the win and then ended USC's streak of 27 straight Pac-10 wins. They finished 9-4 including a win at #24 Hawaii. In the bowl, trailing by 13 they rallied for a TD and 2 pt conv with :23 left to knock off Missouri. They finished with their 2nd best record in school history (#21 AP). Last year OSU had 15 returning starters but were -10 in TO's after 5 (2-3) but over the next 6 were +13 (5-1) in TO's. OSU suffered a tough home loss to UCLA fumbling 3 straight KR's. They dominated Arizona and knocked off #2 Cal on the road (Cal did have a backup QB). After a loss to USC they had a record crowd of 45,629 on hand and beat UW. OSU got 7 int to wax WSU 52-17 then vs Oregon (without starting QB Dixon), OSU won 38-31 in 2OT. If ASU had been picked for a BCS, OSU would have played in the Holiday Bowl but they slipped to the Emerald Bowl. They did have a crowd edge and won 21-14 keeping Riley's bowl record perfect. OSU finished 6-3 in the Pac-10 for the 2nd straight year (had not had 2 straight winning yrs in Pac-10 S/'69) but did only outscore Pac-10 foes by 3 ppg. Not only did they benefit from not facing some top-notch QB's, but also had 4 net close wins. OSU led the NCAA in rush defense (70.6 ypg). The run D is my main ? this year as they lose all starters from the defensive front 7 and their 10 returning starters are the 2nd fewest in the Pac-10 (UCLA, 9) and lowest here since 2001. The 2001 team opened #11 in the preseason polls but finished just 5-6. The offense looks strong and Riley is an outstanding coach but they won't match last year's 9 win total, especially with a non-conf slate that includes road games at Penn St and Utah.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 5 **SEAN CANFIELD JR.** 6-4 229 **PS#40**. 9 st LY, inj.1661 (58%) 9-15 ratio. 3 Lyle Moevao (5'11" 235 Jr) PS#185JC. 4 st, 9 gm LY, 876 (52%) 2-6. 12 **Ryan Katz PS#33**. In spg.

RB NA **Jacquizz Rodgers Fr.** 5-6 180 **PS#23**. Ryan McCants (6'1" 236 rFr) PS#138. Jeremy Francis PS#95JC. Patrick Fuller (5'11" 205 Sr) PS#65. Jovan Stevenson PS#109.

SL 8 **JAMES RODGERS SO.** 5-7 182 1st true, 586 rush (11.7), 208 rec (10.9). 29 Shane Morales (6'1" 203 Sr) JUCO. 115 (7.2) LY. 84 Taylor Kavanaugh (5'10" 170 Jr) 27 PR (6.9).

SE 19 **SAMMIE STROUGHTER SR.** 6-0 188 2nd Tm P10, 1293 (17.5). 14 st. 3 st (inj) LY, RS. 2 Chris Johnson (6'1" 193 Sr) 1 st 2Y, 11 rec. 80 Damola Adeniji (6'3" 219 Jr) JC. RS LY.

FL 15 **Darrell Catchings So.** 5-11 168 PS#183. 8 st true, 386 (11.7). Casey Kjos (6'2" 221 So) PS#282. Kyle Brown (6'4" 211 So) PS#114. Aaron Nichols (6'0" 179 So). Sam Oltman (6'1" 209 So).

TE 88 **HOWARD CROOM JR.** 6-3 249 PS#71. 13 st LY, 188 (9.4). 81 **Gabe Miller** (6'3" 235 So) **PS#8**. 7 st, 8 rec (15.5) rFr. Brady Camp (6'4" 262 So) 6 rec rFr. Joe Halahuni (6'2" 256 rFr) PS#28.

C 63 **Ryan Pohl So.** 6-3 288 PS#229. 2 st LT rFr. **Brent McNeil PS#79JC.** Marcus Henderson (6'5" 277 Sr) 2nd string 2Y. LS Alex Linnenkohl. LS/OG spg. Marcus Perry.

RG 51 **ADAM SPEER SR.** 6-3 301 PS#103. 1 st LG '06. 12 st LY (10 LG, 2 RG). 73 Gregg Peat (6'3" 299 Jr) 2 st RG LY. 61 Michael Lamb (6'3" 266 rFr). Ikaika Rodenhurst (6'4" 329 So).

LG 62 **JEREMY PERRY SR.** 6-2 334 11 st LG rFr, **Pac 10 co-Frosh Yr. 1st Tm P10** '06, 12 st. 3 st LY (inj). 60 Alex Linnenkohl (6'2" 289 So) PS#158. Nathan Hannah (6'2" 298 So).

RT 66 **ANDY LEVITRE SR.** 6-3 324 PS#144. 1 st rFr, 12 st '06. 13 st LY (9RT, 4LT). Viliamu Nau PS#323JC. 72 "Timi" Oshinowo (6'6" 296 So). 50 Mike Remmers (6'4" 283 rFr).

LT NA **Jon Ioane Jr.** 6-5 340 **PS#69JC.** Michael Cole (6'6" 281 Sr) **PS#95JC. Tavita Thompson** (6'6" 308 Sr). 7 st LT til inel LY. Inel til Nov. Wilder McAndrews (6'4" 259 So).

K 27 **Justin Kahut So.** 5-8 160 9 of 16 FG HS, long 52, 46 TB on 64 KO. 1-1 FG, 3-3 xp rFr. 7 Jake Webber (6'4" 192 So). Sean Sehnem. 15-20 FG, 20-23 xp at WNM in 2006.

DE NA **Simi Kuli Jr.** 6-4 270 **PS#11JC.** 58 **Slade Norris** (6'3" 245 Sr) PS#125WR. 16 tkl, **9 sk** '07. 74 Kevin Frahm (6'2" 249 rFr) PS#83. 79 Tom Hansen (6'1" 239 So) PS#71LB.

DT NA **Stephen Paea So.** 6-2 295 PS#204JC in spg. 92 Mitchel Hunt (6'2" 271 So) PS#215. 85 Latu Moala (6'1" 292 Jr) PS#174JC. RS LY. Jesse Fifita (6'1" 283 Fr) PS#451.

DT 99 **Pernnell Booth Sr.** 6-1 303 PS#251, 1 st, 9 tkl '06. 11 tkl, 3 tfl LY. Sioeli Nau (6'2" 312 Jr) **PS#214JC.** 61 "Tonu" Tuimalealiifano (6'1" 259 rFr) PS#451. Brennan Olander (6'1" 294 So).

DE 90 **Victor Butler Sr.** 6-2 235 17 tkl, 3.5 sk '06. 1 st DE, 25 tkl, **10.5 sk LY!** 70 Keith Robertson (6'2" 260 Sr) PS#64JC. 2 tkl LY. Ben Terry (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#114JC. Carl Sommer **PS#22TE.**

SLB 32 **Keaton Kristick Jr.** 6-3 227 PS#92. 17 tkl, 1 sk true. 15 tkl LY. 12 Isaiah Cook (6'2" 211 Sr) PS#89. 29 tkl 3Y. 56 Eric Moala Liava'a PS#184DB. Dennis Christopher (6'1" 217 Sr).

MLB 41 **Bryant Cornell Sr.** 6-1 235 PS#164RB. 1 st, 24 tkl, 2 tfl '06. 13 tkl LY. Walker Vave (6'2" 237 So) PS#347. Will Darkins (6'1" 233 rFr) PS#92. Keo Camat (6'2" 230 So) PS#308.

WLB 59 **Dwight Roberson So.** 6-0 235 PS#79. 12 tkl rFr. 35 Keith Pankey (6'0" 208 So) PS#427. 10 tkl true. 34 David Pa'aluhi (5'11" 225 rFr). Anthony Watkins (6'1" 210 Fr) PS#128 '07.

CB 8 **KEENAN LEWIS SR.** 6-1 197 34 st 3Y, 82 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu. 21 Tim Clark (6'0" 175 Jr) 3 st, 32 tkl, 8 pbu LY. 17 Brandon Hardin (6'2" 208 rFr) PS#274. Brian Watkins (5'9" 174 Fr).

CB 36 **BRANDON HUGHES SR.** 5-11 182 **2nd Tm P10**. 32 st, 3Y, 133 tkl, 2 int, **25 pbu**. 4 James Dockery (6'1" 174 So) PS#143WR. 12 tkl rFr. 2 David Ross (6'0" 184 rFr) PS#52.

SS 9 **AL AFALAVA SR.** 5-11 215 9 st FS '06, 35 tkl, 13 st LY, 64 tkl. Lance Mitchell (6'2" 202 rFr) PS#113WR. 40 Cameron Collins (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#130. Austin Hall (5'10" 197 Sr) 9 tkl, 13 gm.

FS 23 **Bryan Payton Sr.** 6-2 231 **PS#25**. 6 st 2Y, 73 tkl, 3 int. Greg Laybourn (5'10" 205 Sr) 2 st, 49 tkl LY. Suaesi Tuimaunei (6'1" 206 So). Patrick Henderson (5'10" 185 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y.

P 18 **Kyle Harper rFr.** 6-0 197 Almost took off RS in '07. Sean Sehnem (5'11" 195 Jr) Div II Western New Mexico '06. Johnny Hekker PS#157QB. 36.7 avg in HS. Walk-on.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Simi Kuli 6-4 270 PS#11JC
RB	Jacquizz Rodgers 5-6 180 PS#23
OL	Earvin "Una" Smiley 6-6 280 PS#64JC '07
OL	Jon Ioane 6-5 340 PS#69JC
OL	Brent McNeil 6-3 325 PS#79JC
RB	Jeremy Francis 6-1 220 PS#95JC
DL	Ben Terry 6-3 240 PS#114JC
QB	Ryan Katz 6-2 194 PS#33
DL	Stephen Paea 6-2 295 PS#204JC
WR	Kevan Walker 6-1 186 PS#88
RB	Jovan Stevenson 5-11 195 PS#109
LB	Tony Wilson 6-1 207 PS#109
WR	Jordan Bishop 6-3 195 PS#121
OL	Viliamu Nau 6-6 330 PS#323JC
WR	Geno Munoz 6-0 180 PS#127
OL	Colin Lyons-Pena 6-4 307 PS#207
K	Johnny Hekker 6-5 200 PS#157QB
DL	Colin Kelly 6-5 250 PS#383OL
DL	Anthony Sila'ata 6-2 320 PS#378
RB	Keynan Parker 6-0 183 PS#391
LB	Kameron Krebs 6-2 210 PS#500
TE	Kevin Pankey 6-5 255 PS#473OL '07
LS	Marcus Perry 6-1 225 PS#606OL '07

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#5

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	at Stanford (Thur)	G					
Sep. 6	at Penn St	G					
Sep. 13	Hawaii	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 25	USC (Thur)	A					
Oct. 2	at Utah (Thur)	A					
Oct. 11	Washington St	A					
Oct. 18	at Washington	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	Arizona St (HC)	A					
Nov. 8	at UCLA	G					
Nov. 15	California	A					
Nov. 22	at Arizona	G					
Nov. 29	Oregon	A					

Beavers have allowed just 134 rush yds on 137 att's (1.0 ypc) the L5Y vs Stanford. OSU has lost their L/5 road openers but has won 6 of their L/7 vs the Cardinal.

First meeting. Oregon St is 13-26-1 all-time vs the Big Ten last playing Michigan in '86. The Beavers are 0-7 in reg season road games vs current non-conf BCS teams.

The Beavers have won 24 in a row at home vs non-conf opponents (Riley 15-0). OSU is 4-3 vs Hawaii including a win in 2006, first matchup in Corvallis.

2006's win over #3 USC was the highest ranked tm OSU has beaten since they upset the then #1 Trojans in Corvallis back in '67. USC has won 31 of the L/33 games.

The Beavers are 23-16-1 all-time vs current MWC tms including LY's defeat of the Utes in Corvallis where OSU held Utah to just 196 total yds (18 rush yds, 0.6 ypc).

LY Oregon St forced 8 Cougar TO's (7 int) on their way to a 52-17 rout of WSU. The Beavers have won 3 of the last 4 at home vs WSU (but lost in '06).

The Huskies owned this series from '75-'03 winning 25 of the 27 games against the Beavers but OSU has now won the last 4 including 3 games played in Seattle.

Last year Oregon St blew a 19-0, 1Q lead to the Sun Devils losing 44-32. The home team is 7-1 but OSU is just 3-19-1 vs ASU since 1980.

Oregon St HC Mike Riley has never beaten UCLA as he is 0-9 including 4 losses when he was John Robinson's DC at USC. OSU has dropped 5 straight by an avg of 21 ppg.

Riley began his coaching career with Cal back in '75 as a graduate assistant. The HT has now dropped 5 straight in this series including OSU's upset of #2 Cal LY.

OSU held Arizona to just 9 yds rushing (0.3 ypc) LY as the Beavers jumped out to a 24-3 1Q lead. OSU has now won 8 of 9 vs the Wildcats including 3 straight in Tucson.

The HT in this series has won 10 of the L/11. 2006's 2 pt OSU win was the closest "Civil War" margin since the '95 season (largest Corvallis crowd in Reser Stadium history).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Derek Anderson 11,249 '01-'04
2. Jonathan Smith 9,680 '98-'01
3. Erik Wilhelm 9,383 '85-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ken Simonton 5,044 '98-'01
2. Yvenson Bernard 3,862 '04-'07
3. Steven Jackson 3,625 '01-'03

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Hass 3,924 '02-'05
2. James Newson 3,572 '00-'03
3. Reggie Bynum 2,231 '82-'85

MIKE RILEY (Career 47-38)

8th Year at Oregon St ('97-'98 & '03-'07) — Riley's Bowl Record: 4-0

Riley's records AT OREGON ST

47-38	Straight Up	2-9	Vs Top 10
28-16	Home	6-19	Vs Top 25
15-22	Away	4-3	Vs BCS Teams
4-0	Neutral	11-2	Off A Bye
26-32	Vs Conference	17-19	Off A Loss

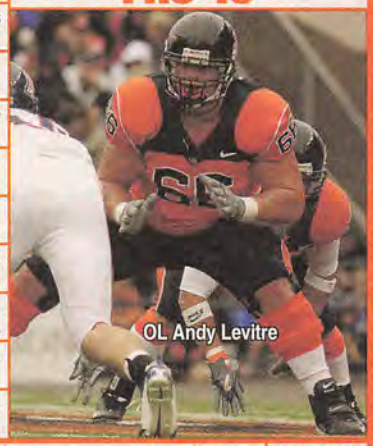
2007 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (24,21,0)
Lost: 24 (10,12,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,374 (#57)

PAC-10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STADIUM: RESER STADIUM (45,674) (#66)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	5-6	8-5	8-5	7-5	5-6	10-4	9-4	63-36
Home	6-0	4-1	6-1	6-1	3-2	3-3	5-2	5-1	38-11
Away	4-1	1-5	2-3	1-4	3-3	2-3	4-2	3-3	20-24
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	5-1
vs Conf	7-1	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	3-5	6-3	6-3	38-28
vs Non-Conf	4-0	2-1	4-1	4-1	2-2	2-1	4-1	3-1	25-8
ATS	9-2	5-5	6-6	5-7	8-4	3-6-1	7-6	8-4	51-40-1
Home Fav (Dennis Erickson)	4-0	1-1	5-1	2-4	2-1	1-2-1	2-1	4-1	21-11-1
Home Dog (Mike Riley)	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-0	4-5
Away Fav	0-2	0-2	1-3	0-2	3-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	7-11
Away Dog	3-0	3-1	0-1	2-1	1-2	1-3	2-1	2-2	14-11
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	4-2
vs Conf	7-1	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-2	3-5	5-4	6-3	39-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-2	3-1	1-3	2-2	0-1-1	2-2	2-1	12-13-1
Off SU Win	8-2	2-2	5-3	3-4	5-1	1-3-1	4-5	5-3	33-23-1
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-2	1-3	2-3	2-3	2-3	3-1	2-1	16-16

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Insight		-2'	Pittsburgh - #24	13-38
03	Las Vegas		-2	New Mexico	55-14
04	Insight		-4	Notre Dame	38-21
06	Sun - #24		-3'	Missouri	39-38
07	Emerald		-5	Maryland	21-14

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OREGON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	27.8	19	175	4.2	197	56.2	13.3	0	2007	8	22.6	16	71	2.1	236	53.2	13.5
9*	27.8	19	118	3.5	242	60.9	13.0	+8	2006	7	22.2	18	110	3.5	224	54.2	15.0
7	26.6	22	123	3.2	296	58.2	15.7	-14	2005	6	33.2	20	108	3.1	299	52.7	12.3
4*	26.7	20	71	2.2	309	53.9	14.2	+3	2004	7	24.5	19	117	3.4	196	43.9	12.8
9*	33.3	24	135	3.3	328	51.3	13.9	-8	2003	5	23.2	16	84	2.5	204	44.1	12.5
7	31.8	20	149	3.9	263	47.2	12.9	+8	2002	8	20.5	18	94	2.6	199	48.7	14.3

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Yvenson Bernard	275	1276	62	1214	13	4.4
James Rodgers	50	594	8	586	3	11.7
Matt Sieverson	85	369	25	344	2	4.0
Clinton Polk	34	193	6	187	3	5.5
Patrick Fuller	10	43	3	40	1	4.0
Lyle Moevao	20	50	65	-15	2	-0.8
Sean Canfield	36	60	175	-115	0	-3.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Sean Canfield	286	165	57.7	1661	9	15
Lyle Moevao	147	77	52.4	876	2	6
Ryan Gunderson	5	4	80.0	20	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Anthony Brown	39	550	14.1	1	41	
Darrell Catchings	33	386	11.7	1	32	
Brandon Powers	31	312	10.1	0	35	
Sammie Stroughter	15	262	17.5	2	48	
James Rodgers	19	208	10.9	1	25	
Howard Croom	20	188	9.4	3	18	
Yvenson Bernard	36	179	5.0	1	21	
Gabe Miller	8	124	15.5	1	36	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Alexis Serna	81	2866	35.4	14	31.7	2	19
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Alexis Serna	38-38	4-4	7-10	5-9	2-4	18-27	52
Justin Kahut	3-3	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Derrick Doggett	93	3	11	3	4
Joey LaRocque	86	3	7	3	2
Al Afalava	64	1	2	3	0
Alan Darlin	62	2	2	3	0
Brandon Hughes	57	0	7	12	2
Greg Laybourn	49	0	0.5	4	2
Jeff Van Orsow	43	2	5.5	1	1
Dorian Smith	42	6	4	0	0
Daniel Drayton	35	0	3	1	1
Tim Clark	32	0	1.5	8	1
Victor Butler	25	10.5	2	4	1
Bryan Payton	23	0	1	4	1
William 'Akau'ola Vea	23	3.5	7	0	0
Gerard Lawson	21	0	0	0	2
Curtis Coker	19	1.5	1	0	0
Gerard Lee	19	1	3	0	0
Slade Norris	16	9	1	0	0
Keenan Lewis	15	0	0	2	3
Keaton Kristick	15	0	0	1	0
Bryant Cornell	13	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Taylor Kavanaugh	27	186	6.9	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Gerard Lawson	49	1085	22.1	0
James Rodgers	5	122	24.4	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

OSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
40,409	Utah	18	44-241	5.5	12-30	129	1	12	30-18	0.6	17-37	178	5	-2
25,020	at Cincinnati	17	21-36	1.7	32-54	274	1	14	33-30	0.9	15-23	199	3	-5
38,491	Idaho St	29	40-175	4.4	29-42	432	3	18	28-35	1.3	24-40	300	2	+3
56,099	at Arizona St	28	32-190	5.9	28-48	324	1	19	36-35	1.0	25-36	361	4	-4
41,137	UCLA	15	38-102	2.7	22-35	146	3	17	50-133	2.7	14-25	220	3	-2
40,489	Arizona	19	41-187	4.6	20-35	164	1	15	27-9	0.3	18-38	222	8	+1
63,995	at California	17	42-153	3.6	18-33	186	1	23	39-184	4.7	20-37	294	3	+2
42,089	Stanford	15	44-173	3.9	14-21	142	6	12	25-(-8)	-0.3	16-32	189	5	+4
85,713	at USC	12	37-91	2.5	11-28	85	9	16	36-100	2.8	20-34	187	2	0
45,629	Washington	18	55-219	4.0	10-22	109	3	14	31-85	2.7	16-39	249	4	-2
22,660	at Wash St	18	49-218	4.4	17-30	213	2	18	30-83	2.8	21-46	314	2	+8
59,050	at Oregon	23	44-214	4.9	20-37	245	0	21	57-195	3.4	13-28	144	1	-2
32,517	† Maryland	24	54-275	5.1	13-23	108	5	11	25-19	0.8	17-29	205	2	-1
TOTALS		253	541-2274	4.2	246-438	2557	36	210	447-918	2.1	236-444	3062	44	0
AVERAGES		19.5	42-175	4.2	19-34	197	2.8	16.2	34-71	2.1	18-34	236	3.4	0.0

2003 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Sacramento St	NL	40-7
–	at Fresno St	-8'	14-16
–	New Mexico St	-21'	28-16
–	Boise St	-5'	26-24
–	Arizona St	-6	45-17
–	at California	+1	35-21
#22	Washington	-10'	17-38
–	at Washington St - #7	+7'	30-36
–	Arizona	-22'	52-23
–	Stanford	-14'	43-3
–	at Oregon	-3	20-34
–	at USC - #2	+21'	28-52

2004 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at LSU - #4	+17'	21-22 OT
–	at Boise St	+8	34-53
–	New Mexico	-13'	17-7
–	at Arizona St - #22	+7'	14-27
–	California - #10	+7	7-49
–	at Washington	-7	29-14
–	Washington St	-8	38-19
–	at Arizona	-7	28-14
–	USC - #1	+18	20-28
–	at Stanford	-2	24-19
–	Oregon	-3'	50-21

2005 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Portland St	NL	41-14
–	Boise St	-3	30-27
–	at Louisville - #11	+13'	27-63
–	Arizona St - #18	+6'	24-42
–	Washington St	-1'	44-33
–	at California - #18	+15'	23-20
–	at UCLA - #8	+9'	28-51
–	Arizona	-9'	27-29
–	at Washington	-3	18-10
–	Stanford	-6	17-20
–	at Oregon - #10	+13	14-56

2006 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #21 Score
–	E Washington	NL	56-17
–	at Boise St	+7'	14-42
–	Idaho	-25'	38-0
–	California - #20	+9	13-41
–	Washington St	+3	6-13
–	at Washington	+9'	27-17
–	at Arizona	-2'	17-10
–	USC - #3	+10	33-31
–	Arizona St	-2	44-10
–	at UCLA	-1'	7-25
–	at Stanford	-14'	30-7
–	Oregon	-3	30-28
–	at Hawaii - #24	+8	35-32

2007 RESULTS

OSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #25 Score
–	Utah	-6'	24-7
–	at Cincinnati	-3'	3-34
–	Idaho St	NL	61-10
–	at Arizona St	+11	32-44
–	UCLA	-2'	14-40
–	Arizona	-3	31-16
–	at California - #2	+14	31-28
–	Stanford	-13'	23-6
–	at USC - #13	+15	3-24
–	Washington	-5	29-23
–	at Washington St	+3	52-17
–	at Oregon - #18	E	38-31 2OT

UCLA BRUINS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 BYU transfer Ben Olson (PS#1), who had thrown just 4 passes since he last played in HS ('01), battled Patrick Cowan (PS#157) for the starting job. Olson hit 25 of 33 for 318 in the opener but then struggled and was injured. Cowan started 8 and threw for 1,782 (52.5%) with an 11-9 ratio while Olson threw for 822 (63.7%) and a 5-5 ratio. Both returned in '07 and they moved 3rd string QB Osaar Rasshan (PS#23) to WR and wanted to RS true frosh Chris Forcier (PS#14). McLeod Bethel-Thompson, a rFr walk-on (PS#187) was 3rd string. Cowan suffered a torn hamstring in August. Olson began the season as the starter. He threw for 286 yards and a 5-0 ratio vs Stanford but struggled in the next 2 completing 48.5% of his passes with an 0-4 ratio. He was injured vs Utah (conc) and Cowan started vs UW. Olson returned to start the next 2 until he was injured again. All told, four QB's started due to injuries and ineffectiveness (see Hardcore). This year Bethel-Thompson transferred, Cowan tore his ACL in the spring (out for season) and Olson broke a bone in his foot in April and will be out 6-8 weeks. If Olson returns healthy he will battle Kevin Craft (PS#51JC) and Forcier. Despite the unexpected losses, the Bruins could improve as last year they combined to hit just 47.6% with a 13-15 ratio.

RUNNING BACKS - Maurice Jones-Drew led in rushing for 3 straight years ('03-'05) including 914 (4.9) in '05. In the bowl Chris Markey rushed for 161 and true frosh Kahlil Bell (PS#88WR) added 136. On the season Markey was #2 with 561 (5.1) and Bell was #3 with 310 (6.0). FB Michael Pitre added 69 (4.6). In 2006 Jones-Drew (#2DC JAX) left and Markey became the first Bruin to lead in both rushing yds (1107, 4.9) and rec (35) since Kermit Alexander in 1962. Bell played in just 7 (inj's) but was #2 with 239 (4.0). True frosh FB Chane Moline (PS#33) added 101 (3.1). Last year Raymond Carter (PS#14) was lost in August (ACL). Bell opened with 195 vs Stanford and in the first 8 rushed for 795 (5.6) but was lost for the year (ACL). Markey got seven starts but suffered from turf toe. He got 117 in the bowl and finished #2 with 715 (4.1). FB Michael Pitre (9 st '06) missed most of 2007and Moline rushed for 196 (3.6). Against Arizona, walk-on Craig Sheppard (6'1" 193 Jr, PS#183) got his first career snaps and he finished the season with 133 (4.8). This year they lose Markey, Derrick Williams and Pitre, who was not granted a 6th year. Kahlil Bell is a ? (inj, may RS) but the Bruins get in a pair of VHT true frosh and Carter returns. Despite the losses, if this unit stays healthy, they could increase production.

RECEIVERS - In 2005 TE Marcedes Lewis won the John Mackey Award and led with 741 (12.8) while the top WR was Joe Cowan (469, 13.4). Cowan missed '06 and the top returnee was Marcus Everett (390, 12.2). Everett only started 8 but still led in '06 with 450 (14.5) while Brandon Breazell was #2 with 389 (18.5). Last year Breazell led with 810 (15.9) while Cowan had 405 (14.0). Top TE Logan Paulsen had 144 (12.0). Everett played in 4 and took a Med RS (10 rec). This year they lose their top 2 in Cowan (10 st) and Breazell (10 st) as well as TE William Snead (8 st, 3 rec). QB/WR Osaar Rasshan could also return full-time. Not listed in the 3 deep below are David Martini (6'1" 197 rFr, PS#136), Alex Pearlstone (6'0" 177 Jr, track tm), Ryan Graves (6'1" 167 Sr, PS#50), Ben Bruneau (6'0" 204 rFr, PS#243), Ryal Jagd (6'3" 187 rFr) and TE's Glenn Rauscher (6'3" 223 rFr), Travis Martin (6'3" 242 Sr) and Adam Heater (6'5" 246 Jr, PS#25). Despite the losses, this unit could have more production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 UCLA had 3 starters returning and the unit missed only 1 start all year but surprisingly the ypc dropped to 3.9 (21 sk, 5.3%). Last year they had 9 of the top 10 back but lost OL coach Jim Colletto to the NFL. Returning starter Aleksey Lanis lost his spot but still started 6 taking over at LT for Micah Kia at the end of the season. Just one player started all 13 at the same position but it was still surprising that the veteran unit slipped to 3.7 ypc rush while allowing 36 sacks (9.3%). This year the Bruins lose C Chris Joseph (13 st, 2Y st'r), LG Shannon Tevaga (10 st, 4Y st'r), LT Lanis (6 st), RG Noah Sutherland (6 st, lost job, 2Y st'r), RT Brian Abraham (12 st) and LG PJ Irvin (2 st, 8 gm). Their 16 returning '07 starts ranks #114 in IA and they bring in a new OL coach in Bob Palcic who said "we're thin, we're young, we're inexperienced."

DT Brigham Harwell

DEFENSIVE LINE - HC Karl Dorrell played a lot of frosh in 2004 and 2005 as former HC Toledo had gone two years without recruiting a DL. In 2005, they yielded 233 ypg rush (5.4 ypc), their worst numbers in more than 15 years. They had 7 of the top 8 DL's back in '06 and I called them one of the most improved DL's in the NCAA. They were just that as they amazingly allowed just 91 ypg rush (2.8!). Last year they had 7 of the top 8 back, six of whom had starting experience. They did lose DT Brigham Harwell in the 2nd game while Jess Ward missed 4 with a knee injury (6 st). DE Nikola Dragovic was lost after 2 st and true frosh Brian Price (PS#13) appeared headed for a RS but ended up starting 5 of the last 6. UCLA allowed just 109 ypg rush (3.0) while the D recorded 39 sacks. This year they must replace 2nd Tm Pac-10 DE Bruce Davis (13 st, 45 tkl, 12 sk, #3DC PIT), DT Kevin Brown (13 st, 41 tkl, 4 sk) and DE Dragovic (4 tkl). Not even listed in the 3 deep below is Nathaniel Skaggs (6'4" 300 Sr) who had 1 start in '05. They have 8 with starting experience and despite having to replace their top two DL's, still have a strong unit.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the three players that started the opener had a combined 5 career starts. Last year the unit had all 3 starters back. SLB Aaron Whittington lost his starting job to Kyle Bosworth. This year they lose MLB Christian Taylor (12 st, 80 tkl, 12.5 tfl) and Whittington (6 st, 42 tkl, 4 tfl). They have 3 back with 8 or more career starts and add in two VHT rFr and 2 VHT true frosh. Despite the loss of the #3 tackler, this unit is on par with 2007.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bruins had finished among my top 50 pass D's in every year since 1997. After a #27 finish in 2004, UCLA had just 8 int in 2005 and dropped to #58. In 2006 they had to replace 2 starters and the unit only had 2 VHT's but they still moved up to #23. Last year they had 4 veteran senior starters and were #16. Rodney Van lost his spot to Alterraun Verner. This year they lose CB Trey Brown (13 st, 62 tkl, 5 int, 18 pbu), CB Van (6 st, 22 tkl), 1st Tm Pac-10 SS Chris Horton (13 st, 90 tkl, 7 tfl, #7DC WAS), FS Dennis Keyes (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 3 int) and CB Matthew Slater (25 tkl, 1 sk, #5DC NE). Neuheisel signed 4 VHT DB's and perhaps all of them could find their way on to the field. Four of the 11 DB's in spring were walk-ons.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bruins did well under Dorrell and were the only team in the country to finish in the top of my ST rankings in each of the last 4 years (#7 '07). Last year's group was a veteran unit with the only loss being their outstanding K Justin Medlock (28 of 32 FG, '06). Kai Forbath (PS#1) stepped in and hit 25 of 30 including 5 of 5 from 50+ (long 54). He did have a game winning FG att blocked in the bowl. P Aaron Perez (PS#4) improved his net to 37.7. KR Matt Slater (29.0) had an amazing 3 TD's and Terrence Austin was a solid PR (10.0). This year they lose Slater but have a shot at a 5th straight top 10 finish especially bringing in new ST coach Frank Gansz Jr.

COACHES - Karl Dorrell was the Pac-10 co-Coach of the Year in 2005 and his 5 year career had its ups and downs. Dorrell seemed to do best when less was expected as 14 times his teams lost SU as a favorite but they did have some memorable upsets. They made a controversial hire in Rick Neuheisel. In stops at Colorado and Washington, Neuheisel's teams were 38-10 in his first 2 years when he was playing with his predecessor's players but 28-20 in the rest of his career. Also, both schools were in trouble with the NCAA after he left. He was the OC for Baltimore (NFL) last year. Neuheisel does have the best set of coordinators in the NCAA in OC Norm Chow and DC DeWayne Walker. Chow interviewed for the HC spot and the NFL Titans still owe him 2 years on his contract giving UCLA a million dollar coach on an asst coach's salary. Walker enters his 3rd year as the DC. He was the interim HC for the bowl and should have had a victory (blocked FG). Walker also interviewed for the HC spot.

PHIL'S FORECAST

At one time USC and UCLA used to battle it out annually for the Pac-10 Title. Just a decade ago the Bruins' program was clearly ahead of the Trojans. From 2000-'04, however, UCLA was just 19-21 in Pac-10 play. In 2005 they managed a 6-2 record in the Pac-10 despite being outgained by 72.9 ypg. At one point they stood 8-0 and were talking National Title and an unbeaten showdown with USC. They were aided by four 4Q comebacks and finished 10-2. In 2006 UCLA had just 12 returning starters and had to replace their OC, top QB, RB and TE. They also lost new starting QB Ben Olson in the 5th game to injury. Dorrell appeared on his way out with the team at 6-5 and facing #2 ranked USC at home, a game the Trojans needed to win to advance to the National Title game. UCLA pulled the improbable 13-9 upset, to finish with a winning record but did drop their bowl game to Fla St. Last year the Bruins had 20 starters returning (most in NCAA) and big things were expected. It was an injury plagued season, especially at QB where their options at one point were a 4th string walk-on QB or a converted WR. When healthy, UCLA did put up 624 yards vs Stanford in the opener. They were outgained by BYU (the 1st time) 435-236 the next week but prevailed 27-17. They stunningly lost to Utah 44-6 despite only being outgained by 13 yards. UCLA rebounded with a win over Washington and then trailing Oreg St, WR Breazell broke a TD run and OSU then fumbled the KO three consecutive times resulting in a 40-14 Bruin win. They outgained Notre Dame 282-140 but lost. The next week UCLA upset #10 ranked Cal 30-21 with a game clinching 76 yd IR TD in the final 2:00. With a banged up QB Cowan they lost at WSU and with WR Rasshan at QB lost to Arizona. After losing to #9 ASU at home, they beat Oregon, who was without Heisman candidate QB Dixon, 16-0. It was UO's first shutout loss in 22 years. Amazingly had 6-5 UCLA upset USC and ASU lost, they could have landed in the Rose Bowl but they lost to their cross-town rival 24-7. They fired Dorrell and with DC DeWayne Walker as the interim HC in the bowl, they had a 28 yd FG att blocked on the last play in a 17-16 loss. UCLA has just 9 returning starters and it may be less than that as QB Cowan is lost for the season and QB Olson is questionable. Both suffered injuries on the same during in the spring. With a non-conf schedule that includes Tenn, BYU and Fresno it will be tough to top last year's 6 win total.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

QB 3 **KEVIN CRAFT JR.** 6-5 210 PS#51JC. Good mobility. 7 **Ben Olson** (6'4" 235 Sr) **PS#1**. 10 st 3Y (inj) 1873 (55%) 12-11 ratio. **Chris Forcier** (6'3" 185 rFr) **PS#14.**

RB NA **Aundre Dean Fr.** 6-1 210 **PS#6.** 36 **Kahlil Bell** (6'0" 206 Sr) PS#88WR. 5 st, 795 (5.6) until ACL LY. Raymond Carter (5'11" 202 rFr) **PS#14**. Christian Ramirez (6'3" 211 Jr) 98 (5.2) LY.

FB 42 **CHANE MOLINE JR.** 6-1 235 PS#33. 1 st TB 2Y, 297 (3.4). Trevor Theriot (6'0" 233 Jr) 6 st, 13 gm, 11 yd rec LY. Tobi Umodu (6'0" 235 So) PS#34LB. Dylan Rush (6'4" 238 So) PS#17TE.

WR 9 **Marcus Everett Sr.** 6-1 212 PS#76DB. 10 st '04-'05, 500 yd (12.2). 8 st '06, 450 (14.5). RS LY. 4 **Terrence Austin** (5'10" 160 Jr) **PS#9**. 248 (14.6) LY. 5 Jamil Turner (6'1" 204 Jr) PS#77.

WR 19 **Dominique Johnson So.** 6-3 208 PS#41. 3 st rFr, 322 (12.9). 11 **Osaar Rasshan** (6'4" 214 Jr) **PS#23QB**. 3 st QB LY, 399 ttl yd. 18 Gavin Ketchum (6'5" 209 Jr) 3 st, 210 (13.1) '05-'06. 5 rec LY, inj.

TE 86 **LOGAN PAULSEN SR.** 6-6 252 PS#88DL. 12 st '06. 331 (12.3). 1 3 st LY, 144 (12.0). 89 **Nate Chandler** (6'3" 265 rFr) **PS#7**. 15 Ryan Moya (6'4" 229 Jr). 5 st 2Y, 279 (12.7). RS LY.

C 58 **MICAH REED SR.** 6-4 316 10 gm '06 backup. L/8 st LY (7RG, 1LG). 68 Scott Glicksberg (6'4" 269 Sr) PS#339. 1 st, 10 gm TE LY. **LS** 52 Christian Yount (6'1" 250 So) 13 gm as true.

RG 75 **Nick Ekbatani Jr.** 6-4 290 PS#245JC. 4 gm '06. RS LY. 55 Sonny Tevaga (6'3" 337 So) **PS#84**. Scout tm rFr. 61 Andy Keane (6'2" 284 So) **PS#61**. +15 lbs in spg.

LG 77 **Darius Savage So.** 6-4 338 PS#86DL. 12 gm ST rFr. 57 Jake Dean (6'4" 286 So) **PS#48**. 50 Aaron Meyer (6'1" 296 Sr) PS#147. 4 gm, 12 snap at C in '06. DNP LY.

RT 72 **Sean Sheller So.** 6-5 282 **PS#44**. MCL as true, Med RS. 2nd string LY. Travelled with team but DNP. 65 Mike Harris (6'5" 311 rFr) PS#129. Jeff Baca is **PS#89**.

LT 73 **Micah Kia Jr.** 6-6 298 **PS#47**. 13 gm as true, 2nd string. 8 st LT '07 13 gm. 68 Brandon Bennett (6'4" 319 So) PS#86. Connor Bradford is PS#166.

K 15 **KAI FORBATH SO.** 6-0 197 **PS#1**. Hit super 25-30 FG as rFr, incl **5-5 from 50+!** Long of 54. Jeff Locke **PS#2**. 63 yd FG HS. Jimmy Rotstein (5'11" 174 Jr) 68 KO LY.

DEFENSE

DE 55 **Korey Bosworth Jr.** 6-1 235 PS#149LB. 7 tkl rFr. 3 st LY, 34 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **Kenneth Lombard** (6'2" 237 Sr) PS#65. 7 st 4Y, 43 tkl, 6.5 tfl. Datone Jones **PS#22**. Chinonso Anyanwu (6'4" 216 Jr) 1 sk LY.

DT 92 **Brian Price So.** 6-1 297 **PS#13**. Miss first 3 (elig). 5 st true. 2nd Tm Fr AA, 14 tkl, 7 tfl, 52 Jess Ward (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#275. 6 st LY, 3.5 tfl (inj). Jeff Miller (6'5" 259 So) PS#62.

DT 93 **BRIGHAM HARWELL SR.** 6-2 292 **PS#10LB**. 4 st true, 22 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st '05, 35 tkl 11.5 tfl. 12 st '06, 31 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 90 Jerzy Siewierski (6'2" 285 Jr) PS#152. 13 tkl LY. Justin Edison (6'3" 244 rFr) PS#256.

DE 56 **TOM BLAKE SR.** 6-4 259 5.5 sk UC Davis '05. 8 st DE LY, 32 tkl, 3 sk, 3.5 tfl. 91 Reginald Stokes (6'3" 250 So) PS#149. **Chase Moline** (6'2" 252 Sr) 9 st '05, 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Inj L2Y.

SLB 54 **KYLE BOSWORTH SR.** 6-1 222 PS#150. 1 st '06, 13 tkl. 7 st LY, 74 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 John Hale (6'4" 220 Sr) PS#322. **7 st '05**. 3 st '06. 48 tkl 3Y. 48 Mike Schmitt (6'0" 224 So) PS#465JC. RS LY.

MLB 51 **REGGIE CARTER JR.** 6-1 221 PS#114. 12 st WLB rFr, 48 tkl. 8 st LY, 62 tkl, 12 tfl. 43 Steve Sloan (6'3" 225 rFr) PS#49. Michael Lutu (6'1" 233 So). Jordan Woolbright (6'1" 217 rFr).

WLB 40 **Akeem Ayers rFr.** 6-2 231 **PS#20**. 53 Joshua Edwards (6'1" 232 Sr) 20 tkl at UC Davis '05. 13 gm here LY, 9 tkl, 1 tfl. 37 Lucas Barbosa (6'1" 223 rFr) PS#356.

CB 7 **Courtney Viney rFr.** 5-8 153 **PS#50**. Solid on Scout Tm LY. 22 Michael Norris (5'9" 177 Sr) PS#405. 1 st LY, 13 tkl, 1 pbu. Anthony Dye **PS#41**. 29 Terry O'Neal (6'0" 193 rFr).

CB 1 **ALTERRAUN VERNER JR.** 5-11 176 PS#125. 1 st true, 59 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu, **Co-Pac10 Fr Yr**. 11 st LY, 75 tkl, 4 int, **15 pbu**. Aaron Hester **PS#18**. Chris Meadows (5'11" 175 Sr) PS#176.

SS 25 **Bret Lockett Sr.** 6-2 204 PS#80. 9 tkl '05-'06. 1 st '07, 12 tkl, 2 pbu. EJ Woods **PS#23**. 35 Matt Culver (6'2" 201 Sr) PS#240. 4 gm. 21 Garrett Rubio (5'9" 186 So).

FS 27 **Aaron Ware Jr.** 6-0 193 **PS#18**. 11 tkl, 26 gm 2Y. **Rahim Moore** is **PS#4**. 29 Glenn Love (6'4" 207 rFr) PS#213. 32 Michael Ciaccio (6'0" 173 So). Mike Angelo (6'1" 191 Jr).

P 17 **AARON PEREZ SR.** 6-4 229 **PS#4**. 54 punt rFr, 39.9 avg, 35.6 net. 62 punts '06, 42.6, net 36.1. 91 punt LY, 42.3, **37.7 net!** 38 Danny Rees (6'3" 175 So). Jeff Locke 43.3 in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Rahim Moore 6-2 185 PS#4
RB	Aundre Dean 6-1 210 PS#6
RB	Milton Knox 5-9 200 PS#8
QB	Kevin Craft 6-5 210 PS#51JC
DB	Aaron Hester 6-0 180 PS#18
DB	EJ Woods 6-1 205 PS#23
DL	Datone Jones 6-5 250 PS#22
QB	Nick Crissman 6-3 193 PS#12
DL	Damien Holmes 6-3 250 PS#34
WR	Antwon Moutra 6-3 187 PS#32DB
WR	Nelson Rosario 6-4 202 PS#38
RB	Johnathan Franklin 5-10 181 PS#46
K	Jeff Locke 6-1 185 PS#2
LB	Patrick Larimore 6-3 230 PS#39
DB	Anthony Dye 5-11 185 PS#41
WR	Jerry Johnson 6-3 187 PS#46
LB	Donovan Carter 6-1 227 PS#45
RB	Derrick Coleman 6-0 218 PS#64
OL	Jeff Baca 6-4 280 PS#89
TE	Cory Harkey 6-4 240 PS#98DL
QB	Kevin Prince 6-2 185 PS#49
LB	Sean Westgate 5-11 205 PS#105DB
OL	Connor Bradford 6-5 270 PS#166
LB	Frank Guzman 6-1 218 PS#429JC

UCLA BRUINS

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#6

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UCLA	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Sep. 1	Tennessee (Mon)	G					First meeting S/'97, UCLA is 4-7-2 all-time vs Tenn & 11-12-3 vs current SEC tms. The Bruins are 9-1 in home openers including 4-1 vs BCS schools.
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	at BYU	G					The Bruins faced the Cougars twice last season going 1-1 as they were victorious in an early season matchup in LA but had a last second FG attempt blocked in the Las Vegas Bowl.
Sep. 20	Arizona	G					QB Osaar Rasshan (4th string) led a valiant 4Q rally only to fall by a TD LY in Tucson. The Bruins held the Wildcats to -13 yds rushing in their '06 victory at the Rose Bowl.
Sep. 27	Fresno St	G					The Bruins are 16-2 vs current WAC members & 6-1 vs the Bulldogs with the loss coming in their last meeting in the Silicon Valley Classic in 2003.
Oct. 4	Washington St	G					After an early 50 yd TD run by Bell, WSU scored 27 unanswered pts as UCLA was outgained 545-267. The HT has won just 2 of the last 6 gms in this series.
Oct. 11	at Oregon	A					LY in a gm that featured as many punts as FD's (22), the Bruins held the once high-powered Duck offense to just 148 ttl yds in the 16-0 victory. UCLA has beaten UO just twice S/'00.
Oct. 18	Stanford (HC)	G					These tms have played every yr S/'46. UCLA leads series 44-31-3. The HT has won 8 of the L/10 meetings. The Bruins have shutout the Cardinal twice in the L4Y.
Oct. 25	at California	A					UCLA CB Alterraun Verner ret'd an int 76 yds for a TD with 1:33 remaining icing the Bruins 30-21 victory over #10 Cal last season. The visitor has lost 8 straight in this series.
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	Oregon St	G					Trailing 14-12 entering the 4Q, OSU fumbled 3 straight KR's allowing UCLA to score 28 unanswered pts in Corvallis. UCLA leads all-time series 38-14-4 including 5 straight wins.
Nov. 15	at Washington	A					Rick Neuheisel was the HC of the Huskies from '99-'02 posting a 33-16 record including a '00 Rose Bowl victory (1-3 in bowls). The Bruins have won 6 of their L/7 games vs UW.
Nov. 22							
Nov. 28	at Arizona St (Fri)	G					UCLA started their #4 QB & #3 RB in LY's 1st home loss to ASU S/'96. In their last trip to Tempe, UCLA allowed just 4 FG's in the 24-12 win despite ASU having 12 snaps inside the Bruin 10.
Dec. 6	USC	G					The Bruins shocked USC with a 13-9 upset in their last visit to the Rose Bowl ending their BCS Champ dreams. These campuses are about 15 miles apart & they have played every yr S/'36.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Cade McNown 10,708 '95-'98	1. Gaston Green 3,731 '84-'87	1. Danny Farmer 3,020 '96-'99
2. Drew Olson 8,532 '02-'05	2. Freeman McNeil 3,195 '77-'80	2. Craig Bragg 2,845 '01-'04
3. Cory Paus 6,877 '99-'02	3. DeShaun Foster 3,194 '98-'01	3. Kevin Jordan 2,548 '92-'95

RICK NEUHEISEL (66–30)

1st Year at UCLA

Neuheisel's Bowl Record: 4-3

Neuheisel's records AT UCLA

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

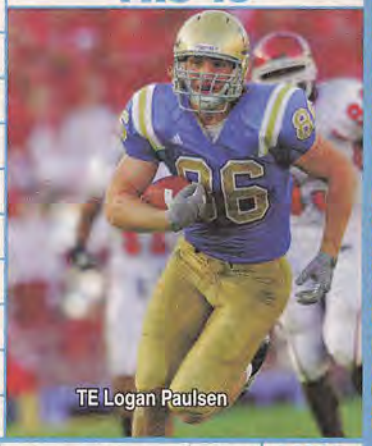
2007 RECORD: **(6–7)**

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,19,4)
Lost: 25 (13,11,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 76,379 (#20)

PAC-10


TE Logan Paulsen

STADIUM: ROSE BOWL (91,500) (#10)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	7-4	8-5	6-7	6-6	10-2	7-6	6-7	56-43
Home	5-2	4-1	2-4	5-1	3-3	6-0	6-1	4-2	35-14
Away	1-3	3-3	5-1	1-5	3-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	19-24
Neutral	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	2-5
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	4-4	4-4	4-4	6-2	5-4	5-4	35-31
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	4-1	2-3	2-2	4-0	2-2	1-3	21-12
ATS	4-6-2	6-5	7-5-1	3-8-2	8-4	7-5	8-5	9-4	52-42-5
Home Fav	0-4-1	3-2	1-2-1	1-2-2	3-2	5-1	3-2	2-1	18-16-4
Home Dog	2-0	0-0	0-2	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	3-0	9-2
Away Fav	0-1	2-3	3-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	0-1	1-3	8-14
Away Dog	1-1-1	1-0	2-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	3-1	2-0	12-7-1
Neutral	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	4-3
vs Conf	1-5-2	3-5	3-4-1	2-5-1	6-2	3-5	6-3	7-2	31-31-4
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-0	4-1	1-3-1	2-2	4-0	2-2	2-2	21-11-1
Off SU Win	1-4-1	5-1	4-3	2-3-1	4-2	4-5	3-4	3-3	26-25-2
Off SU Loss	2-2-1	0-4	2-2-1	0-5-1	4-1	2-0	4-1	5-1	19-16-3

Bob Toledo Ed Kezirian (bowl) Karl Dorrell Bob Toledo Ed Kezirian (bowl) Wayne Walker (bowl) Karl Dorrell DeWayne Walker (bowl)

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kahlil Bell	142	817	22	795	5.6	5
Chris Markey	176	776	61	715	4.1	3
Chane Moline	55	206	10	196	3.6	1
Craig Sheppard	28	142	9	133	4.8	2
Osaar Rasshan	30	140	31	109	3.6	0
M. Bethel-Thompson	15	22	54	-32	-2.1	0
Patrick Cowan	22	28	83	-55	-2.5	0
Ben Olson	17	15	115	-100	-5.9	0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ben Olson	147	71	48.3	1040	7	6
Patrick Cowan	135	72	53.3	696	4	2
M. Bethel-Thompson	55	23	41.8	293	1	5
Osaar Rasshan	45	17	37.8	259	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Breazell	51	810	15.9	4	69
Joe Cowan	29	405	14.0	3	77
Dominique Johnson	25	322	12.9	4	42
Terrence Austin	17	248	14.6	0	57
Logan Paulsen	12	144	12.0	1	36
Marcus Everett	10	134	13.4	0	50
Kahlil Bell	13	93	7.2	0	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Aaron Perez	91	3853	42.3	15	37.6	2	35

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kai Forbath	30-30	7-9	8-8	5-8	5-5	25-30	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dennis Keyes	115	0	4	4	3
Chris Horton	90	3	4	4	0
Christian Taylor	80	2	10.5	3	0
Alterraun Verner	75	0	3	15	4
Kyle Bosworth	74	0.5	4.5	1	0
Trey Brown	62	1	0	18	5
Reggie Carter	62	2	10	2	0
Bruce Davis	45	12	3.5	9	0
Aaron Whittington	42	2	2	1	0
Kevin Brown	41	4	3	3	0
Korey Bosworth	34	2	6.5	6	0
Tom Blake	32	3	3.5	0	0
Matthew Slater	25	1	0	0	0
Rodney Van	22	1	0	3	1
Jess Ward	18	0.5	3	0	0
Brian Price	14	1	6	1	0
Michael Norris	13	0	0	1	0
Jerzy Siewierski	13	0	3.5	2	0
Bret Lockett	12	0	0	2	0
John Hale	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Terrence Austin	31	311	10.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matthew Slater	34	986	29.0	3
Michael Norris	6	115	19.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Silicon Valley	-3	Fresno St	9-17
04	Las Vegas	-12'	Wyoming	21-24
05	Sun - #17	-2'	Northwestern	50-38
06	Emerald	-3'	Florida St	27-44
07	Las Vegas	+6'	BYU - #19	16-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UCLA's All-Time Bowl Record 13–15–1

UCLA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	22.4	17	151	3.7	182	47.6	14.9	-4	2007	10	22.3	19	109	3.0	234	54.3	15.4
6	23.0	18	130	3.9	200	56.0	14.4	+4	2006	6	19.9	18	91	2.8	223	56.1	15.8
6*	39.1	22	161	4.4	270	63.5	11.0	+6	2005	7	34.2	25	233	5.4	235	59.4	13.7
9*	30.1	20	185	4.8	225	57.0	13.6	-6	2004	5	25.8	21	210	5.1	223	55.6	16.8
6	19.1	16	92	2.6	203	52.6	15.5	-1	2003	7	23.5	17	117	3.2	201	59.0	13.5
6*	29.8	18	128	3.2	230	55.6	12.0	+2	2002	5	25.1	18	130	3.5	228	50.2	14.3

2007 STATS BY GAME

UCLA 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
38,860	at Stanford	24	50-338	6.8	16-29	286	1	21	26-52	2.0	27-59	346	4	+1
72,986	BYU	15	37-110	3.0	13-28	126	2	23	25-44	1.8	30-53	391	4	+2
43,056	at Utah	17	31-83	2.7	20-40	290	5	19	37-122	3.3	19-33	264	3	-4
72,124	Washington	24	51-333	6.5	18-33	204	1	16	32-124	3.9	17-37	216	2	0
41,137	at Oregon St	17	50-133	2.7	14-25	220	3	15	38-102	2.7	22-35	146	3	+2
78,543	Notre Dame	20	37-89	2.4	16-38	193	5	12	38-46	1.2	18-28	94	3	-7
83,494	California	22	45-183	4.1	19-28	190	1	19	30-67	2.2	22-34	232	1	+2
31,027	at Wash St	14	29-100	3.4	17-36	167	2	31	51-274	5.4	28-47	271	0	0
51,727	at Arizona	14	41-145	3.5	10-28	143	2	21	34-128	3.8	21-36	341	4	0
78,690	Arizona St	14	33-119	3.6	14-29	181	2	20	45-152	3.4	16-31	200	6	0
72,434	Oregon	10	51-156	3.1	4-17	64	5	12	39-43	1.1	11-39	105	5	+2
91,553	at USC	10	25-12	0.5	13-29	156	4	26	49-231	4.7	21-36	206	1	-2
40,712	† BYU	18	47-162	3.4	11-29	154	3	17	28-34	1.2	21-35	231	3	0
TOTALS		**219**	**527-1963**	**3.7**	**185-389**	**2374**	**36**	**252**	**472-1419**	**3.0**	**273-503**	**3043**	**39**	**-4**
AVERAGES		**16.8**	**41-151**	**3.7**	**14-30**	**182**	**2.8**	**19.4**	**36-109**	**3.0**	**21-39**	**234**	**3.0**	**-0.3**

2003 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Colorado - #24	+3	14-16
–	Illinois	-10	6-3
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+19	24-59
–	San Diego St	-10	20-10
–	Washington - #18	+1'	46-16
–	at Arizona	-17	24-21
–	California	-3	23-20 OT
–	Arizona St	-2'	20-13
–	at Stanford	-6	14-21
–	at Washington St - #12	+10	13-31
–	Oregon	-2	13-31
–	at USC - #2	+23	22-47

2004 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Oklahoma St	-1	20-31
–	at Illinois	-1'	35-17
–	at Washington	E	37-31
–	San Diego St	-6	33-10
–	Arizona	-10	37-17
–	at California - #8	+16'	28-45
–	at Arizona St - #21	+7'	42-48
–	Stanford	-4'	21-0
–	Washington St	-14	29-31
–	at Oregon	+6'	34-26
–	USC - #1	+22'	24-29

2005 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post #16 Score
–	at San Diego St	-9'	44-21
–	Rice	-24'	63-21
–	Oklahoma - #21	-6'	41-24
#20	Washington	-21'	21-17
#20	California - #10	-1'	47-40
#12	at Washington St	-5	44-41 OT
#8	Oregon St	-9'	51-28
#8	at Stanford	-7	30-27 OT
#7	at Arizona	-9'	14-52
#14	Arizona St	-3'	45-35
#11	at USC - #1	+21	19-66

2006 RESULTS

UCLA Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Utah	-3	31-10
–	Rice	-27'	26-16
–	at Washington	-3	19-29
–	Stanford	-23'	31-0
–	Arizona	-12	27-7
–	at Oregon - #18	+8'	20-30
–	at Notre Dame - #10	+12'	17-20
–	Washington St	-1'	15-37
–	at California - #10	+17	24-38
–	Oregon St	+1'	25-7
–	at Arizona St	+5'	24-12
–	USC - #2	+11'	13-9

2007 RESULTS

UCLA Pre #14 Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#14	at Stanford	-16'	45-17
#13	BYU	-7'	27-17
#11	at Utah	-16	6-44
–	Washington	-6	44-31
–	at Oregon St	+2'	40-14
–	Notre Dame	-22	6-20
–	California - #10	+2	30-21
–	at Washington St	-6	7-27
–	at Arizona	-1	27-34
–	Arizona St - #9	+6'	20-24
–	Oregon - #9	+1'	16-0
–	at USC - #8	+19'	7-24

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Isaiah Stanback (PS#11), a dangerous runner and passer, threw for 1,325 with a 10-3 ratio while rushing for 438 in the first 7. Unfortunately his season (and basically UW's) ended with an injury vs Oreg St. Carl Bonnell, in his first start, took the team to OT vs Cal thanks in part to a Hail Mary TD on the last play but threw 5 int including one in OT to clinch the loss. He was banged up in each of his 5 starts as was his backup Johnny DuRocher (PS#13). The two combined for a miserable 11 of 44 vs Stanford. Stanback was a #4DC last year. The most anticipated frosh in a long time at UW is rFr Jake Locker (PS#8). The last UW QB to start the first game of his career was Sonny Sixkiller (1970) but he was a soph. Locker guided the team to impressive wins in his first two starts while rushing for 83 and 84 yards. He even had 102 vs the powerful Ohio St defense. While Locker is a dangerous runner and throws a lot of deep balls, he needs to improve upon his completion % which was just 47.3% with a 14-15 ratio. Locker set the modern-era Pac-10 record for rushing yards by a QB and would have easily topped 1,000 but was injured vs Oreg St and missed Cal (986 net, 5.7). While Bonnell started vs Cal in the upset, he hit just 7 of 19 for 108. They managed to RS true frosh Ronnie Fouch (PS#55). Locker now has experience and should greatly improve upon his passing stats and will top 1,000 yards rushing.

QB Jake Locker

RUNNING BACKS - UW had six 1,000 yard rushers from 1989-1997 but heading into last year had not had one since, the third longest drought in the NCAA. Louis Rankin (PS#105) had three 100 yard efforts in '05 but was injured (485, 4.7). The leading rusher, James Sims had just 495 (4.4). In 2006 Rankin led with 666 (4.7). Kenny James (PS#23), who had 530 in 2003 (4.3) and led in '04 (702, 4.1), only had 103 in '05 and 416 (3.9) in '06. Last year he had to be replaced but both Rankin and JR Hasty (PS#26) returned. QB Locker was the leading rusher in 7 games. Rankin had 147 and 3 TD's in the opener but did not top 100 in the next 7. Rankin then rushed for 255 vs Stanford and 224 vs Cal despite missing the final 1.5Q's with injury. With Rankin out, true frosh Brandon Johnson (PS#58) rushed for 121. Rankin finished his career with 145 vs Hawaii. Hasty left the team midseason but returned and played in just 2. He will battle Johnson, Willie Griffin (PS#107), Brandon Yakaboski (PS#131) and this year's true frosh. Paul Homer is one of the best blocking FB's UW has ever had. There is talent but it will be tough to replace Rankin who avg'd 5.6 while rushing for 1,294.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes have hurt this unit over the last two years. Last year the Huskies had to replace their #1 WR but had 7 of their top 8 back (6 seniors). Two WR's got the lion's share of the yards as Anthony Russo had 766 (15.6) and Marcel Reece (PS#52JC) had 761 (19.5). The next closest were Corey Williams (PS#37) who had 201 (13.4) and Cody Ellis who also had 201 (22.3). All six seniors depart in Russo (13 st), Reece (13 st), Williams (3 st), Ellis (2 st), Quintin Daniels (PS#26, 1 st, 7 rec) and TE Robert Lewis (1 st, 6 rec). The leading returnee is TE Michael Gottlieb who had 136 (11.3). They bring in Chris Polk (PS#18RB) who originally committed to USC and was in for the spring. Not in the PSL is Charles Hawkins (6'2" 185 Sr). OC Lappano said this may be the most talented group of receivers in a long time, but it is very inexperienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, UW had 3 starters back plus moved starting TE Joe Toledo to OT so they had an experienced group. They opened up holes for their best ypg rushing since their 2000 Rose Bowl season (216) at 135 ypg (3.9). In 2006 UW had to replace 5 players who combined for 42 starts. The stats surprisingly were very similar with 128 ypg (3.8) and just 19 sacks allowed (5.1%). Having a mobile QB helped. It was the first time since 2001 that UW had their starting O-line intact for more than 4 straight games (1st 5) and they had basically five ironmen with only 2 backups playing. Last year two starters departed. With Jake Locker rushing for 1,133 gross yds, they naturally had their best offensive ypg rush (203) since 2000 and their best ypc (4.9) since 1990 while allowing 24 sacks (6.2%). UW has not produced a 1st Tm Pac-10 OL since 2001. This year they only lose RT Chad Macklin (13 st, 2Y st'r) and backup LT Erik Berglund (9 gm). Unfortunately C Juan Garcia who turned down an early shot at the NFL was injured in the spring and is doubtful for 2008. The unit avg 6'5" 310 which is 20th largest of IA O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - UW has produced a lot of top-notch DL's including Steve Emtman, Jason Chorak and Larry Tripplett. UW had 3 starters back in 2006 but still allowed 4.0 ypc rush while the D had 27 sacks. The 4 players who were the primary starters at the end of '06 all returned in 2007. HC Willingham said the starting DL was the strength of the team but he was concerned about the backups. The unit maintained good health, so it was surprising to see them regress allowing 4.9 ypc although the sack total did increase to 35. This year the unit is very inexperienced. They lose 5 of the top 6 in DT Jordan Reffett (13 st, 36 tkl, 10 tfl), DT Wilson Afoa (12 st, 29 tkl, 3.5 sk), DE Greyson Gunheim (13 st, 41 tkl, 6.5 sk), DT Erick Lobos (7 tkl, 2 tfl) and DE Caesar Rayford (10 tkl, 4 sk). They do return their top DL in DE Daniel Te'o-Nesheim but this is one of the least experienced DL's in the country and you will see UW opt to use the 3-4 at times to take advantage of their LB depth.

LINEBACKERS - In '06 they had to replace two starters (#1 and #5 tkl'r). True frosh Donald Butler had 24 tackles but missed 2 of the last 3. Last year they once again had to replace two starters (#2 & #4 tkl'rs) but had 4 of the top 6 back. EJ Savannah was listed as 2nd string in August due to academics but started 10 and led with 111 tkl and 14 tfl. This year the only losses are OLB Dan Howell (11 st, 34 tkl, 6 tfl) and Kyle Trew (1 st, 4 tkl). The unit returns its top 3 tacklers and 5 have starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are Brandon Huppert (6'1" 205 So), Fred Wiggs (6'1" 225 So) and TJ Poe (6'1" 205 Jr). This is the most experienced Husky LB corps in 3 years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 the Huskies were #107 in my pass D rankings allowing 276 ypg with 24 TD's allowed (most in school history). The more experienced group moved up to #57 in 2006 but last year only had 3 of the top 7 back. FS Jason Wells was lost after 5 starts. UW slipped to #93 allowing 64.4% with a 27-11 ratio. This year they lose 3 year starting CB Roy Lewis (13 st, 94 tkl, 9 pbu) and SS Jay Angotti (11 tkl). They have 7 back with starting experience including Wells. Not listed below are LonZell Hill (5'11" 180 rFr), Desmond Davis (5'11" 190 Sr) and Tripper Johnson (6'1" 200 Fr). This experienced group should make a significant climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Willingham inherited a group that was just #105 in my ST rankings in 2004 but they have finished #102, #95 and #91 in his tenure. I am not big on second guessing HC's but an obvious mistake by Willingham was not asking K Michael Braunstein back for his senior season. Braunstein hit of 10 of 12 FG's in 2006 and while he wanted to stay, was forced out and went to Ohio. At OU he was a finalist for the Lou Groza Award (see Hardcore, pg 323). His replacement, Ryan Perkins did have a good year hitting 15 of 20 FG. KR defense was a problem for the Huskies as they allowed 24.6 per return (#109 in the NCAA). P Jared Ballman had an outstanding net of 36.2 and Anthony Russo did well as a PR (10.1). Willingham's UW ST units have blocked 6 punts but have also allowed 4. This year they lose their top KR (Rankin, 24.4) and PR Russo but add K Erik Folk (PS#32) who RS. Willingham should have his best finish in my ST rankings in his four years.

COACHES - Tyrone Willingham was the HC at Stanford from '95-'01 and at ND from '02-'04. The OC is Tim Lappano who was the OC at Oreg St from '99-'02 and the RB coach for Dennis Erickson's 49ers from '03-'04. Erickson tried to hire him as ASU's OC in 2007 but was unsuccessful. This year they have a new DC in Ed Donatell. Donatell was a special asst with NYJ in '07 and was the ATL DC from '04-06. He served 4 seasons as the Packers DC under Mike Sherman prior. He has 9 years as a college asst prior and was a grad student at UW from '81-82.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 2003-2005, UW was an injury ravaged team that did not catch a lot of breaks. The 2004 season was their first losing season in 27 years and in 2005 they were picked #10 in the conference by the media in the preseason rankings (previous low #7). In '04 and '05, they were just 2-10 at home, making their once feared home venue seem downright hospitable. Their 3 wins in 2004 and 2005 combined were the lowest since 1917-'18. UW was outgained by 108.1 including 82.6 ypg in league play in '04-'05. 2006 was a roller coaster of emotions for the Huskies. They played against 3 of the best teams in the country on the road and were tied with #15 Oklahoma 13-13 at the half, had a 6 pt road loss to #3 USC and an OT loss vs #11 Cal. UW was 4-1 prior to the matchup vs USC and it appeared the magic was back. Willingham was the last coach to beat USC in The Coliseum (prior to Stanford LY). They led Oregon St 17-10 at the half but QB Stanback was lost for the year and their season fell apart as they finished just 5-7. Their 6th straight loss was Stanford's only win of 2006 but they did rebound to win the Apple Cup, 35-32. Last year they had to play the nation's toughest schedule drawing Boise St, Ohio St, Hawaii and the tough Pac-10 slate with just 12 returning starters. UW was picked 9th in the Pac-10 but started off with a 42-12 blowout of Syr on the road then ended #22 Boise's 14 game win streak (led 24-7 in the 2Q). It again appeared the magic was back again but leading Ohio St 7-3 in the 3Q they had a 46 yd FG blk'd then gave up a 68 yd TD pass 2 plays later. UW fumbled the KO and Ohio St added a TD and went on to a 33-14 win. After a loss at UCLA they only lost by 3 to #1 ranked USC at home. They led #14 ASU 17-13 at half but lost and vs #7 Oregon they were tied at 31 at the end of the 3Q but still lost by 21. They led Arizona 41-26 in the 4Q but stunningly lost. They lost QB Locker in the 2Q vs Oregon St but with backup QB Bonnell, they upset Cal 37-23. WSU got a 35 yd TD pass with :31 left to win the Apple Cup and UW finished last in the Pac-10 at 2-7. They led unbeaten #11 Hawaii 28-7 mid 2Q but lost. Willingham is the first UW coach to have 3 straight losing years. With all of their blown leads, UW did have 5 net close losses (see pg 299). They allowed a school record 446.4 ypg and the 31.6 ppg was 2nd highest in school history (34.2 in '73). This year the Huskies have 13 returning starters (Garcia may not play) but again face one of the nation's toughest schedules with BYU, Oklahoma and a much improved ND in the non-conf slate. They also have just 11 upperclassmen starters (lowest Pac-10) and may not top last year's 4 win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN PURPLE — DEFENSE

QB 10 JAKE LOCKER So. 6-3 225 **PS#8**. 12 st rFr, 2062 (47%) 14-15 ratio, 986 net yd rush. **8** Ronnie Fouch (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#55. Scout Tm POY '07. **7** Taylor Bean (6'1" 202 rFr).

RB 6 Brandon Johnson So. 5-11 204 PS#58. 196 (3.8) true. **24 JR Hasty** (5'11" 200 Jr) **PS#26**. Demitrius Bronson PS#69. Willie Griffin (5'8" 200 rFr) PS#107. Brandon Yakaboski (6'0" 190 rFr).

FB 30 PAUL HOMER JR. 6-0 222 PS#134LB. 11 st LY, 203 all-purp. **32** Luke Kravitz (6'1" 245 Sr) PS#220. 161 all-purp 2Y. **47** Austin Sylvester (6'1" 245 rFr). Tobias Togi (6'0" 230 rFr).

WR NA Chris Polk Fr. 5-11 195 **PS#18RB in spg. 16** D'Andre Goodwin (6'0" 170 So) PS#326DB. 75 ttl yd LY. Anthony Boyles (6'2" 195 Fr) PS#84. In spg. Cody Bruns PS#34.

WR 14 Curtis Shaw So. 5-11 190 PS#77RB. 115 all-purp yds true. **20** Alvin Logan (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#90. Devin Aguilar (6'0" 185 Fr) PS#49 in spg. Tony Chidiac (5'11" 190 So).

TE 86 MICHAEL GOTTLIEB SR. 6-5 245 12 st 2Y, 214 (13.4). **4 Chris Izbicki** (6'3" 230 rFr) **PS#11**. Kavario Middleton PS#3. Walt Winter (6'5" 250 Sr) PS#20LB. Romeo Savant (6'5" 250 rFr).

C 64 MATT SEDILLO SO. 6-3 300 **58 Juan Garcia** (6'3" 315 Sr) PS#181. 12 st C '06. **13 st C** LY. **2nd Tm Pac-10. 61** Gregory Christine (6'3" 285 So) **LS 49** Danny Morovick (6'3" 230 Sr).

RG 72 CASEY BULYCA SR. 6-6 340 **PS#72**. 2nd string '05-'06. 11 st RG LY. **70** Morgan Rosborough (6'6" 365 Jr) PS#248. 2nd string 2Y, 13 gm LY. **62** Robert Lukevich (6'2" 260 Sr).

LG 65 RYAN TOLAR SO. 6-5 310 **PS#77**. 12 st LG rFr. **76 Jordan White-Frisbee** (6'6" 340 Sr) PS#51DL. 3 st LY, 8 st, 26 tkl DT '04. **77** Scott Shugert (6'6" 315 rFr) PS#285.

RT 71 Cody Habben So. 6-6 300 PS#113. 3 st LT rFr, 13 gm. **67** Skyler Fancher (6'5" 280 rFr) PS#485. Shaun Brooks (6'3" 280 Jr). Drew Schaefer (6'5" 275 Fr) PS#75.

LT 79 BEN OSSAI JR. 6-6 300 PS#282. 11 st LT rFr. 10 st LT LY, 13 gm. Terence Thomas PS#110. **68** Mark Armelin (6'5" 290 rFr) PS#606. Mykenna Ikehara PS#208.

K 13 RYAN PERKINS JR. 6-0 185 PS#36. Hit 15 of 20 FG LY, 5-7 from 40+. **17** Erik Folk (5'10" 190 rFr) PS#32. **12** Jared Ballman PS#22JC. **89** Cory Rutkowski (6'2" 185 rFr).

DE 66 DANIEL Te'o-NESHEIM JR. 6-4 260 PS#239LB. Sct Tm MVP '05. 12 st rFr, 35 tkl, 10 tfl. 13 st LY, 57 tkl, 8.5 sk. **50** Kalani Aldrich (6'7" 244 rFr) PS#144. Pete Galbraith (6'2" 230 rFr).

DT 96 De'Shon Matthews So. 6-4 255 PS#102. 3 gm rFr. **91** Tyrone Duncan (6'2" 285 rFr) PS#101. **55** Jovon O'Connor (6'5" 290 Sr) PS#620OL. Alameda Ta'amu **PS#22OL**.

DT 99 Cameron Elisara So. 6-2 275 **PS#27**. Scout Tm POY '06. 12 gm, 2 tkl rFr. **52** Nick Wood (6'2" 275 rFr) PS#132. Wrist surg true. Johnie Kirton (6'4" 270 S) PS#110RB. 10 st TE 3Y, 266 (9.5).

DE NA Everrette Thompson Fr. 6-6 255 **PS#30.58** Darrion Jones (6'3" 255 Jr) 2 tkl true '05. RS '06. 1 tkl, 4 gm LY. **89** Conrad Remington (6'0" 235 rFr). Walk-on. Kavario Middleton PS#3TE.

OLB 22 EJ SAVANNAH JR. 6-2 228 PS#55. 22 tkl rFr. 10 st LY, #1 tkl'r w/111, **14 tfl. 24** Joshua Gage (6'2" 225 Jr) 7 tkl. **36** Matt Houston (6'1" 230 So) 2 tkl rFr, 8 games.

ILB 9 DONALD BUTLER JR. 6-1 240 PS#285.24 tkl as true. 4 starts in '07, 52 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **57 Trenton Tuiasosopo** (6'2" 240 Sr) **PS#31**. 8 st, 39 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Kurt Mangum PS#100 in spring.

OLB 40 Mason Foster So. 6-1 218 PS#404. 4 st true. 25 tkl, 5 tfl. **29** Chris Stevens (6'0" 215 Sr) PS#243RB. 2 st, 66 tkl, 9 tfl 3Y. **31** Cort Dennison (6'1" 215 rFr) Scout Tm POY.

CB 23 MESPHIN FORRESTER SR. 6-2 205 PS#185. 2 st, 30 tkl '06. 12 st SS LY, 93 tkl, 2 int. Matt Mosley (5'11" 190 So) PS#223. 3 st, 12 tkl. **Vonzell McDowell** (5'9" 176 So) **PS#77WR**. 3 st true, 20 tkl.

CB 18 BYRON DAVENPORT SR. 5-11 195 PS#173JC. 25 tkl UCLA '05. 7 st LY, 50 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **45 Quinton Richardson** (6'0" 205 rFr) **PS#47RB**. Jordan Murchison (6'0" 184 Sr) 2 tkl LY.

SS 15 Darin Harris Sr. 5-11 200 PS#61. 12 st 2Y, 93 tkl. Victor Aiyewa (6'1" 217 So). 8 tkl, 11 gm true. **38** Marquis Persley (6'1" 183 rFr). Desmond Davis (5'11" 190 Sr). 3 gm LY.

FS 26 JASON WELLS SR. 6-2 210 7 st '06, 42 tkl. 5 st LY until inj, 24 tkl. **39** Nate Williams (6'1" 205 So) PS#113RB. 1 st, 32 tkl true. Tm Outstanding Fr. Mick Conners (5'11" 175 rFr).

P 12 JARED BALLMAN SR. 5-11 175 PS#22JC. 40.8 at JC. 71 punts LY, 40.9 avg, net 36.2, 0-1 FG. **13** Ryan Perkins 46.7 avg in HS. **94** Kiel Rasp (6'4" 210 rFr) PS#34. Walk-on.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

TE	Kavario Middleton 6-5 255 PS#3
DL	Alameda Ta'amu 6-2 348 PS#22OL
WR	Chris Polk 5-11 195 PS#18RB
DL	Everrette Thompson 6-6 255 PS#30
OL	Allen Carroli 6-4 300 PS#35
WR	Jermaine Kearse 6-1 180 PS#27
WR	Cody Bruns 5-11 168 PS#34
WR	Devin Aguilar 6-0 185 PS#47 '07
DL	Craig Noble 6-3 300 PS#67
DL	Senio Kelemete 6-4 260 PS#66OL
QB	Dominique Blackman 6-5 250 PS#35
OL	Drew Schaefer 6-5 275 PS#75
RB	Demitrius Bronson 5-10 215 PS#69
DB	Vince Taylor 6-2 198 PS#73WR
WR	Jordan Polk 5-8 161 PS#82
LB	Bradly Roussel 5-11 207 PS#78
OL	Terence Thomas 6-8 305 PS#110
RB	Terrance Dailey 5-10 194 PS#79
QB	Luther Leonard 6-2 193 PS#58
LB	Kurt Mangum 6-2 240 PS#100
WR	Anthony Boyles 6-2 195 PS#84 '07
DB	Anthony Gobern 6-0 176 PS#153
DB	Justin Glenn 5-11 185 PS#152
RB	David Freeman 5-7 190 PS#130
RB	Johri Fogerson 6-2 190 PS#148
OL	Mykenna Ikehara 6-3 291 PS#208
DB	Adam Long 5-10 168 PS#355
DB	Greg Walker 5-11 198 PS#408LB

WASHINGTON HUSKIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#1

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UW	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	at Oregon	A						Washington has dropped 4 straight to Oregon by an avg of 23 ppg. LY the Huskies allowed an amazing 465 rush yds to the Ducks & 661 total yds.
Sep. 6	BYU	A						The Huskies lead the series 4-2 with the home team winning 5 of 6. Washington has gone 17-8 vs current Mountain West Conference members.
Sep. 13	Oklahoma	A						First trip to Seattle for Oklahoma (series is tied 1-1). The Huskies are 21-19-2 all-time vs the Big XII Conference while the Sooners have gone 22-15-1 vs the Pac-10.
Sep. 20								
Sep. 27	Stanford	A						Rankin rushed for a career-high 255 yds LY (best by a UW RB in 11 yrs). Willingham has now beaten his former team 4 out of 5 times holding SU to just 12 ppg.
Oct. 4	at Arizona	G						QB Jake Locker set career highs in passing (336) and rushing (157) in LY's loss to AZ as the Wildcats scored the final 22 points. Washington leads the series 16-7-1.
Oct. 11								
Oct. 18	Oregon St (HC)	A						In a game that featured 4 ejections and QB Locker being taken by ambulance after an apparent neck injury, OSU held off a late UW charge to pull out the win.
Oct. 25	Notre Dame	A						Willingham was the HC of ND from '02-'04 (21-15) leading the Irish to 2 bowls. The Huskies have lost all 6 games vs the Irish being outscored by a 38-11 avg.
Nov. 1	at USC	G						UW returned an int for a TD & blocked a punt nearly upsetting USC for the 2nd straight year. Ty Willingham has beaten USC 4 times in his coaching career.
Nov. 8	Arizona St	A						LY the Huskies actually led #14 ASU 17-13 at the half in Tempe but were outscored 31-3 in the 2H. Washington has now lost 4 straight to ASU by an avg of 16 ppg.
Nov. 15	UCLA	A						Last year's game was tied at 10 at the half & the teams' combined for 41 4Q pts. The Huskies are just 1-6 vs UCLA since 2001 but won here in 2006.
Nov. 22	at Washington St	A						The Huskies have won 5 of last 6 when visiting Pullman. Last yr the Cougars drove 84 yds in 7 plays to score the winning TD with :31 left.
Nov. 29								
Dec. 6	at California	A						Backup QB Bonnell started for a 2nd consec yr vs Cal leading the Huskies to an upset of the Bears. 2nd straight yr WSU is not UW's final game (LY was 1st time S/'48).

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cody Pickett 10,220 '99-'03
2. Brock Huard 6,391 '96-'98
3. Damon Huard 5,886 '92-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Napoleon Kaufman 4,106 '91-'94
2. Joe Steele 3,168 '76-'79
3. Greg Lewis 2,903 '87-'90

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Reggie Williams 3,598 '01-'03
2. Mario Bailey 2,306 '88-'91
3. Jerome Pathon 2,275 '95-'97

TYRONE WILLINGHAM (Career 76-76-1)
4th Year at Washington (Willingham's Bowl Record: 1-4)

Willingham's records AT WASHINGTON

11-25	Straight Up	0-5	Vs Top 10
6-13	Home	1-14	Vs Top 25
5-11	Away	1-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
6-20	Vs Conference	6-17	Off A Loss

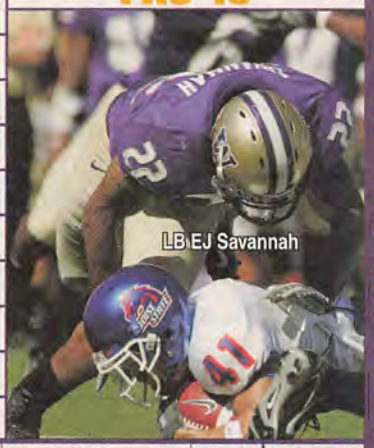
2007 RECORD: (4-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 30 (12,15,3)
Lost: 23 (12,11,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 67,732 (#24)

PAC-10



STADIUM: HUSKY STADIUM (72,500) (#24)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-1	8-4	7-6	6-6	1-10	2-9	5-7	4-9	44-52
Home	6-0	6-0	5-2	5-2	1-5	1-5	3-3	2-5	29-22
Away	4-1	2-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	1-3	2-4	2-4	14-27
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	7-1	6-2	4-4	4-4	0-8	1-7	3-6	2-7	27-39
vs Non-Conf	4-0	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	17-13
ATS	5-5-2	6-6	5-8	5-7	2-9	4-7	6-5-1	6-7	39-54-3
Home Fav (Rick Neuheisel)	1-3-1	2-2	1-5	3-2	0-3	1-0	0-3	0-2	8-20-1
Home Dog (Keith Gilbertson)	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-4	2-1	3-2	12-9
Away Fav (Tyrone Willingham)	1-1-1	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	3-5-1
Away Dog	1-1	1-2	3-2	1-2	1-4	2-2	4-1-1	1-3	14-17-1
Neutral	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-2
vs Conf	1-5-2	3-5	3-5	3-5	2-6	3-5	5-4	3-6	23-41-2
vs Non-Conf	4-0	3-1	2-3	2-2	0-3	1-2	1-1-1	3-1	16-13-1
Off SU Win	4-4-2	3-5	3-4	1-4	0-1	0-2	3-0-1	1-3	15-23-3
Off SU Loss	0-1	2-1	1-4	4-2	2-7	4-4	3-4	4-4	20-27

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Louis Rankin	233	1352	58	1294	6	5.6
Jake Locker	172	1133	147	986	13	5.7
Brandon Johnson	51	202	6	196	2	3.8
Paul Homer	22	57	3	54	1	2.5
D'Andre Goodwin	4	46	0	46	0	11.5
Luke Kravitz	17	37	3	34	4	-2.0
Anthony Russo	7	41	13	28	0	4.0
Carl Bonnell	10	15	46	-31	1	-3.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jake Locker	328	155	47.3	2062	14	15
Carl Bonnell	53	20	37.7	392	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Anthony Russo	49	766	15.6	5	83
Marcel Reece	39	761	19.5	8	98
Cody Ellis	9	201	22.3	1	86
Corey Williams	15	201	13.4	1	41
Michael Gottlieb	12	136	11.3	0	26
Louis Rankin	20	126	6.3	2	43
Quintin Daniels	7	87	12.4	1	32
Robert Lewis	6	69	11.5	0	15
Curtis Shaw	5	47	9.4	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Ballman	71	2906	40.9	21	36.2	2	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Perkins	45-46	5-5	5-8	5-7	0-0	15-20	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
EJ Savannah	111	2	12	0	1
Roy Lewis	94	0	2	9	1
Mesphin Forrester	93	0	1	2	2
Darin Harris	73	0	2	0	1
Daniel Te'o-Nesheim	57	8.5	6.5	0	0
Donald Butler	52	0	2.5	3	0
Byron Davenport	50	1	1	4	1
Greyson Gunheim	41	6.5	4.5	3	1
Trenton Tuiasosopo	39	0	3.5	1	1
Jordan Reffett	36	3.5	6.5	4	0
Dan Howell	34	1	5	4	1
Nate Williams	32	0	0	5	0
Wilson Afoa	29	3.5	6	1	0
Mason Foster	25	1	4	0	0
Jason Wells	24	0	1	0	1
Chris Stevens	24	1	0	0	0
Vonzell McDowell	20	0	0	1	1
Matt Mosley	12	0	0.5	0	0
Jay Angotti	11	0	0	0	0
Caesar Rayford	10	4	0	4	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Anthony Russo	22	222	10.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Louis Rankin	40	976	24.4	1
Brandon Johnson	13	226	17.4	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Oahu Classic	+3'	Air Force - #16	25-45
99	Holiday	+10'	Kansas St - #7	20-24
00	Rose - #4	-1'	Purdue - #14	34-24
01	Holiday - #21	+13	Texas - #9	43-47
02	Sun	-3	Purdue	24-34

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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WASHINGTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	29.2	19	203	4.9	191	46.0	13.5	-1	2007	6	31.6	21	184	4.9	262	64.4	14.1
6*	21.8	16	128	3.8	194	48.0	14.7	-8	2006	8	25.9	19	140	4.0	240	61.3	14.7
10*	21.5	17	135	3.9	223	52.5	16.6	-3	2005	9	30.6	22	143	3.8	276	66.8	13.7
4	14.0	17	120	3.2	191	40.1	22.2	-19	2004	7	30.4	19	184	4.4	186	60.0	12.2
7*	26.0	23	120	3.1	270	55.7	15.0	-4	2003	7	26.3	18	152	4.1	233	51.7	14.6
8*	30.6	25	74	2.1	346	59.9	13.7	+1	2002	5	26.3	18	98	2.8	259	55.8	13.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

UW 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
40,329	at Syracuse	23	41-302	7.4	15-21	142	0	13	29-8	0.3	20-32	199	7	+1
70,045	Boise St	16	40-133	3.3	14-26	209	2	21	32-103	3.2	29-47	285	2	+2
74,927	Ohio St	20	34-142	4.2	18-37	204	2	21	45-256	5.7	15-26	225	0	-4
72,124	at UCLA	16	32-124	3.9	17-37	216	2	24	51-333	6.5	18-33	204	1	0
68,654	USC	15	33-100	3.0	13-28	90	1	20	39-224	5.7	20-37	236	1	+1
64,347	at Arizona St	13	32-146	4.6	10-30	142	3	23	49-296	6.0	20-31	227	4	-1
66,481	Oregon	17	29-164	5.7	12-31	257	2	39	62-465	7.5	19-30	196	1	0
61,124	Arizona	25	46-236	5.1	17-30	336	1	22	24-25	1.0	38-51	510	3	-3
36,570	at Stanford	31	63-388	6.2	16-32	151	2	14	26-116	4.5	17-31	137	6	-1
45,629	at Oregon St	14	31-85	2.7	16-39	249	4	18	55-219	4.0	10-22	109	3	+2
60,005	California	20	56-334	6.0	7-19	108	3	16	27-147	5.4	20-28	236	0	+3
72,888	Washington St	22	50-225	4.5	13-37	239	1	20	26-110	4.2	27-40	399	3	-3
50,000	at Hawaii	21	50-261	5.2	9-18	142	1	27	23-96	4.2	42-50	442	4	+2
TOTALS		253	537-2640	4.9	177-385	2485	24	278	488-2398	4.9	295-458	3405	35	-1
AVERAGES		19.5	41-203	4.9	14-30	191	1.8	21.4	38-184	4.9	23-35	262	2.7	-0.1

UW Pre #17 2003 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#17	at Ohio St - #2	+9	9-28
#22	Indiana	-24'	38-13
#19	Idaho	-26'	45-14
#18	Stanford	-12'	28-17
#18	at UCLA	-1'	16-46
–	Nevada	-17'	17-28
–	at Oregon St - #22	+10'	38-17
–	USC - #5	+10'	23-43
–	Oregon	-1	42-10
–	at Arizona	-16'	22-27
–	at California	+6	7-54
–	Washington St - #8	+7	27-19

UW Pre – 2004 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Fresno St	-1'	16-35
–	UCLA	E	31-37
–	at Notre Dame	+11'	3-38
–	at Stanford	+13'	13-27
–	San Jose St	-17'	21-6
–	Oregon St	+7	14-29
–	at USC - #1	+35	0-38
–	at Oregon	+19'	6-31
–	Arizona	-1'	13-23
–	California - #5	+30'	12-42
–	at Washington St	+12	25-28

UW Pre – 2005 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	† Air Force	-3	17-20
–	California - #16	+9	17-56
–	Idaho	-13'	34-6
–	Notre Dame - #16	+12	17-36
–	at UCLA - #20	+21'	17-21
–	at Oregon - #20	+17	21-45
–	USC - #1	+30	24-51
–	at Arizona St	+17	20-44
–	Oregon St	+3	10-18
–	at Arizona	+13	38-14
–	Washington St	+3	22-26

UW Pre – 2006 RESULTS

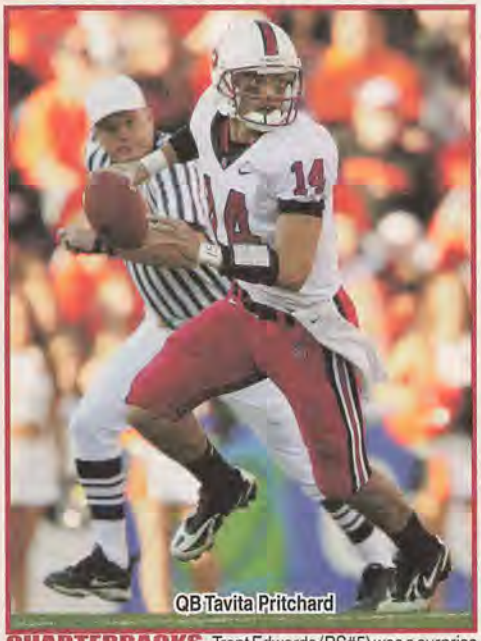
Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	San Jose St	-20	35-29
–	at Oklahoma - #15	+17	20-37
–	Fresno St	+3'	21-20
–	UCLA	+3	29-19
–	at Arizona	+3'	21-10
–	at USC - #3	+19	20-26
–	Oregon St	-9'	17-27
–	at California - #11	+24	24-31 OT
–	Arizona St	+2	23-26 OT
–	at Oregon - #24	+16	14-34
–	Stanford	-19	3-20
–	at Washington St	+8'	35-32

UW Pre – 2007 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Syracuse	-3'	42-12
–	Boise St - #22	+3	24-10
–	Ohio St - #10	+3'	14-33
–	at UCLA	+6	31-44
–	USC - #1	+20'	24-27
–	at Arizona St - #14	+11'	20-44
–	Oregon - #7	+13	34-55
–	Arizona	-3'	41-48
–	at Stanford	-3	27-9
–	at Oregon St	+5	23-29
–	California	+7	37-23
–	Washington St	-6	35-42
–	at Hawaii - #11	+13	28-35

STANFORD CARDINAL

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008


QB Tavita Pritchard

QUARTERBACKS - Trent Edwards (PS#5) was a surprise starter for the Buffalo Bills this past year (#3DC). He started 9 in '04 but was injured and TC Ostrander (PS#21) started the last 2 throwing for 914 (44%) with a 4-2 ratio. Ostrander got in 6 games throwing for 529 (58.2%) with a 1-1 ratio in '05. In 2006 they lost all of their key WR's to injury and then Edwards went down after 7. Ostrander threw for 918 (45.6%) with a 3-5 ratio. Tavita Pritchard (PS#78) was moved to WR early but became the backup (1 pass). Ostrander won the job in '07 and threw for 346 vs UCLA. He started the first 4 but was injured and Pritchard (3 career passes) was forced to start vs USC. While he hit just 11 of 30 for 149 he did hit the key 4th down TD pass for the amazing upset. Pritchard hit just 12 of 27 but they nearly upset TCU then he guided the road win over Arizona. Pritchard was injured on the 2nd drive vs UW and Ostrander returned hitting 16 of 28 for 133 (6 sk). Pritchard's father and uncle played at Wash St and he returned and started vs the Cougars throwing for 263. He was injured in the 3Q vs ND and Ostrander started vs Cal. Ostrander completed a higher % (56.8) and had a superior ratio (7-3) but he departs. Pritchard will have to battle Alex Loukas (PS#39), Nicolas Ruhl (6'3" 208 So), LD Crow (6'3" 230 rFr, PS#50) and Michigan transfer Jason Forcier (PS#42), who is athletic, strong armed and a quick-minded player. They also add true frosh Andrew Luck (PS#8). I look for improved production from the Stanford QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Jason Evans (PS#18) led in rushing in '05 with 248 (3.4) while Anthony Kimble started 6 and rushed for 244 (3.7). Those two were back in 2006 and Kimble led with 470 (4.1). True frosh Toby Gerhart (PS#17) got 1 start (375, 3.5) and Evans rushed for just 32 (2.9). Gerhart and Kimble were called co-starters last August but Gerhart missed the opener (inj) and Kimble rushed for 69. Gerhart rushed for 140 (11.7) vs SJSt but was again injured and RS. Kimble rushed for 119 and had 331 all-purp yards vs Oregon. He also had 109 rush vs TCU but was injured and missed the next 4. Evans led with 78 vs Ariz but was lost for the season. True frosh Jeremy Stewart (6'0" 210, PS#318) led with 16 vs Oreg St and rFr Tyrone McGraw (5'9" 180) had 89 vs UW and 79 vs Wash St. Kimble (6'1" 210 Sr) returned to lead with 80 vs ND but was injured again and Stewart had 70 vs Cal. For the year Kimble led with 509 (4.4) playing in just 7. This year they only lose Jason Evans (105 yd). Not listed below are Stephen Carr (6'3" 222 So, PS#104WR), Xxavier Carter (5'11" 195 Jr) and Blaise Johnson (5'11" 190 Jr). I look for Gerhart to jump to the forefront and have the highest rushing total for a Stanford RB since Tommy Vardell (1084, '91).

RECEIVERS - Both Mark Bradford (PS#13) and Evan Moore (PS#31TE) played as true frosh in 2003. Bradford became the first ever true frosh to lead Stanford in receiving yards (587, 15.9). In '05, Moore figured to be the feature WR but suffered the same hip injury that ended Bo Jackson's career. Bradford took over and had 609 (16.5). In 2006 they had to replace their #2 and #3 rec but appeared in good shape with Bradford, Moore and starting TE Matt Traverso (PS#25) all back. Unfortunately, all 3 were wiped out with injuries. True frosh Richard Sherman led with 581 (17.1) while Kellon Lynn added 254 (13.4) and Evan Moore had 242 (17.3). At one point the top 4 WR's were a pair of true frosh and two walk-ons. Last year Traverso elected not to return. They lost TE Jim Dray (PS#10) after 6 starts (9 rec). Bradford was banged up but started 9 and was #2 with 642 (12.6). Sherman led again with 651 (16.7). Moore managed to start 9 and had 481 (12.3). TE Ben Ladner (PS#26) did not start but had 198 (7.3). This year they lose Bradford (#4 all-time rec yds) and Moore but despite the losses, could come close to last year's production.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 injuries decimated this unit as nine different players started with only two starting more than 10. The Cardinal averaged just 65 ypg rushing (2.1), their worst since 1993 and yielded an NCAA worst 50 sacks (15.8%!). Last year they had 5 players back who combined for 30 starts plus two others who had 12 career starts and added Gustav Rydstedt (8 st '05). Returning starting LT Allen Smith (12 st '06) was lost after 3. The unit opened holes for 111 ypg rushing (3.0), their best total in 5 years but did allow 48 sacks (11.3%). This year they lose LG Mikal Brewer (12 st), C Tim Mattran (12 st) and backup LG Preston Clover. With Smith's return they have 4 players who have started 9 or more and add Oklahoma transfer Chase Beeler (PS#51). There are 7 VHT's in the 2 deep that I list below and this looks like the Cardinal's best O-line in over six years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Cardinal had to replace two starters (#5 and #6 NFL DC's) from their 3 man front which allowed 4.0 ypc rush in 2005. While 3 players started all 12, Stanford still allowed 211 ypg rush and their 4.9 ypc was their worst in at least 2 decades. The D also had just 14 sacks. Last year they switched to a 4-man front and moved in starting OLB Udeme Udofia so they had 4 starters returning. They did lose Ekom Udofia (PS#3) after 6 starts but still trimmed the ypg allowed to 169 (4.2) and Stanford was #3 in the Pac-10 in sks/gm (37 ttl, 3.1 pg). This year they lose DT Chris Horn (11 st, 24 tkl), DE Udeme Udofia (3 st, 31 tkl, 4.5 sk) and DE Emmanuel Awofadeju (14 tkl). They have 5 players back with starting experience, and I look for continued improvement in their defensive numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year they only had to replace one LB but that was their top defender (#3 DC). They did have six back with starting experience. Fred Campbell was lost after 2 starts while Clinton Snyder battled through injuries but still managed to start 11. Snyder was the #2 tackler and Pat Maynor was #3 and those two combined for 14 sacks and an additional 17 tfl! This year the only losses are Campbell (7 tkl), Peter Griffin (3 tkl) and Landon Johnson (1 tkl). The top 2 are back and 5 have starting experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Despite the team not having a winning record from 2002-2006, the Cardinal preformed well in my pass D rankings finishing #37, #36, #20, #68 and #45. Last year they had to replace 3 players (comb 29 st). Wopamo Osaisai set the school's record in 100M (10.39) but lost his job at the end of the year to Kris Evans who had 7 pbu in the last 5. The other CB spot was shared by Nick Sanchez (9 st, 53 tkl, 4 int) and Tim Sims (4 st, 31 tkl, 1 int). FS Bo McNally led in tackles (114). The new starting SS Austin Yancy (6 st WR '06) had not played defense since middle school. Stanford dropped to #74. This year they lose both Sanchez and Sims but both Osaisai and Evans are back. Along with their top three safeties. This is a more experienced unit and should move up.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Former HC Buddy Teevens recruited a lot of VHT's and had great success on ST's as SU finished #22 and #9 in my ST rankings in his final two years ('03-'04). Almost everyone returned in Walt Harris' first season and they finished #17 but after losing most of their key players in 2006, they dropped to #111. Last year I said they could be one of the most improved in the country and the Cardinal rose to #27. K Derek Belch started strong hitting 52 and 50 yard FG's in gm 2 and was Pac-10 ST POW. Unfortunately he went into a slump to end the year and hit just 15 of 27 including 6 of 12 from 40+ (but 2-2 from 50+) as he battled a hip injury. Jay Ottovegio increased his punting avg from 39.6 to 41.2 (net 36.8). Doug Baldwin avg 24.1 on KR. This year they must replace PS#3 Ottovegio but do have rFr David Green (PS#9) to challenge at both P and K and most of the returnmen are back.

COACHES - Jim Harbaugh was a QB at Michigan and in the NFL ('87-'01). He was 29-6 at San Diego (non-scholarship Div IAA school) and won Mid Major National Titles in his last 2 years there. After starting 2-4 in his first 6, he went 27-2. His OC is former Cardinal WR David Shaw who was Harbaugh's WR/pass gm coord in '06 and an NFL ass't with the Ravens, Raiders and Eagles from '97-'05. This year he has new co-DC's in Ron Lynn and Andy Buh. Lynn was an NFL DC with the Chargers ('86-'91), Bengals ('92-'93) and Redskins ('94-'96). He had been the DB Coach with 3 NFL teams from '97-'04. Prior to Buh's arrival at Stanford in 2007 (LB coach), he coached at Nevada ('97-'99), and SDSt ('02-05).

PHIL'S FORECAST

The last winning season for the Cardinal was 2001 (9-3) under then HC Ty Willingham. Over the last 6 years they have had 3 HC's and things bottomed out in 2006, the second year of Walt Harris' tenure when they dropped to 1-11. For the 4th straight year they were dead last in the Pac-10 in conf ypg (-168.5) which was 90 yards worse than the #9 team. They did start playing in their newly remodeled stadium which trimmed the capacity to just over 50,000. Part of the problem was that they were taking on the NCAA's toughest schedule but the 11 straight losses tied a school record (1959-'60). SU was -11 in TO's and had poor ypp (see For Better or For Worse) and also had 15 starters returning last year. For the sixth straight year SU finished at the very bottom of the Pac-10 in conf ypg, this time at -175.9 which was 109.4 yards worse than #9! In some games, SU was non-competitive but they did pull some surprises. They got their first home shutout since 1972 when they blanked 2006 bowl team SJSt, 37-0. They also led TCU 31-17 but came up 2 pts short and upset Arizona 21-20 on the road costing the Cats a bowl bid. They won the Axe for the first time in 6 years knocking off Cal 20-13 in front of an almost full stadium. Of course, the story of the year was when the Cardinal upended #2 USC for arguably the biggest upset in college football history. They got a 10 yd TD pass on 4th & goal with :49 left. It ended USC's 35 game home win streak and they were an amazing 41 pt underdog. Stanford has 10 of their top 11 tacklers back and were #3 in the Pac-10 in tfl pg (#5 NCAA!) and #3 in sk pg (#11 NCAA) last year. The Cardinal figure to be a much improved team. I'll call for them to break their streak of finishing last in the Pac-10 in ypg and Cardinal fans may have some hope for a possible bowl bid with a potential upset of WSU on Nov 1st but their last 3 games are brutal. They are probably a year away from a winning season, even with 16 returning starters (most in Pac-10).

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 14 TAVITA PRITCHARD JR. 6-4 198 PS#78. 7 st LY, 1114 (50%) 5-9 ratio. 236 rush. **4** Jason Forcier (6'2" 213 Jr) PS#42. **Mich trans.** Andrew Luck PS#8. Alex Loukas PS#39.

RB 7 TOBY GERHART SO. 6-1 228 **PS#17**. 1 st true, 375 (3.5), 15 rec. Med RS '07. **5** Anthony Kimble #1 rush '07. 1223 (4.1), 45 rec (8.1) 3Y. Jeremy Stewart (6'0" 210 So). 343 (3.3) true.

FB 48 Owen Marecic So. 6-1 237 PS#281, HM P10 true. **12 st**, 32 ttl yd. **18** Kellen Kiilsgaard (6'2" 232 rFr) PS#94QB. **47** Josh Catron (6'0" 237 Jr) 17 gm 2Y.

WR 9 RICHARD SHERMAN JR. 6-3 191 PS#102. 5 st true, #1 rec 581 (17.1). 6 st '07, #1 651 (16.7). **82** Coby Fleener (6'6" 228 rFr) PS#158. **38** Ryan Whalen (6'2" 203 So) PS#289.

WR 89 Doug Baldwin So. 5-11 182 PS#227. 11 rec (8.5) true, 570 ret yd. **10** Marcus Rance (6'2" 202 So) PS#110. 3 gm rFr. **36** Chris Hobbs (5'9" 165 Jr) 195 ret yds, 2Y.

TE 45 BEN LADNER JR. 6-3 258 PS#26. 7 gm rFr. 27 rec (7.3) in '07. **83 Jim Dray** (6'5" 255 Jr) PS#10. **17 st**, 28 rec (10.5) 2Y. Inj'd 6 LY. ? '08 (ACL). Austin Gunder (6'5" 235 Sr) 6 st, 10 rec.

C 60 ALEX FLETCHER SR. 6-3 298 **PS#16**. 11 st rFr (3C, 8RG). 9 st C '06. **2nd Tm P10** '07, 12 st RG. **70** Bert McBride (6'3" 285 So) PS#252. 5 gm rFr. **LS** Will Powers (6'4" 242 Jr) PS#53.

RG 72 Chase Beeler So. 6-3 276 **PS#51**. 1 st C, 5 gm, 85 snap C true at **Oklahoma.** Trans '07. **65** Gustav Rydstedt (6'3" 289 Sr) 8 st DE rFr. 35 gm 3Y, 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl at DT.

LG 71 Andrew Phillips So. 6-5 294 **PS#46**. 4 gm rFr, 2nd string. **78** Brad Hallick (6'6" 287 rFr) **PS#95**. **75** Joe Dembesky (6'5" 286 So) PS#123. Sam Schwartzstein is PS#217.

RT 63 CHRIS MARINELLI JR. 6-7 302 PS#41TE. 5 st RT rFr. 12 st RT '07, HM P10. **61** Matt Kopa (6'6" 285 Jr) **PS#33DL**. 12 gm, 3 tkl DL rFr. 11 gm OL/TE LY, lettered.

LT 67 ALLEN SMITH SR. 6-4 292 **PS#34**. 8 st rFr (7 LT, 1 RT). 12 st LT '06. 3 st LT until inj. ? '08 (inj). **Ben Muth** (6'6" 297 Sr) **PS#78**. 4 gm rFr. 10 gm '06. Last **9 st** LT, 12 gm '07.

K 38 David Green rFr. 6-1 193 **PS#9**. 8-10 FG as HS senior, 85% TB on KO. Back inj, RS LY. Aaron Zagory (6'0" 180 Sr) 8-13 FG '06, 0-1 from 40+, L/37, 13-15 xp.

DE 91 PANNEL EGBOH SR. 6-6 270 1 st rFr, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 12 st '06, 45 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 12 st LY, HM P10, 49 tkl, 6 sk, 7.5 tfl. **94** Tom Keiser (6'5" 242 rFr) PS#365. Chase Thomas PS#90.

DT 39 Brian Bulcke Jr. 6-4 269 Canadian. 3 st, 28 tkl 2Y. **98** Matthew Masifilo (6'3" 285 rFr). Sione Fua (6'2" 290 So) PS#52OL. 16 tkl true. Misson LY. Matt Bentler (6'5" 292 So) PS#120.

NT 54 EKOM UDOFIA JR. 6-2 310 **PS#3**. 12 st rFr, 43 tkl, 1 sk. Missed 5 LY (inj), 6 st, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. **96** Derek Hall (6'5" 278 So) PS#121. **74** James McGillicuddy (5'3" 291 Jr) PS#24. Miss spg.

DE 80 ERIK LORIG JR. 6-4 257 **PS#11TE**. TE rFr, 3 rec. 9 st DE '07, 37 tkl, 2 sk, 5.5 tfl. **99 Levirt Griffin** (6'4" 269 Jr) PS#100. 5 tkl, 12 gm true. 5 st DT LY, 19 tkl, 2.5 tfl.

WLB 43 CHIKE AMAJOYI SO. 6-0 232 PS#235RB. 6 st true, 47 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl. **42** Will Powers (6'4" 242 Jr) PS#53. 4 st, 18 tkl 2Y. **55** Johnathan Frink (6'2" 224 rFr) PS#69.

MLB 20 CLINTON SNYDER JR. 6-4 231 PS#130DL. 11 st rFr, 83 tkl, 2 sk. 11 st LY, 96 tkl, 8 sk, 6.5 tfl. **50** Nick Macaluso (6'3" 236 So) **PS#33**. 6 st rFr, 23 tkl. **59** Andrew Fowler (6'2" 232 So).

SLB 44 PAT MAYNOR SR. 6-2 220 PS#168DL. 9 st '06, 44 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st LY, 88 tkl, 6 sk, 10.5 tfl. **21** Thaddeus Chase (6'0" 210 Sr) 6 tkl 2Y. **57** Max Bergen (6'2" 218 rFr).

CB 24 KRIS EVANS JR. 6-0 182 PS#198. 4 tkl rFr. L/4 st '07, 40 tkl, 7 pbu in L/5 gm. **49** Tyler Porras (6'2" 190 So) PS#151. **12** CJ Easter (6'0" 188 Jr). **37** Mark Mueller (6'3" 193 So).

CB 6 Wopamo Osaisai Sr. 5-11 199 PS#136. 6 st '06, 52 tkl, 6 pbu. 7 st '07, 45 tkl, 1 int, 8 pbu. Fastest on tm. **26** Corey Gatewood (5'11" 186 So) PS#93WR. 68 yds RB as true.

SS 23 AUSTIN YANCY JR. 6-4 215 PS#305WR. 6 st WR as true, 16 rec (10.5). 12 st '07 SS, 49 tkl, 5 pbu. **32** Sean Wiser (6'2" 193 rFr) PS#82WR. **46** Julian Brooks (5'11" 193 rFr).

FS 22 BO McNALLY JR. 6-0 208 PS#122. 1 st rFr, 21 tkl, 2 int. 12 st LY, HM P10, #1 tkl'r (114), 6 pbu. **40** Taylor Skaufel (6'0" 192 So) PS#221. 35 tkl, 1 pbu, 12 gm as true.

P NA Daniel Zychlinski Fr. 6-3 215 PS#74. 40.5 avg in HS. **38** David Green **PS#9**. Miss part of spg w/back surgery. **15** Alex Loukas (6'4" 223 So) **PS#39QB**. Backup QB/P LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

TE	Konrad Reuland 6-6 260 PS#1 '06
QB	Andrew Luck 6-4 215 PS#8
RB	Delano Howell 5-11 190 PS#27
LB	Fred Craig 6-2 210 PS#31
OL	David DeCastro 6-5 295 PS#40
WR	Warren Reuland 6-5 210 PS#61
DL	Chase Thomas 6-4 210 PS#90
OL	Jonathan Martin 6-6 271 PS#94
WR	Chris Owusu 6-2 185 PS#77
DB	Harold Bernard 6-2 180 PS#101
DB	Michael Thomas 5-11 180 PS#151
DL	Padric Scott 6-1 300 PS#180OL
DB	Marcus Turner 6-0 180 PS#157
DB	Quinn Evans 5-10 175 PS#172
OL	Sam Schwartzstein 6-3 270 PS#217
DB	Johnson Bademosi 6-1 190 PS#416
LB	Alex Debniak 6-2 220 PS#438DL
K	Daniel Zychlinski 6-3 215 PS#74

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JIM HARBAUGH (Career 4-8) (IAA 29-6)
2nd Year at Stanford Harbaugh's Bowl Record: 0-0

Harbaugh's records AT STANFORD

4-8	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
2-6	Home	1-3	Vs Top 25
2-2	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
3-6	Vs Conference	4-4	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS: OFFENSE: 7* DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN: Returning: 46 (27,18,1) Lost: 20 (9,8,3)

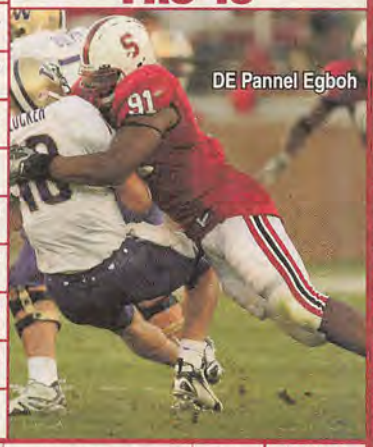
2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,332 (#60)

PAC-10

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#14

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 28	Oregon St (Thur)	G					This is the 3rd straight ssn Stanford has opened vs a conf opp. They lost 3 straight home openers. Jim Harbaugh played QB with the SD Chargers under OSU HC Riley from '99-'00.
Sep. 6	at Arizona St	G					The Sun Devils have outscored the Cardinal 79-6 the past 2 seasons holding Stanford to just 190 ypg. The Cardinal are 9-15 in the series & the visitor is 1-7.
Sep. 13	at TCU	G					A wk after upsetting USC, SU suffered a big letdown vs the Horned Frogs blowing a 14 pt, 3Q lead. Stanford is 12-7 vs current MWC teams (0-1 vs TCU). 2nd meeting.
Sep. 20	San Jose St	G					SU leads the all-time series 47-14-1 including LY's 37-0 shutout of the Spartans where the Cardinal held SJSt to just 163 total yds (SU's 1st shutout since the '96 Sun Bowl).
Sep. 27	at Washington	A					In '06, SU pulled out their only win of the season holding UW to just 161 ttl yds in Seattle. UW's Ty Willingham was the HC at Stanford from '95-'01 posting a 44-36-1 record w/4 bowls.
Oct. 4	at Notre Dame	G					This will mark the 12th straight season these 2 schools have met (ND has won 6 straight). Stanford HC Jim Harbaugh beat the Irish twice ('85-'86) as QB for Michigan.
Oct. 11	Arizona (HC)	G					LY Stanford scored a 4Q TD & recovered a fumble at their own 22 with 2:00 left to pull out the road victory. The Cardinal have won 5 of the L/7 gms vs the Wildcats.
Oct. 18	at UCLA	G					LY UCLA racked up 624 ttl yds spoiling Jim Harbaugh's Stanford coaching debut. Stanford has lost 11 of the last 15 to the Bruins including 4 straight.
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	Washington St	G					Cardinal allowed 561 ttl yds (449 pass) in LY's loss in Pullman. Stanford was sk'd 8X in WSU's mauling of SU in their 1st P-10 HG in their newly remodeled stadium in '06.
Nov. 8	at Oregon	A					SU actually led the Ducks going into HT LY (3 UO TO's) but were outscored by a 31-0 clip in the 2H. SU has dropped 6 straight to Oregon including 5 by 24+ pts.
Nov. 15	USC	G					SU QB Pritchard made his 1st career start at USC guiding one of the greatest upsets in NCAA history knocking off the #2 Trojans & ending their streak of 35 straight home victories.
Nov. 22	at California	A					This will mark the 102nd edition of the "Big Game". SU leads all-time 50-41-10. The Cardinal upset the Bears' LY ending Cal's 5 gm win streak vs SU (longest streak since 1919-'23).
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Steve Stenstrom 10,531 '91-'94	1. Darrin Nelson 4,033 '77-'78, '80-'81	1. Troy Walters 3,986 '96-'99
2. John Elway 9,349 '79-'82	2. Brad Muster 2,940 '84-'87	2. DeRonnie Pitts 2,942 '97-'00
3. John Paye 7,669 '83-'86	3. Anthony Bookman 2,523 '94-'97	3. Justin Armour 2,482 '91-'94



STADIUM: STANFORD STADIUM (50,033) (#58)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	9-3	2-9	4-7	4-7	5-6	1-11	4-8	34-57
Home	3-3	5-1	2-3	3-3	3-3	1-5	0-5	2-6	19-29
Away	2-3	4-1	0-6	1-4	1-4	4-1	1-6	2-2	15-27
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-4	6-2	1-7	2-6	2-6	4-4	1-8	3-6	23-43
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-2	0-3	1-2	11-14
ATS	8-3	7-5	4-6-1	6-5	6-5	7-2-1	3-9	5-7	46-42-2
Home Fav (Ty Willingham)	1-2	2-3	2-0	1-0	3-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	10-8
Home Dog (Buddy Teevens)	3-0	1-0	1-2	3-2	1-1	3-2	0-4	2-4	14-15
Away Fav (Walt Harris)	1-0	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	0-0	3-2-1
Away Dog (Jim Harbaugh)	3-1	2-0	1-4-1	2-3	2-3	4-0	3-3	2-2	19-16-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	6-2	5-3	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	6-2	2-7	3-6	32-33-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	2-1	2-1	2-1	1-0-1	1-2	2-1	14-9-1
Off SU Win	2-2	4-5	0-1-1	3-1	2-2	3-1	0-1	1-2	15-15-1
Off SU Loss	5-1	2-0	3-5	2-4	3-3	4-1	3-7	4-4	26-25

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
92	Blockbuster - #13	-1	Penn St - #21	24-3
95	Liberty	-3'	East Carolina	13-19
96	Sun	+7'	Michigan St	38-0
99	Rose - #22	+14	Wisconsin - #4	9-17
01	Seattle - #11	-6	Georgia Tech	14-24

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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Kimble	115	526	17	509	8	4.4
Jeremy Stewart	105	359	16	343	2	3.3
Tyrone McGraw	64	311	17	294	2	4.6
Toby Gerhart	12	141	1	140	1	11.7
Jason Evans	30	111	6	105	1	3.5
Corey Gatewood	8	74	6	68	0	8.5
Tavita Pritchard	66	236	191	45	0	0.7
TC Ostrander	32	17	188	-171	0	-5.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
TC Ostrander	229	130	56.8	1422	7	3
Tavita Pritchard	194	97	50.0	1114	5	9
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Richard Sherman		39	651	16.7	4	70
Mark Bradford		51	642	12.6	3	42
Evan Moore		39	481	12.3	1	42
Ben Ladner		27	198	7.3	1	31
Jim Dray		9	116	12.9	1	46
Doug Baldwin		11	93	8.5	0	20
Austin Gunder		10	86	8.6	2	27
Anthony Kimble		12	64	5.3	0	16
Tyrone McGraw		8	58	7.2	0	17
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jay Ottovegio	78	3215	41.2	27	36.8	0	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Derek Belch	26-26	3-6	6-9	4-10	2-2	15-27	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bo McNally	114	1.5	6	6	2
Clinton Snyder	96	8	6.5	1	0
Pat Maynor	88	6	10.5	3	0
Nick Sanchez	53	0	3	3	4
Austin Yancy	49	0	1	5	1
Pannel Egboh	49	6	7.5	0	0
Chike Amajoyi	47	4	5	0	1
Wopamo Osaisai	45	0	1	8	1
Kris Evans	40	0	1	7	0
Erik Lorig	37	2	5.5	0	0
Taylor Skaufel	35	0	0	1	0
Udeme Udofia	31	4.5	3	1	0
Tim Sims	31	0	3	2	1
Chris Horn	24	1	2.5	0	0
Nick Macaluso	23	1	1.5	0	0
Levirt Griffin	19	1	1.5	0	0
Ekom Udofia	18	0.5	1.5	0	0
Emmanuel Awofadeju	14	0	1	0	1
Ben Ladner	10	0	0	0	0
Brian Bulcke	9	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chris Hobbs	18	122	6.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Doug Baldwin	23	555	24.1	0	
Anthony Kimble	18	385	21.4	0	

STANFORD'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	19.6	19	111	3.0	211	53.5	16.5	+3	2007	8	28.3	21	169	4.2	266	61.2	15.4
8*	10.6	14	65	2.1	167	52.8	21.9	-11	2006	6	31.4	22	211	4.9	177	60.3	12.3
10*	24.5	18	92	2.6	224	61.4	12.9	+4	2005	5	30.6	22	156	4.0	286	60.8	14.4
5	22.0	17	81	2.5	246	50.9	14.9	+8	2004	9	21.2	20	143	3.6	249	59.7	18.5
3*	16.9	17	96	2.5	187	47.6	16.7	+1	2003	8	29.5	21	138	4.0	296	54.5	14.7
7	20.5	18	133	3.4	178	51.5	15.2	-5	2002	2	34.3	19	133	3.7	252	56.0	11.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

SU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
38,860	UCLA	21	26-52	2.0	27-59	346	4	24	50-338	6.8	16-29	286	1	-1
36,144	San Jose St	26	48-276	5.8	19-30	230	1	10	25-32	1.3	13-28	131	3	0
35,019	Oregon	19	32-140	4.4	25-44	262	3	26	46-215	4.7	28-38	374	2	+1
32,125	Arizona St	13	26-(-2)	-0.1	20-35	237	7	18	41-174	4.2	21-28	266	6	-2
85,125	at USC	16	39-86	2.2	11-30	149	4	19	38-95	2.5	24-41	364	4	+4
37,777	TCU	27	49-170	3.5	15-30	194	5	29	48-150	3.1	23-34	344	2	+1
55,270	at Arizona	21	45-96	2.1	19-27	181	3	19	32-130	4.1	28-41	239	3	0
42,089	at Oregon St	12	25-(-8)	-0.3	16-32	189	5	15	44-173	3.9	14-21	142	6	-4
36,570	Washington	14	26-116	4.5	17-31	137	6	31	63-388	6.2	16-32	151	2	+1
31,110	at Wash St	23	47-113	2.4	22-40	263	4	27	31-112	3.6	32-47	449	1	0
48,953	Notre Dame	18	44-175	4.0	15-33	152	5	19	38-117	3.1	19-32	196	5	+2
49,209	California	20	39-120	3.1	21-33	196	1	17	24-108	4.5	22-47	252	2	+1
TOTALS		230	446-1334	3.0	227-424	2536	48	254	480-2032	4.2	256-418	3194	37	+3
AVERAGES		19.2	37-111	3.0	19-35	211	4.0	21.2	40-169	4.2	21-35	266	3.1	0.3

2003 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	San Jose St	-12	31-10
–	at BYU	+7	18-14
–	at Washington - #18	+12'	17-28
–	at USC - #9	+21	21-44
–	Washington St - #6	+10'	14-24
–	at Oregon	+10	0-35
–	UCLA	+6	21-14
–	Arizona St	+2'	38-27
–	at Oregon St	+14'	3-43
–	California	+10	16-28
–	Notre Dame	+4'	7-57

2004 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	San Jose St	-17'	43-3
–	BYU	-4	37-10
–	USC - #1	+22	28-31
–	Washington	-13'	27-13
–	at Notre Dame	+5	15-23
–	at Washington St	+1'	23-17
–	Oregon	-3'	13-16
–	at UCLA	+4'	0-21
–	at Arizona St - #23	+10'	31-34
–	Oregon St	+2	19-24
–	at California - #4	+24'	6-41

2005 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Navy	-3	41-38
–	UC Davis	NL	17-20
–	Oregon	+7	20-44
–	at Washington St	+14	24-21
–	at Arizona	+4'	20-16
–	Arizona St	+10'	45-35
–	UCLA - #8	+7	27-30 OT
–	at USC - #1	+34	21-51
–	at Oregon St	+6	20-17
–	California	+5'	3-27
–	Notre Dame - #6	+15	31-38

2006 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Oregon - #21	+12	10-48
–	at San Jose St	-9'	34-35
–	Navy	-1	9-37
–	Washington St	+10	10-36
–	at UCLA	+23'	0-31
–	at Notre Dame - #12	+29	10-31
–	Arizona	+3'	7-20
–	at Arizona St	+23	3-38
–	USC - #9	+28	0-42
–	at Washington	+19	20-3
–	Oregon St	+14'	7-30
–	at California - #21	+29'	17-26

2007 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UCLA - #14	+16'	17-45
–	San Jose St	-7'	37-0
–	Oregon - #13	+18'	31-55
–	Arizona St - #23	+14'	3-41
–	at USC - #2	+41	24-23
–	TCU	+6	36-38
–	at Arizona	+13	21-20
–	at Oregon St	+13'	6-23
–	Washington	+3	9-27
–	at Washington St	+11	17-33
–	Notre Dame	-4'	14-21
–	California	+13'	20-13

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - The Cougars have had a storied history of QB's including 1st round DC's like Drew Bledsoe, Ryan Leaf and Jack Thompson and other stars like Timm Rosenbach and Mark Rypien. In 2004 Josh Swogger broke his foot in the sixth game and Alex Brink (PS#51) started the final five. After a rough debut Brink threw for 1,305 (50%) with a 7-5 ratio. Brink added 10 lbs and improved his arm strength. In 2005 he threw for 531 vs Oreg St (4th best Pac-10 history). He became the first WSU QB to have two consecutive wins in the Apple Cup. Brink threw for 2,891 (57.3%) with a 24-13 ratio (244 rush) and third string Gary Rogers (PS#28) got in 4 games (5 att) in '05. Brink threw for 2,899 (60.9%) with a 19-10 ratio in '06. Last year Brink became the school's all-time career passing leader (#3 Pac-10). He threw for 3,818 (60.6%) with a 26-15 ratio including an Apple Cup record 399 yards passing. Rogers hit just 4 of 16 for 18 yards with an int. Rogers will battle K-St transfer Kevin Lopina (PS#38), Cole Morgan (PS#100), JT Levenseller (6'1" 187, PS#195) who GS LY, Marshall Lobbestael (PS#124), Dan Wagner (5'11" 209 rFr) and true frosh Calvin Schmidtke (PS#65). While Brink (#7DC HOU) was not a fan favorite in his tenure, this group will clearly miss his experience and passing ability.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cougars usually rely on JUCO's for their top backs. JT Deiderichs (PS#8JC) did not make the roster in Aug '06 and soph DeMaundray Woolridge, who rushed for 312 (6.0) in '05 as true frosh, had 86 vs a tough Auburn D in less than 2Q's. He was banged up most of the year and finished with 330 (4.2). RFr Dwight Tardy (PS#119) had a couple of 100 yard efforts and finished with 667 (4.6). Derrell Hutsona (PS#31JC) rushed for 379 (6.4) and Kevin McCall had 72 (10.3). Everyone appeared to return last year but then Woolridge and Hutsona were lost over the summer so backing up Tardy was Christopher Ivory. Ivory missed 5 midseason with injury. Tardy had 214 vs a UCLA team that was allowing just 79.6 ypg rush but tore his ACL on a 51 yd TD run and was lost for the final 4 finishing with 676 (4.7). Kevin McCall started vs Cal and had 53. Ivory returned and had 104 vs Stanford and 114 vs Washington. Marcus Richmond (6'1" 215 So, PS#83) had just 56 (4.0) for the season. Not listed below are Logwone Mitz (6'0" 228 rFr, PS#136), Joe Campbell (5'10" 163 rFr), Casey Thometz (6'0" 200 Jr) and Jace Perry (5'10" 200 Jr). The only loss is McCall (294, 3.8) and they add in PS#102JC Chantz Staden so this more experienced group should have their best rushing total in 3 years.

RECEIVERS - Jason Hill led the team in rec's in both '04 and '05 and Michael Bumpus was #2 both years. In 2006 Hill and Bumpus missed some time with Hill finishing #2 and Bumpus #3 (558, 9.3). Brandon Gibson led with 731 (14.9). Last year they had to replace Hill and TE Cody Boyd. Bumpus led in rec's with 70 (11.3) and broke Hugh Campbell's career record for rec's (1960-'62, 176). Gibson led the Pac-10 in rec ypg (107.3) finishing with 1,180 yards (17.6). TE Jed Collins had 512 (9.8) and Charles Dillon added 407 (11.0). Three of the top 4 depart in Bumpus (12 st), Collins (12 st) and Dillon (12 st). Gibson turned down a shot at the NFL and he was my 3rd Tm AA last year. Not listed below are Jared Bjerkestrand (6'4" 194 Sr) who tore his Achilles in the spring, Reid McEllrath (6'4" 219 Jr), TE Arron Gehring (6'5" 237 So) and this year's true frosh. Even with the return of Gibson, this group looks to be down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WSU had to replace two starters who were 1st and 2nd Tm Pac-10 in '05. They did not have any injuries and paved the way for an outstanding 212 ypg (5.3) allowing just 18 sacks (4.7%). In 2006 they had to replace two starters and two backups. Walk-on Josh Duin lost his job to Kenny Alfred who Doba commented on in 2005 saying he would be a 4 year starter. With 3 new starters, the numbers dropped drastically to 128 ypg (3.9) with 29 sacks (6.7%) as only 1 OL started all 12 due to injuries. Last year they had to replace 2 starters and 2 backups then lost RG Andy Roof (5 st '06) over the summer. They had 3 players who combined for 28 starts returning but did add PS#38JC Vaughn Lesuma who then, OL coach Yarno said, had a chance to be one of the best OL's ever at WSU. Doba said they passed more last year due to an inexperienced O-line. True frosh Andrew Roxas started vs UCLA (Alfred conc) and although he'd never played C before, he had a perfect game. WSU saw their rushing numbers drop to 116 ypg (3.7) but allowed just 22 sacks (4.2%). This year they lose LG Bobby Byrd (12 st, 4Y st'r). With 9 of the top 10 back and a PS#100JC addition, this looks like the Cougars' best O-line in a few years.

DEFENSIVE LINE - When I think of WSU, I think of fierce pass rushing D-lines and the Cougars always had a top-notch unit under Doba. In 2006 they allowed just 114 ypg rush (3.4) with 36 sacks. That group was hit hard by injuries and even had to go to a 3-4 alignment the 2H of the season. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm Pac-10 DE but had 7 of the top 8 back. Unfortunately the unit was again hit extremely hard with injuries. The injury-plagued group allowed 163 ypg rushing (3.9), their weakest total since 2000 and the sacks dropped to 27. This year they lose Ropati Pitoitua (11 st, 42 tkl), Matt Mullennix (10 st, 33 tkl, 2.5 tfl), DT Aaron Johnson (5 st, 11 tkl) and DE Lance Broadus (4 st, 20 tkl). Wulff brought in 3 JUCO's and also moves in VHT Andy Roof from the O-line. Despite being a little less experienced, this unit should remain healthier and the Cougars look tougher up front.

#45 DE Andy Mattingly

LINEBACKERS - The Cougars had to replace two starters from this unit last year and are more experienced in 2007. The only losses are 2nd string LB Chris Baltzer (9 tkl) and Alex Hamill (1 gm). Andy Mattingly spent time at LB and now moves full-time to DE but the three returning starters missed just one start last year with injury.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2003 with seven of their top eight returning, WSU finished #2 in my pass D rankings. They slipped to #40 and #78 but were back to #31 in 2006. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and Terry Mixon (PS#3JC), who I projected as a starter, DNP. Two JC and a frosh started the opener. They dropped to #77. This year the only losses are HM Pac-10 FS Husain Abdullah (12 st, 93 tkl, 8.5 tfl), CB Brian Williams (13 tkl), CB Ryan Kensok (31 tkl) and S Christian Bass (12 tkl). Four players return with starting experience and despite the loss of their #1 tackler, I look for solid improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - It was an up-and-down five years for Doba's ST units. In his first season they were #17 in my ST rankings then dropped to #87 in '04, up to #35 in '05 but the last 2 years finished just #112 and #100. Last year they had 2 experienced K's returning in Loren Langley and Romeen Abdollmohammadi who combined to hit 10 of 16 FG's in '06. Romeen hit 14-19 FG's (long 42) in '07 while Langley had just 1 kick. True frosh Wade Penner had good height on his KO's but recorded just 1 TB. Darryl Blunt who had a 41.4 avg (34.5 net) in '06, began as starter but after a zero yard punt vs SDSt, got into the coaches doghouse and was later susp'd. Reid Forrest uses rugby-style punts and avg'd 40.5 (net 34.8). Against UCLA they actually had a net of 42.2 despite a 42.0 avg (-2 in returns). Michael Bumpus avg 6.6 on PR's and Charles Dillon 21.0 on KR's, both improvements from '06. This year they must replace Abdollmohammadi, Langley, Bumpus and Dillon but could actually move up in the ST rankings.

COACHES - Bill Doba did a great job in his first year guiding the team to a 10-3 finish and #9 in the polls sharing Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors with USC's Pete Carroll. He had been on the Cougars' staff since 1989 but WSU did not have a winning season in any of his final 4 years and he was let go. The new HC is Paul Wulff who has been the HC at E Wash for 8 years earning Big Sky Coach of the Year honors on 3 different occasions. Wulff was an OL here from 1986-'89 playing under Jim Waldon, Dennis Erickson and Mike Price. His OC is Todd Sturdy who also comes over from EW ('07) and they will run the no huddle spread offense. Prior to EW, he was the HC at St Ambrose Univ for 12 years. His co-DC's are Chris Ball and Jody Sears. This will be Ball's 3rd stint at WSU and Sears served as DC for 5 years under Wulff at EW.

PHIL'S FORECAST

WSU had the second best record among Pac-10 schools from 2001-2004 at 35-14. The Cougars have scored in 273 straight games, the nation's second longest streak. In the Mike Price era the team has had at least 13 returning starters four times and in each of those years, made it to a bowl (including Rose Bowls in 1997 and 2002). In Bill Doba's first season they had the magical 13 starters returning and despite a tough schedule, finished 10-3 including their upset win in the Holiday Bowl over #5 Texas. It was amazingly WSU's 3rd straight Top 10 finish, the first Pac-10 team to do so since 1974 and they accomplished that despite being picked 7th in the Pac-10. They only had 6 starters back in 2004 and as expected, went 5-6 and were +2 in net close wins. In 2005 the Cougars had 15 starters back with a soft non-conf schedule but were one of the most snake bitten teams in the country. It was a team that could have easily finished with 10 or 11 wins. Despite their 1-7 record in Pac-10 play, they were only -14.5 ypg in league play (#5). In 2006 the Cougars had to replace RB Jerome Harrison (1,900 yd '05) but did have 14 returning starters. Their motto was "finish" after blowing three 4Q leads the year before. At one point WSU was 6-3 with their only losses being to #4 Auburn, #3 USC and #10 Cal. Doba looked like he might be the Pac-10 Coach of the Year and they were ranked for the first time since 2003 but a banged up Cougar team ended up losing their last 3 and UCLA was picked for a bowl over WSU (both 6-6). Last year I noted that, playing one of the NCAA's toughest schedules, would be hard for Wash St to top the previous year's win total. At 2-2 they were tied 20-20 with Ariz, but lost by 28. The Cougars, who had been winless in Oct the previous 3 years, missed a 46 yd FG with :12 left and lost to #18 ASU at home by 3. They were blown out by Oregon but then vs a UCLA team down to its 3rd string QB, managed an upset for a rare Oct win. They only lost at Cal by 3 and beat Stanford. In the FHG for 19 seniors vs Ore St, they were done in by a -8 TO ratio and blown out 52-17. They rallied to win the Apple Cup but it did not save Doba's job. The Cougars do have 14 returning starters (2nd most Pac-10) and despite their 3-6 conf record were only outgained by 4.8 ypg. First year HC's usually struggle as they need to learn the players and the players need to learn the new systems and that has me calling for a 2nd straight losing season (5th straight non-winning).

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 17 Gary Rogers Sr. 6-6 233 **PS#28**. 26 gm 3Y, 24-52-244-3-3. Kevin Lopina (6'3" 231 Jr) **PS#38. K-St** Cole Morgan (6'2" 202 Jr) PS#100. Marshall Lobbestael (6'3" 201 rFr) PS#124.

RB 31 DWIGHT TARDY JR. 5-10 200 PS#119. 10 st rFr, 667 (4.6). 8 st LY (inj), 676 (4.7). **34** Christopher Ivory (6'0" 228 Jr) PS#187. 3 st, 398 (6.3) 2Y. **30** Marcus Richmond (6'1" 215 So).

WR 85 Jeshua Anderson So. 6-2 184 PS#164. 1 st true, 372 (31.0). **15** Benny Ward (6'3" 195 Sr) PS#223. 3 rec '07. Kameron Thurmond (6'4" 190 rFr) PS#376. Randy Johnson (6'4" 201 So).

WR 4 BRANDON GIBSON SR. 6-1 202 PS#119. 9 st '06, 731 (14.9), 11 st LY, 1180 (17.6), **1st Tm P10. 88** Anthony Houston (6'3" 201 So) PS#75DB. Greg Walker (6'3" 175 So) PS#361.

WR 86 Daniel Blackledge So. 6-2 179 PS#149. 1 rec true. Michael Willis (6'1" 204 Jr) PS#113. 16 tkl DB '05-'06. RS. Keith Rosenberg (5'10" 190 So) PS#50RB. Corey Williams (6'1" 188 Jr).

TE 80 Devin Frischknecht Sr. 6-3 256 PS#221JC. 18 rec LY. Ben Woodard (6'5" 244 Sr) PS#109LB. 9 rec 3Y. Trevor Mooney (6'6" 250 So) PS#77. Mikel Overgaard (6'5" 219 rFr) PS#410DL.

C 69 KENNY ALFRED JR. 6-2 300 **PS#61**. 9 st rFr. 11 st C LY. **78** Steven Ayers (6'4" 299 rFr) PS#118. **57** Chris Prummer (6'1" 254 So). **LS** Tony Thompson (6'2" 240 Jr) 16 gm 2Y.

RG 60 DAN ROWLANDS SR. 6-4 284 PS#112. 10 gm ST rFr. 9 st '06. 12 st RG LY. Zack Williams (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#100JC. **56** Kevin Freitag (6'4" 316 rFr) PS#112. **61** Jeff Bowen (6'1" 281 Sr).

LG 73 Andrew Roxas So. 6-1 295 PS#189. 1 st, 9 gm true. BJ Guerra (6'3" 315 rFr) PS#106. DL as true. **79** Brian Danaher (6'3" 273 So). **68** Mike Bruce (6'3" 285 rFr).

RT 76 MICAH HANNAM SO. 6-4 279 PS#211. 12 st RT as rFr. **66** Reed Lesuma (6'3" 302 Sr) PS#520JC. 4 gm LY. **75** Will Hunter (6'5" 295 rFr) PS#244. Tanner Way (6'4" 351 rFr).

LT 55 VAUGHN LESUMA SR. 6-5 329 **PS#38JC**. 12 st LT LY. NFL potential. **67** Joe Eppele (6'7" 275 So) PS#497. 11 gm rFr. **52** Nick Cantlon (6'5" 239 Sr). **75** Scott Friberg (6'4" 290 Jr).

K 35 Wade Penner So. 5-10 155 PS#82. 1 TB on 43 KO as true in 9 games. Big leg. Patrick Rooney (6'1" 190 Jr) 6 TB 31 KO at JUCO. **22** Matt Myers (5'11" 207 rFr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 93 Kevin Kooyman Jr. 6-6 242 PS#81TE. 6 tkl true, 1 sk. 2 st DE LY, 10 tkl, 3.5 sk. Jesse Feagin (6'3" 261 Sr) PS#256JC. 3 tkl LY. Tyson Pencer PS#138TE. Bret Lindstrom (6'3" 220 rFr).

DT 92 FEVAEA'I AHMU SR. 6-0 292 **PS#31**. 11 st as true, 26 tkl, 3 tfl. 11 st L2Y (inj). **74 Andy Roof** (6'4" 299 Sr) **PS#55OL**. 5 st RG '06, susp'd '07. **65** Adam Hineline (6'2" 305 Sr).

DT NA Bernard Wolfgramm Jr. 6-3 270 PS#80JC. **77 Matt Eichelberger** (6'4" 317 Sr) PS#87. 9 tkl, 2 sk 3Y. **90** Toby Turpin (6'6" 268 So) PS#117. 4 tkl rFr. **74** Luke Hansell (6'2" 244 Jr).

DE 45 ANDY MATTINGLY JR. 6-4 241 PS#99LB. 7 st '07, 91 tkl, 8 sk, 3 tfl. Mike Graise (6'3" 211 Sr) 2 st, 35 tkl 3Y. **97** Asly Jean-Jacques (6'1" 226 So). Jessy Sanchez PS#278JC.

SLB 39 CORY EVANS SR. 6-2 240 19 tkl true. 44 tkl '06, 6 tfl. 12 st LY, 84 tkl, 10.5 tfl. Hallston Higgins (5'10" 215 So) 10 tkl true. Andrew Kreutz (5'11" 194 So). Darrin Friberg (6'2" 194 So).

MLB 52 GREG TRENT SR. 5-11 220 5 st true, 69 tkl. 12 st '06, 77 tkl. 12 st LY, 89 tkl, 4 sk, HM P10. **47** Marshal Pirtz (6'0" 231 rFr) PS#181. Sam Tennant (6'0" 205 Jr). 1 gm LY.

WLB 49 KENDRICK DUNN SR. 5-11 224 PS#350JC. 11 st LY, 81 tkl, 3 sk, 3.5 tfl. **51** Jason Stripling (5'11" 219 Jr) 7 tkl true '05. Inel LY. **50** Brady Emmons (5'10" 205 Jr) PS#476.

CB 32 DEVIN GILES JR. 6-0 158 PS#410JC. 12 st CB LY, 52 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Miss spg acad. **6** Markus Dawes (5'11" 193 Sr) 6 gm, 1 tkl. **48** Tali Talakai (5'11" 185 Sr).

CB 18 ALFONSO JACKSON SR. 5-9 204 PS#351JC. 4.43 spd. 9 st SS LY. 65 tkl, 2 int. Romeo Pellum (5'10" 162 So) PS#190. 9 tkl, 2 tfl true (inj). Tyrone Justice (5'10" 151 rFr) PS#443.

SS 21 CHIMA NWACHUKWU SO. 5-11 189 PS#378. 12 st at CB as true, 73 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. **13** Myron Beck (6'0" 207 So) PS#175JC. Eric Block (6'0" 179 rFr) PS#102. Louis Bland PS#66.

FS 26 Xavier Hicks Jr. 6-0 193 PS#69QB. 7 tkl rFr. 3 st SS LY, 53 tkl, 3 pbu. Easton Johnson PS#509JC. Deon Ford (6'0" 215 rFr) PS#151WR. Phillip Jennings (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#205.

P 8 REID FORREST SO. 6-0 179 Rugby style P. Took over P job early 2007. 40.5 avg on 46 punts, 10 gm, team net 34.8. **19** Dan Wagner (5'11" 209 rFr) QB/P on roster.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Bernard Wolfgramm 6-3 270 PS#80JC
OL	Zack Williams 6-3 285 PS#100JC
RB	Chantz Staden 5-11 200 PS#102JC
DB	Myron Beck 6-0 207 PS#175JC
DB	Louis Bland 6-0 205 PS#66
DL	Jessy Sanchez 6-2 265 PS#278JC
QB	Calvin Schmidtke 6-0 186 PS#65
DB	Kevin Frank 5-10 170 PS#120WR
WR	Jared Karstetter 6-4 195 PS#123
DL	Josh Luapo 6-0 295 PS#349JC
OL	Timothy Hodgdon 6-3 287 PS#179
TE	Skylar Stormo 6-4 227 PS#61
TE	Andrei Lintz 6-4 220 PS#63
DL	Dan Spitz 6-5 245 PS#205
WR	Cory Mackay 6-4 215 PS#202
DB	Jay Matthews 6-1 200 PS#358
DB	Easton Johnson 5-11 196 PS#509JC
QB	JT Levenseller 6-1 187 PS#195 '07
DL	Adam Coerper 6-5 230 PS#132TE
WR	Kevin Norrell 5-9 180 PS#360
WR	Michael Vandenkolk 5-10 175 PS#360
DB	Terrance Hayward 6-1 175 PS#456
DB	Tyree Toomer 6-0 180 PS#456
RB	Daniel Simmons 5-10 180 PS#391
OL	Alex Reitnouer 6-5 235 PS#481
DL	Tyson Pencer 6-6 260 PS#138TE '07
LB	Mike Ledgerwood 6-1 215 PS#408
DL	Anthony Laurenzi 6-3 260 PS#464
DB	Jarred Walker 6-3 190 PS#463
DB	LeAndre Daniels 6-1 180 PS#500

WASHINGTON ST COUGARS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#28

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	† Oklahoma St *(Seattle)*	A					
Sep. 6	California	A					
Sep. 13	at Baylor	A					
Sep. 20	Portland St	A					
Sep. 27	Oregon (HC)	A					
Oct. 4	at UCLA	G					
Oct. 11	at Oregon St	A					
Oct. 18	USC	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at Stanford	G					
Nov. 8	Arizona	A					
Nov. 15	at Arizona St	G					
Nov. 22	Washington	A					
Nov. 29	at Hawaii	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Alex Brink 10,913 '04-'07
2. Jason Gesser 8,830 '99-'02
3. Jack Thompson 7,818 '75-'78

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Rueben Mayes 3,519 '82-'85
2. Steve Broussard 3,054 '86-'89
3. Shaumbe Wright-Fair 2,938 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jason Hill 2,704 '03-'06
2. Hugh Campbell 2,452 '60-'62
3. Nian Taylor 2,447 '96-'99

The Cougars have won 4 of the L/5 as the host in Seattle & splitting 2 vs Big XII tms. WSU is 12-25 vs current Big XII tms. WSU is 5-2 in season openers but lost the L/2.

Cal won for the 1st time in Pullman S/'79 when they visited in '06. In that gm the Cougars were held w/o a TD for the 1st time in Pac-10 play since the '00 season.

This will mark the 6th all-time meeting between these 2 programs (Baylor leads 3-2). WSU got a last second FG to knock off the Bears 2 yrs ago at Qwest Field.

This is the 1st meeting. Portland St is coached by former NFL HC Jerry Glanville. The Vikings went 3-8 LY as a member of the Big Sky Conf including a loss (52-17) to SDSt.

Last year the Cougars gave up more pts (53) to the Ducks than in any of their previous 84 matchups. WSU trails in the series 38-40-7 including 3-7 since 1998.

Cougars had 545 yds of total offense while limiting UCLA to 267 in LY's win in Pullman. WSU has now won 6 of the last 7 meetings against the Bruins.

LY WSU QB Brink was int'd 6 times (5 in the 1H) in his final HG as the Cougars were hammered 52-17. In 2006, the Cougars won their 1st game in Corvallis S/'96.

Cougars were held to a season-low 247 yds in last season's trip to the Coliseum. WSU last beat USC in '02, a 30-27 OT win. The Trojans lead the all-time series 55-8-4.

The visitor in this series is 7-1 since 2000, but lost last year. In their last visit to Stanford, WSU sk'd Cardinal QB's 8 times in their 36-10 rout.

Surrendering 567 yds of offense (221 rush), WSU was hammered in Tucson LY despite QB Brink throwing for 347 yds. The Cougars are 13-22 vs Arizona including 2 straight losses.

In LY's last second loss to ASU, QB Alex Brink threw for 369 yds breaking Jason Gesser's school passing record. WSU is just 3-8 in this series & 1-4 at Tempe S/'97.

QB Brink finished his career w/WSU passing for 399 yds & 5 TD's in LY's win vs rival UW. WSU has led or been tied at the half in each of the past 6 "Apple Cups".

Fourth all-time meeting (WSU leads 2-1). WSU has gone 90-25-4 vs current WAC members. WSU will finish their reg season vs a tm other than UW for just the 3rd time S/'88.

PAUL WULFF (Career 0-0) (IAA 53-40)
1st Year at WASHINGTON ST Wulff's Bowl Record: 0-0

Wulff's records AT WASHINGTON ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

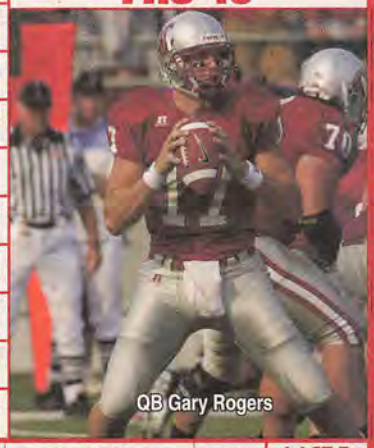
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (19,15,2)
Lost: 18 (8,9,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,396 (#73)

PAC-10


QB Gary Rogers

STADIUM: MARTIN STADIUM (35,117) (#83)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	10-2	10-3	10-3	5-6	4-7	6-6	5-7	54-41
Home	1-5	5-1	5-1	5-0	2-3	1-4	2-4	3-2	24-20
Away	3-2	4-1	4-1	3-3	3-2	2-3	3-2	1-5	23-19
Neutral	0-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	7-2
vs Conf	2-6	6-2	7-1	6-2	3-5	1-7	4-5	3-6	32-34
vs Non-Conf	2-1	4-0	3-2	4-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-1	22-7
ATS	6-5	7-4	7-5	6-7	3-8	5-5	6-6	6-6	46-46
Home Fav (Mike Price)	0-1	2-2	3-1	2-3	1-3	0-2	1-2	1-2	10-16
Home Dog (Mike Price)	2-3	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	10-6
Away Fav (Bill Doba)	0-0	3-1	3-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-1	0-0	11-6
Away Dog (Bill Doba)	4-1	1-0	0-1	3-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	2-4	13-12
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-6
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	6-2	3-5	1-7	4-4	5-4	5-4	33-33
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	1-2	13-13
Off SU Win	2-2	5-3	6-4	3-6	0-4	1-1	3-3	1-3	21-26
Off SU Loss	4-2	1-1	1-0	3-0	2-4	4-3	3-2	5-2	23-14

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwight Tardy	143	699	23	676	6	4.7
Christopher Ivory	60	332	19	313	2	5.2
Kevin McCall	78	322	28	294	3	3.8
Marcus Richmond	14	62	6	56	0	4.0
Alex Brink	63	244	210	34	0	0.5
Gary Rogers	3	28	9	19	0	6.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Alex Brink	503	305	60.6	3818	26	15
Gary Rogers	16	4	25.0	18	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brandon Gibson	67	1180	17.6	9	67
Michael Bumpus	70	789	11.3	4	30
Jed Collins	52	512	9.8	3	48
Charles Dillon	37	407	11.0	3	32
Jeshua Anderson	12	372	31.0	2	61
Devin Frischknecht	18	191	10.6	3	41
Kevin McCall	13	125	9.6	0	47
Dwight Tardy	15	89	5.9	0	25
Ben Woodard	8	82	10.2	2	19
Christopher Ivory	13	50	3.8	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Reid Forrest	46	1863	40.5	4	34.8(t)	0	13
Darryl Blunt	10	361	36.1	1	–	1	3

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Romeen Abdollmohammadi	34-35	3-4	7-8	4-5	0-2	14-19	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Husain Abdullah	93	0	8.5	6	4
Andy Mattingly	91	8	3	4	1
Greg Trent	89	4	1.5	4	0
Cory Evans	84	1.5	9	2	1
Kendrick Dunn	81	3	3.5	0	0
Chima Nwachukwu	73	0	0	5	1
Alfonso Jackson	65	0	0	2	2
Devin Giles	59	0	1.5	6	2
Xavier Hicks	53	0	2.5	3	1
Ropati Pitoitua	42	0	5	1	0
Matt Mullennix	33	1	1.5	1	0
Ryan Kensok	31	0	2	1	0
A'i Ahmu	22	1	1	1	0
Lance Broadus	20	0.5	1.5	1	0
Mike Graise	14	0	2.5	0	0
Brian Williams	13	0	0	0	0
Jed Collins	12	0	0	0	0
Christian Bass	12	0	0	0	1
Aaron Johnson	11	1.5	1	1	0
Kevin Kooyman	10	3.5	0	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Bumpus	16	106	6.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Charles Dillon	31	650	21.0	0
Christopher Ivory	13	257	19.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
94	Alamo - #24	-5'	Baylor	10-3
97	Rose - #8	+7	Michigan - #1	16-21
01	Sun - #13	-6'	Purdue	33-27
02	Rose - #7	-6'	Oklahoma - #8	14-34
03	Holiday - #15	+9'	Texas - #5	28-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Wash St's All-Time Bowl Record 6-4

WASHINGTON ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	25.7	23	116	3.7	320	58.9	17.0	-2	2007	5	32.4	23	163	3.9	259	61.0	13.0
6*	24.6	20	128	3.9	260	60.5	15.8	+6	2006	8	23.1	18	114	3.4	243	55.9	15.5
9*	33.5	23	212	5.3	277	56.7	14.6	-5	2005	6	31.5	24	154	3.8	289	59.3	14.1
4	25.0	18	128	3.4	241	48.6	14.7	-1	2004	2	27.9	19	133	3.2	233	55.8	13.1
6	30.3	19	115	3.1	271	54.4	12.7	+8	2003	7	19.8	18	91	2.7	228	48.1	16.1
7*	33.2	20	129	3.9	293	59.6	12.7	-4	2002	6	22.8	21	87	2.5	255	57.0	15.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

WSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
81,547	at Wisconsin	17	32-157	4.9	17-28	171	1	25	47-184	3.9	20-30	304	1	0
46,290	† San Diego St	36	35-185	5.3	38-47	469	0	21	23-114	5.0	30-47	285	4	0
32,064	Idaho	31	39-138	3.5	26-36	307	1	19	38-120	3.2	17-35	205	2	+2
86,876	at USC	15	27-64	2.4	21-43	183	2	28	34-197	5.8	31-39	312	1	+1
50,945	at Arizona	27	25-71	2.8	35-58	347	3	28	45-221	4.9	22-31	346	0	-1
35,117	Arizona St	22	25-82	3.3	27-51	369	2	21	45-79	1.8	19-27	217	7	+1
58,749	at Oregon	17	30-63	2.1	15-36	251	6	30	51-213	4.2	26-35	338	3	-2
31,027	UCLA	31	51-274	5.4	28-47	271	0	14	29-100	3.4	17-36	167	2	0
55,711	at California	17	22-52	2.4	22-46	306	1	23	42-169	4.0	26-39	213	0	+2
31,110	Stanford	27	31-112	3.6	32-47	449	1	23	47-113	2.4	22-40	263	4	0
22,660	Oregon St	18	30-83	2.8	21-46	314	2	18	49-218	4.4	17-30	213	2	-8
72,888	at Washington	20	26-110	4.2	27-40	399	3	22	50-225	4.5	13-37	239	1	+3
TOTALS		278	373-1391	3.7	309-525	3836	22	272	500-1953	3.9	260-426	3102	27	-2
AVERAGES		23.2	31-116	3.7	26-44	320	1.8	22.7	42-163	3.9	22-36	259	2.3	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Idaho	-28	25-0
–	at Notre Dame - #19	+6	26-29 OT
–	at Colorado - #17	+4'	47-26
#24	New Mexico	-15	23-13
#21	at Oregon - #10	+4	55-16
#14	Arizona	-28'	30-7
#6	at Stanford	-10'	24-14
#7	Oregon St	-7'	36-30
#6	at USC - #3	+11'	16-43
#12	UCLA	-10	31-13
#8	Arizona St	-13	34-19
#8	at Washington	-7	19-27

2004 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at New Mexico	-3'	21-17
–	† Colorado	-3	12-20
–	Idaho	-25	49-8
–	at Arizona	-3'	20-19
–	Oregon	-3'	38-41
–	Stanford	-1'	17-23
–	at Oregon St	+8	19-38
–	USC - #1	+24'	12-42
–	at UCLA	+14	31-29
–	at Arizona St - #20	+13	28-45
–	Washington	-12	28-25

2005 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Idaho	-29	38-26
–	at Nevada	-9	55-21
–	† Grambling St	NL	48-7
–	at Oregon St	+1'	33-44
–	Stanford	-14	21-24
–	UCLA - #12	+5	41-44 OT
–	at California - #25	+12	38-42
–	at USC - #1	+29'	13-55
–	Arizona St	+2'	24-27
–	Oregon - #11	+4'	31-34
–	at Washington	-3	26-22

2006 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Auburn - #4	+14	14-40
–	Idaho	-17	56-10
–	† Baylor	-13	17-15
–	at Stanford	-10	36-10
–	USC - #3	+16'	22-28
–	at Oregon St	-3	13-6
–	California - #10	+8'	3-21
–	Oregon	+3'	34-23
–	at UCLA	+1'	37-15
#25	Arizona	-16	17-27
–	at Arizona St	-1	14-47
–	Washington	-8'	32-35

2007 RESULTS

WSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Wisconsin - #7	+14	21-42
–	† San Diego St	-14	45-17
–	Idaho	-24'	45-28
–	at USC - #1	+25	14-47
–	at Arizona	+3	20-48
–	Arizona St - #18	+9	20-23
–	at Oregon - #9	+19	7-53
–	UCLA	+6	27-7
–	at California	+14'	17-20
–	Stanford	-11	33-17
–	Oregon St	-3	17-52
–	at Washington	+6	42-35

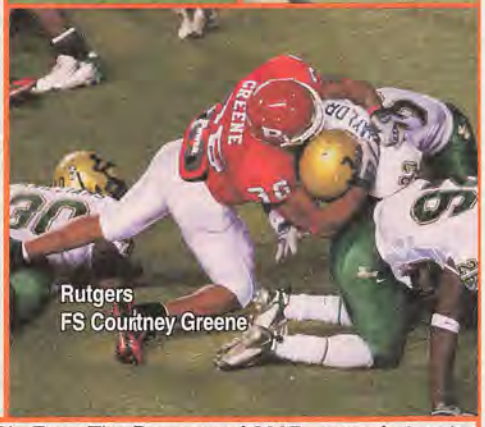
BIG EAST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 BIG EAST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Pat White, W Virginia	Hunter Cantwell, Louisville	Matt Grothe, USF	Mike Teel, Rutgers
RB	LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh	Mike Ford, USF	Averin Collier, Syracuse	LaRod Stephens-Howling, Pitt
RB	Noel Devine, W Virginia	Andre Dixon, Connecticut	Donald Brown, Connecticut	Victor Anderson, Louisville
WR	Kenny Britt, Rutgers	Tiquan Underwood, Rutgers	Carlton Mitchell, USF	Brad Kanuch, Connecticut
WR	Mike Williams, Syracuse	Dominick Goodman, Cincinnati	Jessie Hester, USF	Dorrell Jalloh, W Virginia
WR	Derek Kinder, Pittsburgh	Marcus Barnett, Cincinnati	Oderick Turner, Pittsburgh	Marshwan Gilyard, Cincinnati
TE	Nate Byham, Pittsburgh	Steve Brouse, Connecticut	Kevin Brock, Rutgers	Cedric Hill, USF
C	Eric Wood, Louisville	Mike Dent, W Virginia	Ryan Blaszczyk, Rutgers	Jake Griffin, USF
OG	Greg Isdaner, W Virginia	CJ Davis, Pittsburgh	Jake Figner, W Virginia	Zach Hermann, USF
OG	Ryan Schmidt, USF	Trevor Canfield, Cincinnati	Ryan Durand, Syracuse	Alex LaMagdelaine, Connecticut
OT	Anthony Davis, Rutgers	George Bussey, Louisville	Joe Thomas, Pittsburgh	William Beatty, Connecticut
OT	Ryan Stanchek, W Virginia	Jason Pinkston, Pittsburgh	Jeff Linkenbach, Cincinnati	Mike Hicks, Connecticut
DE	Greg Romeus, Pittsburgh	Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	George Johnson, Rutgers	Tevita Finua, W Virginia
DT	Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati	Adrian Grady, Louisville	Jarrell Miller, Connecticut	Adam Hoppel, Cincinnati
DT	Arthur Jones, Syracuse	Earl Heyman, Louisville	Aaron Harris, USF	Mick Williams, Pittsburgh
DE	George Selvie, USF	Cody Brown, Connecticut	Julius Williams, Connecticut	Jarriett Buie, USF
LB	Scott McKillop, Pittsburgh	Scott Lutrus, Connecticut	Manny Abreu, Rutgers	Jake Flaherty, Syracuse
LB	Tyrone McKenzie, USF	Corey Smith, Cincinnati	James Bryant, Louisville	Lawrence Wilson, Connecticut
LB	Reed Williams, W Virginia	Mortty Ivy, W Virginia	Kion Wilson, USF	Adam Gunn, Pittsburgh
CB	Mike Mickens, Cincinnati	Darius Butler, Connecticut	Aaron Berry, Pittsburgh	Jerome Murphy, USF
CB	DeAngelo Smith, Cincinnati	Woodny Turenne, Louisville	Devin McCourty, Rutgers	Jason McCourty, Rutgers
SS	Quinton Andrews, W Virginia	Carlton Williams, USF	Joe Lefeged, Rutgers	Bobby Buchanan, Louisville
FS	Courtney Greene, Rutgers	Nate Allen, USF	Robert Vaughn, Connecticut	Latarrius Thomas, Louisville
K	Tony Ciaravino, Connecticut	Patrick Shadle, Syracuse	Pat McAfee, W Virginia	Conor Lee, Pittsburgh
P	Kevin Huber, Cincinnati	Pat McAfee, W Virginia	Dave Brytus, Pittsburgh	Rob Long, Syracuse
KR	Max Suter, Syracuse	Noel Devine, W Virginia	JaJuan Spillman, Louisville	Dominick Goodman, Cincinnati
PR	Aaron Berry, Pittsburgh	Ryan Howard, Syracuse	Marshwan Gilyard, Cincinnati	Jock Sanders, W Virginia

West Virginia QB Pat White

Syracuse WR Mike Williams


Rutgers FS Courtney Greene

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 BIG EAST FORECAST

1. West Virginia - Last year WV outgained BE foes by 109.2 ypg which was more than double the #2 team (USF +45.7) and was 192.4 ypg better than the Connecticut team they shared the title with. This year WV has 4 Big East home games with The Backyard Brawl looking like the toughest road trip. This is a team with just 12 returning starters (2nd fewest in the league) that benefitted from +13 in TO's, has a new HC and is making changes to their prolific offense. Still, 4 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for WV to go 12-0 this year. They host USF on a chilly Dec 6th and therefore are my choice for the Big East Title.

2. South Florida - Six of my 8 sets of power ratings say that USF will be undefeated when they travel to Morgantown to take on WV in what I feel will be the Big East Title game. It would not surprise me to see USF win that one and play for the National Title. Despite possibly being the most talented team in the Big East this year USF does have to travel to WV on Dec 6th and has shown the last couple years that they are bothered by cold weather (including last year's bowl).

3. Pittsburgh - The Panthers were tied for 2nd to last in the Big East in 2007 but could easily have had a much stronger record. Three times they were inside an opponents 10 yd line at the end of the game, needing a TD to win, and twice had TD's called back. This year's squad has the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the Big East (13) and among the most returning starters (15). They have my #1 rated Big East defense and figure to be one of the surprise teams in the country.

4. Rutgers - The Knight's only two question marks are at RB, where they must replace 2,000 yard rusher Ray Rice, and their special teams. They have 15 returning starters and in each of the last two years have cracked the Top 10 at one point during the season. The Knights do have 4 Big East road games this year, which is part of the reason I have them tied for 4th. Even with the loss of their star RB I expect another big year especially with a soft non-conference schedule.

4. Louisville - The Cardinals have just 9 returning starters, the fewest in the league, and were tied for 2nd to last in 2007. Despite those two key factors and the fact that UL under-performed last season, they actually outgained league foes by 31 ypg (4th best). I think they will get off to a much better start this season, will gain confidence, and they have 4 Big East home games. Keep in mind this is a team that finished #6 in the country 2 of the last 4 years.

4. Cincinnati - Cincinnati finished #17 last year and recorded 10 wins. They have a shot at topping that this season as one of my 8 sets of power ratings calls for them to go 11-2 during the regular season and they would still have a bowl after that. They do have just 12 returning starters which is the 2nd fewest in the Big East. The Bearcats of 2007 were a fortunate group, however, as they benefitted from +16 in TO's, had favorable ypp's both offensively and defensively, and only had 2 starts lost last year due to injury. They do not figure to obtain the same fortune this year but should get to their 3rd straight bowl.

7. Connecticut - It's tough to pick the defending Big East co-champs down here at #7, especially when it's the best team that Edsall has put on the field at UC. Last year they benefitted from +14 in TO's, caught some teams in favorable situations and caught some breaks like a fair caught punt that went for a TD. I could easily see UC finishing with a winning BE record but they do have 4 conf road games and host powerful WV. Keep in mind, prior to last year, UC was 3-11 in the BE the previous two years and I'll call for them to drop in the standings.

8. Syracuse - Under Coach Robinson SU has finished last in the Big East all 3 years and had a Big East low ypg in conf play, being outgained by 141.7, 157.6 and 187.0 in his 3 years. This is Robinson's best team yet with 14 returning starters but there was just too much of a gap to make up between them and 7 bowl caliber squads.

Big East Notes: Last year Pitt RB LeSean McCoy became the 3rd true frosh in BE history to top 1,000 yards (1,328) joining W Virginia's Steve Slaton (1,128) and Rutgers' Ray Rice (1,120). Three rFr have also accomplished that. I have been VERY impressed with the Big East since VT, Miami and BC left. I originally thought the league should lose its automatic BCS bid but instead the Big East teams have upped their games and produced legitimate National Title contenders. In 2006 they landed Jan 1 bowl berths with Louisville in the Orange and West Virginia in the Gator and had WV not suffered a late upset to USF, they may have been in the National Title game. If Louisville had not blown a big 3Q lead vs Rutgers they could have won the National Title! In 2006 they had the best record in non-conf games vs BCS conf schools at 12-6 67% with the #2 league at 60%. The Big East then went a PERFECT 5-0 in the bowls in '06! Louisville suffered a surprising losing season last year and the league dropped to 7-8 vs BCS conf teams in the regular season but were 16-3 vs non-BCS 1A teams, so they had the 3rd best record in non conf games (excluding 1AA). They did land 3 top 25 teams, including one in the top 10 in West Virginia, which whipped the Big XII Champ Oklahoma (#3) 48-28. This time they were 3-2 in the bowls, so their 8-2 80% record in the postseason the last two years is at the top. At midseason it looked like USF would contend for the National Title when they moved to #2 and WV's loss to Pitt in their finale cost them a title shot. That means that 3 or 37.5% of the leagues teams have been ranked in the top 3 at some point the last two years. Also 5 of the 8 have been in the top 16 in that span. This year 7 of the leagues 8 teams could be classified as "bowl caliber" (sorry about that Syracuse) and both WV and USF are legit National Title contenders for '08.

2007 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
5	West Virginia	34.3	1	422.9	4	260.7	1	5.23	1	162.1	8	66.2	1	12.3	1	16	5	8	1
7	Louisville	27.6	4	430.6	1	112.9	7	3.38	6	317.7	1	63.5	2	15.6	6	20	8	19	7
28	Cincinnati	29.9	3	424.6	2	126.6	6	3.71	5	298.0	2	58.4	5	14.2	4	15	2	14	3
31	Rutgers	24.4	5	404.6	5	158.7	4	3.97	3	245.9	4	54.7	6	16.6	8	17	6	8	1
36	USF	34.3	1	424.6	2	196.1	2	4.49	2	228.4	5	59.9	3	12.4	2	19	7	18	5
72	Connecticut	24.1	6	333.9	6	159.3	3	3.83	4	174.6	7	51.9	8	13.8	3	8	1	14	3
92	Pittsburgh	20.1	7	312.9	7	129.6	5	3.33	7	183.3	6	59.7	4	15.5	5	15	2	18	5
107	Syracuse	18.7	8	308.7	8	59.0	8	1.93	8	249.7	3	52.1	7	16.5	7	15	2	32	8

2007 BIG EAST vs BIG EAST DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Conf TO	TO Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
8	West Virginia	18.0	1	313.7	2	128.3	4	3.28	3	185.4	2	53.0	3	17.4	2	22	2	18	4
19	Pittsburgh	24.1	4	288.9	1	113.4	1	2.95	1	175.4	1	57.8	4	12.0	8	14	5	23	2
20	USF	23.9	3	378.9	4	127.7	3	3.56	4	251.1	6	52.2	2	15.9	4	26	1	13	5
32	Cincinnati	24.3	5	405.6	6	122.3	2	3.05	2	283.3	7	60.5	6	16.7	3	18	3	23	2
40	Rutgers	27.9	6	363.1	3	171.6	6	4.32	6	191.6	3	51.3	1	13.0	5	9	7	25	1
44	Connecticut	23.6	2	417.1	7	197.1	8	5.43	8	220.0	4	58.4	5	17.7	1	16	4	13	5
79	Louisville	33.0	7	399.6	5	151.4	5	3.88	5	248.1	5	61.0	7	12.1	7	13	6	11	7
97	Syracuse	38.7	8	495.7	8	191.0	7	4.38	7	304.7	8	69.7	8	12.8	6	7	8	5	8

Louisville
QB Hunter Cantwell

USF
LB Tyrone McKenzie

2007 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
West Virginia	5	2	240	126	11	2	515	235	+109.2	+129.2	+93.1
Connecticut	5	2	169	165	9	4	344	247	-83.2	-106.0	-59.0
Cincinnati	4	3	209	170	10	3	472	244	+19.0	+39.6	-104.7
USF	4	3	240	167	9	4	451	304	+45.7	+51.6	+12.7
Rutgers	3	4	171	195	8	5	426	292	+41.5	+28.9	+70.4
Louisville	3	4	193	231	6	6	422	377	+31.0	+91.4	+174.6
Pittsburgh	3	4	141	169	5	7	274	291	+24.0	-77.0	-45.5
Syracuse	1	6	131	271	2	10	197	418	-187.0	-157.6	-141.7

Coach of the Year: Brian Kelly, Cincinnati

2006 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Louisville	6	1	247	141	12	1	491	212
West Virginia	5	2	259	186	11	2	505	282
Rutgers	5	2	182	146	11	2	387	186
USF	4	3	145	133	9	4	299	220
Cincinnati	4	3	152	141	8	5	274	255
Pittsburgh	2	5	172	207	6	6	381	274
Connecticut	1	6	140	238	4	8	257	324
Syracuse	1	6	81	186	4	8	209	295

Coach of the Year: Greg Schiano, Rutgers

2005 BIG EAST STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
West Virginia	7	0	244	104	11	1	385	214
Louisville	5	2	273	175	9	3	521	285
Rutgers	4	3	188	199	7	5	344	307
USF	4	3	188	135	6	6	276	216
Pittsburgh	4	3	189	178	5	6	267	243
Connecticut	2	5	115	170	5	6	272	211
Cincinnati	2	5	117	230	4	7	192	345
Syracuse	0	7	73	196	1	10	152	295

Coach of the Year: Rich Rodriguez, W Virginia

Cincinnati
P Kevin Huber

Pittsburgh
DE Greg Romeus

2007 BIG EAST CONFERENCE LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Brian Brohm, Louisville	473	308	65.1	12	4024	8.5	30	152.4
Patrick White, W Virginia	**216**	**144**	**66.7**	**4**	**1724**	**8.0**	**14**	**151.4**
Ben Mauk, Cincinnati	386	235	60.9	9	3121	8.1	31	150.6
Mike Teel, Rutgers	**349**	**203**	**58.2**	**13**	**3147**	**9.0**	**20**	**145.4**
Andrew Robinson, Syracuse	**292**	**154**	**52.7**	**7**	**2192**	**7.5**	**13**	**125.7**
Tyler Lorenzen, Connecticut	**347**	**197**	**56.8**	**6**	**2367**	**6.8**	**13**	**122.6**
Matt Grothe, USF	**392**	**232**	**59.2**	**14**	**2670**	**6.8**	**14**	**121.0**
Pat Bostick, Pittsburgh	**252**	**155**	**61.5**	**13**	**1500**	**6.0**	**8**	**111.7**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	REC/PG	REC AVG	YDS/PG
Harry Douglas, Louisville	10	71	1159	7	7.1	16.3	115.9
Kenny Britt, Rutgers	**13**	**62**	**1232**	**8**	**4.8**	**19.9**	**94.8**
Tiquan Underwood, Rutgers	**13**	**65**	**1100**	**7**	**5.0**	**16.9**	**84.6**
Mike Williams, Syracuse	**12**	**60**	**837**	**10**	**5.0**	**14.0**	**69.8**
Taj Smith, Syracuse	12	44	822	5	3.7	18.7	68.5
Dominick Goodman, Cincinnati	**13**	**68**	**869**	**8**	**5.2**	**12.8**	**66.8**
Marcus Barnett, Cincinnati	**13**	**62**	**862**	**13**	**4.8**	**13.9**	**66.3**
Darius Reynaud, W Virginia	13	64	733	12	4.9	11.5	56.4
Gary Barnidge, Louisville	12	53	655	7	4.4	12.4	54.6
Mario Urrutia, Louisville	10	35	501	3	3.5	14.3	50.1
Terence Jeffers, Connecticut	13	44	582	5	3.4	13.2	44.8
Carlton Mitchell, USF	**13**	**37**	**537**	**4**	**2.8**	**14.5**	**41.3**
Oderick Turner, Pittsburgh	**12**	**36**	**496**	**5**	**3.0**	**13.8**	**41.3**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Brian Brohm, Louisville	12	57	-46	473	4024	3978	331.5
Ben Mauk, Cincinnati	12	99	377	386	3121	3498	291.5
Matt Grothe, USF	**13**	**198**	**872**	**392**	**2670**	**3542**	**272.5**
Mike Teel, Rutgers	**13**	**10**	**-49**	**349**	**3147**	**3098**	**238.3**
Patrick White, W Virginia	**13**	**197**	**1335**	**216**	**1724**	**3059**	**235.3**
Tyler Lorenzen, Connecticut	**13**	**133**	**328**	**347**	**2367**	**2695**	**207.3**
Andrew Robinson, Syracuse	**11**	**95**	**-39**	**292**	**2192**	**2153**	**195.7**
Ray Rice, Rutgers	13	380	2012	0	0	2012	154.8
Pat Bostick, Pittsburgh	**10**	**25**	**-131**	**252**	**1500**	**1369**	**136.9**
LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh	**12**	**276**	**1328**	**2**	**18**	**1346**	**112.2**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Ray Rice, Rutgers	13	380	2012	24	5.3	154.8
LeSean McCoy, Pittsburgh	**12**	**276**	**1328**	**14**	**4.8**	**110.7**
Patrick White, W Virginia	**13**	**197**	**1335**	**14**	**6.8**	**102.7**
Steve Slaton, W Virginia	13	211	1051	17	5.0	80.8
Andre Dixon, Connecticut	**11**	**167**	**828**	**3**	**5.0**	**75.3**
Donald Brown, Connecticut	**12**	**170**	**821**	**8**	**4.8**	**68.4**
Matt Grothe, USF	**13**	**198**	**872**	**10**	**4.4**	**67.1**
Anthony Allen, Louisville	12	146	696	7	4.8	58.0
Mike Ford, USF	**12**	**138**	**645**	**12**	**4.7**	**53.8**
Noel Devine, W Virginia	**12**	**73**	**627**	**6**	**8.6**	**52.3**

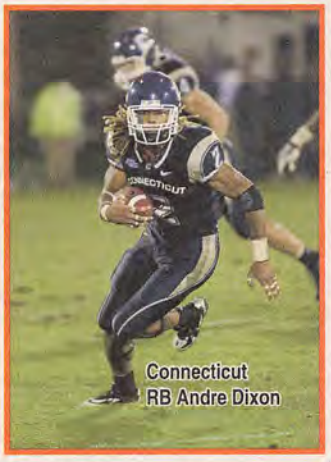
KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Tyvon Branch, Connecticut	27	780	2	28.9
Max Suter, Syracuse	**51**	**1299**	**1**	**25.5**
Lowell Robinson, Pittsburgh	38	940	0	24.7
Jerome Murphy, USF	**23**	**560**	**0**	**24.3**
Noel Devine, W Virginia	**22**	**511**	**0**	**23.2**
Jacob Ramsey, Cincinnati	**16**	**351**	**0**	**21.9**
Trent Guy, Louisville	**30**	**671**	**1**	**22.4**
Tim Brown, Rutgers	**15**	**311**	**0**	**20.7**

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Scott McKillop, Pittsburgh	**12**	**98**	**53**	**151**	**12.6**
Lamar Myles, Louisville	12	76	52	128	10.7
Danny Lansanah, Connecticut	13	49	72	121	9.3
Tyrone McKenzie, USF	**13**	**78**	**43**	**121**	**9.3**
Lawrence Wilson, Connecticut	**13**	**53**	**60**	**113**	**8.7**
Reed Williams, W Virginia	**13**	**48**	**59**	**107**	**8.2**
Scott Lutrus, Connecticut	**13**	**62**	**45**	**107**	**8.2**
Joe Fields, Syracuse	12	53	44	97	8.1
Ben Moffitt, USF	13	70	34	104	8.0
Jake Flaherty, Syracuse	**12**	**45**	**50**	**95**	**7.9**
Dahna Deleston, Connecticut	**13**	**47**	**56**	**103**	**7.9**
Courtney Greene, Rutgers	**13**	**54**	**47**	**101**	**7.8**
Haruki Nakamura, Cincinnati	13	59	36	95	7.3
Kevin Malast, Rutgers	**13**	**38**	**54**	**92**	**7.1**

Louisville
OT George Bussey


Connecticut
RB Andre Dixon

West Virginia
OG Greg Isdaner

USF
FS Nate Allen

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Georgia Selvie, USF	**14.5**	**87**
Anthony Hoke, Cincinnati	13	92
Joe Clermond, Pittsburgh	10.5	82
Johnny Dingle, W Virginia	9	53
Julius Williams, Connecticut	**8.5**	**50**
Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati	**8**	**56**
Marc Magro, W Virginia	8	56
Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	**8**	**54**
Cody Brown, Connecticut	**7.5**	**42**
Eric Foster, Rutgers	7	51

* Numbers come from Big East final statistics

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Kevin Huber, Cincinnati	**13**	**57**	**2672**	**46.9**
Pat McAfee, W Virginia	**13**	**46**	**1962**	**42.7**
Rob Long, Syracuse	**12**	**75**	**3139**	**41.9**
Delbert Alvarado, USF	**13**	**58**	**2414**	**41.6**
Desi Cullen, Connecticut	**13**	**75**	**3055**	**40.7**
Dave Brytus, Pittsburgh	**12**	**66**	**2613**	**39.6**
Corey Goettsche, Louisville	**11**	**42**	**1633**	**38.9**
Jeremy Ito, Rutgers	13	50	1787	35.7

TFL*

	NO	YDS
George Selvie, USF	**31.5**	**139**
Johnny Dingle, W Virginia	19	83
Arthur Jones, Syracuse	**17.5**	**43**
Terrill Byrd, Cincinnati	**17**	**77**
Anthony Hoke, Cincinnati	16.5	104
Cody Brown, Connecticut	**16.5**	**60**
Eric Foster, Rutgers	15	75
Jamaal Westerman, Rutgers	**14**	**97**
Danny Lansanah, Connecticut	14	49
Joe Clermond, Pittsburgh	13	89

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Vaughn Rivers, W Virginia	41	479	0	11.7
Larry Taylor, Connecticut	31	357	2	11.5
Aaron Berry, Pittsburgh	**24**	**206**	**0**	**8.6**
Marcus Edwards, USF	**31**	**231**	**0**	**7.5**
Dennis Campbell, Rutgers	**13**	**71**	**0**	**5.5**

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Conor Lee, Pittsburgh	**12**	**22**	**18**	**81.8**	**48**
Tony Ciaravino, Connecticut	**13**	**27**	**22**	**81.5**	**50**
Art Carmody, Louisville	12	17	13	76.5	44
Jeremy Ito, Rutgers	13	31	23	74.2	53
Patrick Shadle, Syracuse	**12**	**14**	**10**	**71.4**	**50**
Pat McAfee, W Virginia	**13**	**19**	**13**	**68.4**	**49**
Delbert Alvarado, USF	**13**	**29**	**19**	**65.5**	**47**
Jake Rogers, Cincinnati	**13**	**19**	**11**	**57.9**	**55**

PHIL'S BIG EAST UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
West Virginia	1	2	8	1	7	2	6	3	7
South Florida	2	6	1	2	1	1	3	5	2
Pittsburgh	6	1	1	6	2	2	4	4	5
Rutgers	5	7	1	4	3	4	1	8	1
Louisville	3	3	6	3	4	8	7	7	6
Cincinnati	7	7	4	7	4	4	1	2	3
Connecticut	4	4	7	4	4	4	5	6	3
Syracuse	8	4	5	8	8	7	8	1	7

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Pat White (PS#75) shared the starting job as a rFr with Adam Bednarik (PS#72). Bednarik was inj'd and White sparked a 4Q comeback and 3 OT win vs UL and never relinquished the job. Despite starting just 5 in 2005, he was the 3rd leading QB rusher in the country (952 net, 7.3). White threw for just 828 (57%) with an 8-5 ratio. Bednarik threw for 532 (73.3%) with a 4-2 ratio (170 rush). In 2006 Bednarik was injured in August and Jarrett Brown (PS#30) and Nate Sowers (PS#22) fought for the backup job. White was an effective passer throwing for 1,655 (66%) with a 13-7 ratio and was the most dangerous QB runner in the nation with 1,219 net (7.4). He did this despite being banged up the 2H of the year and even missed the Rutgers game. Brown played in 6 (1 st) and threw for 384 (59.6%) with a 2-1 ratio (176 net rush). Both Sowers and Bednarik moved to WR last year. White was banged up again missing most of the 2H vs USF, suffered a shoulder inj in the 3Q vs Syr and missed most of the 2H vs Pitt but started all 12 and improved his passing numbers to 1,724 (66.7%) with a 14-4 ratio while rushing for 1,335 net (6.8). Brown, who has the best arm of the QB's, hit 31 of 48 for 341 and rushed for 327 net (6.7). This year 2-time BE POY White returns as one of the favorites for the Heisman (especially if he stays healthy) and Brown is a capable replacement. Adding depth are Charlie Russell (6'3" 210 rFr, PS#35) and Bradley Starks (PS#41). White should have his best season yet.

QB Pat White

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Kay-Jay Harris had an injury plagued year and "only" rushed for 959 (5.8) snapping a streak of 8 straight years that WV had a 1,000 yard rusher. In 2005 true frosh Steve Slaton (PS#33) was 1st Tm Frosh AA playing in just 10 rushing for 1,128 (5.5) including a Sugar Bowl record 204. FB Owen Schmitt rushed for 380 (7.9) and is an outstanding blocker. Slaton (4.37 spd), broke WV's single season rushing record (Avon Cobourne, 1,710 in '02) with 1,744 (7.0) in '06 despite being banged up in the 2H of the season. In the bowl he had just 3 carries for 11 yards. Last year Slaton returned but saw his numbers drop to 1,051 (5.0). True frosh Noel Devine avg an amazing 8.6 ypc. Devine's first 3 rush att vs Maryland gave him 125 yards. Slaton led in each of the first 4 but then just 1 of the last 9. Devine rushed for 108 (8.3) and 2 TD's in the bowl. Another true frosh, Jock Sanders (PS#114) had 105 (6.6) for the season and Ed Collington (PS#103) added 83 (5.9). Slaton declared early for the NFL draft (13 st, #3DC HOU) and also departing are outstanding FB Owen Schmitt (12 st, 393 all-purp yd, #5DC SEA) and Collington. I expect the FB duties to decrease in this offense. The slot receiver (Sanders/Hogan) will also get carries at TB. Troubled PS#5 RB Jason Gwaltney may walk-on in the fall. I do expect Devine to top Slaton's 2007's numbers but this group is not as talented overall.

RECEIVERS - WV had a young receiving corps in 2005 but had all of the top players back in 2006. Brandon Myles led with 522 (14.5) and the dangerous Darius Reynaud had 520 (13.3). Tito Gonzalez was the #3 WR with 152 (25.3). Last year they had to replace Myles. Reynaud was by far the team's top WR with 733 (12 TD's) but surprisingly only avg 11.5 ypc. Dorrell Jalloh had 272 (11.3) and true frosh Brandon Hogan had 67 (5.6). Much was expected of 6'8" Wes Lyons (PS#44) but he only had 111 (15.9). They moved QB's Bednarik and Sowers to WR but neither had a rec and both moved to DB this year. They also lose their star in Reynaud (12 st) as well as TE Michael Villagrana (2 st, 0 rec). Not listed below are Ezra Tilaye (6'0" 175 Jr), Charles Matthews (5'10" 170 rFr), Jack Crow (5'11" 160 Jr), Kevin Sanders (5'11" 182 rFr), Scott Loving (6'3" 240 Jr) and Darryl Phillips (6'0" 190 Sr). QB Bradley Starks (6'4" 190 rFr, PS#41QB) worked at DB/QB and DB Evan Rodriguez (PS#43) at WR/TE in the spring. Ohio St transfer Devon Lyons (PS#11 DB, Wes' brother) is expected to join the team in the fall. This is the biggest question mark on the offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Having a mobile QB always helps the OL stats but WV's OL outdid themselves in 2006. They had the same lineup in 12 of 13 games and despite having to replace 3 players who combined for 26 starts in '05, opened holes for 303 ypg rush with an amazing 6.7 ypc (15 sk, 6.4%). The starters played the majority of the minutes leaving little time for backups. Last year they lost long-time OL Coach Rick Trickett to Fla St and also 1st Tm AA C Dan Mozes (Rimington winner) as well RG Jeremy Sheffey (1st Tm BE). The new OL coach last year was Greg Frye who was hired from USF. They had two true frosh on the 2 deep. Rodriguez wanted to RS both Gino Gradkowski (6'2" 280, PS#76) and Don Barclay (PS#156) and they managed to do so. One of the 3 returning starters, LT Ryan Stanchek earned 1st Tm AA honors. Despite losing 2 stars, the Mountaineers avg 297 ypg (6.2) and trimmed the sack total to 13 (4.9%). This year WV ranks #2 in the NCAA on the OL as all 5 starters return including all 8 players who earned '07 starts and they add Kansas St transfer John Hafferty (13 st '05-'06) and Josh Jenkins (PS#2). Not listed below are Chad Snodgrass (6'3" 290 rFr) and Phil Conroy (6'4" 283 So).

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 the defense allowed just 2.9 ypc with 29 sacks. In 2006 they had 5 of their top 6 back and allowed a Rodriguez era low 93 ypg rush (3.0) while the D had 31 sacks. Six players split action on the D-line and three of them were back in 2007. WV allowed 113 ypg (3.0) and increased the sack total to 40. Keilen Dykes had a foot injury in August and was not 100% at the start but earned 1st Tm Big East honors and became the first DL to get a TD here since 1981 (19 yd IR vs Syr). This year they must replace Dykes (13 st, 32 tkl, 4 tfl) as well as 2nd Tm BE DE Johnny Dingle (48 tkl, 9 sk, 10 tfl) and DE James Ingram (2 tkl). They do bring in 3 JUCO's and not listed in the 3 deep is Citrine Warren (6'4" 270 Jr). Naturally with the loss of two outstanding DL's, this group looks weaker in 2008.

LINEBACKERS - WV plays a 3-3 stack D but I limit the secondary outlook to four positions and include the Bandit Safety in the LB write-up. As an example, 2006's starting BS John Holmes moved to the LB spot in 2007. Last year they had two starters back to the group but one of the returnees, Bobby Hathaway, lost his starting spot. This year they must replace 2nd Tm Big East Marc Magro (13 st, #3 tkl'r, 12 tfl), Hathaway (20 tkl), Andy Emery (7 tkl) and Holmes (39 tkl). Including BS Quinton Andrews they have 3 starters returning. Not listed in the PSL is Eddie Davis (6'0" 180 So). This unit is the strength of the defense and includes the top two tacklers from 2007. Stewart feels that Reed Williams, Morty Ivy and JT Thomas form one of the fastest LB corps in the country and Williams' shoulder injury is the only real ?.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WV had to replace three starters in 2006 and finished #64 in my pass D rankings. Last year practically the entire unit returned (incl 8 w/starting exp). As you would expect, the unit climbed to #19 with a 15-16 ratio. This year the losses are heavy. Gone are 1st Tm Big East S Eric Wicks (50 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu), CB Antonio Lewis (11 st, 49 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu), CB Larry Williams (13 st, 18 tkl), FS Ryan Mundy (13 st, 62 tkl, 3 int, #6DC PIT), S Ridwan Malik (5 st, 31 tkl, 5 tfl), CB Vaughn Rivers (14 tkl) and CB Eric Turner (3 tkl). Not listed in the PSL is Justin Hostetler (5'10" 175 So). I like the overall talent of this group but they are far less experienced and will suffer a significant dropoff in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Mountaineers always finished near the top of my ST rankings under Rodriguez. They were #38 in 2003, #35 in '04, #32 in '05 and moved up to #8 in '06. Last year they had everyone back but surprisingly were only #37. Noel Devine was the top KR (23.2) and Vaughn Rivers avg 11.7 on PR. Pat McAfee, after hitting 17 of 22 FG's (long of 51) in '06, hit 13 of 19 (long of 49, 2 miss 50+) LY. He also took over the punting duties. In the first game he had a 6 yard punt and a missed xp but overall had a solid year averaging 42.7 (37.8 tm net). McAfee also had 6 TB on KO's. Also returning is LS Adam Hughes (6'1" 220 Sr). This year the only loss is PR Rivers, but Jock Sanders avg 21.5 on 2 returns last year. The Mountaineers should move back up in my rankings.

COACHES - Rich Rodriguez went 3-8 in his first year but then took WV to six straight bowl games including two BCS bowls. In his last 3 years they finished #5, #10 and #6 in the AP poll and nearly played for a National Title last year. Twice he was named Big East Coach of the Year. He left his alma mater WV to take the Michigan job and Mountaineer fans were not too happy. Their 4 year OC Calvin McGee followed Rodriguez to Michigan, so the new OC is Jeff Mullen, who was the Wake Forest QB coach. Jeff Casteel enters his 8th year as DC and opted to return. This year they add asst HC Steve Dunlap who was previously the DC at NCSt, Syr, Marshall and WV, and John "Doc" Holliday, who left Florida to become WV's Assoc HC/Recruiting Coor/FB/TE coach. Also added to the staff is David Lockwood who was the Minnesota DC/LB coach in '05- '06. The new head man is Bill Stewart who was the Associate HC, TE and ST coach here and is in his 9th year with the team. Stewart is already 1-0 as he engineered the upset of Oklahoma in the bowl.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Bill Stewart has some large shoes to fill as Don Nehlen was the predecessor to Rich Rodriguez. Rodriguez went 3-8 in his first season but rebounded to win 9, 8, 8, 11 and 11 and won at least a share of the Big East Title in 4 of the last 5 years (only other BE Title 1993). In 2004 they had 15 starters back and the best talent in the league. WV had their highest preseason ranking ever (#10) and rose to #6 but lost their star RB to injury and actually lost 4 games. They outgained BE foes by a 74.7 ypg margin but finished just 4-2. In 2005 they had just 8 starters back and their top QB and RB were both frosh. WV caught the breaks in '05, as they were +14 in turnovers and had 3 net close wins. WV was outFD'd in 4 of their victories and got a miracle win at home vs L'ville. They did outgain league foes by 93.1 ypg but that was just over half of Louisville's margin (174.6). In 2006 WV fans were thinking National Title as 14 starters returned. They were #5 in the preseason poll, a new all-time high. My publication was the only one to pick Louisville to win the Big East and they beat #3 WV and later lost at home to USF to finish 2nd. WV did outgain foes by a league best 129.2 ypg. Last year they returned 15 starters including Heisman candidates QB White and RB Slaton. WV opened #3 in the AP poll. They did struggle in the 1H vs Marshall and in fact trailed 16-13 in the 3Q. They were #5 when they travelled to USF and lost on a Thurs night. They had 3 dominating wins and then got past Louisville on White's 50 yd TD run with 1:36 left. The next week they beat #21 Cincy on the road and then buried #20 Conn (66-21) who came in leading the Big East at 5-1. At #2 all they needed to do was defeat Pitt to play for the National Title and were a 29 pt favorite but they were stunned. Coach Rodriguez left for Michigan and Bill Stewart was the interim HC for the bowl. After his team delivered a 20 point win over the #3 Sooners, Stewart was given the job full-time. WV did benefit from +13 in TO's and only had 4 starts lost due to injury. WV had to settle for a tie atop the Big East but outgained BE foes by 109.2 ypg which was 63.5 ypg better than #2 USF and 192.4 ypg better than the Conn team they shared the Title with. This year they have just 12 returning starters (2nd fewest BE). They are making changes to the offense with the new playbook and coupled with last year's +13 in TO's and the new HC, those are not good signs. Still, 4 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for WV to go 12-0 so it should be another highly successful season for the Mountaineers and they are a legitimate National Title contender.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 5 **PAT WHITE SR.** 6-2 185 **Big East Off POY in '06 & '07.** 4407 pass (64.2%) 35-16 ratio, 3733 rush. 16 Jarrett Brown (6'4" 220 Jr) **PS#30.** 1 st 2Y, 725 (62%) 4-3, 567 rush.

RB 7 **Noel Devine So.** 5-8 170 **PS#2.** 1 st, 627 (8.6) true, 511 KR yd (23.2). Terence Kerns (6'1" 230 Fr) **PS#34.** Zach Hulse PS#425JC. Mike Poitier (5'8" 165 Jr) Scout POY '06.

SL 9 **Jock Sanders So.** 5-8 185 PS#114RB. 2 st, 207 ttl yd true. 22 Brandon Hogan (6'0" 175 So) PS#134DB. 1 st, 67 yd true. FB 38 Maxwell Anderson (6'1" 240 Jr). Thor Merrow (6'1" 240 Jr).

WR 21 **DORRELL JALLOH SR.** 6-0 195 9 st '05-'06, 190 (19.0). 12 st LY, 272 (11.3). Wes Lyons (6'8" 220 Jr) PS#44. 2 st, 150 (13.6) 2Y. 82 Alric Arnett (6'2" 195 Jr) PS#314JC. RS LY.

WR 88 **TITO GONZALEZ SR.** 6-2 210 13 st 2Y, 371 (23.2). Will Johnson (6'2" 200 So) PS#189. 39 Kendall Washington (6'4" 195 rFr) PS#141. 28 Carmen Connolly (6'1" 190 Jr) PS#131.

TE 86 **Sam Morrone Sr.** 6-2 250 PS#104. 2 rec 3Y. Bradley Starks (6'4" 190 rFr) **PS#41QB.** 92 Tyler Rader (6'3" 275 rFr). 87 Cody Nutter (6'5" 220 rFr) PS#172.

C 60 **MIKE DENT SR.** 6-4 285 PS#75TE. 2nd string '05-'06. 13 st C LY, **2nd Tm BE.** Eric Jobe (6'4" 300 So) PS#180. 13 gm. 71 **John Hafferty** (6'2" 300 Sr) **13 st at K-St.**

RG 79 **JAKE FIGNER SR.** 6-5 305 13 st RT '06. 12 st LY (6RT, 6 RG) 36 kd. Eric Rodemoyer (6'4" 300 So) PS#174. 6 st RG rFr, 425 plays. 76 Frank Carduff (6'4" 295 Jr) PS#154.

LG 70 **GREG ISDANER JR.** 6-4 315 PS#284. 12 st LG rFr. 13 st LG LY, **1st Tm Big East.** 74 Derek Hayes (6'3" 280 So) 1 st RG LY, 7 gm. 72 John Bradshaw (6'6" 290 Sr) 2 st, 2Y.

RT 68 **SELVISH CAPERS SR.** 6-6 285 PS#29TE. Last 6 st RT LY. **Josh Jenkins PS#2.** 58 Stephen Maw (6'6" 300 Sr) 1 st (bowl) LY. 59 Matt Timmerman (6'5" 295 So) PS#484.

LT 62 **RYAN STANCHEK SR.** 6-4 300 **1st Tm AA LY.** Last 8 st LG rFr. 13 st '06. 13 st LY, 103 kd. 67 Jon Walko (6'7" 280 Jr) PS#74. 84 Don Barclay (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#156.

K 40 **PAT McAFEE SR.** 6-1 220 11-18 FG '05, long 45. 17-22 FG '06, long 51. 13-19 FG LY, long 49. 2 miss 50+. David Brewer (5'11" 225 So) PS#80. Ben Rios (6'3" 215 rFr).

DE 57 **Zac Cooper Jr.** 6-3 225 PS#86LB. 6 tkl, 2.5 sk LB LY. Larry Ford (6'5" 240 Jr) PS#78JC, in spg. 84 Julian Miller (6'5" 247 rFr) PS#128. 97 Travis Buttrey (6'2" 251 rFr) PS#410.

NT 90 **Chris Neild So.** 6-3 305 PS#48TE. 2 st rFr, 13 tkl. **Tevita Finau PS#18JC.** Junius Lewis PS#72 '07, in spg. 73 Joshua Taylor (6'2" 260 rFr). CJ Huffman (6'1" 280 rFr).

DT 93 **SCOOTER BERRY SO.** 6-2 285 PS#68LB, 10 st rFr, 27 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 91 Doug Slavonic (6'8" 260 Sr) PS#203. 1 st, 9 tkl. 88 Glenn Gress (6'2" 255 So). 82 Joe Rhein (6'2" 260 rFr).

WLB 30 **JT Thomas So.** 6-2 220 PS#110.19 tkl, 3 tfl LY. 31 Pat Lazear (6'1" 235 So) PS#44. 14 tkl true. 52 Najee Goode (6'1" 230 rFr) PS#310QB. Ovid Goulbourne (6'1" 215 Jr) PS#73RB.

MLB 47 **REED WILLIAMS SR.** 6-2 225 PS#52LB. 57 tkl, 5 sk '06. 13 st LY, 107 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 45 Anthony Leonard (6'2" 240 So) PS#64. 13 tkl rFr. 50 Zach Flynt (6'0" 220 Jr) PS#485RB.

SLB 44 **MORTTY IVY SR.** 6-3 235 PS#117DB. 70 tkl '05-'06. 13 st LY, 89 tkl, 6 sk. 42 Archie Sims (6'0" 215 Jr) PS#87JC. 2 tkl. Jim Lewis (6'1" 235 Sr) 61 tkl W Charleston '06.

BS 8 **QUINTON ANDREWS JR.** 6-0 210 PS#129DB. 12 st FS '06, 80 tkl, 5 int. 8 st BS LY, 51 tkl, 4 pbu. 27 Evan Rodriguez (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#43. 29 Trippe Hale (5'11" 195 So). 14 tkl LY.

CB 17 **Kent Richardson Jr.** 6-1 195 PS#227.2 st, 12 tkl, 1 pbu 2Y. 9 Brantwon Bowser (6'0" 180 So) PS#84 '06. PS#221JC. In spg. Derek Knight (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#86. Reid Preisser (5'11" 170 rFr).

CB 24 **Ellis Lankster Sr.** 5-10 190 **PS#1JC.** 16 tkl, 1 int. 9 Guesly Dervil (6'0" 180 Jr) PS#110. 14 tkl 2Y. 19 Anthony Wood (6'0" 180 Jr) PS#334JC. Keith Tandy (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#195.

SS 16 **Charles Pugh Sr.** 6-0 200 PS#211.2 st, 60 tkl, 3 sk 3Y. 36 Sidney Glover (6'0" 215 So) PS#105. 18 tkl true. 48 Justin Blankenship (6'2" 190 So). Derek Long (6'1" 175 rFr) PS#198.

FS 20 **Franchot "Boogie" Allen Jr.** 6-2 195 PS#428.21 tkl 2Y. 12 **Nate Sowers** (6'2" 215 Jr) **PS#22QB.** Move to S LY, 7 tkl. Eain Smith (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#118. PJ Shirdan (6'1" 190 rFr).

P 40 **PAT McAFEE SR.** 6-1 220 PS#32. 18 punt '06, 43.2 avg. 46 punt LY, 42.7 avg, **37.8 net.** Scott Kozlowski (6'1" 185 Sr) 17 punts '06, 43.2. Gregg Pugnetti (6'2" 220 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Josh Jenkins 6-5 305 PS#2
DL	Tevita Finau 6-5 290 PS#18JC
DL	Larry Ford 6-5 240 PS#78JC
RB	Terence Kerns 6-1 230 PS#34 '07
OL	Benji Kemoeatu 6-3 315 PS#65
DL	Junius Lewis 6-1 260 PS#72 '07
OL	Jeffrey Braun 6-5 315 PS#94DL
DB	Brantwon Bowser 6-0 180 PS#221JC
LB	Donovan Miles 6-2 225 PS#83
DL	DJ Shaw 6-1 290 PS#255JC
DB	Courtney Stuart 6-3 220 PS#268JC
WR	JD Woods 6-2 180 PS#103
DL	Chris Palmer 6-4 290 PS#155OL
K	Tyler Bitancurt 6-0 180 PS#7
DB	Robert Sands 6-6 205 PS#173
TE	Tyler Urban 6-4 240 PS#142LB
DL	Bernard Smith 6-2 220 PS#153LB
OL	John Bassler 6-5 285 PS#212
DB	Jerome Swinton 5-9 160 PS#195
RB	Zach Hulse 5-10 200 PS#425JC
LB	Ja'tavious Miller 6-1 210 PS#169
QB	Coley White 6-1 175 PS#116
DB	JJ Dorsey 6-0 180 PS#239
OL	Joseph Madsen 6-4 270 PS#252
DL	Corey Freeman 6-3 220 PS#404
RB	Mark Rodgers 5-9 185 PS#257 '07
RB	Ryan Clarke 6-1 235 PS#391
DL	Jorge Wright 6-3 260 PS#464

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BILL STEWART (Career 1-0) (IAA 8-25)
1st Year at W Virginia — Stewart's Bowl Record: 1-0

Stewart's records AT WEST VIRGINIA

1-0	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	1-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	1-0	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	1-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,19,3)
Lost: 23 (7,15,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 60,400 (#30)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#35

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WV	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Villanova	A					
Sep. 6	at East Carolina	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 18	at Colorado (Thur)	G					
Sep. 27	Marshall	A					
Oct. 4	Rutgers	A					
Oct. 11	Syracuse	A					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 23	Auburn (Thur)	A					
Nov. 1	at Connecticut	G					
Nov. 8	Cincinnati	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	at Louisville	A					
Nov. 28	at Pittsburgh (Fri)	G					
Dec. 6	USF	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Marc Bulger 8,153 '96-'99
2. Chad Johnston 5,954 '93-'96
3. Oliver Luck 5,765 '78-'81

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Avon Cobourne 5,164 '99-'02
2. Amos Zereoue 4,086 '96-'98
3. Steve Slaton 3,923 '05-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Saunders 2,608 '95-'98
2. Khori Ivy 2,402 '97-'00
3. Shawn Foreman 2,347 '95-'98

WV is 8-1 in home openers winning by an avg of 29 ppg.
Villanova was 7-4 last yr including a loss to Maryland (31-14, outgained 428-187).

West Virginia is 17-2 all-time vs East Carolina with an avg score of 33-15.
WV has won 7 straight outgaining EC by 194 ypg w/four 550+ yd performances.

West Virginia is 6-1 away vs non-conference opponents including 5 straight wins.
Coming into 2008, They have won 14 of 16 regular season road games.

WV is 7-0 all-time in the newly formed instate rivalry played for the "Friends of the Coal Bowl" Trophy. The Mountaineers are 11-0 vs current CUSA since 2000.

West Virginia is 29-4-2 all-time vs Rutgers winning 13 straight. Last year WV defeated a ranked Rutgers' tm on the road which was the 1st time since Pitt in 2002.

This is played for the Schwartzwalder Trophy, WV is on a 6 game win streak.
LY WV converted 2 deflected passes into 1H TD's to build a 31-7 lead over the Orange.

WV is 20-17-2 vs the SEC & they are 11-5-1 at home. First meeting between these teams but WV has knocked off SEC opponents each of the last 3 years.

West Virginia is 4-0 vs Connecticut outscoring the Huskies by an avg of 29 ppg.
Last year WV rushed for 517 yds the most since 2002 vs East Carolina.

In UC's only win vs WV in '03, they had a combined 14 fmbl (8 lost) & 2 int's for 10 total TO's.
The Mountaineers are 14-1-1 in this series that dates back to 1921.

West Virginia is 7-2 vs Louisville & the series has averaged 60 ppg.
The Mountaineers have avg'd 272 (6.3) ypg rushing the last 3 years vs the Cards.

This year will commemorate their 101st meeting in "The Backyard Brawl".
Last year WV came in avg'g 310 ypg rush but was held to 104 yds in the loss.

Mountaineers lost to USF despite 437-274 yd & 21-13 FD edges but did trail 21-3 mid 3Q. These 2 teams have combined to score 39 ppg in their 3 matchups.

OL Ryan Stanchek

STADIUM: MOUNTAINEER FIELD (60,000) (#43)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	3-8	9-4	8-5	8-4	11-1	11-2	11-2	68-31
Home	4-3	3-3	4-2	5-2	5-1	5-1	6-1	5-1	37-14
Away	2-2	0-5	5-1	3-2	3-2	5-0	4-1	5-1	27-14
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-3
vs Conf	3-4	1-6	6-1	6-1	4-2	7-0	5-2	5-2	37-18
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-2	3-3	2-4	4-2	4-1	6-0	6-0	31-13
ATS	4-8	4-7	9-3	6-7	4-7	9-2	5-6-1	7-5-1	48-45-2
Home Fav (Don Nehlen)	2-1	2-2	3-1	0-4	2-3	2-1	2-3-1	3-3	16-18-1
Home Dog (Don Nehlen)	1-3	0-2	1-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	5-7
Away Fav (Rich Rodriguez)	0-2	0-0	2-0	2-0	2-2	3-0	3-1	3-2-1	15-7-1
Away Dog (Rich Rodriguez)	0-2	2-3	3-1	2-1	0-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	9-9
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-0	3-4
vs Conf	1-6	2-5	7-0	5-2	2-4	7-0	2-4-1	3-4	29-25-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-2	2-3	1-5	2-3	2-2	3-2	4-1-1	19-20-1
Off SU Win	2-4	1-2	6-3	4-4	2-5	7-2	4-5	4-5-1	30-30-1
Off SU Loss	1-4	3-4	3-0	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-1-1	2-0	13-13-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Gator - #20	+3'	Maryland - #23	7-41
04	Gator	+10	Florida St - #17	18-30
05	Sugar - #11	+6	Georgia - #8	38-35
06	Gator - #13	-10	Georgia Tech	38-35
07	Fiesta - #11	+7'	Oklahoma - #3	48-28

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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Patrick White	197	1423	88	1335	14	6.8
Steve Slaton	211	1104	53	1051	17	5.0
Noel Devine	73	660	33	627	6	8.6
Jarrett Brown	49	365	38	327	3	6.7
Owen Schmitt	47	275	3	272	4	5.8
Jock Sanders	16	110	5	105	2	6.6
Darius Reynaud	11	125	22	103	1	9.4
Ed Collington	14	88	5	83	2	5.9
Adam Bednarik	3	13	0	13	0	4.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Patrick White	216	144	66.7	1724	14	4
Jarrett Brown	48	31	64.6	341	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Darius Reynaud	64	733	11.5	12	58
Steve Slaton	26	350	13.5	1	51
Dorrell Jalloh	24	272	11.3	1	43
Tito Gonzales	10	219	21.9	1	79
Owen Schmitt	12	121	10.1	1	31
Wes Lyons	7	111	15.9	0	21
Jock Sanders	12	102	8.5	0	23
Noel Devine	7	90	12.9	0	34

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Pat McAfee	46	1962	42.7	9	37.8(t)	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Pat McAfee	64-65	2-4	6-7	5-6	0-2	13-19	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Reed Williams	107	1	4.5	2	1
Mortty Ivy	89	6	5	1	1
Marc Magro	83	8	4	1	0
Ryan Mundy	62	0	0.5	7	3
Quinton Andrews	51	1.5	1	4	1
Eric Wicks	50	2	5	6	3
Antonio Lewis	49	1	1.5	6	3
Johnny Dingle	48	9	10	3	0
John Holmes	39	1	2.5	0	0
Keilen Dykes	32	3	1	1	1
Ridwan Malik	31	1	4	2	0
Scooter Berry	27	0.5	4	2	0
Bobby Hathaway	20	0	1	0	0
Charles Pugh	19	1	0	0	0
JT Thomas	19	0	3	1	0
Larry Williams	18	0	0	2	0
Sidney Glover	18	1	0	0	0
Ellis Lankster	16	0	0	1	1
Pat Lazear	14	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Vaughn Rivers	41	479	11.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Noel Devine	22	511	23.2	0
Vaughn Rivers	10	243	24.3	0
Darius Reynaud	8	211	26.4	0

WEST VIRGINIA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	39.6	21	297	6.2	159	66.4	11.5	+13	2007	8	18.1	17	113	3.0	189	56.1	16.7
9*	38.8	21	303	6.7	158	63.9	11.9	+7	2006	5	21.7	19	93	3.0	243	57.4	15.5
3	32.1	19	272	5.2	117	63.2	12.1	+14	2005	5	17.8	18	110	2.9	201	59.7	17.4
9*	30.1	20	252	5.1	166	57.5	13.9	+3	2004	6	20.5	20	141	3.6	198	54.9	16.6
4*	28.9	17	212	4.6	156	51.2	12.8	+16	2003	4	22.8	22	131	3.5	260	59.1	17.1
7	30.5	22	284	5.2	135	53.0	13.7	+19	2002	6	23.2	17	122	3.5	214	55.3	14.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

WV 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
60,563	W Michigan	25	45-316	7.0	13-22	226	1	18	32-32	1.0	26-43	245	3	+1
40,383	at Marshall	27	51-362	7.1	13-18	149	1	17	32-121	3.8	20-32	266	4	+1
53,107	at Maryland	21	48-353	7.4	8-13	95	2	15	39-89	2.3	16-24	180	5	+1
60,021	East Carolina	30	54-397	7.4	22-25	202	1	13	33-106	3.2	9-18	54	4	+1
67,012	at USF	21	48-188	3.9	23-38	249	3	13	38-139	3.7	11-20	135	1	-2
35,345	at Syracuse	25	54-251	4.6	18-21	235	0	11	37-94	2.5	6-16	108	2	+3
61,022	Mississippi St	17	42-262	6.2	12-20	84	0	12	33-45	1.4	18-35	169	3	+2
43,620	at Rutgers	15	47-254	5.4	10-16	144	1	20	40-183	4.6	15-31	131	0	+4
60,992	Louisville	19	46-216	4.7	16-25	181	1	24	27-37	1.4	27-46	345	4	+1
35,097	at Cincinnati	24	61-295	4.8	13-19	140	0	17	30-84	2.8	19-34	323	5	-1
59,701	Connecticut	26	52-517	9.9	9-13	107	1	22	50-203	4.1	18-34	189	5	+2
60,100	Pittsburgh	12	41-104	2.5	9-16	79	2	15	52-158	3.0	10-19	67	1	-1
70,016	† Oklahoma	17	39-349	8.9	10-19	176	0	25	43-177	4.1	21-33	242	3	+1
TOTALS		279	628-3864	6.2	176-265	2067	13	222	486-1468	3.0	216-385	2454	40	+13
AVERAGES		21.5	48-297	6.2	14-20	159	1.0	17.1	37-113	3.0	17-30	189	3.1	1.0

2003 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Wisconsin - #21	+3	17-24
–	at East Carolina	-9'	48-7
–	Cincinnati	-7	13-15
–	at Maryland	+9'	7-34
–	at Miami, Fl - #2	+25'	20-22
–	Rutgers	-17	34-19
–	Virginia Tech - #3	+14	28-7
–	UCF	-20'	36-18
–	at Boston College	+3'	35-28
–	Pittsburgh - #16	+1	52-31
#25	at Syracuse	-2	34-23
#24	Temple	-21'	45-28

2004 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#10	East Carolina	-28'	56-23
#10	at UCF	-21	45-20
#7	Maryland - #21	-6	19-16 OT
#6	James Madison	NL	45-10
#6	at Virginia Tech	+3	13-19
#17	at Connecticut	-6'	31-19
#15	Syracuse	-15	27-6
#15	at Rutgers	-14'	35-30
#15	Temple	-28	42-21
#13	Boston College - #21	-7	17-36
#21	at Pittsburgh	-3	13-16

2005 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #5 Score
–	at Syracuse	+2'	15-7
–	Wofford	NL	35-7
–	at Maryland	+3	31-19
–	East Carolina	-22'	20-15
–	Virginia Tech - #3	+10	17-34
–	at Rutgers	-3'	27-14
–	Louisville - #19	+7	46-44 3OT
#18	Connecticut	-14'	45-13
#16	at Cincinnati	-14	38-0
#12	Pittsburgh	-14	45-13
#12	at USF	-8'	28-13

2006 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #5 Opponent	Line	Post #10 Score
#5	Marshall	-22	42-10
#6	E Washington	NL	52-3
#5	Maryland	-17'	45-24
#4	at East Carolina	-21	27-10
#4	at Mississippi St	-21	42-14
#5	Syracuse	-25'	41-17
#4	at Connecticut	-23	37-11
#3	at Louisville - #5	+1	34-44
#10	Cincinnati	-18	42-24
#8	at Pittsburgh	-10'	45-27
#7	USF	-21'	19-24
#15	Rutgers - #13	-10	41-39 3OT

2007 RESULTS

WV Rank	Pre #3 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#3	W Michigan	-24	62-24
#3	at Marshall	-25	48-23
#4	at Maryland	-16'	31-14
#5	East Carolina	-24	48-7
#5	at USF - #18	-7	13-21
#13	at Syracuse	-27	55-14
#9	Mississippi St	-25'	38-13
#6	at Rutgers - #25	-6'	31-3
#6	Louisville	-17	38-31
#5	at Cincinnati - #21	-5'	28-23
#4	Connecticut - #20	-20	66-21
#2	Pittsburgh	-29	9-13

USF BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - USF returned their top 2 QB's in 2006 but rFr Matt Grothe (PS#55) sparked the offense in the 2H of the opener and surprisingly took control of the job. Comparisons were made to Marquel Blackwell, who replaced then-starter Glen Gauntt in the opener in '99 and started the last 42 of his career. Grothe had 8 game winning drives on the final poss in HS and led game winning drives here late in the 4Q's vs FIU and UCF. He was #17 in the NCAA in total offense at one point but was banged up the rest of the year. He avg'd 70.3 ypg rushing in the first 6 but just 28.6 ypg the last 7 but still led USF (622 net). He threw for 2,576 (63.7%) with a 15-14 ratio. In 2007 Grothe was banged up in August and in the first 4 rushed for just 126 (2.5). He had 424 (5.8) in Wks 5-8 and his 872 net set a school record for rushing yards for a QB. He also set a school record with 382 passing vs Cincy but had 4 int in that game. He threw for 2,670 (59.2%) with just a 14-14 ratio. Grant Gregory played in 7 throwing for 280. They both return with the only loss being Anthony Severino (3 passes). Added to the mix this year is Alton Voss (6'2" 225 rFr, PS#51) and true frosh BJ Daniels (PS#76). Grothe should have his best year yet.

RUNNING BACKS - The leading rusher in 2003 had just 490 yards (4.3). Andre Hall (PS#16JC) burst onto the scene and rushed for 1,357 (6.5) in 2004. In 2005 he rushed for 1,374 (5.1) and also led in rec with 26 (12.3). Ricky Ponton was #2 with 373 (4.1). In just 2 years Hall became the school's career leading rusher. I expected them to sign another VHT JUCO in '06 but they did not. The gameplan was to go with Ponton (PS#293) and Moise Plancher (5'9" 200 Jr). Ponton was susp'd for the first 6 while Plancher was lost on his 4th carry and walk-on Ben Williams led the RB's with 436 (3.6). Ponton added 306 (4.2). Last year they only lost Ponton and they got the huge addition of true frosh Mike Ford (PS#46) who originally signed at Bama and played at Hargrave. They also added Jamar Taylor (PS#42) who had also signed at Alabama. Ford led in the first 2 but was injured. Williams had 186 and 4 TD's vs FAU. No other RB topped 100 until Ford had 134 vs Syr and 140 vs L'ville. Aston Samuels had 2 long carries for 101 vs the Orange. Surprisingly, Ford who had 12 TD's, had just 645 (4.7) with Williams adding 425 (4.0) and Samuels had just 21 carries (8.0). Everyone returns and adding depth are Moise Plancher (43 yd/2Y), FB Richard Kelly (6'0" 249 So, PS#217), Mike Padilla (6'0" 222 Jr) and Shawn Cannon (5'11" 195 Sr, 19 yd). USF should have the most production out of their RB corps since 2005.

DE George Selvie

RECEIVERS - The last 3 seasons USF's receiving corps has been loaded with size and speed. Last year they lost 2006's #1 receiver but returned 5 of the top 7. Injuries did hurt the group but rFr Carlton Mitchell, who is 6'4" and holds a school record with a 47.28 in the 400M, led with 537 (14.5). Jessie Hester (PS#29, father Jessie played NFL) didn't get his first start until FAU (gm 5) but was #2 with 418 (11.9). Taurus Johnson (PS#90) was #3 with 407 (12.0) despite missing 2 and Amarri Jackson was #5 with 256 (11.6) despite missing the final 4. TE Cedric Hill was #4 with 264 (11.5). Not listed in the PSL below are Patrick Richardson (6'0" 163 rFr, PS#275), Antwon Hanks (6'3" 200 Jr, 3.2% body fat), Rhett Hamrick (6'5" 190 rFr) and TE's Quincy Okolie (6'6" 255 So) and Shane McElwain (6'4" 251 Jr). This year they lose Jackson (6 st) and Courtney Denson (1 st, 11 rec) but have everyone else back including Colby Erskin (fastest USF player, 4.3 spd) who was a projected starter but tore his ACL. This should be one of the Big East's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they had to replace three starters including two 2nd Tm BE players and then returning 2nd Tm BE LT Thed Watson was injured but still started 7 and then was dismissed in November. Due to injuries and ineffectiveness they used six different starting O-lines and the ypc dropped to 3.9 (from 4.2) with 27 sacks (7.6%). Those numbers are surprising with a mobile QB but they were depleted at RB. The 5 players who started the final 3 all returned last year with all 5 having 7 or more starts in '06. The unit got a lot thinner when LG Matt Huners (11 st '06) suffered a torn ACL in the spring game and was only able to play in the final 3 and C Nick Capogna (13 st '06) was injured in the opener (1 st, 8 gm). They still had their most experienced unit since 2004 and opened holes for 185 ypg rushing (4.3) and allowed 28 sacks (6.6%). QB Grothe's 872 net rush yds helped. This year they lose RT Walter Walker (9 st, 3Y st'r), OT Jared Carnes (3 st, 11 gm) and Capogna. Not only are 7 of the top 10 back, but with Huners returning, they have 5 players with 12 or more career starts. The unit has good size with the starters averaging 6'4" 312 which is #15 in IA and the 87 career starts ties them at #22. This looks like USF's best O-line ever.

DEFENSIVE LINE - USF is always tough vs the rush with their "worst" showing in IA ball being 3.9 ypc allowed in 2005. In 2006 the unit was hit hard by injuries and attrition with 8 players from the 16 man spring 4 deep not on the fall roster. They still allowed just 3.3 ypc rush while the D recorded 37 sacks. Last year they had 3 starters back and returned six with starting experience. Surprisingly even with the emergence of DE George Selvie, who broke the Big East single season tfl record with 31.5 (1 away from NCAA record) and led the Big East with 14.5 sacks, USF's numbers dropped to 3.6 ypc rush and the sack total dropped to 31. Part of the problem was that returning starter Woody George was suspended and only had 4 starts (20 tkl). This year they must replace DT Richard Clebert (12 st, 35 tkl, 9.5 tfl), DE George, DT Allen Cray (3 st, 22 tkl), DT Julian Riley (2 tkl), DL Brandon Peguese (2 tkl) and DE Joshua Smiley (3 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are David Fonua (6'2" 255 rFr), Kenneth Luberice (6'0" 231 rFr) and David Bedford (6'5" 240 So, PS#46JC). Selvie turned down an early shot at the NFL and with 3 full-time starters returning, plus Florida transfer Trent Pupello (PS#74, received hardship waiver), I'll call for improved numbers.

LINEBACKERS - I felt that Ben Moffitt, Pat St Louis and Stephen Nicholas (top 3 tacklers in 2005), made up one of the most underrated LB corps in the country in 2006. Last year Ben Moffitt was the only returnee of the trio but they added Tyrone McKenzie, who was the #2 tackler (129) at Iowa St in '06. This year they lose 1st Tm Big East LB Moffitt (104 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu), Donte Spires (1 st, 16 tkl) and Sam Miller (9 tkl). Four of the top seven are back and they bring in VHT JUCO Kion Wilson (PS#22), who was in for the spring. McKenzie led USF in tackles in '07. This group is more experienced and stronger with all 3 starters making my preseason All-Big East team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - USF possessed perhaps the NCAA's best set of CB's the last 2 years in Trae Williams and Mike Jenkins. Those two shutdown corners allowed USF to blitz often. USF was #21 in my pass D rankings in 2006 and last year only had to replace their starting SS but then projected starting FS Danny Verpaele (12 st, 2Y) was ruled ineligible. They still moved up to #7 with an amazing 23 int's. CB is my ONLY question mark on this entire team. Gone are AA CB Mike Jenkins (13 st, 3 int, 12 pbu, #1DC DAL), 2nd Tm Big East CB Trae Williams (13 st, 6 int, 11 pbu, #5DC JAX) and CB Ryan Gilliam (PS#38, 4 pbu). Not listed in the PSL is Jerrell Young (6'2" 210 Jr). If this year's starting CB's come even close to matching last year's then USF with have a solid secondary.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jim Leavitt has had some top-notch ST units as they were #17 in my ST rankings in '01, #14 in '02 and #9 in '03. The next two years they were surprisingly #58, #55 and in '06 plummeted to #97. Last year they lost their top PR and K Mike Benzer left over the summer so Delbert Alvarado (5-9 FG's '06) had those duties. Alvarado missed an amazing 4 FG's vs Auburn but then made 3 vs NCar. He had 2 crucial misses vs Rutgers but after opening just 9 of 18 on FG's (3 blk), he hit 10 of 11 including 6 from 40+ on the season. Alvarado also took over the P duties for Justin Teachey (30.0 net in '06) and avg 41.6 with a team net 34.8. Marcus Edwards led the team in PR's (7.5) and Jerome Murphy led on KR's (24.3). Overall the unit only rose to #79 and with all of the key players back, I look for a significant improvement in 2008.

COACHES - Head Coach Jim Leavitt has a 79-47 record in 11 years at USF and a 52-30 record in the last 7 years since joining IA. His name continues to pop up for available HC jobs. USF signed him to a 7 year deal through 2014 worth 12.6 million, making Leavitt the highest paid BE HC. Their OC Rod Smith (2Y OC) left for WV so the new OC in '07 is Greg Gregory. Gregory now has 14 years of experience as an OC (Ohio 2001-'03; Richmond '00; Army 9 years) and also spent 2 years as HC at Missouri Southern St ('98-'99). Wally Burnham (previously at FSU & SC) is in his 8th year as the DC. Former Duke HC Carl Franks was added as the RB cch/Recruiting coor in 2004 becoming the first USF assistant with Div IA HC experience.

PHIL'S FORECAST

On Sept 6, 1996, 75 players assembled for the 1st practice ever as the Bulls established their football program and in 1997 they played their first game. Jim Leavitt has done a tremendous job as they went 8-3 in their first year of IA ball in 2001 and the following year actually got four votes in the AP poll after they beat BG. In 2002 they were an outstanding 9-2 with their only losses to Ark and Okla on the road. In 2003 they joined CUSA and went 5-3 in their first season, but were outgained by 44.6 ypg in league play as they won three double OT games. In 2004 I called for them to have their first losing record since 1997. The D yielded a school worst 31.9 ppg as 24 different defensive players earned starts due to injuries and finished 4-7. In '05 they joined the Big East and lost a conf high 28 lettermen and were picked 7th in the preseason Big East poll. After being -10 in turnovers in '04 they improved to +5 and earned a bowl bid at 6-5 (tied 3rd BE). USF had just a 13-17 record vs IA teams from '03-'05. In 2006 they had the youngest team since Leavitt's first year and he said every spot was up for grabs except for the LB's and CB's. In the season finale they won in Morgantown which cost WV the Big East Title and a BCS bowl and then beat EC 24-7 in the bowl. They finished 9-4 despite QB Grothe having an injury plagued season. Last year they got both WV and L'ville at home and I called them a darkhorse National Title contender. It did not surprise me that USF upset #17 Auburn on the road or beat #5 WV at home and they climbed to 6-0. USF was the talk of the national media at #2 and they would be favored in every remaining game. Unfortunately Rutgers converted a fake punt and fake FG and upset USF. They had to travel East again the following week and were upset by Conn in the pouring rain. The following week vs Cincinnati, they not only had EIGHT TO's, they settled for a 21 yd FG, and had a punt blocked. At the end they dropped a TD pass from the Cincy 18. They rebounded to easily win their last 3 but were waxed in the Sun Bowl by Oregon. USF players commented that they were going through their coldest ever practices (windy, 40°) while the Ducks were used to the temps. USF tied for 3rd in the BE at 4-3 (#2 +45.7 ypg). USF was +9 in TO's but had 1 net close loss. This year's squad has 10 starters back on offense and provided their new CB's play well, they should have one of the best D's in the country. Two of my 8 sets of power ratings call for an undefeated season and 6 call for them to be undefeated before they travel to Morgantown on Dec 6th. USF once again makes my list of surprise darkhorse National Title contenders.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GREEN

QB 8 MATT GROTHE JR. 6-0 213 PS#55. 12 st rFr, 2576 (64%) 15-14 ratio, 802 rush. 13 st LY, 2670 (59%) 14-14, 1138 rush. **15** Grant Gregory (6'1" 205 Sr) Indy trans. 280 (57%) 4-2.

RB 26 MIKE FORD SO. 6-2 225 **PS#46** '05 Bama. Hargrave. 5 st "true" LY. 645 (4.7). **30** Benjamin Williams (5'7" 200 Sr) 21 st 2Y, 861 (3.8) 31 rec. **Jamar Taylor** (5'9" 205 So) **PS#42.**

WR 89 TAURUS JOHNSON SR. 6-1 204 PS#90. 4.43 spd. 2 st '06. 494 (13.4). 5 st LY, 407 (12.0). **81** Dontavia Bogan (6'1" 180 So) 1 st, 190 (15.8) true. **1** Jason Sherman (6'4" 197 So) PS#215.

WR 2 CARLTON MITCHELL SO. 6-4 210 400M track team. PS#147. 5 st rFr. 537 (14.5). AJ Love (6'2" 196 So) 111 (13.9) 4.45 spd. Edner Alcin (6'2" 185 So). Daniel Bryant PS#71.

WR 87 JESSIE HESTER JR. 6-0 174 **PS#29.** 1 st true, 3 rec. 3 st LY, 418 yds (11.9). **11 Marcus Edwards** (5'11" 164 Sr) PS#69. 12 st, 328 (12.1) '06. 11 st, 231 (10.5) LY. Colby Erskin (5'9" 185 Jr).

TE 9 CEDRIC HILL SR. 6-3 230 6 st '05-'06, 316 yds (15.0). 12 st LY. 264 (11.5). **82** Ben Busbee (6'3" 242 Jr) 4 st 3 rec LY. **85** Andrew Ketchel (6'5" 240 So) **PS#116.**

C 77 JAKE GRIFFIN SR. 6-4 307 PS#143. 2nd string rFr. 3 st LG '06 until brk foot. L/12 st C LY, 64 kd. 410 bench. Kevin McCaskill (6'2" 300 rFr) PS#69. **LS Eric Setser** (6'1" 240 Sr).

RG 61 ZACH HERMANN SO. 6-3 313 13 st RG rFr, 70 kd. 500 squat. Jeremiah Warren (6'4" 326 rFr) PS#239DL. 410 bench. **70** Mike McGowan (6'5" 260 rFr). Darryl Dudding (6'2" 261 Sr).

LG 65 RYAN SCHMIDT SR. 6-5 327 **PS#186 Kansas St.** 8 st RG here '06. 13 st LG LY, **2nd Tm Big East. 79** Chaz Hine (6'4" 289 rFr) PS#415. Jatavious Jackson PS#176.

RT 71 Matt Huners Sr. 6-3 305 1 st rFr LG. 11 st '06 (1LT, 10LG). ACL L/3 gm LY. 420 bench. **64** Jacob Sims (6'5" 290 So) PS#430. 225 bench 23x. Thomas Edenfield (6'6" 297 rFr) PS#137.

LT 78 MARC DILE SR. 6-4 309 5 st rFr (3RT, 2LT). 7 st '06 (4RT, 3LT). 13 st LY (11 LT, 2 RT) 80 kd. **73** Danny Tolley (6'6" 302 Jr) PS#128. 1 st 2Y. **72** Joe Herzhauser (6'4" 263 So).

K 25 DELBERT ALVARDO JR. 6-0 196 5-9 FG true, **Big East record 56 yd FG.** Hit 19 of 29 FG, L/47 in '07, 6-11 from 40+. Justin Teachey 12 TB on KO LY. Maikon Bonani PS#36.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GREEN

DE 90 JARRIETT BUIE SR. 6-4 255 PS#103. 4 st, 17 tkl '06. 9 st LY, 26 tkl, 6 tfl, **440 bench.** Craig Marshall (6'5" 260 So) PS#217JC. **93** Matt Aycox (6'2" 240 Jr) 5 tkl. Darren Powe (6'3" 244 rFr).

NT 97 Terrell McClain So. 6-3 306 PS#127. 8 tkl, 4 tfl true. 225 bench 24x. **62 Sampson Genus** (6'1" 308 So) PS#369. 440 bench. 6 gm backup OL 5 kd true. **41** Jason Fox (6'0" 259 Jr).

DT 98 AARON HARRIS JR. 6-4 275 6 st true, 10 tkl. 11 st LY (inj). 25 tkl, 5.5 sk, 4 tfl. **44** Trent Pupello (6'2" 279 So). **51** Keith McCaskill (5'11" 255 rFr) PS#108TE.

DE 95 GEORGE SELVIE JR. 6-4 242 13 st rFr, FWAA Fr AA, 84 tkl, 14.5 tfl. **1st Tm AA LY,** 59 tkl, 14.5 sk, **BE rec 31.5** tfl, 390 bench. **41** Patrick Hampton (6'3" 225 rFr) PS#252.

WLB 53 BROUCE MOMPREMIER SR. 6-1 227 **PS#46.** 10 tkl first 2Y. 12 st LY, 83 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **43** Sabbath Joseph (6'0" 230 So) PS#388. 14 tkl rFr. Lucas Darr (5'10" 202 So) 385 bench.

MLB 42 Kion Wilson Jr. 6-2 235 **PS#22JC** in for spg. 215 tkl in 2Y at JC. **57** Alonzo McQueen (6'1" 255 So) PS#221. 3 tkl rFr. **40** Houston Hess (6'3" 210 Jr) 20 tkl, 25 qm 2Y.

SLB 27 TYRONE McKENZIE SR. 6-2 235 3 tkl Mich St '04. Trans. **Iowa St #2 tkl'r '06,** 129, 9.5 tfl. **USF #1 tkl'r LY,** 121, 7.5 tfl. 410 bench. **49** Chris Robinson (6'3" 240 Jr) 28 tkl, **7 sk** '06.

CB 6 Tyller Roberts Sr. 6-1 185 PS#207. 34 tkl, 8 pbu '05-'06. 1 st LY, 17 tkl, 2 pbu. Dylan Douglas (5'10" 182 So) PS#318. 3 tkl LY. Micah Morgan (5'10" 175 Sr). Cameron Perkins (5'10" 180 Sr).

CB 3 Jerome Murphy Jr. 6-1 176 20 tkl rFr. 1 st LY, 38 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **Theo Wilson PS#185JC. 16** Quenton Washington (5'10" 172 rFr) PS#220. Tyson Butler (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#178RB.

SS 32 CARLTON WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 214 12 st FS rFr. 66 tkl, 2 int. 9 st '06, 43 tkl, 4 pbu. 13 st SS LY, 69 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **7** Louis Gachette (6'3" 215 Sr) PS#153QB. 53 tkl, 5 int, 3 pbu, 3Y.

FS 5 NATE ALLEN JR. 6-2 200 PS#96QB. Moved to DB as true. 13 st FS LY, 84 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. **17** Danny Verpaele (5'11" 200 Sr) PS#151QB. **12 st '04-'05, 96 tkl,** 7 pbu.

P 25 DELBERT ALVARDO JR. 6-0 196 10 punts true, 34.3 avg. 58 punts LY, 41.6 avg, net 34.8. Justin Teachey (5'11" 176 Sr) 45 punt, 38.2 avg '06. 7 (35.4) LY. Ilia Petrov (5'11" 192 Jr) PS#77.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Kion Wilson 6-2 235 PS#22JC
DL	David Bedford 6-5 240 PS#46JC
DB	Theo Wilson 6-0 200 PS#185JC
WR	Daniel Bryant 6-2 185 PS#71
DL	Craig Marshall 6-5 260 PS#217JC
DB	George Baker 5-11 168 PS#74
RB	Demetris Murray 5-10 207 PS#91
QB	BJ Daniels 6-1 195 PS#76
DB	John Lejiste 6-0 176 PS#149
DL	Donnel Engram 6-2 255 PS#188
DB	Charlton Sinclair 5-11 190 PS#136 '07
OL	Danous Estenor 6-3 305 PS#227
OL	Josh Garvin 6-4 276 PS#228
K	Justin Brockhaus-Kann 6-3 235 PS#18
TE	Jeff Hawkins 6-4 232 PS#68
DL	Cory Grissom 6-2 275 PS#231
DB	Evan Landi 6-3 193 PS#235
OL	Jatavious Jackson 6-4 275 PS#176 '07
LB	Michael Lanaris 6-0 217 PS#197
LB	Quavon Taylor 6-0 190 PS#281DB
TE	Andreas Shields 6-6 200 PS#85
K	Maikon Bonani 5-9 170 PS#36
OL	Mark Popek 6-7 310 PS#366
LB	Armando Sanchez 5-11 215 PS#204QB
OL	Damien Edwards 6-6 320 PS#440

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#60

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USF	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Tenn Martin	G					The Tennessee Martin Skyhawks went 4-7 LY including a loss to S Miss 35-13. USF is 11-0 in home openers winning by 29 ppg.
Sep. 5	at UCF (Fri)	G					LY UCF RB Smith came into the gm avg 172 ypg, USF allowed him just 55 (3.1). USF was a CUSA member from 2003-'04 & has a 13-6 record vs current members.
Sep. 13	Kansas	G					The Bulls are 0-3 vs teams in the Big XII but have won 7 straight non-conf HG's. Their 1st meeting was a defensive battle, a 13-7 loss by USF in '06 (0-0 at HT).
Sep. 20	at Florida Int'l	A					This is the 2nd meeting (273 miles apart), their 1st was in '06 a USF 21-20 win. USF is 6-2 vs current SBC tms. USF is 7-1 vs FL tms, their only loss was to Miami in '05.
Sep. 27	at NC State	G					The Bulls look to avenge their 14-0 loss to NCSt in the 2005 Car Care Bowl. USF is 11-3 vs non-conf opponents in the reg ssn since joining the Big East.
Oct. 2	Pittsburgh (Thur)	G					LY USF rallied from a 14-7 deficit. They outscored Pitt 38-23 in 2H & got TD int's by Allen & Williams & an int by Moffit down to the 1. USF has won the last 2 in this series.
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	Syracuse	G					Last year USF rushed for 346 yds (6.2) in their 41-10 rout of Syracuse. The Bulls have won all 3 matchups outscoring the Orange 95-20.
Oct. 25	at Louisville	A					These two have combined to avg 56 ppg in their 5 meetings. Last yr's 41 1H pts were 1 pt shy of a school record set vs Liberty in 2001. The HT is 5-0 in this series.
Oct. 30	at Cincinnati (Thur)	A					The Bulls outgained UC 481-375 & outFD'd 27-14 but committed 8 TO's in the 38-33 loss. South Florida gave up 38 1H points, the most by any Bulls team ever.
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	Rutgers	G					Last yr Rutgers beat #2 ranked USF, 30-27 on Thurs night in front of a national audience. These two teams have average 58 ppg in their only 3 meetings with USF 1-2.
Nov. 23	Connecticut (Sun)	G					The home team is 4-0 in FBS meetings. USF looks to avenge last year's loss as the #11 Bulls trailed 16-0 at the half in a 22-15 loss.
Nov. 29							
Dec. 6	at West Virginia	A					The Bulls have held the potent WV run attack to an avg of 160 ypg in their L/2 upset wins. USF has defeated a Top 10 ranked WV tm the L2Y & #5 was the highest ever to visit Tampa.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Marquel Blackwell 9,108 '99-'02
2. Matt Grothe 5,246 '06-Present
3. Chad Barnhardt 4,138 '97-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Andre Hall 2,731 '04-'05
2. Rafael Williams 2,253 '97-'00
3. Clenton Crossley 1,644 '01-'04

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Hugh Smith 1,523 '99-'02
2. Huey Whittaker 1,447 '01-'03
3. Charlie Jackson 1,373 '97-'00

JIM LEAVITT (Career 52-30) (IAA 27-17)
12th Year at USF Leavitt's Bowl Record: 1-2

Leavitt's records AT USF (IA)

52-30	Straight Up	3-3	Vs Top 10
33-9	Home	4-8	Vs Top 25
18-19	Away	4-10	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	8-7	Off A Bye
20-17	Vs Conference	16-11	Off A Loss

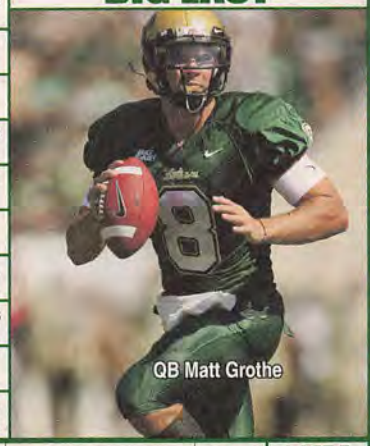
2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 62 (32,25,5)
Lost: 19 (5,12,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 53,170 (#50)

BIG EAST


QB Matt Grothe

STADIUM: RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM (65,857)(#68)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

Jim Leavitt	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	8-3	9-2	7-4	4-7	6-6	9-4	9-4	59-34
Home	6-0	7-0	6-0	4-2	2-4	4-1	5-1	5-1	39-9
Away	1-4	1-3	3-2	3-2	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	19-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	–	–	–	5-3	3-5	4-3	4-3	4-3	20-17
vs Non-Conf	7-4	8-3	9-2	2-1	1-2	2-3	5-1	5-1	39-17
ATS	–	6-2	7-2	4-5	3-7	6-5	8-4	7-5	41-30
Home Fav	–	4-0	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	3-1	14-7
Home Dog	–	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-0	6-4
Away Fav	–	0-0	2-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-3	8-6
Away Dog	–	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-3	3-1	1-2	1-0	11-11
Neutral	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-2
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	4-4	3-5	3-4	5-2	4-3	19-18
vs Non-Conf	–	6-2	7-2	0-1	0-2	3-1	3-2	3-2	22-12
Off SU Win	–	2-2	5-2	2-4	1-3	4-2	4-4	6-3	24-20
Off SU Loss	–	3-0	2-0	2-0	2-4	1-3	4-0	1-2	15-9

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Car Care		+3'	NC State	0-14
06	Papajohns.com		-5	East Carolina	24-7
07	Sun - #23		-6	Oregon	21-56

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

USF's All-Time Bowl Record 1–2

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Grothe	198	1138	266	872	10	4.4
Mike Ford	138	679	34	645	12	4.7
Benjamin Williams	105	466	41	425	6	4.0
Aston Samuels	21	175	8	167	0	8.0
Jamar Taylor	47	169	22	147	2	3.1
Grant Gregory	13	90	5	85	0	6.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Matt Grothe	392	232	59.2	2670	14	14
Grant Gregory	30	17	56.7	280	4	2
Anthony Severino	3	1	33.3	28	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Carlton Mitchell	37	537	14.5	4	75
Jessie Hester	35	418	11.9	4	28
Taurus Johnson	34	407	12.0	4	34
Cedric Hill	23	264	11.5	1	35
Amarri Jackson	22	256	11.6	2	36
Benjamin Williams	25	239	9.6	0	31
Marcus Edwards	22	231	10.5	1	25
Dontavia Bogan	12	190	15.8	1	32
Courtney Denson	11	139	12.6	0	27
AJ Love	8	111	13.9	1	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Delbert Alvarado	58	2414	41.6	15	34.7(t)	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Delbert Alvarado	52-53	5-7	8-11	6-11	0-0	19-29	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tyrone McKenzie	121	1.5	6	5	0
Ben Moffitt	104	0	12	5	4
Nate Allen	84	0	2	8	4
Brouce Mompremier	83	0	6.5	1	1
Carlton Williams	69	1	4.5	3	0
George Selvie	59	14.5	17	0	0
Trae Williams	55	1	1	11	6
Mike Jenkins	41	0	4	12	3
Jerome Murphy	38	0	2	5	2
Richard Clebert	35	3	6.5	0	0
Jarriett Buie	26	1	5	2	0
Aaron Harris	25	5.5	4	2	0
Louis Gachette	23	0	0	2	2
Allen Cray	22	3	2	1	1
Woody George	20	0.5	1.5	0	0
Ryan Gilliam	17	0	0	4	0
Tyller Roberts	17	0	0	2	0
Donte Spires	16	1	2	0	0
Sabbath Joseph	14	0	0	0	0
Sam Miller	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Edwards	31	231	7.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jerome Murphy	23	560	24.3	0
Taurus Johnson	13	236	18.2	0

USF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	34.7	21	185	4.3	229	58.7	11.9	+9	2007	7	23.4	18	131	3.6	212	51.5	14.7
5*	23.0	18	144	3.9	217	63.5	15.7	-4	2006	7	16.9	18	115	3.3	183	51.2	17.6
6*	23.0	19	203	4.2	145	47.2	15.1	+5	2005	8	18.0	16	146	3.9	165	51.9	17.3
7*	24.6	18	188	4.6	165	47.7	14.3	-10	2004	5	31.9	22	150	3.7	248	58.5	12.5
8	25.1	16	130	3.4	178	48.6	12.3	-1	2003	6	20.4	19	136	3.0	180	49.1	15.5
8*	30.8	19	135	3.7	252	56.4	12.5	+21	2002	8	18.5	19	87	2.3	222	52.5	16.7

2007 STATS BY GAME

USF 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
33,639	Elon	19	33-135	4.1	23-39	238	2	19	30-33	1.1	34-55	226	6	0
82,617	at Auburn	18	52-135	2.6	18-27	184	3	16	35-125	3.6	16-35	165	2	+5
37,753	North Carolina	26	52-194	3.7	18-33	234	1	11	35-79	2.3	11-27	85	4	+1
67,012	West Virginia	13	38-139	3.7	11-20	135	1	21	48-188	3.9	23-38	249	3	+2
21,106	at Fla Atlantic	18	44-302	6.9	17-27	122	0	22	35-152	4.3	23-47	259	1	-3
65,948	UCF	23	44-178	4.0	20-36	365	1	12	40-61	1.5	11-27	84	4	+3
44,267	at Rutgers	20	38-115	3.0	17-35	247	7	18	42-170	4.0	13-32	230	1	+2
40,000	at Connecticut	18	44-251	5.7	16-30	189	1	20	46-159	3.5	13-26	194	3	-1
57,379	Cincinnati	27	37-99	2.7	31-54	382	2	14	38-137	3.6	14-32	238	0	-6
38,039	at Syracuse	26	56-346	6.2	19-28	236	0	14	17-15	0.9	21-38	276	2	+3
57,288	Louisville	26	49-230	4.7	19-27	251	2	23	26-130	5.0	24-49	273	1	+6
31,123	at Pittsburgh	18	44-193	4.4	17-23	159	5	20	34-95	2.8	24-38	298	3	+1
49,867	† Oregon	25	34-88	2.6	24-47	236	3	25	43-353	8.2	17-30	180	1	-4
TOTALS		277	565-2405	4.3	250-426	2978	28	235	469-1697	3.6	244-474	2757	31	+9
AVERAGES		21.3	43-185	4.3	19-33	229	2.2	18.1	36-131	3.6	19-36	212	2.4	0.7

2003 RESULTS

USF	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Alabama	+15	17-40
–		Nicholls St	NL	27-17
–		at Army	-19	28-0
–		Louisville	+2'	31-28 2OT
–		TCU - #19	-2	10-13
–		Charleston So	NL	55-7
–		at S Mississippi	+2'	6-27
–		Cincinnati	-3	24-17 2OT
–		at East Carolina	-11	38-37 2OT
–		UAB	-6'	19-22
–		at Memphis	+10	21-16

2004 RESULTS

USF	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Tenn Tech	NL	21-7
–		at South Carolina	+12'	3-34
–		at TCU	+10	45-44 2OT
–		S Mississippi	+6	20-27
–		Army	-15	35-42
–		at Louisville - #16	+30	9-41
–		at UAB	+19	45-20
–		East Carolina	-13	41-17
–		at Cincinnati	+12'	23-45
–		Memphis	+3'	15-31
–		Pittsburgh - #19	+6'	14-43

2005 RESULTS

USF	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Penn St	+21	13-23
–		Florida A&M	NL	37-3
–		UCF	-7'	31-14
–		Louisville - #9	+20'	45-14
–		at Miami, Fl - #9	+21	7-27
–		at Pittsburgh	+1	17-31
–		at Rutgers	+2'	45-31
–		at Syracuse	-7'	27-0
–		Cincinnati	-21	31-16
–		at Connecticut	-7	10-15
–		West Virginia - #12	+8'	13-28

2006 RESULTS

USF	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		McNeese St	NL	41-10
–		Florida Int'l	-20	21-20
–		at UCF	-1'	24-17
–		at Kansas	+3'	7-13
–		Rutgers - #24	+4	20-22
–		Connecticut	-6'	38-16
–		at North Carolina	-3	37-20
–		at Cincinnati	-1'	6-23
–		Pittsburgh	+4'	22-12
–		Syracuse	-10	27-10
–		at Louisville - #10	+17	8-31
–		at West Virginia - #7	+21'	24-19

2007 RESULTS

USF	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Elon	NL	28-13
–		at Auburn - #17	+7	26-23 OT
#23		North Carolina	-12'	37-10
#18		West Virginia - #5	+7	21-13
#6		at Florida Atlantic	-17	35-23
#5		UCF	-10'	64-12
#2		at Rutgers	-1'	27-30
#11		at Connecticut	-4'	15-22
#20		Cincinnati	-5	33-38
–		at Syracuse	-16'	41-10
–		Louisville	-9	55-17
–		at Pittsburgh	-9	48-37

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Last year Pitt had to replace Tyler Palko (PS#10) who finished 2nd all-time at Pitt in total offense ahead of Dan Marino. In 2006 Palko threw for 2,871 (68.3%) with a 25-9 ratio. In '07 the returning QB's had only 10 career pass att's and all of them by PS#25 Bill Stull. Kevan Smith (6'3" 225 So, PS#58) saw plenty of action in August 2006 but RS. Stull hit his first seven passes in the opener but suffered a thumb inj in the 3Q and was lost for the year (177 pass, 70%). Smith started vs Grambling and threw for 202. Pat Bostick's first pass of his career was int'd in the 4Q. Smith hit just 9 of 18 for 85 with 2 int vs MSU. Smith started again vs Conn but hit just 3 of 9 and hyper-extended his elbow. Bostick came in and hit 27 of 41 for 230. He had 3 int (1 ret TD) but took over the starting job. They ran a conservative gameplan with Bostick and he threw mostly short passes but when he struggled vs Rutgers (7 of 16), Smith led the comeback hitting 7 of 11 for 81. Smith was injured again (shldr) and Bostick guided the final drive getting them inside the 10 but was int'd in the EZ. Bostick threw for 298 vs a tough USF defense and vs WV hit just 10 of 19 for 67 but pulled the upset. For the season, Bostic hit 61.5% (8-13 ratio). Smith completed 56.2% (1-4 ratio). This year all 3 QB's return and added to the mix is JUCO Greg Cross who has 4.55 speed (2,217 pass at JC LY). Andrew Janocko (6'1" 205 rFr) and Spencer Whipple (6'2" 215 rFr) fill out the depth chart. This unit is far more experienced and no matter who wins the job, they should put up much better stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Pitt avg just 98 ypg rushing (2.6). Wannstedt turned to two true frosh in '05, diminutive LaRod Stephens-Howling (PS#51), who led with 434 (4.5), and Rashad Jennings (411, 4.8). Good-sized true frosh Conredge Collins (PS#20) had just 8 rush attempts. Jennings opted to transfer and Stephens-Howling rushed for 893 (5.0) in '06. He had his biggest game vs Syracuse rushing for 221 (8.2). He also had 135 vs UCF and 154 vs Conn but missed a game and failed to top 60 in 7 others. Shane Brooks (PS#34) started vs Cincy (67) finishing with 218 (4.4) on the year. Collins had 115 (4.0) and true frosh Kevin Collier (PS#49) took off his RS and played in 8 (115, 3.5). Wannstedt said he wants a bigger back and has brought in LeSean McCoy (PS#8, 210 lbs) who averaged 7.1 ypc at Milford Academy. McCoy rushed for 107 vs Grambling with Stephens-Howling injured and 172 vs Mich St. They even unleashed the Wildcat Package where McCoy lined up at QB. McCoy had a phenomenal year breaking the Big East frosh rushing record (see Hardcore Fans, pg 322) finishing with 1,328 (4.8) while also adding 33 rec (7.4). Stephens-Howling had 320 (4.1). Collins moved to FB and rushed for 110 (3.3) while Collier (inj) redshirted. This year everyone returns and added to the mix is Shariff Harris (6'1" 190 rFr, PS#59). I look for an even stronger year out of McCoy.

RECEIVERS - Under former HC Walt Harris, Pitt was gaining the reputation of "WR U" as they had a WR lead the Big East in receiving 7 times in an 8 year stretch (1997-2004). In 2006 they had to replace Greg Lee who led the Big East with 1,297 (19.1) in '04. Derek Kinder (PS#98) who had 374 (10.1) in '05 took control with 847 (14.9) in '06. Oderick Turner (PS#97) added 660 (15.0) and Marcel Pestano had 424 (15.1). All 3 returned in '07 but Kinder was lost in August to injury. Turner was inconsistent early (drops) then suffered a hip flexor injury. TJ Porter (PS#101), who had just 3 rec in '06, led Pitt in rec's LY with 37 (8.9) and Turner led in rec yards with 496 (13.8). TE Darrell Strong had 328 (11.3) and TE Nate Byham (PS#2) added 210 (14.0). Pestano saw his numbers drop to 190 (12.7). Keep an eye on Aundre Wright (5'11" 185 rFr) who Wannstedt called the fastest player on the team last year. Not listed in the 2 deep are TE Tyler Tkach (6'3" 265 So, PS#149DL) and WR Francis Johns (6'1" 210 So). This year they must replace Strong (4 st) and Pestano (3 st). With everyone back, the healthy return of top man Kinder and more experienced QB's, I look for a dramatic rise in the Pitt receiving numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, Pitt's O-line yielded 23 sacks (6.9%) while improving to 3.9 ypc (3.2 in '05). Last year they had to replace one starter but had 8 of the top 10 back including 4 players who started the final 7. LT Jeff Otah played just one year of HS football then played 2 years at a JC before coming to Pitt and starting 24 games in 2 years. He earned 1st Tm Big East honors as a senior. Chris Jacobson was challenging to become a rare OL to play as a true but dislocated his kneecap. The OL was banged up and inconsistent all year. While the rush ypg improved to 141 the ypc regressed to 3.6. The team did allow a respectable 28 sacks (8.2%) but fired their OL coach. They bring in Tony Wise who was the OL coach for the NYJ (18 years in NFL). Wannstedt also brought in JUCO C Robb Houser. This year the losses are C Chris Vangas (12 st), RT Mike McGlynn (11 st, 4Y st'r, #4DC PHI), LT Otah (12 st, 2Y st'r, #1DC CAR) and backup Kevin Cimador. While this is a less experienced group, it still has good size (starters avg 6'3" 295). They have 6 players returning with starting experience including Jason Pinkston who is back from injury and 6 in my 2 deep are VHT's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Pitt's D-line struggled with injuries and inexperience in Wannstedt's first two years and allowed 4.3 and 4.6 ypc rush. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for only 5 starts (44 tkl). The D-line dominated the OL in August and Wannstedt said the D-line depth this year is going up every day and that they had a lot of young talent. "We're not overly big up front but I'm not a big believer that you need 330 lb tackles" he said. The line did lose starting DT Gus Mustakas after 2 starts. DE Greg Romeus (4 sk, 7.5 tfl) earned 1st Tm Frosh AA honors. DT Mick Williams was a force, especially vs WV and the DL accounted for 28 of the team's 35 sacks. This year they lose DE Chris McKillop (12 st, 44 tkl, 1 sk) and 2nd Tm BE DE Joe Clermond (12 st, 53 tkl, 10.5 sk) but do have 5 back with starting experience. Pitt allowed just 3.2 ypc rush, their best since 2002 and could be even stronger in '08.

LINEBACKERS - Pitt had an outstanding LB corps in 2006. Last year they had to replace all 3 starters including a #4 and a #6 DC. Scott McKillop had a phenomenal year leading the NCAA in tackles per game (12.6) and earning 3rd Tm AA honors. The three starting LB's including Adam Gunn (PS#55DB) and Shane Murray (PS#157QB) started all 12. This year the unit is much more experienced. The only loss is Jemeel Brady (26 tkl, 1 tfl). Not listed below is Tristan Roberts (6'0" 215 rFr, PS#169). Not only are 5 of the top 6 back but they add VHT true frosh Shayne Hale (PS#8), and this is one of the top LB corps of the Big East.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Pitt has already ranked in the top 3 of the NCAA in ypg pass defense twice in Wannstedt's three years. With a pair of NFL caliber CB's in '05, Pitt finished #24 in my pass D rankings. Pitt lost two starters then another to injury but even with star CB Darrelle Revis, they dropped to #91 in 2006. Last year they had to replace Revis (#1DC) and another starter but moved up to #43. This year they lose CB Kennard Cox (12 st, 32 tkl, 5 pbu, #7DC BUF), SS Mike Phillips (12 st, 53 tkl, 3 pbu) and FS Lowell Robinson (3 tkl). Five of the top 8 return including arguably their top two DB's and Pitt could move up again.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pitt was #94 in my ST rankings in 2004 and in Wannstedt's first season moved up to #51. In 2006 P Adam Graessle had an outstanding net of 37.5 and KR Lowell Robinson avg 27.9 and Pitt moved up to #13. Last year they had to replace Graessle but returned solid K Conor Lee and brought in Purdue transfer Dave Brytus (PS#3) who had a net of 37.4 in 2005. K Lee broke the school record with 75 consecutive PAT's (old record Carson Long '74-'75). Lee hit 18 of 22 FG's (long of 48). The team also blocked 4 kicks. Overall Pitt surprisingly dropped to #55 as Brytus had a net of just 34.5. This year they must replace KR Robinson (24.7) but add true frosh Kevin Harper (PS#17) who had a 61 yard FG in HS. I look for Brytus to return to his 2005 form and for the unit to improve.

COACHES - Dave Wannstedt was Jimmy Johnson's asst at Okla St and Miami, FL and the DC and asst HC during the Dallas Super Bowl years. He was the CHI Bears HC from '93-'98 then HC of the Dolphins from 2000-'04. His 41-23 regular season record from '00 to '03 as Miami's HC was 5th best in that span. Wannstedt attended Pitt and was captain of the '73 Fiesta Bowl team. His OC is Matt Cavanaugh, who was the OC for the Bears from '97-'98 and the Ravens from '99-'04, and enters his 4th year here. Paul Rhoads had been the DC here since 2000 but left for Auburn after his D was #5 (ttl defense) in the NCAA LY. The new DC is Phil Bennett, who has been SMU's HC the last six years and ran top-notch units as a DC at Kan St and TCU.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In Walt Harris' final five years, Pitt went to five consecutive bowls including the Fiesta Bowl as the Big East Champs in 2004. Nine of the team's 13 losses from 2002-2004 were by 8 pts or less. In their Fiesta Bowl year Harris was named Big East Coach of the Year as Pitt was the least experienced team in the conf with just 9 starters back. In 2004 Pitt was actually outgained by a Big East worst 57.5 ypg in conf play but benefitted from +13 in turnovers. Harris took the Stanford job and Pitt excited the alumni by bringing in Dave Wannstedt. Unfortunately, Wannstedt was not only the first Pitt coach to lose his debut since 1986, but Pitt opened 0-3 for the first time since 1984 although he inherited 16 returning starters and 48 lettermen. Pitt was fortunate to finish 4-3 in the Big East and was outgained by 45.5 ypg but they had their first losing season S/'99. In 2006 they had 11 starters returning and Pitt looked like they would contend for the Big East Title. They opened 6-1 which was their best start since 1982 when Dan Marino was the QB. In their showdown vs #19 Rutgers, Pitt lost at home then blew a 14 point 4Q lead vs Conn which cost them a bowl. Pitt led WVirg 27-24 at the half and Louisville 14-7 in the 1Q but finished with 5 straight losses. Despite their 6-6 record, Pitt did outgain foes by 9 ypg. With a veteran senior QB, Pitt's offense avg 31.8 ppg, their best since 1981. In the 2007 opener Pitt lost starting QB Stull to injury. After playing Mich St tough on the road, (3 MSU scores set up by TO's) they suffered blowout losses to Conn and Virginia and in the 2OT vs Navy, opted to go for the TD and the win and fired 2 incomplete passes to stunningly open 2-4. Pitt shocked #23 Cincy the next week at home and could have easily beaten Louisville. They got a game tying TD pass with 1:10 left which was overturned and ruled down at the 1 and they fumbled on the next play. After beating Syracuse they suffered misfortune again as in their 6th loss of the year they were inside their opponents 10 at the end. This time they had a game winning TD called back on offensive pass interference and then were int'd in the EZ with :11 left. USF had a pair of IR TD's in an 11 point win but Pitt then silenced the "fire Wannstedt" crowd with a 13-9 upset of #2 WVirg (never beat a #1 team) which kept the Mountaineers from playing in the BCS Championship game. Pitt was in a 3-way tie for 5th in the conf and outgained Big East foes by 24 ypg. This year Pitt has 15 returning starters and their 13 lettermen lost are the fewest in the Big East. They look like one of the top 3 teams in the league talent-wise and are near the top of my Most Improved list meaning they should get to a bowl for the first time in the Wannstedt era. If they win a bowl game, they have a shot at even doubling last year's 5-win total.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 11 BILL STULL JR. 6-3 200 **PS#25**. 1 st inj LY. **19** Pat Bostick (6'3" 200 So) **PS#9**. 8 st true, 1500 (62%) 8-13 ratio. **14 Greg Cross PS#17JC**. Kevan Smith (6'3" 225 So) PS#58.

RB 25 LeSEAN McCOY SO. 5-11 210 **PS#8**. BE Fr POY. 9 st "true" 1328 (4.8), 33 rec (7.4). **34 LaRod Stephens-Howling** (5'7" 180 Sr) PS#51. 16 st 3Y, 1647 (4.7), 41 rec (8.4).

FB 30 CONREDGE COLLINS SR. 6-0 230 **PS#20**. 16 st 3Y, 251 (3.6). **32** Shane Brooks (5'11" 225 Jr) **PS#34**. 1 st, 243 (4.3). **27** Henry Hynoski (6'2" 245 rFr) PS#31. Chris Bova (5'11" 230 Jr).

WR 81 DEREK KINDER SR. 6-1 210 PS#98. 8 st '05, 374 (10.1). 12 st '06, **1st Tm BE**, 847 (14.9). TJ Porter (6'1" 185 Jr) PS#101. 5 st, 329 (8.9). **Aaron Smith** (6'0" 180 rFr) **PS#26RB.**

WR 88 ODERICK TURNER JR. 6-3 200 PS#97. 12 st rFr, 660 (15.0) 10 st LY, 496 (13.8). **84** Maurice Williams (6'1"190 So) **PS#48**. 2 st true. **1** Cedric McGee (6'1" 200 Jr) PS#101.

TE 80 NATE BYHAM JR. 6-3 245 **PS#2**. 1 st true. 11 st LY, 210 (14.0). **2** Dorin Dickerson (6'2" 220 Jr) **PS#8WR**. 15 tkl LB '07. **83** John Pelusi (6'3" 255 Jr) PS#55WR. 3 st LY, 5 rec.

C 64 Robb Houser Jr. 6-2 285 PS#88JC in spg. Alex Karabin (6'1" 290 So). **60** Greg Gaskins (6'4" 280 rFr) PS#165. **LS** Mark Estermyer (6'2" 245 Sr).

RG 74 John Malecki Jr. 6-3 275 PS#110DL. 1 st, 24 tkl, 4 sk 2Y. John Bachman (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#115. 3 gm true. RS '06. 3 st RG LY. **66** Scott Corson (6'5" 290 So) PS#103.

LG 55 CJ DAVIS SR. 6-3 315 PS#221. L/6 st LG true. 12 st LG '06, 12 st LG '07. **54 Chris Jacobson** (6'3" 285 rFr) **PS#14**. **70** Dominic Williams (6'4" 305 Sr) 2 st, 25 gm 3Y.

RT 56 JOE THOMAS JR. 6-5 300 **PS#67**. L/7 st RG true. 7 st RG '07 (inj). **Lucas Nix** (6'6" 300 Fr) **PS#10**. **67 Dan Matha** (6'6" 310 rFr) **PS#43**. **47** Frank Kochin (6'4" 280 Sr).

LT 7 Jason Pinkston So. 6-4 300 **PS#24DL**. 7 gm true. First 3 st RT LY, inj'd RS. **72** Chase Clowser (6'7" 330 Sr) **PS#73**. 34 games 3Y mostly ST. **68** Jordan Gibbs (6'7" 270 rFr) PS#402.

K 37 CONOR LEE SR. 5-11 195 12-14 FG's, L 47 '06. 18-22 FG LY, L 48. **31** Dan Hutchins (5'11" 190 So). Kevin Harper PS#17. 61 yd FG HS. Cody Sawhill (6'0" 195 Sr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 91 Greg Romeus So. 6-5 250 41 tkl, 4 sk, 7.5 tfl rFr, **FWAA Frosh AA**. **90 Tony Tucker** (6'2" 225 rFr) **PS#40**. **94** Myles Caragein (6'2" 270 rFr) PS#69. **98** Chas Alecxih (6'5" 270 rFr).

DT 95 MICK WILLIAMS JR. 6-1 290 PS#47LB. 2 tkl rFr. 7 st DT LY, 29 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl. **93 Gus Mustakas** (6'3" 280 Jr) PS#285. 12 st '06, 24 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 2 st LY, 11 tkl, 2 tfl. Inj RS.

NT 50 RASHAAD DUNCAN SR. 6-2 295 PS#212. 2 st, 15 tkl true. 9 st '06, 35 tkl, 2 sk. 11 st LY, 40 tkl, 2 sk, 5 tfl. **51** Tommie Duhart (6'4" 290 Jr) PS#51JC. 3 st, 24 tkl, 4.5 tfl LY.

DE 97 Jabaal Sheard So. 6-4 240 PS#95. 3 tkl true. **48** Doug Fulmer (6'4" 245 Jr) PS#171DB. 3 st '06, 2 tfl. Inj LY. **96** Justin Hargrove (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#52. Craig Bokor (6'3" 300 Jr) PS#46.

SLB 8 ADAM GUNN SR. 6-2 230 PS#55DB. 21 tkl '05-'06. 12 st LY, 59 tkl, 6 tfl. **38** Greg Williams (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#92RB. **35** Brandon Lindsey (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#56.

MLB 40 SCOTT McKILLOP SR. 6-2 240 **3rd Tm AA LY**, 56 tkl '05-'06. **#1 NCAA tkls/gm** LY (12.6) 9 tfl. **49** Max Gruder (6'2" 220 rFr). **52** Dan Loheyde (6'0" 225 So) PS#39.

WLB 15 SHANE MURRAY JR. 6-1 210 PS#157QB. 12 st LY, 60 tkl, 4 tfl. **Shayne Hale PS#8**. **44** Nate Nix (6'3" 225 So) PS#55. 4 tkl rFr. **6** Steve Dell (6'1" 225 Jr) PS#164. 11 tkl, 2Y.

CB 7 Jovani Chappel Jr. 5-9 185 **PS#40**. 7 tkl true. 17 tkl LY. **26** Ricky Gary (5'9" 175 So) PS#54. First 3 st LY rFr, 4 tkl, 1 int. **21** Buddy Jackson (6'0" 160 rFr). 4.31 spd.

CB 17 AARON BERRY JR. 5-11 175 PS#45. Last 9 st CB LY, 19 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. Jarred Holley PS#31. **7** Steve Malinchak (6'0" 185 So) PS#285QB. Dan Cafaro (5'9" 170 Jr).

SS 31 Dom DeCicco So. 6-3 200 PS#71WR. 6 tkl true. **4** Elijah Fields (6'2" 215 So) PS#55. Susp'd LY. **86** Austin Ransom (5'11" 210 Sr). **36** Mike Toerper (6'1" 185 Jr).

FS 28 ERIC THATCHER SR. 5-9 195 **PS#60**. 5 st, 21 tkl '06. 12 st FS LY, 53 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **20** Irvan Brown (6'0" 205 Jr) PS#96RB. **29** Sherod Murdock (6'0" 170 rFr). Susp spg.

P 18 DAVE BRYTUS SR. 6-4 230 **PS#3**. 53 punt (40 avg) true. 35.9 net, **at Purdue**. 62 punt '05, 39.5 avg, **37.4 net!** 66 punt LY. 39.6 avg, 34.5 net. **22** David Kries (6'1" 200 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Lucas Nix 6-6 300 PS#10
QB	Greg Cross 6-2 215 PS#17JC
LB	Shayne Hale 6-4 240 PS#8
WR	Jonathan Baldwin 6-5 220 PS#15DB
OL	Robb Houser 6-2 285 PS#88JC
DB	Jarred Holley 5-10 170 PS#31
QB	Tino Sunseri 6-0 200 PS#29
WR	Cameron Saddler 5-7 170 PS#50RB
RB	Chris Burns 5-11 190 PS#56
TE	Mike Cruz 6-5 270 PS#96DL
WR	Mike Shanahan 6-5 220 PS#80
DB	Antwuan Reed 5-10 180 PS#85
LB	Manny Williams 6-1 205 PS#104DB
OL	Ryan Turnley 6-6 300 PS#130
DB	Ronald Hobby 5-10 175 PS#109WR
TE	Justin Virbitsky 6-4 240 PS#204DL
K	Kevin Harper 5-10 170 PS#17
DB	Andrew Taglianetti 5-11 175 PS#237
LB	Joe Trebitz 6-3 200 PS#368

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DAVE WANNSTEDT (Career 16–19)
4th Year at Pittsburgh Wannstedt's Bowl Record: 0-0

Wannstedt's records AT PITTSBURGH

16-19	Straight Up	1-2	Vs Top 10
12-8	Home	2-5	Vs Top 25
4-11	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-5	Off A Bye
9-12	Vs Conference	7-10	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (23,26,4)
Lost: 13 (6,6,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 33,315 (#70)

BIG EAST

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#27

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score PITT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Bowling Green	G					
Sep. 6	Buffalo	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	Iowa	G					
Sep. 27	at Syracuse	A					
Oct. 2	at USF (Thur)	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at Navy	A					
Oct. 25	Rutgers (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	at Notre Dame	G					
Nov. 8	Louisville	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	at Cincinnati	A					
Nov. 28	West Virginia (Fri)	G					
Dec. 6	at Connecticut	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Alex Van Pelt 11,267 '89-'92
2. Dan Marino 8,597 '79-'82
3. Tyler Palko 8,343 '02-'06

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Tony Dorsett 6,526 '73-'76
2. Curvin Richards 3,192 '88-'90
3. Craig Heyward 3,086 '84, '86-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Antonio Bryant 3,061 '99-'01
2. Dietrich Jells 3,003 '91-'95
3. Latef Grim 2,680 '98-'00

Pittsburgh has won 10 of last 11 home openers with an avg win of 24 ppg. Pitt faced Bowling Green in 1999 & 2000 & won both by an avg of 19 ppg.

First meeting. The Panthers are 12-6 at home vs non-conf opponents S/'02. Pitt is 51-9-1 vs current MAC teams including LY's 27-3 win over E Michigan.

These 2 tms last met in 1952, a 26-14 Pitt win & they are 23-57-2 all-time vs the Big Ten (not including Penn St). Pitt is just 1-5 vs non-conf BCS schools.

Pitt & Syracuse have met every year since 1955, the Panthers have won 5 of L/6. The last 8 games at SU have been decided by an avg of 21 ppg.

LY Pitt led 14-10 at HT, but Fr QB Bostick threw 3 int's that led to 21 pts. Under Wannstedt Pitt is just 2-6 on weekday games (lost in 2OT to Navy LY).

These 2 teams combined for 93 pts & 915 total yds LY in the Navy win. Pitt holds a 20-13-3 edge in this series that began in 1912. Pitt had won 4 straight before LY.

These 2 have met every yr S/'85 & Pitt is 19-6 (lost last 3). LY Pitt held RU to 219 yds. LY Pitt had a TD called back (1st & goal @6) & was int on next play to end the game.

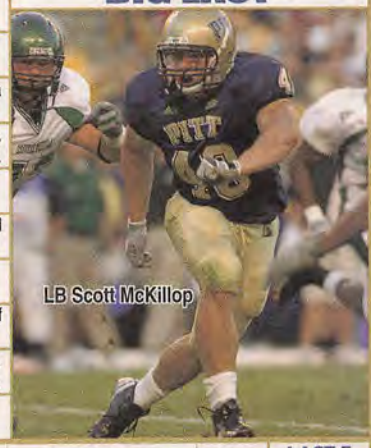
The Panthers are 2-12 since 1988 & 18-44-1 all-time in this series. The Irish outgained Pitt 502-323 & outFD'd 33-20 in their last meeting (2005).

Panthers have dropped the L/7 with the last win vs UL in '83. After only 49 yds in 1H, Pitt rallied back to tie the gm 17-17 with 4:27 left but UL went on a 7 pl, 70 yd TD drive for the win.

The winner earns the "River City Rivalry" trophy & Pitt is 7-0 vs Cincy. LY Pitt was off 4 straight losses but had 2 RB's top 100 yds (1st time S/'88) & upset #23 Cincy.

This will be the 101st edition of the "Backyard Brawl" w/Pitt leading the series 60-37-3. Pitt spoiled #2 WV's National Title hopes LY which has been called the biggest upset in Pitt history.

Last time here Pitt led 31-14 in 4Q but lost in 2 OT on a 2 pt conversion. The visitor is 1-3 in this series with Pitt dropping 3 of the 4 overall meetings.



STADIUM: HEINZ FIELD (65,050) (#35)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-5	9-4	8-5	8-4	5-6	6-6	5-7	55-42
Home	5-1	3-3	5-2	4-2	5-1	5-1	3-4	4-3	34-17
Away	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-2	0-5	3-2	1-4	19-22
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	5-2	5-2	4-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	31-24
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-2	4-2	3-3	4-2	1-3	4-1	2-3	24-18
ATS	5-7	7-4	6-7	5-8	6-5	5-5	5-6	6-5	45-47
Home Fav (Walt Harris)	2-3	1-1	1-5	2-2	2-0	4-1	2-2	1-3	15-17
Home Dog (Walt Harris)	1-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	8-6
Away Fav (Dave Wannstedt)	1-1	2-0	0-1	2-4	1-1	0-2	3-2	0-0	9-11
Away Dog	1-2	1-2	3-1	0-0	1-2	1-2	0-0	4-1	11-10
Neutral	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3
vs Conf	3-4	5-2	3-4	3-4	3-3	4-3	2-5	4-3	27-28
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	3-3	2-4	3-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	18-19
Off SU Win	4-3	5-1	5-3	3-5	4-4	2-3	4-2	3-0	30-21
Off SU Loss	1-3	2-3	1-3	1-3	1-1	3-1	0-4	2-5	11-23

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
LeSean McCoy	276	1375	47	1328	14	4.8
LaRod Stephens-Howling	78	338	18	320	1	4.1
Conredge Collins	33	111	1	110	1	3.3
TJ Porter	9	62	3	59	0	6.6
Maurice Williams	6	62	15	47	0	7.8
Bill Stull	3	4	13	-9	0	-3.0
Kevan Smith	21	60	92	-32	0	-1.5
Pat Bostick	25	9	140	-131	2	-5.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Pat Bostick	252	155	61.5	1500	8	13
Kevan Smith	64	36	56.2	415	1	4
Bill Stull	20	14	70.0	177	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Oderick Turner	36	496	13.8	5	61
TJ Porter	37	329	8.9	0	34
Darrell Strong	29	328	11.3	3	28
LeSean McCoy	33	244	7.4	1	45
Nate Byham	15	210	14.0	1	50
Marcel Pestano	15	190	12.7	0	41
Maurice Williams	5	100	20.0	1	37
LaRod Stephens-Howling	13	73	5.6	0	19

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Dave Brytus	66	2613	39.6	24	34.5(t)	0	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Conor Lee	28-28	8-8	7-9	3-5	0-0	18-22	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Scott McKillop	151	3	6	7	1
Shane Murray	60	3	1	1	0
Adam Gunn	59	1.5	4.5	2	0
Mike Phillips	53	0	2	3	1
Joe Clermond	53	10.5	2.5	1	0
Eric Thatcher	53	0	0	3	1
Chris McKillop	44	1	5	0	0
Greg Romeus	41	4	7.5	3	0
Rashaad Duncan	40	2	5	1	0
Kennard Cox	32	0	0	5	1
Mick Williams	29	3	5	0	0
Jemeel Brady	26	0	1	0	0
Tommie Duhart	24	1	3.5	1	0
Aaron Berry	19	1	0	5	2
Jovani Chappel	17	0	0	0	0
Dorin Dickerson	15	0	0.5	1	0
John Malecki	13	4	0	1	0
Austin Ransom	11	0	0	0	0
Gus Mustakas	11	0	2	0	0
Tyler Tkach	10	1	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aaron Berry	24	206	8.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lowell Robinson	38	940	24.7	0
LaRod Stephens-Howling	5	100	20.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Insight.com	-2	Iowa St	29-37
01	Tangerine	E	NC State	34-19
02	Insight - #24	+2'	Oregon St	38-13
03	Continental Tire	+3	Virginia	16-23
04	Fiesta - #19	+15	Utah - #5	7-35

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PITTSBURGH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
7	22.8	18	141	3.6	178	60.5	14.0	-5	2007	6	24.3	17	130	3.2	167	55.3	12.3
6*	31.8	18	123	3.9	249	68.7	11.7	+8	2006	5	22.8	19	181	4.6	182	63.0	15.9
9*	24.3	18	117	3.2	219	55.9	13.8	-4	2005	7	22.1	19	185	4.3	153	49.8	15.3
2	27.1	19	98	2.6	260	56.0	13.2	+13	2004	7	24.0	20	140	3.8	255	56.4	16.5
8*	29.9	20	118	3.2	288	58.8	13.6	+5	2003	6	23.9	20	185	4.5	218	57.2	16.8
8	25.5	20	143	3.4	215	52.3	14.1	+10	2002	5	17.8	17	117	3.2	179	52.5	16.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

PITT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
36,183	E Michigan	19	42-130	3.1	16-24	195	1	8	23-39	1.7	16-29	106	2	+1
30,852	Grambling St	14	35-119	3.4	15-23	202	1	17	31-84	2.7	19-40	155	2	0
68,620	at Michigan St	15	38-207	5.4	9-20	85	5	19	51-144	2.8	14-28	183	6	-3
40,145	Connecticut	19	23-72	3.1	31-51	277	3	17	46-115	2.5	12-25	174	3	-5
60,888	at Virginia	14	34-107	3.1	18-31	181	3	23	42-173	4.1	16-31	169	0	-1
30,103	Navy	25	48-227	4.7	20-28	191	0	26	70-331	4.7	9-14	166	2	-1
33,423	Cincinnati	26	46-260	5.7	18-29	167	1	18	28-121	4.3	21-32	237	1	+2
34,792	at Louisville	15	35-107	3.1	11-21	163	3	23	39-120	3.1	21-30	236	3	0
31,374	Syracuse	16	41-141	3.4	21-30	153	2	15	31-30	1.0	19-37	235	6	0
43,531	at Rutgers	13	41-74	1.8	14-28	158	5	13	40-111	2.8	5-17	108	3	+2
31,123	USF	20	34-95	2.8	24-38	298	3	18	44-193	4.4	17-23	159	5	-1
60,100	at W Virginia	15	52-158	3.0	10-19	67	1	12	41-104	2.5	9-16	79	2	+1
TOTALS		211	469-1697	3.6	207-342	2137	28	209	486-1565	3.2	178-322	2007	35	-5
AVERAGES		17.6	39-141	3.6	17-29	178	2.3	17.4	41-130	3.2	15-27	167	2.9	-0.4

PITT 2003 RESULTS

Pre Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post Rank
#10	Kent St	-28'	43-3	
#11	Ball St	-30'	42-21	
#9	at Toledo	-10	31-35	
#17	at Texas A&M	-1	37-26	
#15	Notre Dame	-9	14-20	
–	at Rutgers	-16	42-32	
–	Syracuse	-6'	34-14	
#25	at Boston College	-1'	24-13	
#25	Virginia Tech - #5	+4'	31-28	
#16	at West Virginia	-1	31-52	
#21	at Temple	-15	30-16	
#20	Miami, FI - #10	+3	14-28	

PITT 2004 RESULTS

Pre Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post Rank
–	Ohio	-17'	24-3	
–	Nebraska	+4'	17-24	
–	Furman	NL	41-38 OT	
–	at Connecticut	+6'	17-29	
–	at Temple	-12	27-22	
–	Boston College	+8	20-17 OT	
–	Rutgers	-5'	41-17	
–	at Syracuse	+4	31-38 2OT	
–	at Notre Dame - #24	+11	41-38	
–	West Virginia - #21	+3	16-13	
#19	at USF	-6'	43-14	

PITT 2005 RESULTS

Pre Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post Rank
#23	Notre Dame	-3	21-42	
–	at Ohio	-14	10-16 OT	
–	at Nebraska	+9	6-7	
–	Youngstown St	NL	41-0	
–	at Rutgers	-1'	29-37	
–	Cincinnati	-12'	38-20	
–	USF	-1	31-17	
–	Syracuse	-12'	34-17	
–	at Louisville - #24	+20'	20-42	
–	Connecticut	-12	24-0	
–	at West Virginia - #12	+14	13-45	

PITT 2006 RESULTS

Pre Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post Rank
–	Virginia	-3'	38-13	
–	at Cincinnati	-7'	33-15	
–	Michigan St	-3	23-38	
–	The Citadel	NL	51-6	
–	Toledo	-16'	45-3	
–	at Syracuse	-7	21-11	
–	at UCF	-10'	52-7	
–	Rutgers - #19	-6	10-20	
–	at USF	-4'	12-22	
–	at Connecticut	-7'	45-46 2OT	
–	West Virginia - #8	+10'	27-45	
–	Louisville - #8	+10	24-48	

PITT 2007 RESULTS

Pre Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post Rank
–	E Michigan	-20	27-3	
–	Grambling St	NL	34-10	
–	at Michigan St	+11'	13-17	
–	Connecticut	-8'	14-34	
–	at Virginia	+6	14-44	
–	Navy	-4	45-48 2OT	
–	Cincinnati - #23	+9'	24-17	
–	at Louisville	+9'	17-24	
–	Syracuse	-13	20-17	
–	at Rutgers	+12	16-20	
–	USF	+9	37-48	
–	at West Virginia - #2	+29	13-9	

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Ryan Hart started 32 straight games and departed as the Knights' all-time career leading passer. In his final year ('05) he threw for 2,135 (60.8%) with an 18-8 ratio. Mike Teel, who has a stronger arm than Hart, threw for 683 (50.5%) with a poor 2-10 ratio in 3 starts. Teel was 23-0 as a high school starter and now is 21-8 in college. Teel was much maligned in '06 throwing for 2,135 (55.4%) with a 12-13 ratio. In his first 14 college starts he had just three 200+ yard games but threw for 278 vs WV and 268 in the '06 bowl. Backup Jabu Lovelace (PS#63) only played in 3 (1 pass). Mich St transfer Domenic Natale (PS#29, 2 gm '05) RS. Natale missed '07 with an elbow injury and #3 was rFr Chris Paul-Etienne (6'3" 200 So, PS#95) who also has a strong arm. Teel is a pocket passer and his longest run from scrimmage over the last 2 years has only been 8 yards. He continued his streak of 200+ games over the first six of 2007 with 4 of those being 300+ (302.8 ypg, 62.5%). He was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency after 3. Teel hurt his thumb vs Cincy and it affected him the rest of the season. Against Army he threw just 4 passes before sitting out and his numbers in the 2H of the season were just 52.6% for 171 ypg. He was healthy in the bowl (16-25 303). Lovelace did rush for 380 but hit just 7 of 23. This year all 4 return and added to the mix are Andrew DePaola (6'2" 200 Jr, 1 pass '07), true frosh DC Jefferson (PS#20) and Steve Shimko (PS#74, in spring). Teel should have by far his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2002 RU had their lowest rushing total (620 yds) since 1946. In 2003 new OC Ver Steeg, who is known for shaping top-notch rushing attacks, increased the unit's productivity from 52 ypg (1.5) to 139 (3.3) led by Brian Leonard (880, 4.1). Leonard led in '04 with 732 (3.7) and had 740 (4.3) in 2005 and was #1 in rec with 55 (10.3). True frosh Ray Rice became just the 2nd 1,000 yard rusher here in 30 years (Terrell Willis '93 & '94) with 1,120 (5.7) in '05. He became the workhorse with 335 carries in 2006 and set RU and Big East records with 1,794 (5.4) topping JJ Jennings' 1,353 (1973). Leonard had 717 yards total offense. Last year they had to replace Leonard (#2DC STL) but Rice reset the school and Big East record with 2,012 (5.3) and had 25 rec (9.6). His little used backup was true frosh Mason Robinson (PS#59) who had 202 (5.6). Soph Kordell Young (PS#78), who had 288 all-purp yards as a true, began the season as the backup but was injured vs Norfolk St and had just 58 (3.2). Not listed below is Andres Morales (6'2" 250 So) PS#98 who had 3 starts as rFr. Rice set a school record with 280 in the bowl (3rd best NCAA bowl history) but left early for the NFL (#2DC BAL). With no VHT RB's on the roster this unit will suffer a significant dropoff in 2008.

WR Kenny Britt

RECEIVERS - The Knights had to replace their all-time career leading receiver in Tres Moses in 2006 and then their leading returning WR, Shawn Tucker, was lost in Wk 4. TE Clark Harris led with 493 (14.5). The backup WR's were 5 frosh, 2 soph and a junior. Kenny Britt (PS#73) did not catch a pass until Wk 8 but still led the WR's with 440 (15.2). Tiquan Underwood (PS#122) had 290 (12.6) and true frosh Tim Brown, who may be the fastest player ever at Rutgers, avg 25.2 on 8 rec. Last year they had to replace Harris and Brown was slowed with a hand injury. Underwood set a school record with 248 vs Buffalo (Jack Emmer 1966, 237) and already had 601 in the first 4 and made my midseason AA team. It was a no brainer that he would break the record (Moses 1,056 in '04) but he did not top it until the bowl as he had just 427 over the final 8. Britt, who has NFL size, speed and sure hands, was the main man down the stretch. He set the school record in the final reg season game and finished with 1,232 (19.9!). Brown had 340 (14.2). The school has been known for great TE's like LJ Smith and Harris over the last 8 years and Kevin Brock had 241 (10.5) LY. This year all the key players return. Not listed in the PSL are Pat Brown (6'1" 170 Jr), Jawann Westerman (5'11" 160 rFr), Ryan Glueckert (5'10" 175 So) and TE Evan Lampert (6'3" 240 rFr). The only losses are TE Chris Rudanovic (7 st, 1 rec), James Townsend (1 rec) and Marcus Daniels (0 rec). Underwood and Britt have good size and speed and with more production out of the TE, this looks like one of the Big East's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Not too long ago (2004), the Knights only avg 83 ypg rush (2.5) but allowed just 20 sacks (4.2%). They improved to 4.3 ypc in '05 and in 2006 had 8 of their top 10 back and rushed for 180 ypg (4.7) while allowing only 8 sacks (#1 in NCAA, 2.7%). Last year they had to replace two starters including a #5DC and a Rimington finalist. They did get the big addition of true frosh Anthony Davis (PS#7) and he started the final 8. The Knights improved again to 198 ypg (4.8) with 11 sacks (2.9%). This year the losses are heavy. Gone are LG Mike Fladell (13 st, 2Y st'r), RT Jeremy Zuttah (13 st, 3Y st'r, 1st Tm BE 2Y, #3DC TB), LT Pedro Sosa (12 st, 2nd Tm BE, 3Y st'r) and backup Dan Mazan (3 gm). They do have 3 back who had 6 or more starts last year but Kevin Haslam was replaced in the starting lineup by Davis. The Knights' 28 career starts returning are the 10th lowest in IA. While this is still a solid O-line, after 4 years of improvement in ypc, they'll likely take a step back this year.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2001 the Knights allowed 5.4 ypc rush, their worst total in over a decade but they showed improvement the next 5 years allowing 4.7, 4.2, 4.3, 3.3 and just 2.9 ypc in 2006. Last year they had to replace two starters but returned 3rd Tm AA DT Eric Foster as well as 2nd Tm BE DE Jamaal Westerman and I expected a big impact from DE George Johnson (PS#15TE, BE Frosh Tm '06). Surprisingly, the unit regressed allowing 4.0 ypc (157 ypg) while recording 41 sacks for the 2nd straight year. This year they lose 1st Tm BE Foster (13 st, 64 tkl, 7 sk), DT Vantrise Studivant (2 st, 17 tkl, 2 sk), DE Chenry Lewis (11 tkl) and 3rd string DT Mike Ziarnowski (1 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Clem Udovich (6'2" 245 So), Kevin Small (6'2" 270 Jr), Remo Fioranelli (6'3" 245 So) and Sorie Bayoh (6'3" 230 So, PS#248LB). Six of the top 9 are back and despite the loss of their star, this figures to be an improved group.

LINEBACKERS - In '07 RU had to replace 2 LB starters (#1 & #3 tkl'r). The 2 new starters had a combined 17 tackles in '06 but Kevin Malast finished #2 in '07 and Damaso Munoz was #3. This year they lose team captain Brandon Renkart (13 st, 67 tkl, 6 tfl) but have 5 of the top 6 back. Not listed in the 3 deep are Anthony Lisanti (5'8" 193 rFr) and Chris Quaye (6'0" 225 Sr, 7 tkl 3Y). Look for a much bigger contribution from Manny Abreu (PS#15) who was injured and only played in 2 games and last year's projected starter Ryan D'Imperio who broke his leg in the spring and DNP until game 3.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Rutgers' starting CB's in 2003 both landed in the NFL and in 2004 the Knights dropped to #104 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace 6 of the top 8 in '05 and were just #111. With 7 of the top 8 back in '06, they moved up to #42 allowing just 51.9% with an 8-15 ratio. Last year they had to replace 3 players (comb 16 st) but had 3 starters back and moved up to #32. This year they lose FS Ron Girault (9 st, 55 tkl) and CB Leslie Jackman (9 tkl). True frosh Joe Lefeged saw plenty of action at SS when Girault missed 4. Backup CB Brandon Bing is a HS track champ who played as a true. Not listed in the PSL are Marc Orosz (5'10" 185 Sr) and Colin McEvoy (6'1" 195 So, 10 tkl). Seven of the top 8 are back and I look for continued improvement.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Darren Rizzi, who was the HC at New Haven from 1999-2001, took over as ST coach in 2002 and guided RU to its best finish in my ST rankings at #56. After a surprising slip to #82 in '03, they moved back up to #40 in '04 and then #21 in 2005 and 2006. Jeremy Ito hit 22 of 29 FG's including 2 of 3 from 50+ and his 57 career FG's made were already a school record heading into last season. They did have to replace their P and top returner so a slight drop was expected. While the ST had a key fake punt and fake FG for a TD vs USF, just catching returns was a positive. Dennis Campbell fumbled a punt vs MD then Tim Brown muffed 2 vs USF. Indecisiveness on returns vs Conn, led to poor field position starting at their 17, 15, 3 and 6 yard lines then they also allowed a blocked punt and a 97 yard KR TD. Overall the Knights plummeted to #103. Ito hit 23 of 31 FG's (long 53) and he also handled the punting (30.7 net, #117 NCAA). The return game can only improve and I look for the Knights to move back up in my ST rankings despite the loss of Ito and ST's coach Rizzi who is now the HC of Rhode Island.

COACHES - HC Greg Schiano enters his 8th year after being the Miami, FL DC in 2000. Schiano is a New Jersey native who also coached in the NFL (Chicago '96-'98). Following the 2002 season he received a contract extension through 2007 despite a 3-20 record including 0-14 in Big East play. RU earned their first ever Top 10 ranking in 2006 and Schiano was named the FWAA's Coach of the Year. If Schiano was going to leave RU, it would have been in 2006 when Miami (FL) offered ($2.2 mill/yr), but he signed a contract extension here through 2016. He also turned down an offer from Michigan last year. His OC is John McNulty (3rd year) who turned down the OC job at Miami, FL in '06. Schiano took over the DC duties himself in 2005 after his DC left for the NFL.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into 2006, Rutgers had just 5 winning seasons the previous 24 years despite the fact that they are the only Div IA college football team located in the highly populated NY/New Jersey area. HC Greg Schiano endured a 25 game Big East losing streak. In 2004 they opened 4-2 including a loss to IAA New Hampshire but lost their final 5, all to bowl squads. They were only outgained by 22.5 ypg in conf play, which was a better mark than two '04 BE bowl squads. In 2005 I called for Rutgers to achieve their 2nd bowl game in school history. They outgained BE foes by 70.4 ypg. They went 7-4 but blew a 24-10 lead in the bowl vs Ariz St and lost 45-40. In 2006 RU was picked #4 in the Big East preseason media poll, its first ever upper half prediction. They entered the national rankings for the first time in 30 years after their 4-0 start and after beating L'ville, rose to #7 with talk of a possible BCS Title Game as they were 1 of just 4 unbeatens left. They suffered a letdown the following week vs Cincinnati. They still could have won the Big East with a win at WV but lost in 3OT's going from a possible BCS bowl down to the Texas Bowl. Schiano did a great job getting his team prepared and they bagged their first bowl win in their 137 year history and finished the season ranked #12. Their 11 wins tied the 1976 team's mark for most in a season. The D allowed just 14.3 ppg, their best total since 1980 and the offense avg 29.8 ppg, their best since 1993. RU doubled season ticket sales heading into last year and made the preseason AP rankings (#16) for the first time in school history. RU opened 3-0 and moved into the Top 10 for the second time in school history but lost to Maryland in Rutgers Stadium. The next week they led Cincinnati by 10 but gave up 2 TD passes in a :19 span and lost by 5 at home. USF was #2 in the country but RU pulled off the 30-27 upset. After losing to #6 WV, Rutgers, which has not won a Big East Nov road game since 1995, lost to Conn 38-19 despite a 511-396 yd edge. Pitt had a TD called back on off pass interf and RU got an int in the EZ with :19 left to win by 4. In the bowl they throttled Ball St 52-30 and became the first offense in NCAA history to have a 3,000 yard passer, 2,000 yard rusher and two 1,000 yard receivers in the same season. Rutgers finished in a 3-way tie for 2nd to last in the Big East at 3-4 and only had 7 starts lost to injury. Had RB Ray Rice not opted to leave for the NFL, I would have the Knights much higher in the Big East. The only two question marks are at RB and special teams. RU will get to its fourth straight bowl this year and thanks in part to a soft non-conf schedule which features one IAA team, they have a shot at matching 2007's 8 win total.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 14 MIKE TEEL SR. 6-4 220 PS#41. 21-8 st'r. 5965 (56%) 34-36. **15 Jabu Lovelace** (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#63. 380 rush, 69 pass '07. **Domenic Natale** (6'2" 210 Jr) **PS#29** Mich St.

RB 24 Mason Robinson So. 5-10 180 PS#59. 1 st, 202 (5.6), 304 ret yd. **8** Kordell Young (5'9" 185 So) PS#78. 196 (4.2) 2Y. **39** Jourdan Brooks (6'1" 255 rFr) PS#93. Joe Martinek (6'0" 210 rFr).

WR 2 TIM BROWN JR. 5-8 160 PS#127. 4.29 spd. 7 st 2Y, 542 yd (16.9). **FB 19 Jack Corcoran** (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#270LB. 3 st, 74 all-purp yd 2Y. Jonathan Castro (5'11" 225 So).

WR 7 TIQUAN UNDERWOOD SR. 6-2 180 PS#122. 9 st '06, 290 (12.6). 13 st LY, 1100 (16.9), **1st Tm Big East.** Wayne Warren PS#46QB. In spg. **18** Julian Hayes (6'1" 205 So).

WR 88 KENNY BRITT JR. 6-4 205 PS#73. 6 st true, 440 (15.2). 13 st LY, **2nd Tm BE, 1232 (19.9!)**. Dennis Campbell (5'9" 180 Jr) PS#244. 5 st '06, 121 (11.0). Robenson Alexis (6'0" 160 rFr).

TE 89 KEVIN BROCK SR. 6-5 250 16 gm backup TE '05-'06. 5 st LY, 241 (10.5). **3** Shamar Graves (6'3" 230 So) PS#74. **87** Fabian Ruiz (6'4" 235 rFr). Craig McGovern PS#26. Mich St trans.

C 61 RYAN BLASZCZYK JR. 6-4 285 PS#129. Scout Tm rFr. 13 st C LY. Marlon Romulus (6'3" 285 So) PS#419. **LS 58** Jeremy Branch (6'0" 220 Sr). **59** Josh LaVecchia (6'2" 230 rFr).

RG 77 Art Forst Fr. 6-8 305 **PS#25.** In for spg. **60** Caleb Ruch (6'4" 290 rFr) PS#182. #1 RG in spring. **74** Howard Barbieri (6'5" 290 So) 10 gms bkup OT, blk TE as rFr.

LG 78 Kevin Haslam Jr. 6-7 280 4 gm rFr. 6 st in '07, First 5 st at RG, 1 st at LT. **76** Mo Lange (6'7" 315 So) PS#240. 13 gm rFr, backup. **68** Keith Newell (6'6" 290 rFr) **PS#65.**

RT 70 Mike Gilmartin Sr. 6-5 290 PS#191. 1 st LG rFr, 3 gm. 12 gm '06, 2nd string. 13 gm LY. Richard Muldrow (6'6" 300 rFr) **PS#83.** Devon Watkis (6'7" 320 Fr) PS#137.

LT 75 ANTHONY DAVIS SO. 6-6 325 **PS#7.** Last 8 st RG true. **1st Tm Frosh AA FWAA. 73** Desmond Stapleton (6'5" 320 rFr) **PS#96. 69** Chris Santiago (6'4" 300 rFr).

K 12 San San Te rFr. 5-9 165 PS#66. Hit 7 FG as senior in HS and 34-35 xp's. **11 Matt Voliva** (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#98. 13-15 xp true at Maine '05. Transferred in '06.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 31 GEORGE JOHNSON JR. 6-4 250 **PS#15TE.** 19 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. 9 st '07, 32 tkl, 4 sk. **95** Wayne Thomas (6'5" 280 rFr) **PS#59.** Jonathan Freeny (6'3" 230 So) PS#381. 3 tkl LY.

DT 97 PETER TVERDOV SR. 6-4 265 PS#243. 9 tkl true. 4 tkl '06, 9 st LY, 36 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **96** Charlie Noonan (6'2" 265 So) PS#271, 5 tkl rFr. Matthew Hardison (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#132LB.

DT 90 JAMAAL WESTERMAN SR. 6-3 260 28 tkl, 4 sk rFr. 13 st '06, 30 tkl, 8 sk, **2nd Tm BE.** 11 st '07, 50 tkl, 8 sk, 6 tfl. **93** Desmond Wynn (6'6" 260 rFr) PS#154. **55** Jamiel Farrington (6'2" 240 rFr) PS#161.

DE 92 Gary Watts Sr. 6-3 245 PS#267. 5 st LY, 23 tkl, 4 sk. **45** Alex Silvestro (6'4" 230 So) PS#77LB. 3 st true, 13 tkl, 1 tfl. **91** Justin Francis (6'4" 260 So) PS#206. 7 tkl true.

OLB 44 Ryan D'Imperio Jr. 6-3 235 PS#74. Broke leg, miss first 2 gm. 1 st LY, 14 tkl. Antonio Lowery (6'2" 220 So) PS#95. 10 tkl. Edmond Laryea (6'1" 215 So) PS#196RB. Brian Tracey (5'10" 215 Sr).

MLB 34 KEVIN MALAST SR. 6-2 230 PS#161. 10 tkl '06. 12 st LY, #2 tkl'r w/92, 7.5 tfl. **48** Blair Bines (6'2" 245 Jr) PS#96. 15 tkl, 20 gm 2Y. **53** Jim Dumont (6'1" 215 So) 2 tkl, 3 gm LY.

OLB 51 MANNY ABREU rFR. 6-3 220 **PS#15.** Inj early LY, 1 tkl. **17 Damaso Munoz** (6'0" 210 Jr) PS#217. 7 tkl '06. 10 st LY, 67 tkl, 2.5 sk. **13** Al-Ghaffaar Lane (6'3" 205 rFr) PS#91.

CB 25 JASON McCOURTY SR. 5-11 185 10 st in '06, 45 tkl, 2 pbu. 13 st LY, 44 tkl, 12 pbu. **35** Billy Anderson (6'0" 180 Jr) 1 st NB (bowl) LY, 1 pbu. **10** Ramy Nubani (5'10" 190 So) 10 tkl.

CB 21 DEVIN McCOURTY JR. 5-11 180 38 tkl, 2 int '06. 13 st LY, 63 tkl, 7 pbu. **30** Brandon Bing (5'11" 160 So) 8 tkl true. **41** Al-Majid Hutchins (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#120. Rob Cervini (5'11" 200 rFr).

SS 26 Joe Lefeged So. 6-1 195 PS#90. 38 tkl, 3.5 sk true. **29** Zaire Kitchen (6'2" 215 Jr) 16 tkl LY, inj. **6 Glen Lee** (6'2" 195 Sr) PS#306. 29 tkl '05-'06. 4 st LY, 32 tkl, 4 pbu.

FS 36 COURTNEY GREENE SR. 6-2 210 12 st SS true, 116 tkl, FWAA Fr Tm. 13 st '06, 82 tkl, 4 int. **2nd Tm BE L2Y.** 13 st FS LY, 101 tkl. **20** Davon Smart (5'10" 190 Jr) PS#74 18 tkl LY.

P 93 Teddy Dellaganna So. 6-2 190 23 punt at JC in '06, 37.2 avg in 10 gm. Backup P in '07 here, 0 punts. **11** Matt Voliva (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#98. Maine transfer. Scout team LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Art Forst 6-8 305 PS#25
QB	DC Jefferson 6-6 240 PS#20
DL	Scott Vallone 6-3 260 PS#56
LB	Eric LeGrand 6-2 240 PS#44
RB	Rashad White 5-11 170 PS#60
WR	Wayne Warren 6-1 200 PS#46QB
DL	Marquis Hamm 6-4 220 PS#107
DB	Morgan Carter 6-3 215 PS#90
WR	Timothy Wright 6-4 205 PS#100
LB	Marvin Booker 6-2 200 PS#96
OL	Devon Watkis 6-7 320 PS#137
QB	Steve Shimko 6-5 215 PS#74
WR	Marcus Cooper 6-2 180 PS#129DB
WR	Malcolm Johnson 6-1 170 PS#119
DB	David Rowe 6-0 195 PS#133
WR	Keith Stroud 6-3 190 PS#245
WR	Brandon Jones 6-1 175 PS#266
WR	Eddie Poole 6-3 185 PS#326
DB	Patrick Kivlehan 6-2 205 PS#430
DB	Khaseem Greene 6-1 195 PS#456

RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

New Brunswick, NJ
Weather (609) 261-6600 Ext. 1

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#58

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score RU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Sep. 1	Fresno St (Mon)	A					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 11	N Carolina (Thur)	A					
Sep. 20	at Navy	A					
Sep. 27	Morgan St	A					
Oct. 4	at West Virginia	A					
Oct. 11	at Cincinnati	A					
Oct. 18	Connecticut (HC)	A					
Oct. 25	at Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	Syracuse	A					
Nov. 15	at USF	G					
Nov. 22	Army	A					
Nov. 29							
Dec. 4	Louisville (Thur)	A					

First meeting. Rutgers has won 4 straight home openers vs FBS schools. Rutgers has won 12 of 14 non-conf home games with an avg win of 28 ppg.

These two 1st met in 1894 & RU is 3-0 vs NC including their 21-16 win in 2006. Rutgers is 19-54-1 vs tms from the current ACC including a home loss to Maryland LY.

The Knights are 6-1 vs Navy since 2000 & in 2006 limited the #1 rushing attack of Navy to 113 yds (2.3). Ray Rice gained 175 yds to become Rutgers #1 rusher.

RU has fallen victim to two IAA programs in the L6Y (New Hampshire in '04 & Villanova in '02). Morgan St is in the MEAC & went 5-6 LY & is 1-7 vs current FBS teams.

The Knights will look for their 1st win over WV S/'94 (0-13) & 1st ever in Morgantown. On a rain soaked field RU took the field in all black uniforms for the 1st time ever.

Rutgers led 17-7 but Cincy scored 2 TD's in :19 & went on for the win. QB Teel passed for 334 yds (58%) but threw 3 int's & was sacked twice.

The Knights lead this series 18-9 but have lost 4 of the last 6. On a windy day LY, Rutgers lost 38-19 despite outgaining UC 511-396 (settled for 4 FG's inside the redzone).

Rutgers has won 3 straight by an avg of 7 ppg but is only 6-19 in the series. CB McCourty int'd QB Bostick in the EZ with :19 left ending Pitt's bowl hopes.

Bonus: The Knights have entered the Top 10 of the AP Poll twice in its history & each time has suffered an upset loss the following game.

Rutgers is 5-16 vs Syracuse S/'87 but has won 4 out of last 5. Last year Rutgers trailed 14-0 but rallied back with 38 unanswered pts.

Last yr Rutgers defeated the #2 ranked Bulls 30-27 before a record crowd 44,267. RU held USF to 2 of 14 on 3rd Dn conversions & sacked Grothe 7 times LY.

Rutgers has won 4 straight by an avg of 27 ppg & has won 8 of the last 10. Last yr the Scarlet Knights rushed for 404 yds (5.6) vs Army, the most since '93.

The Knights are 5-2 vs the Cardinals with the home team winning the last 3. LY Rutgers was up 35-17 in the 3Q but Louisville battled back for the win.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ryan Hart 8,482 '02-'05
2. Scott Erney 7,188 '86-'89
3. Mike McMahon 6,608 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ray Rice 4,926 '05-'07
2. Terrell Willis 3,114 '93-'95
3. "JJ" Jennings 2,935 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Tres Moses 2,522 '01-'05
2. Andrew Baker 2,268 '81-'84
3. Marco Battaglia 2,221 '92-'95

GREG SCHIANO (Career 38-46)

8th Year at Rutgers
Schiano's Bowl Record: 2-1

Schiano's records AT RUTGERS

38-46	Straight Up	2-7	Vs Top 10
23-22	Home	2-15	Vs Top 25
13-23	Away	5-7	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	7-9	Off A Bye
15-33	Vs Conference	15-27	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (20,29,1)
Lost: 23 (12,10,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,663 (#51)

BIG EAST

DB Joe Lefeged

STADIUM: RUTGERS STADIUM (43,500) (#72)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	1-11	5-7	4-7	7-5	11-2	8-5	41-54
Home	2-4	1-6	1-5	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-0	5-3	25-26
Away	1-4	1-3	0-6	2-4	1-4	3-2	4-2	2-2	14-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	0-7	0-7	0-7	2-5	1-5	4-3	5-2	3-4	15-40
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	1-4	3-2	3-2	3-2	6-0	5-1	26-14
ATS	4-6	4-7	6-5	10-1-1	4-6	5-6	9-3	6-6	48-40-1
Home Fav (Terry Shea)	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-2	2-1	3-1	2-3	9-9
Home Dog (Greg Schiano)	1-3	2-3	3-1	4-1	2-1	1-1	1-0	1-1	15-11
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-3	0-2	2-0	4-5
Away Dog	2-3	0-3	3-3	4-0-1	2-3	1-1	4-0	0-2	16-15-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-0
vs Conf	2-5	1-6	4-3	6-1	2-4	3-4	4-3	2-5	24-31
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	2-2	4-0-1	2-2	2-2	5-0	4-1	24-9-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-2	1-0	3-0-1	0-3	3-4	6-3	2-4	16-18-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-5	5-5	6-1	3-3	2-1	2-0	3-2	27-21

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ray Rice	380	2069	57	2012	24	5.3
Jabu Lovelace	82	380	48	332	4	4.0
Mason Robinson	36	205	3	202	0	5.6
Kordell Young	18	65	7	58	0	3.2
Tim Brown	2	19	0	19	0	9.5
Jeremy Zuttah	1	13	0	13	0	13.0
Mike Teel	10	12	61	-49	0	-4.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Mike Teel	349	203	58.2	3147	20	13
Jabu Lovelace	23	7	30.4	69	0	0
Andrew DePaola	1	1	100.0	15	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Kenny Britt	62	1232	19.9	8	53
Tiquan Underwood	65	1100	16.9	7	69
Tim Brown	24	340	14.2	2	42
Kevin Brock	23	241	10.5	2	32
Ray Rice	25	239	9.6	1	22
James Townsend	1	36	36.0	0	36
Jack Corcoran	5	34	6.8	0	14
Shamar Graves	3	21	7.0	1	12
Jean Beljour	1	16	16.0	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Ito	50	1787	35.7	10	30.7	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jeremy Ito	51-51	12-12	7-9	2-6	2-4	23-31	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Courtney Greene	101	1	1.5	4	1
Kevin Malast	92	2.5	5	4	0
Damaso Munoz	67	2.5	4.5	0	0
Brandon Renkart	67	2.5	4	3	1
Eric Foster	64	7	8	1	1
Devin McCourty	63	0.5	1	7	2
Ron Girault	55	0.5	0.5	1	1
Jamaal Westerman	50	8	6	1	0
Jason McCourty	44	0	3	12	0
Joe Lefeged	38	3.5	0	3	0
Pete Tverdov	36	1	7.5	4	0
George Johnson	32	4	2.5	3	1
Glen Lee	32	0.5	2	4	0
Gary Watts	23	4	2.5	0	0
Davon Smart	18	0	0	0	0
Vantrise Studivant	17	2	0	0	0
Zaire Kitchen	16	0	0	2	1
Jean Beljour	16	0	0	0	0
Ryan D'Imperio	14	0.5	2	0	0
Alex Silvestro	13	0.5	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dennis Campbell	13	71	5.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tim Brown	15	311	20.7	0
Mason Robinson	14	275	19.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
78	Garden St	+11	Arizona St	18-34
05	Insight	+9	Arizona St	40-45
06	Texas - #16	-8'	Kansas St	37-10
07	International	-10'	Ball St	52-30

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Rutgers' All-Time Bowl Record 2-2

RUTGERS'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	32.8	23	198	4.8	251	56.1	13.7	-6	2007	6	22.5	18	157	4.0	171	50.7	14.6
7	29.8	17	180	4.7	165	55.4	11.6	+11	2006	6	14.3	13	101	2.9	151	51.9	17.6
9*	28.7	20	162	4.3	235	57.7	13.9	-3	2005	8	25.6	22	133	3.3	239	61.2	14.6
9*	24.5	21	83	2.5	311	64.1	16.1	-7	2004	7	31.2	21	178	4.3	251	60.6	13.7
7*	27.4	20	139	3.3	230	59.1	13.4	-6	2003	7	29.5	18	163	4.2	216	51.6	12.9
8*	13.9	14	52	1.5	162	45.5	15.4	-13	2002	8	33.1	20	207	4.7	198	51.4	12.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

RU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
43,091	Buffalo	26	41-235	5.7	16-25	328	0	16	34-70	2.1	19-32	165	3	-1
43,514	Navy	24	43-210	4.9	14-19	266	0	20	54-254	4.7	5-12	35	1	+2
43,712	Norfolk St	23	38-240	6.3	10-18	297	0	10	37-10	0.3	13-29	112	3	+1
43,803	Maryland	19	23-82	3.6	25-44	310	2	24	59-239	4.1	18-28	219	2	-3
43,768	Cincinnati	24	43-98	2.3	22-38	334	2	22	40-150	3.8	20-37	257	2	-1
36,226	at Syracuse	23	45-228	5.1	20-30	310	0	16	28-112	4.0	15-32	158	5	+1
44,267	USF	19	42-170	4.0	13-32	230	1	20	38-115	3.0	17-35	247	7	-2
43,620	West Virginia	20	40-183	4.6	15-31	131	0	15	47-254	5.4	10-16	144	1	-4
40,000	at Connecticut	29	33-168	5.1	32-54	343	1	18	39-256	6.6	10-21	140	0	-1
39,073	at Army	25	72-404	5.6	3-12	42	0	6	20-97	4.9	7-24	55	1	+3
43,531	Pittsburgh	13	40-111	2.8	5-17	108	3	13	41-74	1.8	14-28	158	5	-2
39,612	at Louisville	25	37-153	4.1	21-32	265	1	21	45-240	5.3	12-22	237	5	+1
31,455	† Ball St	25	41-292	7.1	16-26	303	1	27	31-169	5.5	25-49	291	6	0
TOTALS		295	538-2574	4.8	212-378	3267	11	228	513-2040	4.0	185-365	2218	41	-6
AVERAGES		22.7	41-198	4.8	16-29	251	0.8	17.5	39-157	4.0	14-28	171	3.2	-0.5

2003 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Buffalo	-12	24-10
-	at Michigan St	+19	28-44
-	at Army	-6'	36-21
-	Navy	+1'	48-27
-	Virginia Tech - #4	+27'	22-48
-	at West Virginia	+17	19-34
-	Pittsburgh	+16	32-42
-	at Temple	+3'	30-14
-	at Connecticut	+7	31-38
-	Boston College	+7'	25-35
-	at Miami, Fl - #14	+27	10-34
-	Syracuse	+5'	24-7

2004 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Michigan St	+4'	19-14
-	New Hampshire	NL	24-35
-	Kent St	-12'	29-21
-	at Syracuse	+6	31-41
-	at Vanderbilt	+6	37-34
-	Temple	-13	16-6
-	at Pittsburgh	+5'	17-41
-	West Virginia - #15	+14'	30-35
-	at Boston College - #24	+14'	10-21
-	at Navy	+3'	21-54
-	Connecticut	+3	35-41

2005 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Illinois	-2'	30-33 OT
-	Villanova	NL	38-6
-	at Buffalo	-21	17-3
-	Pittsburgh	+1'	37-29
-	West Virginia	+3'	14-27
-	at Syracuse	+2	31-9
-	at Connecticut	-3'	26-24
-	Navy	-6'	31-21
-	USF	-2'	31-45
-	at Louisville - #23	+21	5-56
-	Cincinnati	-13'	44-9

2006 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #12 Score
-	at North Carolina	+4	21-16
-	Illinois	-11'	33-0
-	Ohio	-16'	24-7
-	Howard	NL	56-7
#23	at USF	-4	22-20
#24	at Navy	+2'	34-0
#19	at Pittsburgh	+6	20-10
#16	Connecticut	-19'	24-13
#15	Louisville - #3	+6	28-25
#7	at Cincinnati	-6'	11-30
#15	Syracuse	-15'	38-7
#13	at West Virginia - #15	+10	39-41 3OT

2007 RESULTS

RU Rank	Pre #16 Opponent	Line	Post- Score
#16	Buffalo	-32	38-3
#15	Navy	-16'	41-24
#13	Norfolk St	NL	59-0
#10	Maryland	-18'	24-34
#21	Cincinnati - #20	-4	23-28
-	at Syracuse	-17'	38-14
-	USF - #2	+1'	30-27
#25	West Virginia - #6	+6'	3-31
-	at Connecticut - #16	+1'	19-38
-	at Army	-19'	41-6
-	Pittsburgh	-12	20-16
-	at Louisville	+2'	38-41

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - UL has had some great QB's in the last decade including Chris Redman, Dave Ragone and Stefan LeFors who all earned CUSA Off POY honors and were drafted by the NFL. Brian Brohm (PS#8) played in 11 as a true frosh in '04 throwing for 819 (67.3%) with a 6-2 ratio. He was the BE Off POY in '05 throwing for 2,883 (68.8%) with a 19-5 ratio. Hunter Cantwell has NFL size, arm strength and speed and started the last two in '05 when Brohm was injured throwing for 640 (53.4%, 8 gm). Brohm was injured again in '06 and Cantwell threw for 173 vs K-St and 340 vs MT. Brohm returned and Cantwell had just 1 pass over the final 8. Brohm threw for 3,049 (63.6%) with a 16-5 ratio. He opted to return (proj'd 1st RD DC) and became the BE's all-time career passing leader despite the 6-6 record. Brohm threw for 4,024 (65.1%) with a 30-12 ratio & was a 2nd RD DC for GB. Cantwell appeared in just 2 (14 att). His backup is Matt Simms (PS#20), who is former NYG QB Phil's son. Not listed in the PSL are Bill Ashburn (6'2" 207 Sr) and Caleb Newton (6'4" 203 So). Despite the loss of an outstanding 3 year starter (#2DC GB), Cantwell should have a fine season and is already thought of as one of the top QB's for next year's draft.

RUNNING BACKS - Star Michael Bush (#4DC OAK in '07) was injured in the first game and four RB's replaced him in '06 in Kolby Smith (862, 5.6), George Stripling (459, 5.7), Anthony Allen (406, 4.2) and Brock Bolen (PS#28) who had 296 (6.2). Last year they had to replace Smith and Bush. Anthony Allen (PS#73), who was nicknamed "Baby Bush," became the feature back. Allen set a school record with 275 vs MT on 35 carries and had 96 vs UK. Unfortunately Allen hurt his shoulder making it very difficult for him to catch passes which is key in Kragthorpe's offense. Kragthorpe bemoaned the fact that his offense uses small, shifty, speedy backs and he inherited a group of power backs. Bolen had 112 vs NCSt, 117 vs Rutgers and finished the season with 456 (5.2). George Stripling added 258 (4.2) while true frosh Bilal Powell (6'0" 208 So, PS#230) moved from DB and had 161 in the final 2 with a solid 8.5 ypc. Sergio Spencer added 71 (5.1) but moves to DB. Allen opted to transfer noting Kragthorpe's comments about small and shifty backs but they add two VHT's who RS last year in Dale Martin (PS#22) and Victor Anderson (5'9" 182, PS#30). Not listed below are FB's Joe Tronzo (5'11" 254 Jr, 2 st) and Blayne Donnell (5'8" 190 So, 38 yd). Even with the loss of Allen, this group figures to be more productive especially with the RB's better equipped for the offense.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Cards returned their top 3 receivers who were all NFL prospects in Harry Douglas (1,265, 18.1 in '06), 6'6" Mario Urrutia (2nd Tm BE in '05 & '06) who had 973 (16.8) in '06 and TE Gary Barnidge (511, 16.5). Unfortunately the unit was banged up with Douglas missing two and was not 100% in others. Urrutia also missed 2 and was in the doghouse after some drops, and JaJuan Spillman was susp'd for the last 6 gms. GT transfer Patrick Carter (PS#32QB) had 10 career rec prior to the Utah game but snagged 9 for 154 vs the Utes with Douglas and Urrutia out. Douglas was named 2nd Tm AA with 1,159 (16.3). Barnidge, who earned 1st Tm BE honors, finished with 655 (12.4) but Urrutia's numbers dropped to 501 (14.3). Barnidge (#5DC CAR), Douglas (#3DC ATL) and Carter (5 st, 26 rec) were all seniors and Urrutia left early for the NFL (#7DC CIN). Also gone is TE Scott Kuhn (4 st, 15 rec). They did bring in a couple of JUCO's and not listed below is TE Mike Fennerty (6'4" 229 rFr). This looks like a decent group but with the loss of their top 4, it is clearly down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Cards had experienced O-lines that paved the way for 5.7, 5.6 and 4.8 ypc rushing from 2003-2005. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and while Petrino recruited two VHT JUCO's, neither started. Even with the loss of their top RB, the least experienced O-line in 4 years opened holes for 5.0 ypc rushing while allowing just 20 sacks (5.2%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters (both 320+) and 2 backups. Projected starting RG Marcel Benson was diagnosed with a heart condition and DNP

C Eric Wood

and they then lost starting RG Mike Donoghue after 7 starts. They got a late JUCO signee in Abdul Kuyateh who started vs Conn but struggled and lost his spot. Four OL played virtually every snap in LG Daniel Barlowe (12 st), LT George Bussey (2nd Tm BE, 12 st), C Eric Wood (1st Tm BE, 12 st) and RT Breno Giacomini (12 st). The unit struggled in the first year of Kragthorpe's offense as the ypg rushing dropped to 146 (4.2), although they allowed a respectable 24 sacks (4.9%). This year they must replace Giacomini (#5DC GB), Barlowe (2Y st'r) and Donoghue (7 st). They do return their top 2 OL's in C Wood and LT Bussey. They add two solid JUCO's and Roche, who started the last 4, is a VHT (PS#36). While this unit is not quite as experienced as 2007, this is their 2nd year in the offense and should at least equal last year's unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In '06 the Cards had to replace three DL starters (#4 and #6 DC's) including Big East Def POY Elvis Dumervil. The Cards allowed 105 ypg rush, their best since 2000 (3.4). The 44 sacks were the same as the Dumervil-led group thanks to DE Peanut Whitehead. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including 1st Tm AA DT Amobi Okoye (#1DC HOU). DT Adrian Grady was lost after 5 starts with a torn pectoral muscle. They then lost DE Whitehead (4 st, 25 tkl, 2 sk) to a career ending injury. They allowed 165 ypg rush and the 4.4 ypc, which was their worst since 1998 with just 18 sacks. This year they lose Whitehead, NT Willie E Williams (8 st, 31 tkl, 2 sk) and DE Brandon Cox (5 st, 14 tkl). Grady is back so they basically have 3 starters returning and also add Michigan transfer James McKinney (PS#13) and a JUCO and should be much tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - The Cards have had experienced LB units in each of the last 2 years. In '06 they rotated 6 players and last year had to replace 2 of the 6 (comb 16 st) including the #1 tkl'r (65). Miami, Fl transfer Willie A. Williams (PS#1) was dismissed after 3 (9 tkl). This year the unit is the least experienced on the team. Gone are 2nd Tm BE MLB Lamar Myles (12 st, 128 tkl, 8 tfl), WLB Preston Smith (12 st, 41 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and SLB Malik Jackson (10 st, 43 tkl, 4.5 tfl). They bring in another VHT Miami, Fl transfer, James Bryant (PS#7) and hope for results similar to '06 when UM transfer Nate Harris was the #1 tkl'r. Not listed in the PSL are Josh McDonald (6'1" 220 Jr), Rashad Roberts (6'0" 252 Jr) and Chase Floyd (6'1" 240 Sr). There is talent but the D allowed 31.4 ppg compared to 16.3 ppg in '06 (almost double!). This unit is the team's biggest question mark.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishing #83 in my pass D rankings in '05, the Cards had 7 of their top 8 back in 2006. Top cover CB Rod Council only started two (inj). They still moved up to #38. Last year they had to replace three starters including a 1st Tm Big East CB but returned two '05 starters that were injured early '06. Latarrius Thomas (9 st '06) was lost for the year in the 2nd week and expected starter Jon Russell had just 2 starts. The Cards plummeted to #113. This year they lose CB Council (10 st, 32 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu), SS Deon Palmer (11 st, 47 tkl, 4 tfl), FS Jon Russell (2 st, 34 tkl, 6.5 tfl) and Terrance Butler (19 tkl, 1 tfl). Not listed in the PSL are Agyei Williams (5'10" 176 rFr) and Marcell Lesueur (6'0" 175 So). Seven players return with starting experience and I expect CB Woodny Turenne to have a much stronger season and the Cards can only improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Steve Kragthorpe's Tulsa teams finished #84, #91, #38 and #42 in my ST rankings. Last year everyone returned from a Cardinals ST unit that finished #39 in 2006 including K Art Carmody who took home the Groza Award hitting 21 of 25 FG's (long 51). Carmody hit 13 of 17 (long 44 '07) but it was surprising that the Cards dropped to #65. Todd Flannery had 9 TB on 74 KO. P Corey Goettsche had some big punts but also had punts of 8 and 11 vs Syr and vs Utah he had 62 and 4 yd punts. Also top KR JaJuan Spillman, who avg 26.5 in '06 only avg 22.2 (18 ret) in a susp shortened season. Trent Guy was the top KR (22.4) and PR (7.2). This year they lose Carmody who leaves as the NCAA's all-time career record holder for points for a K with 433 (topped Roman Anderson - 423, Houston '88-'91) and also owns the NCAA record for most consecutive xp's in a season (77 in '04). Surprisingly he never kicked a game winning FG in HS or in his 4 years at UL until his final game vs Rutgers. They also must replace Flannery but if the new K performs well, they could move up in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe was the Buffalo Bills' QB coach for two years and the OC at Texas A&M for 3 years. In his first year at Tulsa, he guided the team to one of the biggest turnarounds in Div IA going from 1-11 to 8-5. It was also the most wins at the school since 1991. He led Tulsa to three bowls in four years. Last year he had co-OC's in Jeff Brohm and Charlie Stubbs. Stubbs resigned and Brohm, who is now in his 6th year as an asst here, is the full-time OC. Mike Cassity took over as DC here in 2004 but was fired after the Cardinals allowed 31.4 ppg last year. The new DC is Ron English who did an excellent job in his 2 years as DC at Michigan. English spent 5 years as DB coach with both the Wolverines and Arizona St prior to that.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When former Cardinals HC Howard Schnellenberger got the program turned around, he said the Cardinals were on a collision course for the National Championship. 2006 may just have been that season for UL, but unfortunately they missed by inches. Bobby Petrino did a fine job here as his 2004 team finished 11-1 and #6 in the country. In 2006, after their defeat of #3 W Virginia at home, the Cardinals needed to win out to get to the National Title game. As we saw in the Title Game, Ohio St (with a 51 day layoff) was a beatable opponent and the Cards would have had a shot at winning that game and the National Title. It was a great situation for Rutgers as they were off a bye week, had their biggest ever HG on a Thurs night and caught Louisville off their big win. Still, the Cards had a 25-7 lead, but blew it, and suffered their lone loss. That tough loss was not the only bad break they had as in the first game they lost super star RB Michael Bush to injury. They also lost QB Brohm to injury for two games. Opportunities to play for and win a National Championship do not come around often, especially for a program like Louisville and Petrino left for the Atlanta Falcons HC job. Brian Brohm turned down a shot at the NFL last year and they returned 8 starters on offense. It was an extremely disappointing season. In Wk 2 the defense started to become a liability yielding 42 pts to MT (550 yd). They had Kentucky beat but gave up a 57 yd TD pass with :28 left for the loss. They suffered a letdown the next week with one of the biggest upsets in NCAA history when they lost to Syracuse as a 37 pt fav. Two weeks later Utah came into Papa John's Stadium and upset the Cardinals on Friday night. The Cards did beat 6-0 Cincinnati on the road and led Conn 17-7 in the 4Q as Kragthorpe correctly pointed out, they should have been up 17-0 as UC was allowed a 74 yd PR TD on a play in which they called a fair catch and UL ended up losing. After getting past Pitt, they gave #6 W Virginia a good game but came up 7 points short. After being pounded by USF (7 TO's), their 17 seniors avoided a losing season by beating Rutgers in the finale. This year the losses are heavy as they have just 9 returning starters, which is tied for the least experienced team in returning starters in the NCAA. While the Cards finished just 3-4 in Big East play they did outgain league foes by 31 ypg. Despite the losses, the Cards underperformed last year, and it would not surprise me to see them open up 6-0 this season, which should give them a lot of confidence for the 2H of the year when the schedule gets tougher. The Cards had a streak of 9 straight winning seasons snapped last year but get back on the plus side of the ledger as one of my most improved teams.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 14 Hunter Cantwell Sr. 6-5 236 NFL potential. 4 st 3Y, 1419 yds pass (58.6%) 10-7 ratio. **5 Matt Simms** (6'3" 210 rFr) **PS#20. 17** Tyler Wolfe (6'5" 216 So) PS#285. Zack Stoudt PS#64.

RB 32 BROCK BOLEN SR. 6-0 238 **PS#28**. 63 ttl yd at Ill '04. 9 st 2Y here 761 (5.6). **24** George Stripling (6'0" 184 Sr) 4 st, 1338 (6.0) 3Y. **30 Dale Martin** (6'0" 208 rFr) **PS#22.**

WR 4 Maurice Clark Jr. 6-3 218 PS#118JC. **26** JaJuan Spillman (5'10" 151 Jr) PS#153. 3 st, 9 rec LY. 1136 all-purp 2Y. **9** Chris Vaughn (6'3" 220 Sr) PS#84. ND trans. Inj plagued.

WR 89 Josh Chichester rFr. 6-8 224 **PS#31**. RS LY. **27** Doug Beaumont (5'9" 176 So) **PS#24.** 14 tkl on ST true. **87** Corey Thompson (6'0" 185 Sr) PS#81. 6 st Duke '04, 19 rec. 3 rec '06.

WR 84 Scott Long Jr. 6-2 211 PS#102. 9 gm rFr. 7 st LY, 358 (13.3). **3** Trent Guy (5'9" 165 Jr) PS#214. 11 rec LY. 909 ret yd 2Y. **21** Troy Pascley (6'2" 190 So) PS#77.

TE 81 Rock Keys Jr. 6-5 235 PS#70JC. Johnnie Burns (6'3" 245 Sr) PS#130LB. Pete Nochta (6'5" 246 So) PS#127. Zach Meagher (6'4" 239 rFr) PS#41. ACL LY. Nathan Nord **PS#23.**

C 77 ERIC WOOD SR. 6-4 309 12 st rFr, Frosh AA. 13 st C '06, **2nd Tm BE. 1st Tm BE** LY, 12 st. **62** Nick Borgelt (6'4" 291 Sr). **LS 40** Dane Mattingly (6'0" 200 Sr) 10 gm LY.

RG 79 Mark Wetterer So. 6-5 315 **PS#64**. 2nd string as true. **66 CJ Millenbah** (6'3" 262 Jr) **PS#155JC. 65** Josh Byrom (6'5" 289 So) PS#216. **60** Mario Benavides is PS#79. In for spg.

LG 72 BRIAN ROCHE JR. 6-4 303 **PS#36**. 1 gm rFr. Started last 4 LY after Donoghue inj. **71** Abdul Kuyateh (6'2" 296 Jr) 1 st RG, 12 gm '07. **69** John Clark (6'2" 304 rFr).

RT 74 Jeff Adams So. 6-8 318 PS#102. 2nd string rFr, 4 gm. **78** Byron Stingily (6'5" 303 Jr) PS#117JC. **51** Ryan Kessling (6'5" 314 rFr). **73** Hector Hernandez (6'5" 282 rFr) PS#361.

LT 68 GEORGE BUSSEY SR. 6-4 306 12 gm rFr. 13 st '06 (11 LT, 2 LG), **1st Tm BE.** 12 st LT, 2nd Tm BE LY. **70** Conrad Thomas (6'6" 311 So) PS#181. **55** Greg Tomczyk (6'6" 297 So).

K NA Chris Philpott Fr. 6-0 180 PS#24. 12 of 15 FG HS LY incl 49, 50 & 51 yds. 53-57 KO TB. **17** Tim Dougherty PS#79. Purdue trans. **47** Evan McKeon (6'3" 218 rFr).

DE 95 MAURICE MITCHELL SR. 6-3 272 PS#214LB. 3 st LY, 33 tkl, 9 tfl. **93 LD Scott** (6'2" 268 Jr) PS#141. L/7 st DE as rFr, 20 tkl, 1 sk. Randy Salmon (6'3" 290 Fr) PS#287.

DT 94 ADRIAN GRADY SR. 6-2 305 3 st rFr. 2 st '06, 16 tkl. 1st 5 st '07, 14 tkl, 2.5 tfl until inj. **90 James McKinney** (6'2" 274 Jr) **PS#13. Mich trans.** Aundre Henderson (6'4" 284 So) PS#77. 3 tkl.

DT 99 EARL HEYMAN SR. 6-3 285 **PS#28**. 17 tkl true. 13 st '06, 22 tkl. 12 st LY, 40 tkl, 4 sk, 3 tfl. **91** LT Walker (6'4" 302 Jr) **PS#46**. 17 tkl, 5 tfl 2Y. **56** Tyler Jessen (6'1" 281 Jr) **PS#82JC.**

DE 58 Rodney Gnat So. 6-3 243 PS#101. 2 st rFr, 10 tkl, 4 tfl. **98** Zach Kiernan (6'6" 281 rFr) PS#204. Greg Scruggs (6'4" 235 Fr) PS#240. **61** William Savoy (6-1 235 rFr).

SLB 43 Chris Campa Jr. 6-2 215 PS#272JC. **23** Stephen Garr (6'1" 223 Jr) PS#129WR. 19 tkl, 22 gm 2Y. Patrick Grant (6'4" 218 rFr) PS#177DL. Antwon Canady (6'1" 236 So).

MLB 54 James Bryant Sr. 6-3 257 **PS#7. Miami Fl trans.** 1 st FB '05, 8 tkl. 112 all-purp 2Y. **41** Eugene Sowell (6'0" 205 So) PS#99RB. Mozell Axson (6'1" 243 Sr) PS#126. 27 tkl 3Y.

WLB NA Jon Dempsey Jr. 6-0 233 PS#106JC. **5 Brandon Heath** (6'1" 225 So) **PS#31RB.** 1 st SS rFr, 10 tkl, 1 tfl. **31** Darius Mann (5'11" 213 Jr) PS#157DB. 8 tkl. Chase Floyd (6'1" 240 Sr) 2 tkl '06.

CB 15 Chaz Thompson Jr. 6-1 199 **PS#70JC**. 4.3 spd. **19** Johnny Patrick (6'0" 184 So) PS#134WR. 4 st rFr, 19 tkl, 1 pbu. **28** Sergio Spencer (5'10" 185 Sr) PS#248RB. 289 ttl yd 3Y.

CB 9 WOODNY TURENNE SR. 6-1 182 **PS#16JC.** 8 st LY, 40 tkl, 3 pbu. **4** Travis Norton (6'1" 196 Sr) 1 st, 19 tkl 3Y. **37** Marcus Folmar (5'11" 183 Sr) PS#493. Scedric Moss (5'11" 175 So).

SS 34 BOBBY BUCHANAN SR. 5-11 199 PS#62. 2 st rFr, 17 tkl. 18 tkl '06. 8 st '07, 54 tkl, 1 pbu. **36 Josh Wiley PS#38JC. 6** Justin Mathews **PS#85JC.** Daniel Covington (5'11" 208 Jr).

FS 10 Latarrius Thomas So. 6-2 206 PS#84WR. 9 st true, 20 tkl, 3 pbu. 2 st LY until inj. **2 Richard Raglin** (6-2 198 Sr) 5 st LY, 38 tkl, 1 int. **21** CJ Peake (6'2" 221 rFr) **PS#47.**

P 29 COREY GOETTSCHE JR. 6-1 219 29 punts true, 37.9 avg, 42 LY, 38.9 avg, tm net 33.3. **17** Tim Dougherty (5'10" 169 So) 90% TB on KO in HS. **19** Ryan Payne (6'1" 185 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Josh Wiley 6-1 200 PS#38JC
TE	Rock Keys 6-5 235 PS#70JC
DL	Tyler Jessen 6-1 281 PS#82JC
DB	Justin Mathews 6-2 205 PS#85JC
LB	Jon Dempsey 6-0 233 PS#106JC
OL	Byron Stingily 6-5 303 PS#117JC
WR	Maurice Clark 6-3 215 PS#118JC
OL	CJ Millenbah 6-3 262 PS#155JC
RB	Darius Ashley 5-8 185 PS#62
LB	Dexter Heyman 6-3 225 PS#77DL
OL	Mario Benavides 6-4 285 PS#79
TE	Nathan Nord 6-5 230 PS#23
LB	Chris Campa 6-2 215 PS#272JC
QB	Zack Stoudt 6-4 210 PS#64
WR	Damion Dixon 6-3 183 PS#112
LB	Antwon Canady 6-1 236 PS#311JC
TE	Stephon Ball 6-4 215 PS#149WR
OL	Ryan Barnes 6-6 300 PS#205
LB	Keith Baker 6-3 230 PS#162
WR	Jacques Caldwell 5-9 175 PS#165RB
K	Chris Philpott 6-0 180 PS#24
DL	Greg Scruggs 6-4 235 PS#240
DL	Randy Salmon 6-3 290 PS#287

LOUISVILLE CARDINALS

Louisville, Kentucky
Weather (502) 585-1212

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#55

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UL	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 31	Kentucky (Sun)	A					
Sep. 6	Tennessee Tech	A					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 17	Kansas St (Wed)	A					
Sep. 27	Connecticut	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 10	at Memphis (Fri)	A					
Oct. 18	Middle Tenn	A					
Oct. 25	USF	A					
Nov. 1	at Syracuse	A					
Nov. 8	at Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 14	Cincinnati (Fri)	A					
Nov. 22	West Virginia	A					
Nov. 29							
Dec. 4	at Rutgers (Thur)	A					

Louisville is 13-5 the last 18 home openers including 5 straight wins. This game is played for the Governor's Cup & UL is 7-2 in this series since 1999.

Louisville rolled up 655 yds vs Ohio Valley Conf foe Murray St in LY's 73-10 win. Tennessee Tech went 4-7 last year including losing to FBS Auburn 35-3.

Louisville won their 1st & only meeting in 2006 24-6 behind backup QB Cantwell. Louisville is 1-3 vs Big XII the last 4 & are 6-9 all-time.

Much of LY's gm was played in the driving rain & with winds gusting over 20 mph. BE officials apologized for a blown call on a 74 yd TD PR that switched momentum in UC's favor.

These 2 were CUSA opponents prior to UL moving to the Big East & the Cards lead the series 21-19 winning 5 of the last 6. UL won the last meeting 56-49 in '04.

Louisville is 5-0 vs current SBC teams, outscoring them 259-83 since 1995. These 2 teams combined for 1,284 yds & 13 TD's in last year's 58-42 game.

The home team has won 4 straight by an avg of 31 ppg. Last year's 55-17 loss was the most points given up since 1999's 59-52 2OT loss to Army.

UL allowed 465 yds & 38 pts to an SU tm that ranked near the bottom of every off category. SU built a 17 point 4Q lead for one of the biggest upsets in BE history.

The Cardinals have won 7 straight vs the Panthers, outscoring Pittsburgh by a 14 pt margin pg since 1990 & outgained them by 131 ypg in their 3 Big East meetings.

This gm is played for the Keg of Nails Trophy. UL has won the L/5 & 9 of 10. LY QB Brohm threw 3 TD's including a gm turning 51 yd'er rallying UL to a 28-24 upset over #15 UC.

LY UL tied it at 31 with 3:05 left but WV drove 65 yds in 4 plays to win. The home team has won the last 4 meetings & they've combined to score 79 ppg their last 3.

LY UL redeemed themselves from the '06 loss by erasing a 18 pt deficit to win 41-38. The visitor has lost the last 3 games in this series with the L2Y decided by a FG.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chris Redman 12,541 '96-'99
2. Brian Brohm 10,775 '04-'07
3. Dave Ragone 8,596 '99-'02

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Walter Peacock 3,204 '72-'75
2. Nathan Poole 2,903 '75-'78
3. Lenny Lyles 2,786 '54-'57

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Arnold Jackson 3,670 '97-'00
2. Harry Douglas 2,924 '04-'07
3. Ibn Green 2,830 '96-'99

STEVE KRAGTHORPE (Career 35-28)
2nd Year at Louisville Kragthorpe's Bowl Record: 1-2

Kragthorpe's records AT LOUISVILLE

6-6	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
4-2	Home	1-1	Vs Top 25
2-4	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
3-4	Vs Conference	4-2	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (27,21,2)
Lost: 20 (9,9,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 39,881 (#59)

BIG EAST

RB Brock Bolen

STADIUM: PAPA JOHN'S CARDINAL STADIUM (42,000) (#74)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	11-2	7-6	9-4	11-1	9-3	12-1	6-6	74-26
Home	6-1	6-0	3-3	5-1	5-0	6-0	6-0	4-2	41-7
Away	3-1	4-2	4-2	4-2	5-1	3-2	4-1	2-4	29-15
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-0	4-4
vs Conf	6-1	6-1	5-3	5-3	8-0	5-2	6-1	3-4	44-15
vs Non-Conf	3-2	5-1	2-3	4-1	3-1	4-1	6-0	3-2	30-11
ATS	7-4	8-4	6-7	6-7	10-2	6-6	9-4	4-7	56-41
Home Fav (John L. Smith)	2-3	3-2	2-3	2-4	5-0	5-1	5-1	1-4	25-18
Home Dog (Bobby Petrino)	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
Away Fav (Steve Kragthorpe)	1-0	3-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	1-4	3-2	1-2	18-13
Away Dog	3-0	1-1	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	9-4
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	2-6
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	7-1	3-4	4-3	3-4	35-24
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-2	2-3	2-3	3-1	3-2	5-1	1-3	21-17
Off SU Win	6-2	5-4	2-5	4-5	8-2	4-5	7-4	1-4	37-31
Off SU Loss	0-2	2-0	4-1	1-2	1-0	2-0	1-0	3-3	14-8

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	GMAC	+2'	Marshall	15-38
03	GMAC	+14	Miami, Oh - #14	28-49
04	Liberty - #7	-10'	Boise St - #10	44-40
05	Gator - #15	+9	Virginia Tech - #12	24-35
06	Orange - #5	-10	Wake Forest - #15	24-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Louisville's All-Time Bowl Record 6-7-1

LOUISVILLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	35.2	26	146	4.2	342	64.4	13.9	0	2007	5	31.4	21	165	4.4	251	62.4	13.3
5	37.8	23	185	5.0	290	63.8	12.6	+2	2006	7	16.3	16	105	3.4	216	50.2	19.7
6	43.4	24	189	4.8	294	65.4	11.1	+6	2005	5	23.8	19	114	3.0	210	54.2	13.6
8*	49.8	27	250	5.6	289	71.3	10.8	+11	2004	7	19.7	17	109	3.1	197	50.6	15.6
7	34.6	23	228	5.7	261	60.0	14.1	+3	2003	4	27.8	24	170	4.3	258	55.7	15.4
5*	28.8	18	107	3.1	226	54.0	11.6	-15	2002	10	24.5	18	113	2.9	207	48.0	13.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Allen	146	744	48	696	7	4.8
Brock Bolen	88	465	9	456	7	5.2
George Stripling	62	270	12	258	1	4.2
Bilal Powell	24	206	19	187	2	7.8
Sergio Spencer	14	75	4	71	2	5.1
Brian Brohm	57	117	163	-46	3	-0.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brian Brohm	473	308	65.1	4024	30	12
Hunter Cantwell	14	8	57.1	79	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Harry Douglas	71	1159	16.3	7	59	
Gary Barnidge	53	655	12.4	7	81	
Mario Urrutia	35	501	14.3	3	71	
Patrick Carter	26	396	15.2	5	52	
Scott Long	27	358	13.3	0	45	
George Stripling	20	227	11.4	1	44	
Trent Guy	11	177	16.1	2	29	
Scott Kuhn	15	171	11.4	2	27	
Anthony Allen	21	153	7.3	2	26	
Brock Bolen	14	121	8.6	1	28	
Sergio Spencer	7	85	12.1	0	47	
JaJuan Spillman	9	64	7.1	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Corey Goettsche	42	1633	38.9	11	33.3(t)	0	11
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Art Carmody	53-53	3-3	7-8	3-5	0-1	13-17	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lamar Myles	128	2	6	0	0
Bobby Buchanan	54	0	0	1	0
Deon Palmer	47	2	2	1	0
Malik Jackson	43	1	3.5	1	1
Preston Smith	41	2	4.5	2	0
Earl Heyman	40	4	3	3	0
Woodny Turenne	40	0	0	3	1
Rich Raglin	38	0	0	1	1
Jon Russell	34	0	1.5	5	1
Maurice Mitchell	33	2	7	0	0
Rod Council	32	0	1	4	2
Willie Williams	31	2	3	1	0
Peanut Whitehead	25	2	3.5	0	0
LD Scott	20	1	0.5	1	0
Terrance Butler	19	0	1	0	0
Johnny Patrick	19	0	0	1	1
Brandon Cox	14	0	2.5	1	0
Adrian Grady	14	0	2.5	0	0
LT Walker	14	0	3	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trent Guy	13	93	7.2	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trent Guy	30	671	22.4	1	
JaJuan Spillman	18	399	22.2	0	
Bilal Powell	14	359	25.6	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

UL 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
42,185	Murray St	30	41-261	6.4	18-23	394	0	17	35-130	3.7	19-31	141	0	+1
40,882	Middle Tenn	35	53-328	6.2	25-39	401	0	20	29-265	9.1	14-26	290	1	+3
70,857	at Kentucky	26	27-101	3.7	28-43	366	3	27	35-185	5.3	30-46	275	2	-2
40,922	Syracuse	37	28-73	2.6	45-65	555	1	16	35-42	1.2	17-26	423	2	-2
56,487	at NC State	26	47-247	5.3	20-35	251	0	18	24-85	3.5	24-39	249	3	+4
40,894	Utah	24	16-26	1.6	39-58	467	3	29	49-260	5.3	25-33	322	1	+1
35,097	at Cincinnati	20	38-97	2.6	28-38	350	3	26	33-136	4.1	26-46	324	2	+4
40,000	at Connecticut	20	31-93	3.0	29-43	228	1	16	39-175	4.5	9-18	130	0	-1
34,792	Pittsburgh	23	39-120	3.1	21-30	236	3	15	35-107	3.1	11-21	163	3	0
60,992	at W Virginia	24	27-37	1.4	27-46	345	4	19	46-216	4.7	16-25	181	1	-1
57,288	at USF	23	26-130	5.0	24-49	273	1	26	49-230	4.7	19-27	251	2	-6
39,612	Rutgers	21	45-240	5.3	12-22	237	5	25	37-153	4.1	21-32	265	1	-1
TOTALS		309	418-1753	4.2	316-491	4103	24	254	446-1984	4.4	231-370	3014	18	0
AVERAGES		25.8	35-146	4.2	26-41	342	2.0	21.2	37-165	4.4	19-31	251	1.5	0.0

2003 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Kentucky	+6	40-24
–	at Syracuse	+3'	30-20
–	UTEP	-37	42-14
–	Temple	-14'	21-12
–	at USF	-2'	28-31 2OT
–	Army	-31	34-10
–	Tulane	-15	47-28
–	at East Carolina	-15'	36-20
–	at TCU - #13	+2	28-31
–	Memphis	-6'	7-37
–	Houston	-11'	66-45
–	at Cincinnati	-2'	43-40

2004 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
–	Kentucky	-9'	28-0
–	at Army	-22'	52-21
#24	at North Carolina	-7'	34-0
#20	East Carolina	-30	59-7
#18	at Miami, Fl - #3	+9	38-41
#15	USF	-30	41-9
#14	at Memphis	-13'	56-49
#12	TCU	-24	55-28
#8	at Houston	-22	65-27
#7	Cincinnati	-21	70-7
#7	at Tulane	-30'	55-7

2005 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #12 Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#12	at Kentucky	-23	31-24
#11	Oregon St	-13'	63-27
#9	at USF	-20'	14-45
#24	Florida Atlantic	-39	61-10
#23	North Carolina	-13'	69-14
#19	at West Virginia	-7	44-46 3OT
–	at Cincinnati	-21'	46-22
#24	Pittsburgh	-20'	42-20
#23	Rutgers	-21	56-5
#17	Syracuse	-36	41-17
#16	at Connecticut	-14'	30-20

2006 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #13 Opponent	Line	Post #6 Score
#13	Kentucky	-22'	59-28
#13	at Temple	-40'	62-0
#12	Miami, Fl - #17	-4	31-7
#8	at Kansas St	-14	24-6
#8	† Middle Tenn	-29'	44-17
#7	Cincinnati	-25	23-17
#6	at Syracuse	-17'	28-13
#5	West Virginia - #3	-1	44-34
#3	at Rutgers - #15	-6	25-28
#10	USF	-17	31-8
#8	at Pittsburgh	-10	48-24
#6	Connecticut	-28	48-17

2007 RESULTS

UL Rank	Pre #10 Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#10	Murray St	NL	73-10
#8	Middle Tenn	-40'	58-42
#9	at Kentucky	-5'	34-40
#18	Syracuse	-37	35-38
–	at NC State	-8'	29-10
–	Utah	-14'	35-44
–	at Cincinnati - #15	+10	28-24
–	at Connecticut	-3	17-21
–	Pittsburgh	-9'	24-17
–	at West Virginia - #6	+17	31-38
–	at USF	+9	17-55
–	Rutgers	-2'	41-38

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001 Deontey Kenner left as the school's all-time career leader in total offense. Gino Guidugli (PS#47), who was being recruited by Notre Dame, came in and had a storied career garnering almost twice as many yds passing as the next closest QB throwing for 11,453 from 2001-'04. In '04 then coach Mark Dantonio called Dustin Grutza "The QB of the future" and compared Grutza to Stefan LeFors of Louisville (mobile). In 2005 Grutza became the first UC frosh QB to ever start an opener and he threw for 1,799 (56%) with an 11-11 ratio (300 rush). Nick Davila (PS#53JC) battled Grutza all year and threw for 344 (57.8%) with a 4-2 ratio. In 2006 Grutza threw for 1,632 (60.9%) with a 9-13 ratio while Davila threw for 1,057 (59.3%) and an 8-3 ratio in his senior year. WF transfer Ben Mauk (PS#32) did not enroll until the summer of '07. It was a 4-QB race and in late Aug it was still a 3-QB race between Mauk, Grutza and Tony Pike. Mauk started the opener and Pike played in the 2H. Mauk played the entire game vs Ore St but developed a sore arm and did not play vs Miami, Oh and surprisingly it was Grutza who hit 25 of 35 for 290. Grutza started (Mauk sore arm) vs Marshall but Mauk came in the 2Q with the team leading 19-2 and started the rest of the year. Kelly cut down the amount of throws he made in practice. Mauk threw for the 2nd highest single-game total in UC history (431) vs Syr (Greg Cook 554 in 1968). In the bowl, Mauk's escapability from the defensive pressure was a key and he hit 30 of 52 for 334 (#1 rusher, 41). Mauk threw for 3,121 (60.9%) with an outstanding 31-9 ratio (517 rush). Grutza played in just 2 (432, 4-0 ratio) and Pike in 5 (91, 1-3 ratio). As of this writing, Mauk is still appealing for a 6th year and both Grutza and Pike (6'6" 211 Jr) return along with Chazz Anderson (PS#95), Zach Collaros (6'0" 217 rFr, PS#192) and Demetrius Jones (PS#6) who actually started the '07 opener with Notre Dame but then transferred. Jones is my favorite to win the job unless Mauk returns, but it will be tough to match Mauk's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Ohio St transfer Richard Hall rushed for 1,012 (4.8). Dantonio also worked in two true frosh in Butler Benton (453, 4.5) and Bradley Glatthaar (315, 4.4). In 2005 Dantonio used a RB-by-committee approach with Glatthaar leading with 620 (4.5), Benton added 287 (4.0) and Greg Moore (225 lbs) rushed for 297 (4.8). In 2006 Moore led with 709 (4.4), Benton had 497 (4.2) and Glatthaar 285 (3.0). Everyone returned last year and it was surprising that the trio had their lowest combined output. Jacob Ramsey (PS#106) had moved to LB due to the great depth at TB but then moved back. They basically had 4 different RB's with 4 different styles. Benton was the leading rusher after 8 but fumbled vs L'ville and Pitt and had just 1 carry in the next 3 games but had 63 (7.0) vs Syr. He still led with 499 (5.0). Moore led 3 straight games midseason (Marshall, SDSt & Rutgers) but finished with just 450 (5.2). Ramsey became the feature back but in his 4 starts, had just 126 and finished with 362 (3.8) and Glatthaar added 142 (3.0). This year they lose Benton (7 st), Moore (2 st), Glatthaar and FB Doug Jones (2 st). Not listed in the PSL are Montez Patterson (5'11" 218 rFr) and Trammell Williams (5'9" 183 rFr). While 4 of the top 5 RB's depart, last year's production was below average and they can only improve.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 true frosh TE Earnest Jackson had 314 (13.1) and soph TE Brent Celek had 254 (11.5). Those two were the top 2 again in '05, combining for 725. In 2006 they both returned but Dominick Goodman, who was an option QB in HS, emerged with 452 (11.3) and Derrick Stewart, who DNQ in '05, became the team's deep threat avg 20.5 ypc (675). Last year they had to replace Celek (481 '06), Stewart (acad inel) and their #5 receiver. Goodman led with 869 (12.8) and rFr Marcus Bennett had 862 (13.9). Marshwan Gilyard (Scout team POY '06), had a big year with 536 (14.9) but had just 1 rec in the final 4. Jackson had 236 (13.9). This year they lose Jackson (12 st), Antwuan Giddens (4 st, 226) and TE Connor Barwin (399) who moves to DE. They will use more 4 WR sets this year, and not listed in the PSL are Josh Canafax (5'10" 180 So) and TE Marcus Waugh (6'0" 240 Jr). With the top 3 returning and possibly Stewart back, this should be a much improved receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they had to replace 3 OL starters but had 6 back with starting experience and improved slightly to 134 ypg rush (3.4) with 33 sacks allowed (9.6%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters but had 8 of the top 10 back including their top OL, Trevor Canfield (2nd Tm Big East '06). While Dantonio wanted a bigger O-line, Kelly wanted a slimmer offensive front and Canfield slimmed down from 330 to 295 and Ken Rodriguez dropped 25 lbs. Last year the more experienced group improved with the team averaging 148 ypg rush (4.0) with 23 sks allowed (5.0%). This year they must replace Rodriguez (13 st), LT Digger Bujnoch (13 st, 3Y st'r), C Chris Flores (L/4 st) and OG backup Mario Duenas. C Chris Jurek lost his job after 9 and Canfield was suspended indefinitely in February making him questionable for '08. The starters avg 6'4" 298, and are close to last year in terms of experience.

CB Mike Mickens

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Cincy had to replace 3 starters and 4 true frosh combined for 22 starts. That inexperienced line allowed 180 ypg rush (4.4). They only had to replace one starter in 2006 and as expected, the numbers improved to 106 ypg (3.6) while the D had 31 sacks. An Ohio St OL said UC's DL was the best they had faced and they'd played Texas the week prior. Last year 7 of their top 8 were expected back but DE Trevor Anderson transferred to Michigan St. They slipped a little allowing 114 ypg but improved their ypc (3.2) while the D had 42 sacks (#8 NCAA). They have a pair of undersized but very productive DT's in 2nd Tm AA Terrill Byrd (8 sk, 9 tfl) and Adam Hoppel (4 sk). Both return and I expect rFr John Hughes (PS#54TE, 295 lbs) to join the DT rotation. The big question mark is at DE where they lose 2nd Tm BE Anthony Hoke (12 st) who set a school record with 13 sacks as well as Angelo Craig (11 st, 43 tkl, 8 tfl, #7DC CIN) and Jon Newton (1 st). They move in QB Craig Carey and TE Connor Barwin. Not listed in the PSL are Taylor Porter (6'3" 276 Jr) and Cedric Holmes (6'2" 249 So). This is a good group but with the loss of a pair of top-notch DE's I'll call it down a few notches.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Bearcats had to replace their entire 2 deep of LB's. The most experienced returnee had 2 tackles. True frosh Corey Smith was #1 in tackles after 9 when he was injured. In 2006 the entire 2 deep returned including 7 with starting experience. Last year they lost a 1st Tm BE LB but had 5 of their top 6 back. This year they lose Leo Morgan (13 st, 17 tkl) and John Carpenter (1 st, 39 tkl). Andre Revels had 66 tackles as a backup MLB and moves into the open WLB slot. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Joe Homan (5'11" 222 rFr) and Robby Armstrong (6'2" 221 So). This group has even more experience than last year and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UC was #29, #28 and #43 in my pass D rankings from 2002-2004. They had to replace 2.5 starters in 2005 and slipped to #99. With 7 of the top 8 back in 2006, they moved up to #28. Last year they had to replace two starters including a #4 DC but returned CB Mike Mickens and FS Haruki Nakamura, arguably their top 2 DB's. UC slipped a little to #34 but had an outstanding 15-26 ratio. Mickens earned 1st Tm AA honors and is an NFL prospect and DeAngelo Smith tied for the NCAA lead with 8 int and both are 6'0". This year they lose 1st Tm BE Nakamura (13 st, 95 tkl, 4 int, #6DC BAL), SS Anthony Williams (13 st, 74 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and Evan Sparks (10 tkl). This unit has the best trio of CB's in the Big East and they add Ohio St transfer Brandon Underwood (PS#28). The two projected starting safeties are more experienced than their combined one career start suggests. Not listed in the PSL are Ruebon Haley (6'0" 165 rFr), Wesley Richardson (6'0" 187 rFr), Ben Kelly (5'8" 190 rFr) and Udoamaka Nwamu (6'0" 203 Sr). Despite the loss of an NFL FS, they could still move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Brian Kelly's CM units were #102, #92 and #58 in my ST rankings. UC has had some good ST's units including a #12 finish in '97 but in Dantonio's 3 years they were just #106, #113 and #82. Last year they had to replace their P and K but surprisingly moved up to #21. KR Dominick Goodman (25.8 '06) avg'd 20.4 and Jacob Ramsey avg'd 21.9. Nakamura avg 6.9 on PR. The key was P Kevin Huber, who Kelly called "a weapon" and his MVP at midseason. He had a 50.1 yard avg after 6 (46.9 on the year with a team net of 39.6, #1 NCAA). Jake Rogers had 4 TB's on KO's in the bowl (13 on yr). Rogers was very inconsistent on FG's and numerous times Kelly had thoughts about replacing him. Rogers did hit a 55 yarder but was 1 of 6 from 40-49. Huber and Goodman are both back and I would expect more consistent play from the kicker, so the Bearcats could improve.

COACHES - Brian Kelly was the HC at Div II Grand Valley St for 13 years compiling a record of 118-35-2. Kelly never had a losing season with the Lakers and won Div II National Titles in 2002 and 2003 (#2 '01). He led C Mich to a pair of winning seasons in his 3 years there, including his 2006 MAC Championship rout of Ohio. His OC Jeff Quinn was interim HC for CM in the Motor City Bowl victory and has spent 17 years alongside Kelly mostly as an OL coach. The 2nd year DC is Joe Tresey who was the DC at CM in '06, Georgia Southern ('04-'05) and at Akron ('02-'03). Kelly signed a new 5 year contract extension after winning Big East Coach of the Year honors last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2006 despite a grueling schedule with 4 ranked non conf foes on the road, the Bearcats managed an 8-5 season including a bowl victory. HC Mark Dantonio left for Mich St and Brian Kelly came in and coached UC in their bowl win over WM. Last year they were the most experienced team in the Big East but had to learn new schemes. UC was last in the Big East in attendance in 2006 (20,373) but improved to 30,246 last year. Thanks to a softer non-conf schedule the Bearcats opened the season a dominating 5-0 and were ranked for the first time since 1976! When they knocked off #21 Rutgers on the road they moved to #15 (6-0) but then lost at home to Louisville and the next week their #1 rush D in the Big East was shredded by Pitt for 260 yards (5.7). UC benefitted from 8 USF TO's, and at the end of the game USF dropped a TD pass from the 18 and UC won by 5. Conn (#16) came in unbeaten in the Big East but UC pounded them 27-3. After a loss to WV, they waxed Syracuse on the road. When they defeated SM in the bowl, their 10th win was the most since 1951 and it was the first time EVER that they finished the season ranked (#17). The school record for points in a season had been 409 ('02) but Kelly's first edition put up 472. The Bearcats were +16 in TO's, had favorable ypp both offensively and defensively, only had 2 starts lost all season to injury which are all factors that point to a weaker record in '08. Cincy's 12 returning starters are the 2nd fewest in the league. One of my sets of power ratings calls for an 11-2 season and while I think they will make their 3rd straight bowl, I'll call for the Bearcats to have a slightly weaker record than 2007.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB **3 Demetrius Jones So.** 6-4 204 **PS#6. 1 st Notre Dame** rFr. **BEN MAUK** (6'1" 200 Sr). ? 6th yr. **4 Dustin Grutza** (6'2" 203 Sr) PS#178. 24 st 3Y, 3863 (59%). Chazz Anderson (6'0" 205 rFr).

RB **NA Isaiah Pead Fr.** 5-11 185 PS#52. **20 Jacob Ramsey** (5'11" 218 Jr) PS#106, 4 st, 362 (3.8) LY. Mister Simpson (5'10" 210 So) PS#55. ? '08. John Goebel (6'0" 208 So) PS#150DL.

WR **1 MARSHWAN GILYARD JR.** 6-1 180 8 st '07, 536 (14.9), 263 retyd. **DJ Woods PS#55. 87** Charley Howard (6'3" 208 Jr) 2 st, 109 ttl yds LY. Lynell Payne (6'3" 205 Fr) PS#84.

WR **16 DOMINICK GOODMAN SR.** 6-1 218 PS#255QB.163 (13.6) true. 10 st '06, 452 (11.3). 13 st LY, 869 (12.8). **80** Armon Binns (6'3" 201 So) PS#257. **41** Tahree McQueen (5'10" 194 rFr).

WR **85 MARCUS BARNETT SO.** 6-2 164 11 st rFr, **2nd Tm Big East**, 862 (13.9). **10** Derrick Stewart (5'11" 175 Sr) 675 (20.5) '06. Inel '07. **84** Orion "DJ" Woodard (6'2" 203 rFr) PS#109.

TE **88 Adrien Robinson rFr.** 6-5 250 PS#74WR. 4.5 spd. **83** Kazeem Alli (6'2" 245 Jr) PS#48. 135 (16.9) 2Y. **19** Ben Guidugli (6'0" 239 So) PS#241LB. Tom DeTemple (6'1" 222 rFr).

C **56 CHRIS JUREK JR.** 6-2 260 1 gm rFr. First 9 st C LY (lost job). Randy Martinez (6'1" 258 rFr) PS#99DL. **LS** Mike Windt (6'2" 236 So) 13 gm rFr. Alex Apyan (6'2" 205 rFr).

RG **70 CJ Cobb So.** 6-3 326 PS#496. 2nd string rFr, 12 gm. **60** Jason Kelce (6'4" 269 So) Scout Tm Def POY '06. 9 gm bkup C/OG LY. **69** Frank Becker (6'1" 292 rFr).

LG **76 TREVOR CANFIELD SR.** 6-5 295 3 st RG rFr. **2nd Tm BE '06-'07**. 12 st '06, 13 st LY (9RG, 4LG). Blake McCroskey (6'5" 300 rFr) PS#517. **65** TJ Franklin (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#90TE.

RT **71 Jeff Linkenbach Jr.** 6-6 297 PS#332. 13 st LT rFr. 3 st, 11 gm LY, battled inj. **68** Craig Parmenter (6'5" 272 rFr) PS#197. Sean Hooey **(6'8"** 260 Fr) PS#178.

LT **79 KHALIL EL-AMIN SR.** 6-4 312 PS#245. 4 games rFr. 1 game '06. 10 st RT '07. **66** Sam Griffin (6'4" 250 So) PS#265DL. 2 gm true. **59** Alex Hoffman (6'5" 268 rFr) PS#439.

K **97 JAKE ROGERS SO.** 6-3 200 PS#88. Hit 11 of 19 FG rFr including 55 yd FG but just 1 of 6 from 40-49. **92** Brandon Yingling (6'1" 194 Sr) PS#62. 6-7 xp's LY, 7 KO.

DE **10 Lamonte Nelms Sr.** 6-3 245 PS#298DB. 2 st LY, 33 tkl, 4.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. Craig Carey (6'4" 233 Jr) PS#212QB. 11 tkl ST LY. Tyler Clifford (6'3" 239 Jr) PS#149. Ralston Reeves (6'3" 255 So).

DT **67 ADAM HOPPEL SR.** 6-2 270 4 st '06. 12 tkl. 13 st NT LY, 38 tkl, 4 sk. **90** Ricardo Mathews (6'3" 290 Jr) PS#216. 13 tkl 2 sk 2Y. **99** Chris Harrison (6'4" 279 So) 1 tkl rFr. Miss spg.

DT **95 TERRILL BYRD SR.** 6-0 271 **2nd Tm AA**. 13 st, 8.5 tfl '06. 12 st LY, 56 tkl, 8 sk, 9 tfl. **40** John Hughes (6'2" 295 rFr) PS#54TE. **75** Thomas Claggett (6'0" 292 Sr) 3 st, 24 tkl 3Y.

DE **89 Connor Barwin Sr.** 6-4 240 3 st TE 3Y, 691 yds. 4.6 spd. Bench 225 25x. **94** Rob Trigg (6'3" 254 So) PS#192. 3 tkl true. **34** Nick DeFillipo (6'0" 243 Sr) 5 tkl, 23 gm 3Y.

WLB **50 Andre Revels Jr.** 6-0 226 PS#138. 2 st LY, 66 tkl, 1 tfl. **3 Delbert Ferguson** (6'1" 235 Sr) **PS#22RB**. 14 tkl LY. **52** Ricardo Thompson (6'0" 223 rFr). Tomaz Hilton (6'2" 208 rFr).

MLB **45 RYAN MANALAC SR.** 6-0 232 4 st '05-'06, 37 tkl. Last 11 st LY, 76 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **9** Alex Delisi (6'1" 224 rFr) PS#178. **57** Obadiah Cheatham (6'2" 226 So). JK Schaffer is PS#194.

SLB **42 COREY SMITH SR.** 6-1 213 32 starts 3Y, 204 tkl, 22 tfl. #2 tkl'r in '07 with 80. **49** Torry Cornett (6'3" 228 Sr) 1 st DE LY, 10 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **22** Colin McCafferty (6'3" 218 So) 5 tkl rFr.

CB **6 DeANGELO SMITH SR.** 6-0 191 PS#209. 1 st, 23 tkl, 3 pbu '06. 13 st LY, **#1 NCAA** 8 int, 49 tkl, 8 pbu. **8 Brandon Underwood** (6'1" 177 Sr) **PS#28. Ohio St trans.** Jason Whitehead (6'1" 185 So).

CB **21 MIKE MICKENS SR.** 6-0 170 **1st Tm AA**. 11 st true, #2 NCAA 15 pd. 13 st '06, 59 tkl, 15 pbu. 13 st LY, 53 tkl, 6 int, 6 pbu. Martez Williams (5'9" 176 So). Justin Moore (5'10" 176 So).

SS **17 Cedric Tolbert Sr.** 6-0 199 PS#122RB. 1 st 3Y, 71 tkl, 2 pbu. 46 tkl LY. Aaron Webster (6'2" 204 Jr) 21 tkl, 1 int 2Y. **46** Scott Johnson (5'10" 201 rFr) PS#255RB.

FS **25 Brad Jones Jr.** 6-1 206 PS#82. 22 tkl, 1 int LY. Drew Frey (6'4" 212 rFr) PS#344WR. David Wess (6'2" 210 Sr) PS#230QB. 12 tkl '05. RB/WR 2Y. Deon Reed (5'11" 209 rFr).

P **47 KEVIN HUBER SR.** 6-2 224 **Big East ST POY LY**. 57 punts, 46.9 avg and tm **net 39.6!** Michael Cooke (6'1" 214 rFr) PS#102. Brandon Yingling (6'1" 194 Sr) #2 P spg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Isaiah Pead 5-11 185 PS#52
WR	DJ Woods 6-0 170 PS#55
QB	Brendon Kay 6-4 220 PS#42
WR	Lynell Payne 6-3 205 PS#84
DL	Dan Giordano 6-4 240 PS#147
RB	Darrin Williams 5-7 175 PS#122
OL	Sean Hooey 6-8 260 PS#178
DB	Jared Rains 5-10 180 PS#139RB
DB	Dominique Battle 6-0 175 PS#175
RB	George Winn 5-10 175 PS#144
DL	Derek Wolfe 6-5 270 PS#187
DB	Quincy Quetant 6-0 190 PS#188
QB	Travis Kelce 6-5 235 PS#109
WR	Danny Milligan 5-9 170 PS#180
LB	JK Schaffer 6-1 210 PS#194
DB	Bruce Horner 6-1 175 PS#255
DB	Patrick Lambert 6-1 190 PS#259
DB	Camerron Cheatham 5-8 165 PS#270
OL	Evan Davis 6-4 250 PS#288
WR	Nick Truesdell 6-7 215 PS#255
DL	Brandon Mills 5-11 255 PS#405
DB	Ike Iloegbu 6-1 185 PS#408
DL	Walter Stewart 6-5 220 PS#425
LB	Mark Nelson 6-2 225 PS#408

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#17

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UC	Opp	W/L	
Aug. 28	E Kentucky (Thur)	A					The Bearcats are 8-1 in home openers with an avg score of 35-14. Cincy shutout the Colonels in '06, 31-0. LY E Kentucky finished 9-3 including a 50-10 loss to KY.
Sep. 6	at Oklahoma	G					Bearcats are 7-7-1 vs Big XII tms winning their last vs Kansas St 34-7 in '97. Cincy has lost their last 5 visiting a non-conf BCS team by an avg of 31-11.
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	Miami, Oh	A					The schools' bill this as the oldest rivalry West of the Allegheny Mountains (113th meeting). Miami leads the series 59-46-7 & the home team has won 4 of the last 5.
Sep. 27	at Akron	A					In their '06 meeting Akron lead 14-0 1Q. UC held UA to 39 ttl yards over the last 3Q's. The home team is 3-1 in this series with 3 of 4 decided by 6 pts or less.
Oct. 3	at Marshall (Fri)	A					The Bearcats are 7-3-1 vs the Thundering Herd splitting 2 bowl meetings. Last year QB Grutza was named starting QB 25 min before game time.
Oct. 11	Rutgers	A					Last time here UC won the biggest gm in program history with the 30-11 upset over #7 Rutgers knocking them from the BCS race. The home team is 5-1-1.
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Connecticut	G					Cincy is 4-0 vs the Huskies with an avg win by 14 ppg. Last year Cincy held the Huskies to a season low 22 yds rushing & was 1 of 3 teams they held to just 3 pts.
Oct. 30	USF (Thur)	A					Cincinnati forced 8 TO's (tied a school record) & scored 31 pts in the 1Q. The home team has won 4 of the last 5 with an avg margin of victory of 13 pts.
Nov. 8	at West Virginia	A					LY WR Barnett finished with 210 rec yds the most since Jim O'Brien in '68 (212). Cincinnati is 1-14-1 vs the Mountaineers all-time but did win in Morgantown in '03.
Nov. 14	at Louisville (Fri)	A					This is the Battle for the Keg of Nails & these schools are only 106 miles apart. Cincy is 1-9 vs the Cardinals S/'98 but outgained the Cards in last year's loss.
Nov. 22	Pittsburgh	A					This is the 4th yr in the newly formed River City Rivalry between these 2 teams. The Bearcats are 0-7 vs Pittsburgh including LY's 24-17 loss as the 23rd ranked tm.
Nov. 29	Syracuse	A					Last year the Bearcats recorded a school record 11 sacks vs Syracuse & held them to (-15) yds rushing. Cincinnati has won the last 3 meetings by an avg of 14 ppg.
Dec. 6	at Hawaii	A					The last time UC played here in 2002 they lost 20-19 & a brawl broke out w/several Cat players being doused w/beverages by Hawaii fans. UC accused WAC officials of cheating.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Gino Guidugli 11,453 '01-'04	1. Reggie Taylor 4,242 '83-'86	1. LaDaris Vann 2,483 '99-'02
2. Danny McCoin 6,801 '84-'87	2. DeMarco McCleskey 3,487 '98, '00-'02	2. Jim O'Brien 2,285 '67-'69
3. Deontey Kenner 6,278 '97-'00	3. Allen Harvin 2,998 '78-'82	3. Marlon Pearce 2,096 '90-'92

BRIAN KELLY (Career 30-19) (Div II 118-35-2)
2nd Year at Cincinnati Kelly's Bowl Record: 2-0

Kelly's records AT CINCINNATI

11-3	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
4-2	Home	3-1	Vs Top 25
5-1	Away	1-0	Vs BCS Teams
2-0	Neutral	3-0	Off A Bye
4-3	Vs Conference	2-1	Off A Loss

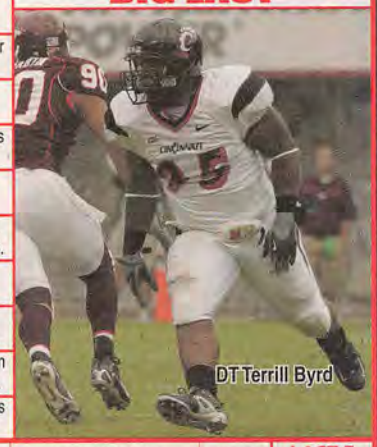
2007 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 44 (20,21,3)
Lost: 20 (12,8,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,246 (#75)

BIG EAST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STADIUM: NIPPERT STADIUM (35,000) (#84)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	7-5	7-7	5-7	7-5	4-7	8-5	10-3	55-44
Home	6-0	3-3	4-2	4-2	4-1	3-2	6-1	4-2	34-13
Away	1-4	4-1	3-3	1-5	2-4	1-5	1-4	5-1	18-27
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	3-4
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	6-2	2-6	5-3	2-5	4-3	4-3	33-26
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-3	1-5	3-1	2-2	2-2	4-2	6-0	22-18
ATS	7-5	6-6	9-5	4-7	6-6	3-6-1	6-5-1	9-3	50-43-2
Home Fav (Rick Minter)	3-1	2-1	3-3	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	15-12
Home Dog	2-0	2-1	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-2	2-1	2-0	11-5
Away Fav (Mark Dantonio)	1-0	0-3	2-1	0-1	0-3	0-0	0-1	3-1	6-10
Away Dog	1-3	2-0	3-0	3-2	1-2	2-3-1	2-1-1	2-0	16-11-2
Neutral (Brian Kelly / Dowl)	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-5
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	6-2	2-6	4-4	3-4	4-2-1	5-2	32-26-1
vs Non-Conf (Mark Dantonio)	3-2	2-3	3-3	2-1	2-2	0-2-1	2-3	4-1	18-17-1
Off SU Win	5-2	3-4	4-3	2-3	3-3	0-3-1	2-4-1	7-2	26-24-2
Off SU Loss (Brian Kelly)	2-2	2-2	4-2	1-4	3-2	3-2	4-1	2-1	21-16

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Butler Benton	100	518	19	499	2	5.0
Greg Moore	87	466	16	450	2	5.2
Ben Mauk	99	517	140	377	3	3.8
Jacob Ramsey	**96**	**401**	**39**	**362**	**3**	**3.8**
Brad Glatthaar	48	155	13	142	8	3.0
Tony Pike	**7**	**79**	**4**	**75**	**0**	**10.7**
Dustin Grutza	**11**	**61**	**17**	**44**	**0**	**4.0**

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Ben Mauk	386	235	60.9	3121	13	9
Dustin Grutza	**55**	**39**	**70.9**	**432**	**4**	**0**
Tony Pike	**20**	**11**	**55.0**	**91**	**1**	**3**

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dominick Goodman	**68**	**869**	**12.8**	**8**	**37**
Marcus Barnett	**62**	**862**	**13.9**	**13**	**80**
Marshwan Gilyard	**36**	**536**	**14.9**	**3**	**76**
Connor Barwin	**31**	**399**	**12.9**	**2**	**38**
Earnest Jackson	17	236	13.9	3	32
Antwuan Giddens	16	226	14.1	2	63
Greg Moore	13	183	14.1	2	50
Butler Benton	16	154	9.6	1	29
Charley Howard	**7**	**94**	**13.4**	**1**	**29**

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kevin Huber	**57**	**2672**	**46.9**	**9**	**39.6(t)**	**0**	**20**

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jake Rogers	**51-54**	**3-4**	**6-8**	**1-6**	**1-1**	**11-19**	**55**

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Haruki Nakamura	95	1.5	4	4	4
Corey Smith	**80**	**2.5**	**3.5**	**0**	**2**
Ryan Manalac	**76**	**1**	**4.5**	**3**	**1**
Anthony Williams	74	1	4.5	1	0
Andre Revels	**66**	**0**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Anthony Hoke	58	13	3.5	3	0
Terrill Byrd	**56**	**8**	**9**	**0**	**0**
Mike Mickens	**53**	**0**	**1**	**6**	**6**
DeAngelo Smith	**49**	**0**	**2.5**	**8**	**8**
Cedric Tolbert	**46**	**0**	**1**	**2**	**0**
Angelo Craig	43	3	5	2	0
Jon Carpenter	39	1	0.5	2	0
Adam Hoppel	**38**	**4**	**2.5**	**0**	**1**
Lamonte Nelms	**33**	**4.5**	**5.5**	**0**	**1**
Brad Jones	**22**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
Leo Morgan	17	0	0	1	1
Delbert Ferguson	**14**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**
Ricardo Mathews	**11**	**2**	**0.5**	**0**	**0**
Jason Whitehead	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Haruki Nakamura	15	104	6.9	0
Marshwan Gilyard	**6**	**57**	**9.5**	**0**

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jacob Ramsey	**16**	**351**	**21.9**	**0**
DeAngelo Smith	**12**	**296**	**24.7**	**0**

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
01	Motor City	+4	Toledo - #25	16-23
02	New Orleans	-7'	North Texas	19-24
04	Fort Worth	-1	Marshall	32-14
06	International	-7	W Michigan	27-24
07	PapaJohns.com - #20	-11	S Mississippi	31-21

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OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
	7*	36.3	22	148	4.0	286	61.6	12.0	+16	2007	7	18.8	20	114	3.2	254	59.8	19.6
	7*	21.1	17	134	3.4	207	60.0	16.2	-6	2006	10	19.6	15	106	3.6	202	52.3	15.7
	3	17.5	20	125	3.2	200	56.6	18.6	-7	2005	3	31.4	21	180	4.4	221	57.5	12.8
	9*	28.7	21	183	4.2	222	58.0	14.1	-5	2004	8	26.7	16	147	4.4	194	49.7	12.8
	5*	25.3	21	165	3.8	228	52.7	15.6	0	2003	4	26.6	17	144	3.7	189	50.4	12.5
	8*	29.2	20	137	3.5	261	54.4	13.6	+1	2002	8	23.5	18	138	3.6	180	51.5	13.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

UC 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN
20,223	SE Missouri St	33	47-314	6.7	24-36	301	1	13	37-175	4.7	12-22	87	4	+4
25,020	Oregon St	14	33-30	0.9	15-23	199	3	17	21-36	1.7	32-54	274	1	+5
22,421	at Miami, Oh	24	42-141	3.4	26-37	297	1	21	24-56	2.3	27-54	267	5	+4
35,097	Marshall	22	39-217	5.6	20-27	219	2	19	35-80	2.3	21-32	257	3	+2
24,647	at San Diego St	30	50-263	5.3	21-32	284	0	16	24-65	2.7	24-33	312	2	-1
43,768	at Rutgers	22	40-150	3.8	20-37	257	2	24	43-98	2.3	22-38	334	2	+1
35,097	Louisville	26	32-137	4.3	26-46	324	1	20	38-97	2.6	28-38	350	4	-4
33,423	at Pittsburgh	18	28-121	4.3	21-32	237	1	26	46-260	5.7	18-29	167	1	-2
57,379	at USF	14	38-137	3.6	14-32	238	0	27	37-99	2.7	31-54	382	2	+6
30,943	Connecticut	18	39-144	3.7	21-33	276	2	11	22-22	1.0	18-37	182	3	+1
35,097	West Virginia	17	30-84	2.8	19-34	323	5	24	61-295	4.8	13-19	140	0	+1
30,040	at Syracuse	24	32-113	3.5	29-43	431	2	20	34-(-15)	-0.4	31-51	428	11	0
35,258	† S Mississippi	21	26-71	2.7	30-52	334	3	19	49-217	4.4	18-32	122	4	-1
TOTALS		283	476-1922	4.0	286-464	3720	23	257	471-1485	3.2	295-493	3302	42	+16
AVERAGES		21.8	37-148	4.0	22-36	286	1.8	19.8	36-114	3.2	23-38	254	3.2	1.2

2003 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	East Carolina	-8	40-3
–	at West Virginia	+7	15-13
–	Temple	-13'	30-24 3OT
–	at Miami, Oh	+7	37-42
–	S Mississippi	-7'	20-22
–	at UAB	-5'	14-31
–	Army	-27'	33-29
–	at USF	+3	17-24 2OT
–	Rhode Island	NL	31-24
–	at TCU - #10	+7	10-43
–	at Memphis	+10	16-21
–	Louisville	+2'	40-43

2004 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Ohio St - #9	+14	6-27
–	Miami, Oh	+3'	45-26
–	at Syracuse	-3	7-19
–	at East Carolina	-11'	24-19
–	UAB	-1	27-30
–	at Army	-14'	29-48
–	Memphis	+6	49-10
–	TCU	-6	21-10
–	at S Mississippi - #21	+6	52-24
–	USF	-12'	45-23
–	at Louisville - #7	+21	7-70

2005 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Michigan	-10	28-26
–	at Penn St	+18	24-42
–	W Carolina	NL	7-3
–	at Miami, Oh	+10	16-44
–	at Pittsburgh	+12'	20-38
–	Connecticut	+7'	28-17
–	Louisville	+21'	22-46
–	at Syracuse	+4	22-16
–	West Virginia - #16	+14	0-38
–	at USF	+21	16-31
–	at Rutgers	+13'	9-44

2006 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Kentucky	NL	31-0
–	Pittsburgh	+7'	15-33
–	at Ohio St - #1	+29	7-37
–	at Virginia Tech - #11	+27'	13-29
–	Miami, Oh	-11	24-10
–	Akron	-6'	20-14
–	at Louisville - #7	+25	17-23
–	USF	+1'	23-6
–	Syracuse	-6'	17-3
–	at West Virginia - #10	+18	24-42
–	Rutgers - #7	+6'	30-11
–	at Connecticut	-5'	26-23

2007 RESULTS

UC Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post-#17 Score
–	SE Missouri St	NL	59-3
–	Oregon St	+3'	34-3
–	at Miami, Oh	-7	47-10
–	Marshall	-24	40-14
#24	at San Diego St	-15	52-23
#20	at Rutgers - #21	+4	28-23
#15	Louisville	-10	24-28
#23	at Pittsburgh	-9'	17-24
–	at USF - #20	+5	38-33
–	Connecticut - #16	-6'	27-3
#21	West Virginia - #5	+5'	23-28
#24	at Syracuse	-20'	52-31

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Connecticut had to replace Dan Orlovsky (#5DC DET). The Huskies went from 281 pass ypg (62.9%) in Orlovsky's senior season to 149 (50.8%) and 141 (51.4%) the next two years. Last year I projected Tyler Lorenzen (PS#10JC) to win the starting job. Lorenzen, a former walk-on WR at Iowa St, has excellent size and threw for 2,960 (69%) with a 26-3 ratio (836 rush) at JC in '06. Their leading passer in '06 was DJ Hernandez (849, 58.5%, 9-9) but he was moved to WR. Lorenzen threw for 298 vs Duke in the opener. That would be his high for the season and after topping 200 in 3 of his first 5, he did it only once in the last 8. Lorenzen threw for 2,367 (56.8%) with a 13-6 ratio (604 rush). Backup Dennis Brown (48 yds, PS#128) opted to transfer to Norfolk St. Cody Endres is a big QB but HC Edsall says that he doesn't look like he's 231 lbs. A huge addition this year is Notre Dame transfer Zach Frazer (PS#7) who is a rare VHT here. Lorenzen is now in his 2nd year and says he was bothered by a thumb injury the last 3 of '07. Frazer could challenge and this unit has more experience and added talent.

QB Tyler Lorenzen

RUNNING BACKS - Terry Caulley (PS#148) was on his way to a huge career when he was injured in 2003 and RS in '04. In '05 & '06, he was not 100% and rushed for just 659 (4.7) and 674 (5.6) but still became the Huskies all-time career leading rusher. Donald Brown (PS#103DB) won the starting job over the final 5 in '06 rushing for 199 vs Rutgers and 205 vs Pitt and was the only frosh to earn Big East honors (2nd Tm) with 896 (5.6). Lou Allen (6'1" 238) added 230 (4.1). Last year they had to replace Caulley and their starting FB, Andre Dixon (PS#130) was susp'd the first 2. In Dixon's debut at RB he led with 129 vs Temple. Brown was inj'd in the Akron game and Dixon rushed for 116. Brown had just 6 carries the next 3 gms with Dixon getting 115 vs L'ville and 167 vs USF. Brown rushed for 154 vs Rutgers and 129 vs WV. They almost took the RS off of true frosh Robbie Frey (PS#150). Anthony Davis (2 st, 1 rec, PS#186) and Anthony Sherman (2 st, 27 ttl yd, PS#79LB) split time at FB. Dixon led with 828 (5.0) while Brown added 821 (4.8). Not listed in the PSL are Kelmetrus Wylie (5'10" 207 rFr), Nathan Sherr (5'10" 200 rFr, PS#153) and FB Josh Tillard (5'11" 218 So). This year the only loss is Allen (118, 3.2) making this a deep stable of RB's.

RECEIVERS - UC has not had a 1000 yard receiver since Carl Bond in 1998. The Huskies were weak at the receiver spot in 2006 as the top receiver Brad Kanuch had just 288 (22.2). Last year they had to replace their #2 WR but had everyone else back and moved in QB DJ Hernandez (PS#66QB). In a strange twist Hernandez, who spent 2 years at QB, was catching passes from QB Lorenzen, who spent 2 years at WR at Iowa St before moving to QB. Three receivers topped 400 in '07 and Terence Jeffers, who had just 200 (11.8) in '06, led with 582 (13.2). Hernandez had 404 (13.5) and Brad Kanuch had 433 (16.0). TE Steve Brouse (PS#66) had 286 (11.0) and speedy WR Larry Taylor (4.37 spd) added 259 but surprisingly just 10.0 ypc. This year they lose Taylor (7 st) and also had the unexpected loss of Jeffers (12 st) who transferred. Not listed in the 3 deep are Marcus Easley (6'3" 212 Sr), Erik Muschette (6'3" 225 Sr), Alex Molina (6'3" 203 So) and TE Derek Chard (6'3" 234 So). DB Darius Butler also worked at WR and caught the game winning TD in the spring game. I look for continued improvement in the Huskies' receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2000 UC's O-line averaged just 279 lbs per man but has gotten progressively larger, with this year's front 5 avg 6'5" 298 lbs. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and were hit hard by injuries with 9 different players earning starts but surprisingly improved to 183 ypg (4.5) rush (UC's best in IA ball) but still allowed 31 sacks (9.9%). Last year they only had to replace two starters and had 7 back with starting experience. The unit was still a little banged up with 7 different players earning starts but 3 started all 13 at one position. Surprisingly with their most veteran front in 3 years, they had their lowest ypc (3.9) since 2002 although they trimmed the sack total to 30 (8.3%). This year they have by far their most veteran unit in years as 6 return with 8 or more career starts under their belts! The only losses are 1st Tm BE RG Donald Thomas (13 st, #6DC MIA) and G Lawrence Green (1 st). Their 99 career starts returning are the 9th most in IA. Edsall said "We weren't as physical as I wanted this year and that's going to be a big emphasis this offseason". There is a chance that rFr Gary Bardzak or Mike Ryan could steal a starting spot, and this group should put up their best totals since at least 2003.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Huskies had a veteran front in 2005 and allowed just 3.4 ypc rushing. In 2006 they had to replace 2 starters then lost a starter and two backups during the season. The Huskies slipped allowing 4.5 ypc rush while recording just 22 sacks. Last year, they had 6 of the top 8 back but had to replace two starters including their top DL (2nd Tm BE). UC allowed 4.4 ypc rush but increased the sack total to 30. This year they lose DT Dan Davis (13 st, 36 tkl, 3 tfl) but have 7 of the top 8 back including Julius Williams (8.5 sk) and Cody Brown (7.5 sk) and add some rFr like VHT Jarrell Miller (PS#10LB) who moved from LB and I list as a projected starter. This could be the best Husky D-line yet.

LINEBACKERS - Connecticut had inexperienced LB corps in '05 and '06 but last year, while they had to replace one starter, they returned their top two tacklers. However, Ryan Henegan, who was #2 in '06, was hampered by a leg injury and had just 4 tackles, so basically just one starter returned. Danny Lansanah was #1 again, this time with 121 and added 14 tfl earning 1st Tm Big East honors. This year they must replace Lansanah (13 st) and Henegan but SS Dahna Deleston (103 tkl) moves into the open Husky (SLB) position. While they lose their top tackler, three players who started and were the #2, #3 and #4 tacklers are back. This is the most experienced LB corps in the last few years.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 UC had an inexperienced group that surprisingly finished #33 in my pass D rankings allowing 46.6% with a 10-14 ratio. With three starters back in 2006 it was surprising that they dropped to #89. Last year they returned their top two CB's plus SS Dahna Deleston but had to replace their FS. The D allowed 59.3% but with an outstanding 12-23 ratio and moved up to #25. This year they lose their top CB Tyvon Branch (2nd Tm BE, 13 st, 89 tkl, 10 pbu, #4DC OAK) who had the fastest time in the NFL combine among DB's (4.31). Donnell Ford (8 tkl) as well as Deleston who moved to LB. Not listed in the PSL are Harris Agbor (5'11" 187 rFr) and Joshua Massey (5'8" 173 rFR). Despite being an experienced group, their top 2 DB's are gone and they figure to drop some.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Huskies finished #115 in my ST rankings in 2003 but improved to #70 and #36 the next two years. In 2006 they surprisingly dropped to #96. Last year they had to replace their P (34.0 net) and K (4-10 FG) but had explosive returnman Larry Taylor back, so improvement was expected. Desi Cullen, who has a strong leg but kicked off better in practice than he did in games as a true, took over the starting P duties and avg'd 40.7 (34.6 net). He also had 11 TB on 74 KO. Tony Ciaravino (PS#37), who hit 2 short FG's in '06 connected on 22 of 27 with a long of 50 with 3 misses from 50+! Tyvon Branch became the first player in school history to have 2 KR TD's in the same year and avg'd 28.9. Taylor was again the top PR (11.5). The unit moved up to #30. This year they lose both Branch and Taylor but the kickers look to be among the best in the Big East.

COACHES - Randy Edsall returns for his 10th year. He was the Georgia Tech DC in 1998 and the Jacksonville Jags' DB coach from 1994-1997. Rob Ambrose enters his 3rd year as OC and has been the QB coach here since 2002. The DC is Todd Orlando who enters his 4th year as DC (10th as LB coach) while Hank Hughes is the asst HC for the defense and has been the DL coach here the last seven years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In their final year of IAA ball, UC was just 4-7 then 3-8 in their inaugural IA season. In 2003 they reached the full allotment of 85 scholarship players for the first time and I called for their first winning season since 1998. They did not disappoint as they were 9-3 outgaining 11 of 12 foes. In 2004 they had a senior QB in Dan Orlovsky, two veteran TB's and an O-line with 4 starters back giving them an explosive offense that averaged 30.3 ppg and 429 ypg. UC not only made it to a bowl, they destroyed Toledo 39-10. Connecticut had their most successful three year run in school history from 2002 to 2004 winning 23 games including a 21-7 record over the last 28 in that span. UC had just 11 returning starters in 2005 and had to replace 24 lettermen. They had a soft non-conf schedule and four home games in Big East play but suffered their first losing record in four years. Their six senior starters were the 6th lowest in the NCAA. In 2006 they had 14 returning starters and opened at 2-1 including a win at Indiana. Despite having the second most returning starters in the Big East, they were outgained by 106 ypg in Big East play (1-6) with their lone Big East win being a miracle comeback against Pitt. Last year they again had 14 starters back and added a brand-new training center. UC had a highly successful season thanks in part to +14 in TO's. After 3 cream puffs to open they had a very impressive 34-14 win at Pitt. At 5-0 they suffered a 1 point loss at Virginia but thanks to a fair catch which the officials let go for a PR TD they rallied to upset Louisville. The next week they hosted #11 USF which had its undefeated season end the week prior. USF was int'd in the EZ, SOD at the 12 and missed 2 FG's and Conn prevailed by 7. They moved to #16 in the polls, their first ever appearance in the AP Poll and the highest debut for a team since Florida St entered at #10 in 1964 (AP only had 10 teams then). They beat Rutgers but were dominated by Cincy the following week and after an expected win vs Syracuse, they were throttled by #4 WV. They ended as Big East Co-champs with a 5-2 record but amazingly were outgained by 83.2 ypg in league play! They had 2 net close wins and benefitted from favorable ypp's both on offense and defense and had just 13 starts lost due to injury and also had 4 conf home games. They were a perfect 7-0 at home in Rentschler Field last year. This year is the best team Conn has ever fielded in IA with 17 returning starters. While I expect UC to make it to its 3rd bowl in 5 years, I don't see them matching last year's 9 win total as they have 4 road games in BE play and may not catch as many breaks as they did in 2007.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 4 TYLER LORENZEN SR. 6-5 222 **PS#10JC**. 26-3 ratio JC '06. 13 st LY, 2367 (57%) 13-6, 604 rush. **10 Zach Frazer** (6'4" 233 So) **PS#7. ND trans. 12** Cody Endres (6'4" 231 rFr) PS#186.

RB 2 ANDRE DIXON JR. 6-1 202 PS#130. 8 st LY, 828 (5.0), **2nd Tm Big East**, 24 rec. **34 Donald Brown** (5'10" 208 Jr) PS#103DB. 10 st 2Y, 1717 (5.2), 27 rec. **2nd Tm BE '06.**

WR 87 Ellis Gaulden Sr. 6-2 192 ACL '05-'06. 4 rec, 9 gm LY. **FB 49 Anthony Sherman** (5'11" 239 So) **PS#79LB**. 2 st, 27 ttl yd true. **47** Anthony Davis (5'11" 242 So) 2 st.

WR 3 BRAD KANUCH JR. 6-0 190 PS#99DB. 8 st true, 288 (**22.2**). 12 st LY, 433 (16.0). Kevin Poles (6'1" 201 So) PS#182. **82** Kashif Moore (5'9" 177 rFr) PS#157. Isiah Moore (6'2" 199 rFr).

WR 14 DJ HERNANDEZ SR. 6-1 211 **PS#66QB**. 8 st QB, 1364 pass (56%) '05-'06. 5 st WR LY, 404 (13.5). Michael Smith PS#144. Robert Theoudele (6'4" 220 Sr). Gerrard Sheppard PS#152.

TE 90 STEVE BROUSE SR. 6-4 252 PS#66. 19 st L2Y, 502 (11.2). **91** Martin Bedard (6'3" 233 Sr) 3 st, 3 rec LY. Yianni Apostolakos (6'4" 242 rFr) PS#92. John Delahunt (6'3" 250 So).

C 68 KEITH GRAY SR. 6-2 276 PS#336DL. Last 3 st rFr. First 2 st C '06 until inj. 13 st C LY, Capt. **69** Trey Tonsing (6'3" 301 Sr) PS#175. 8 st rFr. Susp '06. 4 gm LY.

RG NA Jimmy Bennett Fr. 6-8 280 PS#57. **78** Zach Hurd (6'7" 305 So) PS#411. 13 gm as backup rFr. **66** Mathieu Oliver (6'5" 290 So) 2nd string rFr, 5 gm. Adam Masters PS#171.

LG 74 ALEX LaMAGDELAINE JR. 6-3 307 PS#192. Last 10 st C rFr, 12 gm. 8 st LG LY until inj. **70** Gary Bardzak (6'3" 282 rFr) PS#186. **77** Bobby Fry (6'3" 275 Jr) PS#395.

RT 79 MIKE HICKS JR. 6-6 329 PS#226. 9 st RT as rFr. 12 st LY (4LG, 8RT). **73** Dan Ryan (6'8" 290 Jr) PS#218. Last 7 st LT rFr. 5 st RT, 12 gm LY. Erik Kuraczea PS#91.

LT 64 WILLIAM BEATTY SR. 6-6 300 PS#461. 4 st LT rFr. First 5 st LT '06 until inj. 13 st LT LY. **71** Mike Ryan (6'5" 314 rFr) PS#414. **57** Moe Petrus (6'2" 283 rFr) PS#485.

K 97 TONY CIARAVINO SR. 6-2 225 PS#37 2-2 FG, long 29 '06. 22-27 FG LY, 4-4 from 40-49, long 50. 3 miss 50+. **38** Dave Teggart (6'0" 210 rFr) PS#46. 18-24 FG long 47 in HS.

DE 45 JULIUS WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 258 PS#403LB. 9 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 35 tkl, **8.5 sk**, 3.5 tfl. **99** Kendall Reyes (6'4" 250 rFr) PS#201LB. **56** Mike Cox (6'3" 243 So) 21 tkl rFr, 2 tfl. Inj in spg.

DT 59 Jarrell Miller rFr. 6-2 268 **PS#10LB**. Fork Union '06. RS LY. **92** Scott Schultz (6'3" 274 rFr) PS#215. **52** Brandon Dillon (6'3" 291 Jr) 4 tkl 2Y. **61** Oliver Bernsen (6'4" 239 rFr).

DT 65 ROB LUNN SR. 6-4 279 5 tkl '05-'06. 13 st LY, 39 tkl, 3.5 sk. **54** Alex Polito (6'6" 271 So) 15 tkl, 4 tfl rFr. **4** Twyon Martin (6'2" 267 rFr) PS#293. **53** Danny Russell (6'3" 234 rFr).

DE 50 CODY BROWN SR. 6-3 246 1 st true. 6 st '06, 24 tkl, 4.5 sk. 13 st LY, 50 tkl, 7.5 sk. **9** Lindsey Witten (6'5" 244 Jr) 6 st, 62 tkl, 5.5 sk 2Y. Marcus Campbell (6'2" 220 So) 14 tkl true.

SLB 36 DAHNA DELESTON SR. 6-0 211 PS#248DB. First 8 st SS rFr, 43 tkl. 10 st '06, 64 tkl. 13 st SS, 103 tkl. Greg Robinson (6'2" 228 So). 9 tkl rFr. **37** Corey Stringer (6'2" 203 rFr) PS#404.

MLB 32 SCOTT LUTRUS SO. 6-3 228 PS#331. 13 st rFr, **FWAA Frosh AA**, 107 tkl, 8 tfl. **31** CJ Marck (6'1" 229 rFr) PS#156. Aaron Bryant (6'3" 221 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y. Doc Goudreau (6'1" 227 So).

WLB 8 LAWRENCE WILSON SO. 6-1 217 PS#192. 13 st rFr, 113 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **95** Greg Lloyd (6'2" 239 So) PS#129. 6 tkl true. **17** Matt Ashmead (6'0" 236 Jr) 5 tkl LY. **51** Alex Folson (5'10" 220 So).

CB 42 Robert McClain III Jr. 5-9 197 256 ret yd as true. Moved from RB. 1 st LY, 30 tkl, 3 int. **20** Terry Baltimore (5'10" 171 Jr) PS#246RB. 32 tkl 2Y. **21** Gary Wilburn (5'11" 189 rFr).

CB 1 DARIUS BUTLER SR. 5-11 181 11 st rFr, 36 tkl, 4 int. 11 st '06, 50 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu. 13 st LY, 54 tkl, 7 pbu. **6** Jasper Howard (5'9" 168 So). Dwayne Gratz (6'0" 180 Fr) PS#147.

SS 2 Jonathan Jean-Louis rFr. 6-0 200 PS#180. **19** Kijuan Dabney (6'1" 204 So) PS#244. 5 tkl true. **35** Jameson Davis (5'10" 207 Sr) PS#118. Wisconsin trans. Emmanuel Omokaro (5'11" 199 rFr).

FS 33 ROBERT VAUGHN JR. 6-0 192 PS#60. 2 st, 17 tkl true. 12 st LY, 56 tkl, **7 int**, 4 pbu. **27** Aaron Bagsby (6'1" 185 rFr) 2 tkl but RS. **7** Glen Mourning (6'0" 207 Jr) PS#265QB.

P 13 DESI CULLEN JR. 6-1 196 PS#102. 2 TB on 18 KO true. 75 punt LY, 40.7 avg, net 34.6, 21 inside 20. **86** Nick Amorante (6'1" 204 So). **38** Dave Teggart 41.7 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Jimmy Bennett 6-8 280 PS#57
OL	Erik Kuraczea 6-1 305 PS#91
DL	Trevardo Williams 6-2 215 PS#99
DB	Jerome Junior 6-2 210 PS#88LB
LB	Jerome Williams 6-1 225 PS#132DL
DB	Dwayne Gratz 6-0 180 PS#147
RB	Jordan Todman 5-10 180 PS#125
OL	Adam Masters 6-5 275 PS#171
QB	Casey Turner 6-4 230 PS#88
WR	Michael Smith 6-0 185 PS#144
WR	Gerrard Sheppard 6-2 195 PS#152
DB	Matt Edwards 6-0 190 PS#185RB
LB	Sio Moore 6-1 215 PS#219
DB	Blidi Wreh-Wilson 6-0 175 PS#272
DL	AJ Portee 6-4 215 PS#302
TE	Ryan Griffin 6-5 225 PS#91
WR	Brian Parker 6-4 205 PS#324
DL	Ryan Wirth 6-2 275 PS#421
TE	Corey Manning 6-4 238 PS#132
LB	Jory Johnson 6-1 220 PS#408
TE	John Delahunt 6-3 250 PS#154
DL	Ted Jennings 6-5 212 PS#424LB

CONNECTICUT HUSKIES

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#45

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UC	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 28	Hofstra (Thur)	G						The Huskies are 5-0 in home openers at Rentschler Field winning by an avg of 37 ppg. Hofstra was 7-4 LY & their last FBS game was a loss to Marshall in 2006.
Sep. 6	at Temple	G						The Huskies escaped a home loss on a blown call that took away a TU TD with :40 left. Connecticut has won 12 straight vs current MAC teams but is 3-7 vs Temple.
Sep. 13	Virginia	G						Coming into 2008, Conn is 25-8 at Rentschler Field including 7-0 last year. Last year Connecticut was outgained 332-254 but led 16-14 with 8:06 left.
Sep. 19	Baylor (Fri)	G						Connecticut is 15-6 vs non-conference teams since joining the Big East. The Huskies have played only one Big XII team, Iowa St a 37-20 win in 2002.
Sep. 26	at Louisville (Fri)	A						Last year Connecticut defeated UL for the 1st time in 4 meetings. The Huskies held off UL by intercepting a pass in Husky territory with :15 left.
Oct. 4	at North Carolina	G						The Huskies are 3-22-2 vs current teams from the ACC. In the only previous meeting the Tar Heels beat Div IAA Conn 48-21 in 1990.
Oct. 11								
Oct. 18	at Rutgers	A						Conn is 9-18 vs Rutgers but has won 4 of 6 including 2 of 3 in New Brunswick. On a very windy day, Connecticut rushed for 256 yds (6.6) LY in their 38-19 win
Oct. 25	Cincinnati (HC)	G						Conn has lost all 4 meetings. With LY's win on HC, UC became bowl eligible for the 3rd time. LY Conn was held to 47 yds in the 2H after outgaining Cincy 157-126 1H.
Nov. 1	West Virginia	G						UC is 0-4 vs WV being outscored by an avg 45-16. LY's 66 pts were the most all'd since MT in 2000 (66). LY UC was just the 2nd BE tm to go 7-0 at home joining WV's '93 tm.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 15	at Syracuse	A						Randy Edsall played & coached at Syracuse from 1976-'90. The visitor has lost all 4 gms in this series. Last year UC held SU to 255 total yds & led 21-0 at HT.
Nov. 23	at USF (Sun)	G						LY RB Dixon ran for career high 167 yds & UC held on a late GL stand to knock off #11 USF. UC was helped by home field advantage w/driving rain. The HT is 4-1 in this series.
Nov. 29								
Dec. 6	Pittsburgh	G						The Huskies have taken 3 of the last 4 in this series. Last time here UC rallied from a 31-17 4Q deficit to force OT, in 2OT UC went for 2 & got the win.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Dan Orlovsky 10,706 '01-'04
2. Matt DeGennaro 9,288 '87-'90
3. Shane Stafford 8,975 '95-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Terry Caulley 3,187 '02-'06
2. Wilbur Gilliard 2,624 '92-'95
3. Ed Long 2,515 '91-'94

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mark Didio 3,535 '88-'91
2. John Fitzsimmons 2,841 '96-'00
3. Carl Bond 2,770 '95-'98

RANDY EDSALL (Career 46-48) (IAA 4-7)
10th Year at Connecticut
Edsall's Bowl Record: 1-1

Edsall's records AT CONNECTICUT (IA)

46-48	Straight Up	0-6	Vs Top 10
30-19	Home	1-11	Vs Top 25
15-28	Away	8-16	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	5-8	Off A Bye
11-16	Vs Conference	18-25	Off A Loss

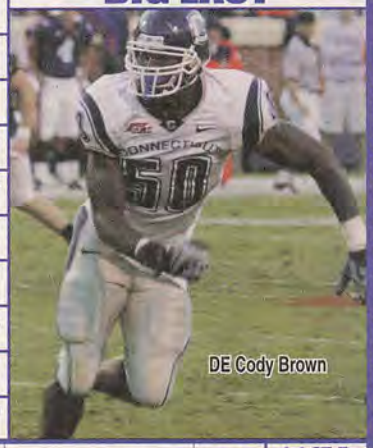
2007 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 35 (18,15,2)
Lost: 15 (6,9,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,205 (#61)

BIG EAST


DE Cody Brown

STADIUM: RENTSCHLER FIELD (40,000) (#77)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	6-6	9-3	8-4	5-6	4-8	9-4	46-48
Home	1-4	1-4	3-3	5-1	6-1	4-2	3-4	7-0	30-19
Away	2-4	1-5	3-3	4-2	1-3	1-4	1-4	2-3	15-28
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	3-3	2-5	1-6	5-2	11-16
vs Non-Conf	3-8	2-9	6-6	9-3	5-1	3-1	3-2	4-2	35-32
ATS	3-4	7-3	9-2	6-4-1	5-6	6-4	5-6	8-4	49-33-1
Home Fav	0-0	0-1	2-1	2-1-1	3-2	2-0	1-2	3-1	13-8-1
Home Dog	0-1	3-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	2-1	2-0	11-5
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	7-3
Away Dog	3-2	4-2	4-0	2-1	0-3	0-3	2-3	2-2	17-16
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	2-4	4-3	3-4	5-2	14-13
vs Non-Conf	3-4	7-3	9-2	6-4-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	3-2	35-20-1
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	4-1	4-3-1	3-4	2-2	0-4	5-3	19-19-1
Off SU Loss	2-3	5-2	4-1	1-1	2-2	3-2	5-2	2-1	24-14

Home/Away/Neutral/vs Conf/vs Non-Conf: Randy Edsall

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Andre Dixon	167	851	23	828	3	5.0
Donald Brown	170	895	74	821	8	4.8
Tyler Lorenzen	133	604	276	328	1	2.5
Lou Allen	37	126	8	118	5	3.2
DJ Hernandez	3	22	0	22	0	7.3
Anthony Sherman	6	18	0	18	0	3.0
Terence Jeffers	2	9	0	9	0	4.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Lorenzen	347	197	56.8	2367	13	6
Dennis Brown	12	5	41.7	48	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Terence Jeffers	44	582	13.2	5	63
Brad Kanuch	27	433	16.0	1	41
DJ Hernandez	30	404	13.5	2	57
Steve Brouse	26	286	11.0	4	34
Andre Dixon	24	280	11.7	1	36
Larry Taylor	26	259	10.0	0	24
Donald Brown	14	85	6.1	0	14
Martin Bedard	3	42	14.0	0	23
Ellis Gaulden	4	23	5.8	0	11
Marcus Easley	1	10	10.0	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Desi Cullen	75	3055	40.7	16	34.6	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tony Ciaravino	34-38	13-13	4-6	4-4	1-4	22-27	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Danny Lansanah	121	2	12	3	4
Lawrence Wilson	113	0	8.5	2	1
Scott Lutrus	107	1	7	2	4
Dahna Deleston	103	1.5	0.5	4	1
Tyvon Branch	89	0	3	10	0
Robert Vaughn	56	0	1	4	7
Darius Butler	54	0	2.5	7	2
Cody Brown	50	7.5	9	3	0
Robert Lunn	39	3.5	1.5	1	0
Dan Davis	36	1	2	1	0
Julius Williams	35	8.5	3.5	1	0
Robert McClain	30	0	0	3	3
Lindsey Witten	23	2	2.5	3	1
Mike Cox	21	0.5	1.5	0	0
Terry Baltimore	17	0	0	0	0
Alex Polito	15	1	3	0	0
Marcus Campbell	14	0	1	0	0
Anthony Sherman	12	0	0	0	0
Greg Robinson	9	0.5	1.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Larry Taylor	31	357	11.5	2
Jasper Howard	6	52	8.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tyvon Branch	27	780	28.9	2
Larry Taylor	11	205	18.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Motor City	+3'	Toledo	39-10
07	Meineke Car Care	+2	Wake Forest	10-24

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Connecticut's All-Time Bowl Record 1-1

CONNECTICUT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	26.5	19	161	3.9	186	56.1	13.1	+14	2007	6	19.0	18	157	4.4	194	59.3	18.5
7*	21.4	17	183	4.5	141	51.4	15.1	-1	2006	7	27.0	17	180	4.5	179	56.6	13.3
5	24.7	19	175	4.0	149	50.8	13.1	+4	2005	6	19.2	16	139	3.4	158	46.6	15.5
8*	30.3	22	148	4.2	281	62.9	14.2	-5	2004	7	21.7	17	136	3.7	191	50.7	15.1
8*	34.0	25	180	4.7	298	58.6	14.0	0	2003	6	25.0	19	139	3.7	201	53.2	13.6
7*	31.1	19	137	3.6	223	59.2	11.6	+12	2002	10	22.5	16	156	4.1	160	50.3	14.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

UC 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
17,251	at Duke	23	47-189	4.0	22-30	298	4	10	28-15	0.5	15-29	154	4	+2
35,413	Maine	20	42-183	4.4	18-29	196	0	7	31-64	2.1	15-26	88	2	+1
33,810	Temple	21	49-156	3.2	19-29	222	6	15	39-189	4.8	9-19	143	3	+1
40,145	at Pittsburgh	17	46-115	2.5	12-25	174	3	19	23-72	3.1	31-51	277	3	+5
38,212	Akron	25	42-262	6.2	17-26	203	0	15	38-106	2.8	19-31	145	4	0
60,004	at Virginia	17	33-78	2.4	17-32	176	4	16	44-148	3.4	15-25	184	2	+1
40,000	Louisville	16	39-175	4.5	9-18	130	0	20	31-93	3.0	29-43	228	1	+1
40,000	USF	20	46-159	3.5	13-26	194	3	18	44-251	5.7	16-30	189	1	+1
40,000	Rutgers	18	39-256	6.6	10-21	140	0	29	33-168	5.1	32-54	343	1	+1
30,943	at Cincinnati	11	22-22	1.0	18-37	182	3	18	39-144	3.7	21-33	276	2	-1
40,000	Syracuse	25	49-185	3.8	16-24	213	0	17	32-135	4.2	15-38	120	4	+3
59,701	at West Virginia	22	50-203	4.1	18-34	189	5	26	52-517	9.9	9-13	107	1	-2
53,126	† Wake Forest	9	30-115	3.8	13-29	98	2	23	36-144	4.0	29-38	268	2	+1
TOTALS		244	534-2098	3.9	202-360	2415	30	233	470-2046	4.4	255-430	2522	30	+14
AVERAGES		18.8	41-161	3.9	16-28	186	2.3	17.9	36-157	4.4	20-33	194	2.3	1.1

2003 RESULTS

UC Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
–	Indiana	-6	34-10
–	at Army	-16'	48-21
–	Boston College	+4	14-24
–	at Buffalo	-23'	38-7
–	at Virginia Tech - #5	+21	13-47
–	Lehigh	NL	35-17
–	at NC State	+15'	24-31
–	at Kent St	-11'	34-31 OT
–	Akron	-8	38-37
–	W Michigan	-13	41-27
–	Rutgers	-7	38-31
–	at Wake Forest	+9'	51-17

2004 RESULTS

UC Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
–	Murray St	NL	52-14
–	Duke	-15	22-20
–	at Boston College	+7	7-27
–	Army	-22'	40-3
–	Pittsburgh	-6'	29-17
–	West Virginia - #17	+6'	19-31
–	Temple	-18'	45-31
–	at Syracuse	+2'	30-42
–	at Georgia Tech	+9	10-30
–	Buffalo	-25'	29-0
–	at Rutgers	-3	41-35

2005 RESULTS

UC Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
–	Buffalo	-18	38-0
–	Liberty	NL	59-0
–	at Georgia Tech - #16	+14'	13-28
–	at Army	-10'	47-13
–	Syracuse	-7	26-7
–	at Cincinnati	-7'	17-28
–	Rutgers	+3'	24-26
–	at West Virginia - #18	+14'	13-45
–	at Pittsburgh	+12	0-24
–	USF	+7	15-10
–	Louisville - #16	+14'	20-30

2006 RESULTS

UC Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
–	Rhode Island	NL	52-7
–	Wake Forest	-6'	13-24
–	at Indiana	+1	14-7
–	Navy	-1'	17-41
–	at USF	+6'	16-38
–	Army	-4'	21-7
–	West Virginia - #4	+23	11-37
–	at Rutgers - #16	+19'	13-24
–	Pittsburgh	+7'	46-45 2OT
–	at Syracuse	+1	14-20
–	Cincinnati	+5'	23-26
–	at Louisville - #6	+28	17-48

2007 RESULTS

UC Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
–	at Duke	-4'	45-14
–	Maine	NL	38-0
–	Temple	-30	22-17
–	at Pittsburgh	+8'	34-14
–	Akron	-15'	44-10
–	at Virginia	+3	16-17
–	Louisville	+3	21-17
–	USF - #11	+4'	22-15
#16	Rutgers	-1'	38-19
#16	at Cincinnati	+6'	3-27
#25	Syracuse	-19'	30-7
#20	at West Virginia - #4	+20	21-66

SYRACUSE ORANGE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QB Andrew Robinson

QUARTERBACKS - Since Donovan McNabb left, this team has been plagued by erratic QB play. In the last 3 years the team has completed just 45.7, 51.8 and 52.7%. Last year Andrew Robinson (PS#55) was deemed the perfect fit for the West Coast offense. He had just 8 att as a rFr but was the clear-cut starter. In his first 3 he averaged just 162 pass ypg but then threw for 423 and 4 TD's vs L'ville. Robinson failed to recapture that magic and completed just 5 of 15 vs WV. He then suffered a rib injury vs Buffalo and hobbled through the 1H vs Pitt (tm 3 FD). Cameron Dantley (father is Adrian of NBA fame) got his first start vs USF and threw for 276. Robinson started vs Conn but hit just 8 of 21 for 59 while Dantley hit just 7 of 17 for 61 in the 2H (IR TD). Robinson started vs Cincy and threw for 419 and 3 TD's. Both QB's return but must learn a new offense. Two rFr battled for the #3 spot in spring with HC Robinson saying that Cody Catalina (PS#54) had the edge over David Legree (6'4" 214 rFr, PS#58). They should get their best production out of this position in quite some time.

RUNNING BACKS - SU has had some outstanding runners including Larry Csonka, Jim Nance and Joe Morris. Three AA players wore the famed "#44" in Ernie Davis, Floyd Little and the great Jim Brown as Syracuse retired that number in 2005. Delone Carter (PS#98) is powerful and explosive and led with 713 (4.6) in '06 as a true frosh. Curtis Brinkley (PS#42) added 571 (4.1). Paul Chiara was #3RB with 59 (3.5). Unfortunately last year Carter dislocated his hip, the same injury that shelved Bo Jackson. Brinkley (surgery-knees) was far from 100% and was lost after 8 starts (broken fibula). He still led with 371 (3.3), the lowest total for a Syracuse leading rusher since 1958. At one point fans were clamoring for true frosh Doug Hogue (PS#82). In the Buffalo game Brinkley was lost, Hogue rushed for 83 but did so on 24 carries. Hogue had just 10, 2, 65 and 30 in the final 4 and finished with 251 (3.3). Chiara had 95 (4.5). This year the only loss is Jeremy Sellers (80 ttl yd) and Chiara moves to safety. Not listed in the 3 deep is Daniel Bailey (5'7" 167 Jr, PS#164) and this year's true frosh. Syracuse has some decent talent and VHT Averin Collier (PS#25) was in for the spring. That, along with the new OC emphasizing the running game, you can expect a big-time improvement in the Syracuse rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - SU has produced many famous receivers including TE John Mackey and their career receiving leader Marvin Harrison. True frosh Mike Williams (PS#97) missed 2 games in 2006 but still led with 461 (19.2) as they had an inexperienced group. Last year they only lost TE Tom Ferron (#2 rec, 351) who quit over the summer. They were taller and faster than the previous groups. Williams was the lone bright spot of the offense last year as he set a school record with a TD in 9 straight games. Williams led with 837 (13.9) and his 60 rec tied Kevin Johnson's school record. Taj Smith, who had just 227 (18.9) in '06, had 822 (18.7). This year they must replace Rice Moss (1 st, 150), TE's Jawad Nesheiwat (10 st, 270), Arthur Kapalanga (2 rec) and Kyle Bell (1 rec). They also suffered the unexpected loss of Smith, who declared early for the NFL draft (12 st). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Ryan Donnelly (6'3" 234 Sr), Roland Burke (6'5" 267 Sr) and Steve Westhafer (6'2" 215 So). Despite losing 3 of their top 4, with Williams back, I look for better numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In former HC Pasqualoni's final season, the Orange OL opened holes for 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing 24 sacks. In Robinson's first year they avg'd just 3.0 ypc rush (37 sk, 12.2%) as the unit struggled in their transition to the West Coast offense. They had to replace 3 starters in '06 and avg just 3.1 ypc rush while allowing 45 sacks (14.5%!). Last year they had 3 starters back. Marvin McCall (5 st '06) started the first 2 but was injured and ineffective, so rFr Jim McKenzie started the last 10. Despite having 3 seniors and 2 juniors start the opener, they allowed 7 sacks and in the season finale they gave up 11. In 2006 former OL Coach Bob Wylie said their best OL's were redshirting but surprisingly most of them were still on the sideline in 2007 except for McKenzie and LT Tucker Baumbach (1 st, 10 gm). The unit regressed even more (63 ypg rush, 2.0) and allowed 54 sacks (14.1%). This year they lose LG Carroll Madison (12 st, 3Y st'r), RT Larry Norton (12 st), C/OG McCall (4 st), Eugene Newsome (12 gm), David Bouchard (1 gm) and Ryan Ehrie. While on par with '07 in terms of experience, they can only improve upon their abysmal numbers especially in the new offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Orange had to replace three DL starters and yielded 4.8 ypc rush. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had their top DL, Jameel McClain (2nd Tm BE, 9.5 sk '06) returning. Surprisingly Syracuse yielded 208 ypg rush (4.8), their worst ypg total since 1986 while the sack total dropped from 34 to an NCAA worst 9. Starting DT Tony Jenkins was lost in Wk 7. Co-DC/DL coach Jackson said that starting NT Arthur Jones "brings a little bit of physical nastiness to the D-line" and he had an amazing 17.5 tfl despite missing 1 start (ankle). This year they must replace DE McClain (12 st, 77 tkl, 6 tfl), Jenkins (7 st, 20 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Lee Williams (2 st, 15 tkl, 2 tfl) and DT Cornelius Campbell (2 st, 7 tkl). Not listed below is Chris Basile (6'4" 280 Jr). Despite the losses, the Orange can only be tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - Syracuse had just one starter returning at LB in 2006 and last year had to replace all 3 starters. They expected a big impact from Jermaine Pierce, who was the Def MVP at Milford, but he was forced to give up football. Their MLB was undersized (6'1" 228) Jake Flaherty but he still finished #2 in tackles. This year the only losses are Ben Maljovec (6 st) who moves to TE, Vincenzo Giruzzi (7 st) who moves to DE, and 3rd string Oliver Fernandez (1 tkl). Four players return with starting experience, making this group much more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 the Orange moved WR Steve Gregory to CB, had an experienced group and were #36 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters in 2006 including a #3DC but moved QB Joe Fields to FS and slipped to #90. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's. They moved starting SS Dowayne Davis to CB but he moved back to SS for the final four. SU surprisingly dropped to #117. This year they once again lose 2 starters in 2nd Tm BE FS Fields (97 tkl, 4 int, 2 pbu) and Davis (12 st, 61 tkl, 4 pbu) as well as Quinton Brown (6 tkl) and Jason Tanner (2 tkl). Seven players return with starting experience (as long as starting CB Nick Chestnut returns in the fall, acad ?) including 4 who started as frosh and they get two solid additions in WR Da'Mon Merkerson (48.9 400M) and RB Paul Chiara. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Ryan Ahern (6'2" 197 Jr) and Andrew Taitt (6'1" 191 Sr). Despite the loss of their top DB, the Orange can only improve in my pass D rankings (right?).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Paul Pasqualoni, Syracuse had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #2, #11, #8 (1995-'97) and #15 in 2002. In Robinson's first year they were #80. Syracuse's woeful team stats the last couple of years have led to some new school records. P Brendan Carney set a school record for most punts and yards in a season and was 1st Tm BE in 2005. With Carney having a 37.3 net in '06, SU was #45. Last year they had to replace Carney and this time, thanks to their woeful defense, true frosh Max Suter set an NCAA record for KR yards in a season with 1,299 (25.5). He had SU's first KR TD (vs L'ville) since Kevin Johnson in 1998. SU had just 10 PR (4.6). K Patrick Shadle did hit 10 of 14 FG's (long of 50, 1 miss 50) and new P Rob Long earned 2nd Tm Big East honors averaging 41.9 (34.3 tm net). SU was #51 last year and with everyone back, should show improvement.

COACHES - In 2005 Syracuse brought in just their 5th HC since 1949 and Greg Robinson was the first HC hired from outside the program since 1981. Robinson was the DC of the Broncos and Chiefs (NFL) then Texas in '04. This year they bring in a new OC in Mitch Browning who was the OC at Minnesota from 2000-'06 and in 2003 they had 6,430 total yards, a Big Ten and school record. Seven straight years his offense has produced 2,000 yards rushing and 2,000 yards passing. He was also the OC at Kent St and an asst at Kansas so the West Coast offense is officially gone. Robinson was the DC in '05 and '06 and yielded that job to LB coach Steve Russ last year. SU allowed 418 points last year (34.8), the most in school history. Russ left for WF. This year they have co-DC's in Derrick Jackson (DL coach LY) and Robinson.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Paul Pasqualoni only had one losing season in his 14 years. In his final season in 2004 they faced the toughest schedule of any Big East team. They still, however, made it to a bowl, winning a share of the Big East Title at 4-2 (4-way tie). Orange fans were enthusiastic when Greg Robinson was brought in as the new HC. Any time you switch from an option based attack to the West Coast, you can expect a 3 to 4 year learning process (ask ND and Neb). The Orange saw their total offense go from 349 ypg to 258 (3rd worst NCAA). That was with a veteran 2005 squad with 17 of 22 starters being upperclassmen at midseason but they finished just 1-10 (SU's worst S/'48), their first 10 loss season in school history. They were also a league worst -141.7 ypg in conf play (0-7). In 2006 with just 10 returning starters the Orange won 3 of their first 5 and could have easily been 4-1 if not for a double OT loss to #14 Iowa. Despite the overall 4-win total, Syracuse was just 1-6 in the Big East. Amazingly that 2006 squad with +11 in turnovers were only outscored by 7.2 ppg overall despite having the #110 offense and #107 defense in the NCAA (BE worst -157.6 ypg). Last year those factors had me calling for a 3rd consecutive losing season. They had just 11 returning starters but I said that even though they lost their QB, they could only improve upon 2006's 17.4 ppg. I was wrong as they avg'd 16.4 ppg. Syracuse remained remarkably healthy with just 6 starts lost due to injury but once again were mostly non-competitive in their first 3 (see Hardcore pg 322). This woeful team surprisingly got one of the biggest upsets in NCAA history by knocking off #18 Louisville as a 37 point dog the week after UL lost to rival Kentucky. After a couple of defeats, they led RU 14-0 but yielded the game's final 38 points. They later squeaked by Buffalo 20-12. SU finished 2-10 and 1-6 in the BE and were outgained by once again, a league high 187 ypg in conf play. They are 3 for 3 in earning that honor under Robinson and I am surprised a coaching change was not made. I do a weekly radio show in Houston with Charlie Pallilo who is an SU alum and it looks to be another long season for him and the SU faithful. I like the changes on offense and will call for them to have their highest ppg in the Robinson era. They should also be improved on D but it won't be enough to bridge the gap between them and 7 bowl caliber BE teams, so it looks like a 4th straight losing season.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

QB 9 **ANDREW ROBINSON JR.** 6-3 222 PS#55. 11 st LY, 2192 (53) 13-7, 273 rush. 4 Cameron Dantley (6'1" 218 Sr) PS#267. 1 st LY, 558 (53%) 5-3. Cody Catalina (6'3" 221 rFr) PS#54.

RB 28 **AVERIN COLLIER FR.** 5-10 200 **PS#25.** In spg. 3 Delone Carter (5'10" 214 So) PS#98. 713 (4.6) true. Inj LY. 22 **Curtis Brinkley** (5'9" 203 Sr) PS#42. 20 st L2Y. 968 (3.8) 3Y.

FB 32 **DOUG HOGUE SO.** 6-2 215 PS#82. 4 st true, 251 (3.3). 43 **Tony Fiammetta** (6'1" 239 Sr) PS#185. 8 st LY. 130 all-purp yd 2Y. 37 Daniel Collier (6'0" 240 Jr). Carl Cutler PS#223.

WR 1 **MIKE WILLIAMS JR.** 6-2 204 PS#97. 3 st true, 461 (19.2). 12 st LY, **2nd Tm BE,** 837 (13.9). Dan Sheeran (6'3" 217 So) PS#96. 1 st, 4 rec rFr. Chaz Cervino (5'10" 180 rFr) PS#89QB.

WR 11 **Lavar Lobdell Jr.** 6-3 210 **PS#38.** 154 (11.8) 2Y. Marcus Sales **PS#35.** 7 Donte Davis (6'0" 173 So) 2 st, 9 rec true. Inj'd LY. 82 Van Chew (6'1" 165 Fr) PS#406 '07.

TE 85 **Mike Owen Jr.** 6-4 251 PS#111LB. 3 st LY, 5 rec. 33 Ben Maljovec (6'3" 237 Sr) PS#82DB. 6 st LB LY, 32 tkl. 84 Nick Provo (6'5" 232 rFr) PS#60. Darnell Pratt (6'4" 222 rFr).

C 60 **JIM McKENZIE SO.** 6-4 286 PS#253. 11 gm, Last 10 st C rFr. 78 Dalton Phillips (6'3" 278 Sr). **LS** 57 Max Leo (5'11" 210 Jr). 53 Dave Zaske (5'10" 250 So).

RG 75 **RYAN DURAND SR.** 6-5 303 PS#151. 7 gm rFr. 12 st RG '06. 11 st RG LY, miss 1 w/inj. 71 Adam Rosner (6'6" 303 So) PS#122DL. Milford '05. 8 gm, 2nd string rFr LY.

LG 70 **Ryan Bartholomew So.** 6-3 290 PS#162. 2nd string all yr rFr, 2 gm. 52 Ollie Haney (6'3" 288 rFr) PS#138DL. Moved to OL from DL in spg. 62 Ray Simpson (6'2" 295 Sr).

RT 64 **COREY CHAVERS SR.** 6-5 295 PS#136. First 8 st LT until inj in '06. 10 st LT LY. 78 Josh White (6'5" 294 rFr) PS#188. 73 Jonathan Meldrum (6'5" 305 So) 9 gm true.

LT 77 **Tucker Baumbach So.** 6-5 307 PS#331. 10 gm rFr, 1 st LT. 74 Nick Speller (6'5" 310 Fr) PS#210. In for spg. Nick Lepak (6'4" 318 Fr) is PS#109. Michael Kay is PS#169.

K 42 **PATRICK SHADLE SR.** 5-8 209 **PS#14.** Hit 16-18 FG in '06, long of 46. 10 of 14 FG in '07, long 50. 13 John Barker 8 of 12 FG as true in '05. 38 Ryan Novak (5'11" 170 So).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN ORANGE

DE 91 **BRANDON GILBEAUX JR.** 6-3 276 PS#308. 21 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 49 tkl, 6 tfl. 93 Andrew Lewis (6'3" 282 So) PS#152. 8 tkl rFr. Susp spg. Lamar Middleton (6'3" 254 rFr).

NT 97 **ARTHUR JONES JR.** 6-4 291 **PS#58.** 15 tkl rFr. **2nd Tm BE,** 11 st DT LY, 51 tkl, **17.5 tfl!** Bud Tribbey (6'1" 288 So) PS#366. 17 tkl true. 57 Elon Mitchell (6'2" 245 Jr) PS#101LB.

DT 95 **Nick Santiago Sr.** 6-3 294 PS#122. 2 st LY. 34 tkl, 2.5 tfl 3Y. 55 Anthony Perkins (6'4" 268 So) PS#102OL. 7 tkl rFr. Cory Boatman PS#113. 81 Dan Peña (6'2" 266 Sr).

DE 30 **VINCENZO GIRUZZI SR.** 6-3 241 PS#84LB. 11 tkl in '05-'06. 7 st LY, 41 tkl, 2 tfl. 90 Jared Kimmel (6'6" 255 So) PS#154. 5 tkl rFr, inj'd. 96 Zary Stewart (6'4" 229 rFr) PS#204.

SLB 46 **Parker Cantey So.** 6-3 218 PS#108. 2 st rFr, 28 tkl, 1 tfl. 25 Derrell Smith (6'1" 225 So) PS#146RB. 30 ttl yd rFr. Romale Tucker PS#217, Milford '07. 66 Jason Ross (5'10" 202 Jr).

MLB 45 **JAKE FLAHERTY SR.** 6-1 228 PS#124. 9 tkl '05-'06. 12 st LY, 95 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 58 Mike Stenclik (6'0" 229 Jr) **PS#66.** 3 st '07, 23 tkl, 3 tfl. Brandon Card (6'1" 240 Jr). PS#166.

WLB 50 **MIKE MELE SO.** 6-0 218 PS#85. 2 st true, 29 tkl (19 L/3). 53 Chad Battles (6'3" 224 rFr) PS#278. 4.6 spd. 41 Ryan Gillum (5'11" 220 rFr) PS#162DB. 4.5 spd. +15 lbs.

CB 35 **MIKE HOLMES SO.** 5-11 185 8 st true, L/4 CB, 64 tkl, 2 pbu. 6 Da'Mon Merkerson (6'1" 185 So) 1 st WR true. **48.9 400M on track.** 21 Ryan Howard (5'8" 185 Sr) PS#204JC. 5 gm LY.

CB 22 **NICK CHESTNUT SR.** 5-11 184 PS#190. 2 st, 56 tkl, 2 int '06. 11 st LY, 60 tkl, 4 pbu. 28 Nico Scott (5'10" 180 So) PS#79QB. 2 st, 21 tkl rFr. 19 Matt Reid (6'0" 163 rFr) PS#254.

SS 17 **AJ Brown Sr.** 6-0 201 PS#69. 1 st '06, 3 int. First 5 st LY, 38 tkl, 2 int. 34 Paul Chiara (5'11" 205 Sr) PS#188RB. 1 st, 440 ttl yd 3Y. 26 Kevyn Scott (5'11" 197 rFr).

FS 15 **Bruce Williams Sr.** 6-0 200 PS#162. 110 all-purp yds '05-'06. 16 tkl NB LY. 24 Max Suter (5'11" 190 So) PS#125. 1 st, 12 tkl. Randy McKinnon (5'10" 198 So) 6 tkl true.

P 47 **ROB LONG SO.** 6-4 175 **2nd Tm Big East**, 75 punts true, 41.9 avg, team net of 34.3. 13 John Barker (5'8" 155 Sr) 4 punts, 54.2 LY. 94 Niko Rechul (6'2" 195 Sr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Averin Collier 5-10 200 PS#25
WR	Marcus Sales 6-0 180 PS#35
WR	DeAndre Preaster 6-3 200 PS#81
OL	Nick Lepak 6-4 318 PS#109
DL	Cory Boatman 6-2 260 PS#113
RB	Antwon Bailey 5-8 196 PS#87
WR	Trey Fairchild 5-11 185 PS#94
DB	Grant Mayes 5-10 180 PS#95
DL	Jarel Lowery 6-4 285 PS#150
RB	Michael Jones 5-11 205 PS#117
OL	Michael Kay 6-2 280 PS#169
RB	Jeremiah Harden 5-9 188 PS#126
QB	Ryan Nassib 6-3 215 PS#93
OL	Nick Speller 6-5 310 PS#210
LB	Matt Jones 6-3 220 PS#203DL
TE	David Stevens 6-4 220 PS#64
OL	Ian Allport 6-4 300 PS#211DL
DL	Chandler Jones 6-5 230 PS#67TE
DB	Dorian Graham 5-11 185 PS#220
LB	Shane Kimmel 6-1 238 PS#211
DB	Tyrell Harris 6-1 190 PS#271
RB	Carl Cutler 6-2 234 PS#223
DL	Dan Vaughan 6-2 221 PS#329
DL	Mikhail Marinovich 6-4 222 PS#64TE '07
LB	Romale Tucker 6-4 225 PS#217 '07
K	Austin Wallis 5-10 170 PS#74
WR	Van Chew 6-1 165 PS#406 '07

SYRACUSE ORANGE

Syracuse, New York
Carrier Dome

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#11

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Northwestern	G					
Sep. 6	Akron	A					
Sep. 13	Penn State	A					
Sep. 20	Northeastern	A					
Sep. 27	Pittsburgh	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at West Virginia	A					
Oct. 18	at USF	G					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	Louisville	A					
Nov. 8	at Rutgers	A					
Nov. 15	Connecticut	A					
Nov. 22	at Notre Dame	G					
Nov. 29	at Cincinnati	A					

Syracuse is just 0-4 in their road openers losing by an avg of 30 ppg.
The Orange are 2-7 when traveling to face a non-conference opponent since '04.

Syracuse is 14-5 at home vs current MAC teams (excluding Temple).
The Orange are 1-5 in home openers but all 6 were vs current BCS schools.

The Orange have lost 3 of the last 4 vs the Big Ten.
Syracuse is just 3-21 vs Penn St since '67 but these two have not met since1990.

The Northeastern Huskies went 3-8 last yr including a 27-0 loss to Northwestern.
They have lost 3 straight vs FBS teams with their last win in 2002 over Ohio.

Syracuse lost all 4 conference home games last year by an avg of 29 ppg.
SU has lost 5 of 6 to the Panthers getting outgained by 103 ypg in the losses.

Last yr WV delivered Syracuse it's 6th straight loss, the longest in their 55 gm series.
The 55-14 loss was the most points the Orange have ever given up at home.

Last year SU retired Larry Csonka's #39 then. USF held the Orange offense to 15 yds rushing. Syracuse is 0-3 vs the Bulls being outscored by an avg of 32-7.

Last year's 38-35 win over Louisville is the biggest upset in BE history.
QB Robinson threw for career high 423 yds & 4 TD's for SU's 1st win over a ranked tm S/'04.

Syracuse has dropped 3 straight to Rutgers being outscored by an avg of 36-10.
The Orange held a 14-0 lead before yielding 38 unanswered points.

Last year's game marked the 17th time S/'58 Syracuse has competed against a team coached by a former assistant. The home team has won all 4 in this series.

These two last met here in 2005, a 34-10 Notre Dame win.
Coming into '08, SU has dropped 12 straight on grass (includes '04 bowl).

Syracuse has lost the last 3 meetings vs the Bearcats. LY QB Robinson had 419 yds & 3 TD's vs a tm that had allowed just 10 pass TD's all yr. His 47 att's was a SU record.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Marvin Graves 8,466 '90-'93
2. Donovan McNabb 8,389 '95-'98
3. Don McPherson 5,812 '83-'87

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joe Morris 4,299 '78-'81
2. Walter Reyes 3,424 '01-'04
3. Larry Csonka 2,934 '65-'67

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marvin Harrison 2,728 '92-'95
2. Shelby Hill 2,296 '90-'93
3. Rob Moore 2,122 '87-'89

GREG ROBINSON (Career 7-28)
4th Year at Syracuse — Robinson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Robinson's records AT SYRACUSE

7-28	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
5-14	Home	1-11	Vs Top 25
2-14	Away	1-8	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-4	Off A Bye
2-19	Vs Conference	5-20	Off A Loss

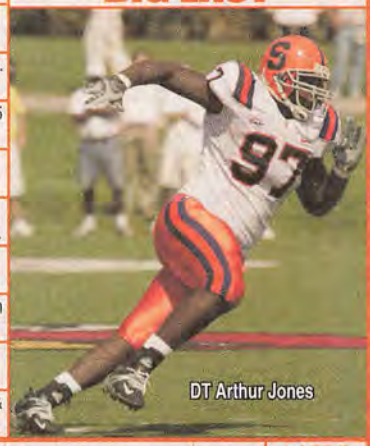
2007 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (17,18,2)
Lost: 28 (12,15,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 35,009 (#66)

BIG EAST


DT Arthur Jones

STADIUM: CARRIER DOME (49,262) (#62)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	10-3	4-8	6-6	6-6	1-10	4-8	2-10	39-56
Home	4-2	6-0	3-3	5-2	4-1	1-5	3-3	1-6	27-22
Away	2-3	3-2	1-5	1-4	2-4	0-5	1-5	1-4	11-32
Neutral	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
vs Conf	4-3	6-1	2-5	2-5	4-2	0-7	1-6	1-6	20-35
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-4	1-3	3-2	1-4	19-21
ATS	7-4	9-4	4-7	7-5	8-4	4-7	8-4	3-9	50-44
Home Fav (Paul Pasquarelli)	4-0	5-1	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-3	3-0	1-0	21-7
Home Dog (Paul Pasquarelli)	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-6	9-11
Away Fav (Greg Robinson)	2-1	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-6
Away Dog (Greg Robinson)	0-2	1-2	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-3	2-2	13-19
Neutral	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-2	4-3	2-5	3-4	4-2	1-6	3-4	2-5	24-31
vs Non-Conf	2-2	5-1	2-2	4-1	4-2	3-1	5-0	1-4	26-13
Off SU Win	2-3	6-3	3-1	2-3	4-2	1-0	2-2	1-1	21-15
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-1	1-5	4-2	4-1	3-6	5-2	2-7	25-25

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Fiesta - #14	+3	Kansas St - #10	18-35
98	Orange - #18	+6'	Florida - #7	10-31
99	Music City	+3	Kentucky	20-13
01	Insight - #18	+6	Kansas St	26-3
04	Champs Sports	+5'	Georgia Tech	14-51

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Syracuse's All-Time Bowl Record 12-9-1

SYRACUSE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	16.4	15	63	2.0	229	52.7	17.8	-6	2007	5	34.8	24	208	4.8	261	67.9	13.5
6*	17.4	15	107	3.1	157	51.8	15.2	+11	2006	4	24.6	20	185	4.8	214	64.9	16.2
6*	13.8	13	107	3.0	151	45.7	18.6	-4	2005	9	26.8	18	187	4.3	186	54.9	13.9
6	23.9	18	179	4.5	170	56.7	14.6	+2	2004	5	28.7	22	187	4.4	240	60.2	14.9
7	26.7	18	189	4.5	180	59.8	13.9	+7	2003	7	25.1	19	138	3.6	222	60.0	14.4
3*	28.9	20	189	4.3	188	52.3	13.0	+2	2002	6	33.8	21	172	4.2	304	58.1	14.1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Curtis Brinkley	111	416	45	371	2	3.3
Doug Hogue	77	275	24	251	1	3.3
Paul Chiara	21	97	2	95	1	4.5
Jeremy Sellers	21	50	1	49	1	2.3
Max Suter	9	42	4	38	0	4.2
Derrell Smith	10	28	6	22	0	2.2
Cameron Dantley	13	12	35	-23	0	-1.8
Andrew Robinson	95	273	312	-39	0	-0.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andrew Robinson	292	154	52.7	2192	13	7
Cameron Dantley	90	48	53.3	558	5	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Mike Williams	60	837	13.9	10	61
Taj Smith	44	822	18.7	5	79
Jawad Nesheiwat	17	270	15.9	2	48
Rice Moss	13	150	11.5	0	20
Curtis Brinkley	9	149	16.6	0	62
Da'Mon Merkerson	8	101	12.6	1	42
Paul Chiara	12	93	7.8	0	20
Lavar Lobdell	8	86	10.8	0	14
Tony Fiammetta	12	75	6.2	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Rob Long	75	3139	41.9	22	34.3(t)	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Patrick Shadle	23-24	2-2	2-4	5-6	1-2	10-14	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Joe Fields	97	0	2.5	2	4
Jake Flaherty	95	1	5.5	0	0
Jameel McClain	77	1.5	4.5	3	1
Mike Holmes	64	0	2	2	0
Dowayne Davis	61	0	3	4	0
Nick Chestnut	60	0	0	4	0
Arthur Jones	51	1	16.5	0	0
Brandon Gilbeaux	49	1	5	0	0
Vincenzo Giruzzi	41	0	2	1	0
AJ Brown	38	0	1.5	1	2
Ben Maljovec	32	0	1	0	1
Mike Mele	29	0	0.5	1	0
Parker Cantey	28	0	1	0	0
Mike Stenclik	23	1	2	0	0
Nico Scott	21	0	0	1	0
Tony Jenkins	20	2	2	0	0
Nick Santiago	17	0.5	0.5	1	0
Bud Tribbey	17	0	0.5	0	0
Bruce Williams	16	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryan Howard	3	32	10.7	0
Bruce Williams	5	13	2.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Max Suter	51	1299	25.5	1
Mike Holmes	14	352	25.1	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

SU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
40,329	Washington	13	29-8	0.3	20-32	199	7	23	41-302	7.4	15-21	142	0	-1
70,585	at Iowa	5	30-24	0.8	7-20	79	6	22	41-118	2.9	24-37	290	2	+2
34,188	Illinois	14	34-63	1.9	19-29	223	5	26	51-378	7.4	15-20	130	0	0
40,922	at Louisville	16	35-42	1.2	17-26	423	2	37	28-73	2.6	45-65	555	1	+2
16,800	at Miami, Oh	14	26-66	2.5	17-36	236	2	19	50-286	5.7	13-26	150	2	+2
35,345	West Virginia	11	37-94	2.5	6-16	108	2	25	54-251	4.6	18-21	235	0	-3
36,226	Rutgers	16	28-112	4.0	15-32	158	5	23	45-228	5.1	20-30	310	0	-1
30,897	Buffalo	26	42-179	4.3	15-28	265	2	21	27-73	2.7	32-48	286	0	-1
31,374	at Pittsburgh	15	31-30	1.0	19-37	235	6	16	41-141	3.4	21-30	153	2	0
38,039	USF	14	17-15	0.9	21-38	276	2	26	56-346	6.2	19-28	236	0	-3
40,000	at Connecticut	17	32-135	4.2	15-38	120	4	25	49-185	3.8	16-24	213	0	-3
30,040	Cincinnati	20	34-(-15)	-0.4	31-51	428	11	24	32-113	3.5	29-43	431	2	0
TOTALS		181	375-753	2.0	202-383	2750	54	287	515-2494	4.8	267-393	3131	9	-6
AVERAGES		15.1	31-63	2.0	17-32	229	4.5	23.9	43-208	4.8	22-33	261	0.8	-0.5

2003 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at North Carolina	-1'	49-47 3OT
–	Louisville	-3'	20-30
–	UCF	-4'	38-14
–	Toledo	-3'	34-7
–	at Virginia Tech - #4	+17'	7-51
–	Boston College	+3'	39-14
–	at Pittsburgh	+6'	14-34
–	Temple	-18	41-17
–	at Miami, Fl - #14	+19	10-17
–	West Virginia - #25	+2	23-34
–	at Rutgers	-5'	7-24
–	Notre Dame	+2'	38-12

2004 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Purdue - #24	+12'	0-51
–	at Buffalo	-15'	37-17
–	Cincinnati	+3	19-7
–	at Virginia - #12	+26'	10-31
–	Rutgers	-6	41-31
–	Florida St - #8	+19	13-17
–	at West Virginia - #15	+15	6-27
–	Connecticut	-2'	42-30
–	Pittsburgh	-4	38-31 2OT
–	at Temple	-8	24-34
–	at Boston College - #17	+12	43-17

2005 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	West Virginia	-2'	7-15
–	Buffalo	-24	31-0
–	Virginia - #25	+7	24-27
–	at Florida St - #6	+21	14-38
–	at Connecticut	+7	7-26
–	Rutgers	-2	9-31
–	at Pittsburgh	+12'	17-34
–	Cincinnati	-4	16-22
–	USF	+7'	0-27
–	at Notre Dame - #6	+34	10-34
–	at Louisville - #17	+36	17-41

2006 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wake Forest	+14	10-20
–	Iowa - #14	+20'	13-20 2OT
–	at Illinois	+3	31-21
–	Miami, Oh	-6'	34-14
–	Wyoming	-4'	40-34 2OT
–	Pittsburgh	+7	11-21
–	at West Virginia - #5	+25'	17-41
–	Louisville - #6	+17'	13-28
–	at Cincinnati	+6'	3-17
–	at USF	+10	10-27
–	Connecticut	-1	20-14
–	at Rutgers - #15	+15'	7-38

2007 RESULTS

SU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Washington	+3'	12-42
–	at Iowa	+22'	0-35
–	Illinois	+11'	20-41
–	at Louisville - #18	+37	38-35
–	at Miami, Oh	-1'	14-17
–	West Virginia - #13	+27	14-55
–	Rutgers	+17'	14-38
–	Buffalo	-3'	20-12
–	at Pittsburgh	+13	17-20
–	USF	+16'	10-41
–	at Connecticut - #25	+19'	7-30
–	Cincinnati - #24	+20'	31-52

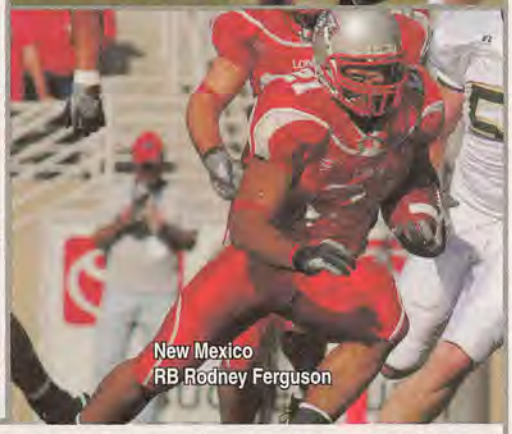
MT WEST CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 MT WEST TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	Honorable Mention
QB	Max Hall, BYU	Brian Johnson, Utah	Donovan Porterie, N Mexico	Karsten Sween, Wyoming
RB	Darrell Mack, Utah	Aaron Brown, TCU	Gartrell Johnson, Colorado St	Ty Paffett, Air Force
RB	Harvey Unga, BYU	Rodney Ferguson, N Mexico	Devin Moore, Wyoming	Frank Summers, UNLV
WR	Austin Collie, BYU	Darren Mougey, San Diego St	Bradon Godfrey, Utah	Michael Reed, BYU
WR	Brent Casteel, Utah	Casey Flair, UNLV	Aiona Key, Utah	Donald Massey, TCU
WR	Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	Greg Bolling, Wyoming	Vincent Brown, San Diego St	Dion Morton, Colorado St
TE	Dennis Pitta, BYU	Kory Sperry, Colorado St	Shae Reagan, TCU	Travis Dekker, Air Force
C	Blake Schlueter, TCU	Tom Sorensen, BYU	Erik Cook, New Mexico	Siosifa Moala, UNLV
G	Robert Conley, Utah	Travis Bright, BYU	Caleb Schlauderaff, Utah	Mike Schmidt, San Diego St
G	Ray Feinga, BYU	Nick Charles, Air Force	Joe Hawley, UNLV	Adrian Martinez, Colorado St
T	Zane Beadles, Utah	Kyle Howard, Wyoming	Marshall Newhouse, TCU	Dustin Hensel, Utah
T	Dallas Reynolds, BYU	Keith Williams, Air Force	David Oswald, BYU	Nic Richmond, TCU
DL	Jan Jorgensen, BYU	Tommie Hill, Colorado St	Koa Misi, Utah	Bernard Afutiti, BYU
DT	John Fletcher, Wyoming	Cody Moore, TCU	Fred Givens, Wyoming	Wesley Beck, New Mexico
DT	James Vess, TCU	Russell Tialavea, BYU	Kelly Griffin, TCU	Jared Marvin, Air Force
DL	Paul Kruger, Utah	Mitch Unrein, Wyoming	Ryan Kemp, Air Force	Ryan Williams, San Diego St
LB	Jason Phillips, TCU	David Nixon, BYU	Stevenson Sylvester, Utah	Jason Beauchamp, UNLV
LB	Russell Allen, San Diego St	Jeff Horinek, Colorado St	Clint McPeek, New Mexico	Ricky Brewer, Colorado St
LB	Robert Henson, TCU	Luke Laolagi, San Diego St	Jimmy Miller, UNLV	Mike Juergens, Wyoming
LB	Ward Dobbs, Wyoming	Starr Fuimaono, UNLV	Hunter Altman, Air Force	Zach Arnett, New Mexico
CB	Brice McCain, Utah	DeAndre Wright, New Mexico	Nick Sanders, TCU	Vonnie Holmes, San Diego St
CB	Sean Smith, Utah	Rafael Priest, TCU	Glover Quin, New Mexico	Aaron Moore, San Diego St
SS	Stephen Hodge, TCU	Chris Thomas, Air Force	Corey Boudreaux, San Diego St	Daryl Forte, UNLV
FS	Robert Johnson, Utah	Quincy Rogers, Wyoming	Klint Kubiak, Colorado St	Blake Ligon, New Mexico
K	Louie Sakoda, Utah	Ryan Harrison, Air Force	Jason Smith, Colorado St	Justin Sorensen, BYU
P	Louie Sakoda, Utah	Ryan Harrison, Air Force	CJ Santiago, BYU	Matt Barnard, New Mexico
KR	Dion Morton, Colorado St	Austin Collie, BYU	Brice McCain, Utah	Mekell Wesley, San Diego St
PR	Casey Flair, UNLV	Marquis Wilson, Utah	Bryce Mahuika, BYU	Jeremy Kerley, TCU

Utah
DL Paul Kruger

Wyoming
DT John Fletcher


New Mexico
RB Rodney Ferguson

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 MT WEST FORECAST

1. Utah - Utah did benefit from +11 in turnovers last year but were ravaged by injuries (51 starts lost) so they may be one of those rare teams that avoids the Turnovers=Turnaround jinx. Utah's 14 returning starters ties for 2nd most in the MWC. They have blown leads the last two years vs BYU, so they will be confident with revenge on their minds for the Nov 22nd matchup. Last year BYU got both TCU and Utah at home and that was the key to their MWC Title and this year Utah has that advantage. Four of my 8 sets of power ratings call for a 12-0 season.

2. BYU - BYU has won 16 straight MWC games but has been fortunate to get past Utah in the season finale each of the last two years. The Cougars got both TCU and Utah at home last year and once again outgained MWC foes by a league best 157.3 ypg. This year they must play both TCU and Utah on the road. It concerns me to put BYU 2nd because two of my 8 sets of power ratings call for the Cougars to go 12-0 this year. BYU does have my #1 O-line and #1 rated D-line in the conference and great line play can win championships.

2. TCU - There is some great factors for TCU this year. Their 15 returning starters are the most in the league, they were -7 in TO's last year and outgained league foes by 106.6 ypg which was 2nd best in the league despite their 4-4 record. They have my #1 rated defense in the MWC and #3 offense. They host BYU but must travel to Utah in league play and those 2 games will determine if they can finish at the top again. One foreboding note is that they are 1-5 on Thursdays the last 3 years and 28-3 on all other days and the Utah and BYU games both are scheduled for Thursday.

4. UNLV - I rate the MWC in 4 tiers. The top 3, middle four and bottom 2. UNLV is part of the middle 4 and actually hosts each of their other 3 foes from the middle tier which means they have a great shot at achieving the best record of that group. While the Rebels are not overwhelming, their 14 returning starters tie for 2nd most in the league and their offensive and defensive ypp's fit categories for improvement (see pg 299) as does their 3 net close losses. The Rebels have won 3 MWC games in 3 years under Sanford and I will call for them to top that 3 year total this season!

5. New Mexico - Almost every year my 8 sets of power ratings call for the Lobos to finish in the lower half of the MWC and almost every year they finish in the upper half. Last year was Rocky Long's most veteran group yet and this year they have just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest in the MWC). Despite their 5-3 record in the conf last year, they were outgained by 11.9 ypg but the Lobos are strong on D once again and could easily be bowl eligible for the 8th straight year.

5. Wyoming - The Cowboys were outgained by 80.2 ypg (2nd worst in the MWC last year). After a 4-1 start they lost 6 of their last 7 games but things look good this year. Their 14 returning starters tie for 2nd most in the league and they were -12 in TO's (see Turnovers=Turnaround) LY. They have 8 starters back on offense and could be the most potent of the Glenn era. The D looks solid, especially up front. The Cowboys should get off to their customary great early start again this season and this team is capable of earning a bowl bid.

7. Air Force - I will admit it, I had AF picked near the bottom of the MWC last year and they went 6-2 finishing 2nd in the league. That AF team got a lot of close victories going 3-1 in conference games decided by 8 pts or less. AF also benefitted from +10 in TO's (see Turnovers=Turnaround) and was also one of the most veteran AF teams in recent years. This year they have just 8 returning starters (fewest in the league) and don't figure to fare as well in close games. Despite their 6-2 record, they were outgained by 13.6 ypg and all of those factors have me calling for them to drop in the MWC standings but they still may earn bowl eligibility.

8. San Diego St - The Aztecs have just 11 returning starters (3rd fewest in the league) and while they finished 3-5 in the MWC last year they were outgained by a league worst 127 ypg so they have a lot of ground to make up. There is potential with this year's squad and while the gap narrows, it will not be enough to escape the bottom half of the standings.

9. Colorado St - The Rams did have 3 net close losses and also lost 31 starts due to injury. Those factors would normally have me calling for a winning season but the Rams have just 12 returning starters and a 1st time HC so they will find it tough to top last year's 3 win total.

MWC Notes: Utah was the first non-BCS team to get to a BCS bowl with their 2004 Fiesta Bowl win. The conference has not been back while the WAC has appeared twice the last two years. In 2005 they had a sterling record of 5-7 vs BCS conference schools (6th best) but that slipped to 2-10 in 2006. Last year they were 7-9 during the regular season and their 7 wins vs BCS conf schools (in non-conference play) tied for SECOND best of any league (with the SEC and BE)! The MWC was 3-1 in bowls in '06 and improved to 4-1 last year. In '06 they had some blowout bowl wins while they had some nail-biters last year. Their only blowout win came from an unlikely source as New Mexico had not won a bowl game since 1961 but shutout Nevada 23-0 (ended NV's NCAA best 329 gm non-shutout streak). A surprise was that the MWC only had 7 players drafted which was 3rd fewest of the leagues. I feel the top 3 of the MWC (Utah, BYU and TCU) could compete in any of the BCS leagues. Due to their schedules (TCU has to play Oklahoma on the road), I feel BOTH Utah and BYU have solid shots at going undefeated and getting the MWC back to a BCS bowl. San Diego St QB Kevin O'Connell was my MWC Most Important Off Player as he accounted for 75% of the Aztecs yards. The MWC Champ has gone unbeaten in conference play FOUR straight years with BYU the first to accomplish that in B2B years. BYU has won 16 straight MWC games and has done it by an avg score of 35-15 but did need late TD's to get past Utah the last two years.

2007 MWC vs MWC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
30	BYU	31.0	1	449.1	1	164.6	4	4.05	3	284.5	1	60.4	2	14.5	3	15	4	9	1
44	Air Force	28.5	2	393.9	3	293.0	1	5.61	1	100.9	9	58.4	3	13.8	1	13	2	11	2
61	TCU	27.5	3	410.0	2	189.1	2	4.02	4	220.9	3	57.0	5	14.9	4	18	7	13	3
63	Utah	22.1	6	358.1	4	177.5	3	4.13	2	180.6	8	60.7	1	16.2	7	16	5	18	5
70	San Diego St	24.5	4	353.0	6	100.4	9	3.24	7	252.6	2	56.2	6	14.4	2	12	1	22	7
74	Colorado St	22.4	5	356.6	5	163.5	5	3.84	5	193.1	6	58.3	4	15.9	6	14	3	27	9
84	New Mexico	20.1	7	311.3	8	113.8	7	3.13	8	197.5	5	52.1	9	15.5	5	20	9	17	4
87	UNLV	18.5	8	351.9	7	139.9	6	3.71	6	212.0	4	55.4	8	19.0	9	17	6	24	8
102	Wyoming	16.3	9	293.6	9	108.5	8	2.90	9	185.1	7	55.9	7	18.1	8	19	8	19	6

2007 MWC vs MWC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
16	Utah	13.0	1	290.3	1	134.3	3	3.68	6	156.0	1	46.2	1	22.3	1	22	1	26	1
17	TCU	19.1	3	303.4	3	95.9	1	2.80	1	207.5	5	52.6	2	15.9	4	13	6	26	1
18	BYU	16.1	2	291.8	2	102.0	2	3.09	2	189.8	4	57.7	4	18.1	3	13	6	20	4
33	New Mexico	22.0	5	323.1	4	147.9	5	3.32	3	175.3	2	55.3	3	14.7	5	15	5	14	6
52	Wyoming	29.1	8	373.8	5	148.1	6	3.41	4	225.6	8	58.6	6	12.8	9	11	9	22	3
57	Air Force	20.5	4	407.5	7	140.6	4	3.45	5	266.9	9	60.8	7	19.9	2	22	1	10	8
63	UNLV	28.9	6	388.8	6	209.0	8	4.98	8	179.8	3	58.0	5	13.5	8	19	3	14	6
87	Colorado St	29.0	7	419.0	8	201.4	7	4.68	7	217.6	7	62.1	8	14.4	7	16	4	18	5
109	San Diego St	33.1	9	480.0	9	271.1	9	5.37	9	208.9	6	63.4	9	14.5	6	13	6	10	8

UNLV
LB Starr Fuimaono

BYU
DL Jan Jorgensen

2007 MWC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
BYU	8	0	248	129	11	2	391	241	+157.3	+139.4	+59.8
Air Force	6	2	228	164	9	4	389	274	-13.6	-44.6	-21.1
Utah	5	3	177	104	9	4	341	219	+67.8	+24.8	+86.5
New Mexico	5	3	161	176	9	4	321	247	-11.9	-56.4	+4.3
TCU	4	4	220	153	8	5	339	243	+106.6	+181.3	+81.0
San Diego St	3	5	196	265	4	8	301	413	-127.0	-89.2	-53.3
Wyoming	2	6	130	233	5	7	233	311	-80.2	-12.4	-38.7
Colorado St	2	6	179	232	3	9	304	369	-62.4	-73.0	-17.3
UNLV	1	7	148	231	2	10	218	343	-36.9	-69.7	-101.1

Coach of the Year: Troy Calhoun, Air Force

2006 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
BYU	8	0	317	113	11	2	478	191
TCU	6	2	237	113	11	2	380	160
Utah	5	3	232	171	8	5	363	258
Wyoming	5	3	164	187	6	6	258	264
New Mexico	4	4	189	207	6	7	284	312
Air Force	3	5	172	201	4	8	279	302
San Diego St	3	5	119	230	3	9	170	325
Colorado St	1	7	113	196	4	8	202	263
UNLV	1	7	158	283	2	10	238	382

Coach of the Year: Bronco Mendenhall, BYU

2005 MWC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
TCU	8	0	306	151	11	1	398	223
BYU	5	3	297	237	6	6	396	351
Colorado St	5	3	197	210	6	6	321	369
Utah	4	4	247	217	7	5	360	289
New Mexico	4	4	230	250	6	5	326	327
San Diego St	4	4	206	184	5	7	323	325
Air Force	3	5	262	278	4	7	330	349
Wyoming	2	6	195	251	4	7	271	297
UNLV	1	7	135	297	2	9	207	381

Coach of the Year: Gary Patterson, TCU

TCU
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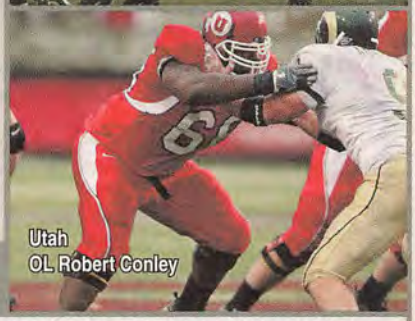
Utah
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2007 MWC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Caleb Hanie, Colorado St	293	188	64.2	15	2455	8.4	18	144.6
Max Hall, BYU	**496**	**298**	**60.1**	**12**	**3848**	**7.8**	**26**	**137.7**
Shaun Carney, Air Force	201	125	62.2	5	1491	7.4	9	134.3
Brian Johnson, Utah	**272**	**181**	**66.5**	**10**	**1847**	**6.8**	**11**	**129.6**
Donovan Porterie, N Mexico	**418**	**244**	**58.4**	**9**	**3006**	**7.2**	**15**	**126.3**
Kevin O'Connell, San Diego St	439	257	58.5	8	3063	7.0	15	124.8
Andy Dalton, TCU	**371**	**222**	**59.8**	**11**	**2459**	**6.6**	**10**	**118.6**
Travis Dixon, UNLV	**299**	**159**	**53.2**	**8**	**1873**	**6.3**	**8**	**109.3**
Karsten Sween, Wyoming	**359**	**215**	**59.9**	**17**	**2028**	**5.6**	**12**	**108.9**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Chad Hall, Air Force	13	230	1478	15	6.4	113.7
Darrell Mack, Utah	**12**	**253**	**1204**	**12**	**4.8**	**100.3**
Rodney Ferguson, N Mexico	**12**	**292**	**1177**	**13**	**4.0**	**98.1**
Harvey Unga, BYU	**13**	**244**	**1227**	**13**	**5.0**	**94.4**
Devin Moore, Wyoming	**12**	**198**	**965**	**5**	**4.9**	**80.4**
Gartrell Johnson, Colorado St	**12**	**181**	**957**	**6**	**5.3**	**79.8**
Frank Summers, UNLV	**12**	**202**	**928**	**6**	**4.6**	**77.3**
Jim Ollis, Air Force	11	106	682	6	6.4	62.0
Joseph Turner, TCU	**10**	**115**	**597**	**6**	**5.2**	**59.7**
Kyle Bell, Colorado St	**12**	**180**	**691**	**4**	**3.8**	**57.6**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Marcus Smith, N Mexico	13	91	1125	4	86.5	7.0	12.4
Brett Swain, San Diego St	12	58	973	5	81.1	4.8	16.8
Travis Brown, N Mexico	13	76	1031	6	79.3	5.8	13.6
Austin Collie, BYU	**13**	**56**	**946**	**7**	**72.8**	**4.3**	**16.9**
Ryan Wolfe, UNLV	**12**	**66**	**784**	**2**	**65.3**	**5.5**	**11.9**
Damon Morton, Colorado St	12	40	774	6	64.5	3.3	19.4
Dennis Pitta, BYU	**13**	**59**	**813**	**5**	**62.5**	**4.5**	**13.8**
Casey Flair, UNLV	**12**	**54**	**622**	**3**	**51.8**	**4.5**	**11.5**
Harvey Unga, BYU	**13**	**44**	**655**	**4**	**50.4**	**3.4**	**14.9**
Derrek Richards, Utah	13	57	635	3	48.8	4.4	11.1

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Beau Bell, UNLV	12	79	47	126	10.5
Russell Allen, San Diego St	**12**	**71**	**48**	**119**	**9.9**
Drew Fowler, Air Force	13	49	70	119	9.2
Kelly Poppinga, BYU	13	46	67	113	8.7
Ray Bass, San Diego St	12	71	32	103	8.6
Chris Thomas, Air Force	**13**	**56**	**54**	**110**	**8.5**
Ward Dobbs, Wyoming	**12**	**38**	**60**	**98**	**8.2**
Steve Tate, Utah	13	63	40	103	7.9
Daryl Forte, UNLV	**12**	**56**	**38**	**94**	**7.8**
Luke Laolagi, San Diego St	**12**	**48**	**46**	**94**	**7.8**
Jeff Horinek, Colorado St	**12**	**46**	**48**	**94**	**7.8**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Louie Sakoda, Utah	**13**	**73**	**3231**	**44.3**
Michael Hughes, San Diego St	12	72	3163	43.9
Jimmie Kaylor, Colorado St	12	52	2244	43.2
Ryan Harrison, Air Force	**13**	**46**	**1975**	**42.9**
Billy Vinnedge, Wyoming	12	68	2901	42.7
Derek Wash, TCU	13	64	2723	42.5
Brian Pacheco, UNLV	12	63	2651	42.1
Jordan Scott, N Mexico	13	74	3001	40.6
CJ Santiago, BYU	**13**	**62**	**2459**	**39.7**

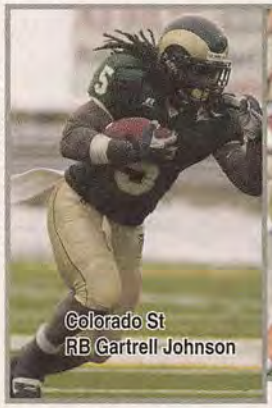
FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Garrett Palmer, San Diego St	12	15	13	86.7	50
Louie Sakoda, Utah	**13**	**22**	**19**	**86.4**	**51**
John Sullivan, N Mexico	12	35	29	82.9	53
Chris Manfredini, TCU	13	27	22	81.5	51
Jason Smith, Colorado St	**12**	**20**	**16**	**80.0**	**47**
Sergio Aguayo, UNLV	12	22	17	77.3	48
Billy Vinnedge, Wyoming	12	18	13	72.2	57
Mitch Payne, BYU	**13**	**14**	**10**	**71.4**	**42**
Ryan Harrison, Air Force	**13**	**27**	**19**	**70.4**	**57**

UNLV
WR Ryan Wolfe

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	CAR	PASSING NET	ATT	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	YDS/PG
Max Hall, BYU	**13**	**52**	**14**	**496**	**3848**	**3862**	**297.1**
Kevin O'Connell, San Diego St	12	135	408	439	3063	3471	289.3
Donovan Porterie, N Mexico	**13**	**58**	**-34**	**418**	**3006**	**2972**	**228.6**
Andy Dalton, TCU	**13**	**98**	**232**	**371**	**2459**	**2691**	**207.0**
Caleb Hanie, Colorado St	12	92	6	293	2455	2461	205.1
Travis Dixon, UNLV	**12**	**132**	**324**	**299**	**1873**	**2197**	**183.1**
Brian Johnson, Utah	**11**	**85**	**150**	**272**	**1847**	**1997**	**181.5**
Shaun Carney, Air Force	13	135	637	201	1491	2128	163.7
Karsten Sween, Wyoming	**12**	**69**	**-121**	**359**	**2028**	**1907**	**158.9**
Chad Hall, Air Force	13	230	1478	0	0	1478	113.7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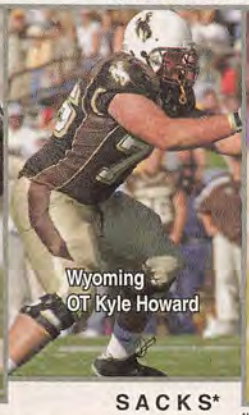
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San Diego St
WR Darren Mougey

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dion Morton, Colorado St	**17**	**455**	**0**	**26.8**
Austin Collie, BYU	**28**	**723**	**0**	**25.8**
Troy Lewis, Wyoming	25	621	0	24.8
Damon Morton, Colorado St	25	607	0	24.3
Gerold Rodriguez, UNLV	**16**	**380**	**0**	**23.8**
Marcus Smith, N Mexico	28	653	0	23.3
Brice McCain, Utah	**18**	**419**	**0**	**23.3**
Chad Hall, Air Force	22	505	0	23.0
Reggie Rembert, Air Force	**16**	**364**	**0**	**22.8**
Bryce Mahuika, BYU	**15**	**342**	**0**	**22.8**

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Derrek Richards, Utah	29	426	1	14.7
Brian Bonner, TCU	41	535	0	13.0
Chad Hall, Air Force	14	176	0	12.6
Casey Flair, UNLV	**14**	**118**	**0**	**8.4**
Bryce Mahuika, BYU	**21**	**143**	**0**	**6.8**
Hoost Marsh, Wyoming	30	200	0	6.7
Frankie Solomon, N Mexico	**19**	**86**	**0**	**4.5**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Jan Jorgensen, BYU	**20**	**115**
John Rabold, Air Force	17.5	69
Chase Ortiz, TCU	16.5	98
Tyler Donaldson, N Mexico	15.5	63
Martail Burnett, Utah	15	76
John Fletcher, Wyoming	**14**	**70**
Michael Tuohy, N Mexico	14	60
Bryan Kehl, BYU	11.5	49
Jason Phillips, TCU	**11**	**48**
Mitch Unrein, Wyoming	**11**	**43**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Jan Jorgensen, BYU	**13.5**	**91**
John Fletcher, Wyoming	**10.5**	**64**
Chase Ortiz, TCU	9	70
Stephen Hodge, TCU	**8**	**54**
Martail Burnett, Utah	7	50
Michael Tuohy, N Mexico	6	34
John Rabold, Air Force	5.5	45
Jeremy Geathers, UNLV	5.5	38
Tommie Hill, Colorado St	**5.5**	**38**
David Hawthorne, TCU	5	30

**Numbers come from MWC final statistics.*

PHIL'S MOUNTAIN WEST UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Utah	2	1	2	2	4	7	1	1	4
BYU	1	2	1	1	1	5	6	3	1
TCU	3	2	4	4	2	1	2	4	1
UNLV	6	5	3	6	7	3	4	9	7
New Mexico	3	5	9	8	6	5	3	6	1
Wyoming	3	4	7	5	3	7	6	7	5
Air Force	8	8	8	3	4	9	9	2	6
San Diego St	7	9	5	9	9	2	4	8	7
Colorado St	9	5	5	7	8	4	8	5	9

UTAH UTES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Utah produced the #1 overall pick in the 2005 NFL draft in Alex Smith who completed 67.5% with a 32-4 ratio (774 rush) in '04. Brian Johnson played in 10 as a true frosh with 142 yards passing (108 rush). Johnson started 10 in '05 and threw for 2,892 (63.6%) with an 18-7 ratio (690 rush) but was injured vs NM. Surprisingly JUCO Brett Ratliff, who had very little experience, threw for 240 and 4 TD's (112 rush) in a must-win game vs BYU, then shredded a super GT defense in the bowl hitting 30 of 41 for 381. In '06 both returned and they brought in VHT Oklahoma transfer Tommy Grady (PS#6). Johnson was not fully recovered from his ACL so he RS and Ratliff threw for 2,796 (58.3%) with a 23-9 ratio (455 rush). Ratliff was maligned most of the year but finished with a flourish avg 272 ypg (65%) with a 12-2 ratio over the last 6. Johnson returned but separated his shoulder in the '07 opener. He missed 2 full games and did not start vs UNLV. Grady struggled vs Oreg St hitting just 9 of 24 for 59 but did throw for 240 vs AF and 246 vs UCLA. Johnson was summoned off the bench in the 2H vs UNLV and started the rest of the year despite not being 100%. True frosh Corbin Louks (PS#139) also saw time in the "Weddle Package" (designed runs). Louks had a rough game vs UNLV with a fumble and a 2 yard loss on just 2 carries and did not play vs Utah St. His best showing came in the bowl with 25 yd rush hitting 2-2 pass. Johnson threw for 1,847 (66.5%) with an 11-10 ratio (314 rush) on the year. This year adding depth are Chad Manis (6'5" 225 So, PS#52JC) who RS in '07 and true frosh DeVonte Christopher (PS#27). With Johnson another year removed from his knee injury and with a healthier shoulder, he will be allowed to run more. I look for him to be a contender for the MWC Off POY after not even making HM MWC last season.

QB Brian Johnson

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Quinton Ganther (PS#66JC) became the 8th Ute to top 1,000 with 1,120 (5.5). In 2006, USC transfer Darryl Poston (PS#19), who had an injury plagued career, led with 553 (3.8) while HB Brent Casteel added 262 (5.1). Both were back last year but I projected Matt Asiata (PS#17JC) as the starter. Asiata won the starter's job despite missing a few weeks in Aug but broke his leg in the opener. Utah had originally planned to RS Darrell Mack due to the RB depth. Ray Stowers (PS#147) started vs AF but had just 21 yards on 6 carries. Poston missed a big hole vs AF on 4th & goal so it was Mack that started vs UCLA and he was a key to the Utes' resurgence. He was the team's first 100 yard rusher since their '05 bowl with 107 vs the Bruins and his biggest games were 163 vs Louisville on national TV, 151 vs CSU and 131 vs SDSt. Surprisingly, he did not top 100 in the final 4 but still finished with 1,204 (4.8). Stowers had 261 (5.6). Not listed below are Eddie Wide (5'10" 190 So, PS#121) who had 44 as a true, Zac Eldridge (6'0" 225 So) and Trevor Moss (5'11" 192 Jr). This year the only loss is Poston and Asiata returns making this the MWC's most formidable RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Utes' game breaking WR in 2005 was Brian Hernandez who avg 18.2 on 39 rec. He broke his leg at the end of '05 and in '06 only avg 9.0 on 47 rec. Derrek Richards led with 717 (11.9) in '06 while Brent Casteel added 600 (15.4). Early in the year Whittingham talked about the team having a 6-pack of veteran WR's and they had combined for 2,695 yards and 21 TD's in '06. Last year Casteel tore his ACL vs AF (7 rec). Bradon Godfrey (360, 16.4 in '06) was hampered by a back strain but still finished #2 with 524 (10.5). Surprisingly, Hernandez did not score a TD until the CSU game and avg just 9.9 on 39 rec. Richards led again with 635 (11.1) but Marquis Wilson (398, 15.9 in '06) saw his numbers drop to 285 (15.8). Freddie Brown was the other 6-pack member and had 219 (10.9). This year they lose Richards (12 st), Hernandez (10 st) and TE Matt Sims (4 st, 2 rec) but get the return of a healthy Casteel. This group underperformed last year and despite being less experienced, they could actually put up better numbers especially with the addition of two key JUCO's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In their magical 2004 season, the Utes had to replace three starters but thanks in part to a mobile QB, the unit paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing. All 5 OL played almost every down so the backups were lightly experienced. In 2005 they had to replace two starters and the unit allowed 29 sacks while the ypc dropped to 4.3. In 2006 just two starters returned (only 4 of top 10). Surprisingly Utah was the only team in the NCAA to not allow a sack in the first six (15 on yr) but the ypc dropped to 4.0. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm MWC LT but had 6 back with starting experience. Unfortunately their star, RT Jason Boone, tore his ACL in Aug. With 3 starters back, the unit had 27.5 ypg more rushing (same 4.0 ypc) and with Johnson being limited in the run game, the sack total rose to 28 (7.0%). Their top OL was Boone's replacement, LG Zane Beadles and RG Robert Conley who were both 2nd Tm MWC. This year they lose C Kyle Gunther (13 st, 2Y st'r) but have 9 of the top 10 back. The starters avg 6'4" 311 lbs (#18 IA) with 83 career starts back (#27). The OL should put up its best numbers since 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - This is Utah's primary recruiting emphasis every year and they have sent many DL's to the NFL. In 2006 the Utes had 3 starters returning and allowed 106 ypg rush (3.1). Last year they had to replace two starting DT's who were 1st and 2nd Tm MWC and combined for 634 lbs and 82 tackles. They also lost a DE that had six starts. With the loss of the top-notch DT's, the Utes allowed 146 ypg (3.9) but the sacks increased to 37. This year they lose 2nd Tm MWC NT Gabe Long (11 st, 40 tkl), 1st Tm MWC DE Martail Burnett (13 st, 50 tkl, 7 sk, 8 tfl), DE Alex Puccinelli (4 st '06, 2 tkl '07), NG Casey Sutera (4 tkl) and NT Ryan Taylor (1 tkl). Not listed below is Nick Binks (PS#180, mission). Despite having to replace their top two DL's, this group is in the same shape they were heading into last season (4 return with starting experience).

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Utes had to replace one starter but had three 5th year seniors begin as starters including Kyle Brady (10 career st) who filled one spot. Brady was lost after six starts to injury (39 tkl) and SLB Malakai Mokofisi only started 7 (22 tkl). This year they must replace both Brady and Mokofisi as well as Joe Jiannoni (12 st, 53 tkl). Jiannoni was the #2 tackler in 2006 but just #5 last year. Jamel King (6'3" 225 So, 11 tkl true) tore his ACL this spring and will likely miss the season. The leading LB tackler (despite a broken hand), Stevenson Sylvester, is back and Whittingham noted that "for a guy his size, he isn't supposed to move as quick as he does." This unit is my biggest concern of the 2008 squad but the coaches showed they had faith in the unit by not recruiting a single LB.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Since Kyle Whittingham became the DC, the lowest the Utes had finished in my pass D rankings had been #41. In 2006 they had outstanding CB Eric Weddle (#2DC SD) on hand but shockingly slipped to #72 allowing 19 TD's. Last year they had to replace Weddle and three others (21 comb st). It was shocking again as the inexperienced secondary actually finished #4 allowing 50.5% with a 9-17 ratio. This year they lose their leading tackler in 1st Tm MWC FS Steve Tate (103 tkl, 10.5 tfl) but have 9 of the top 10 back including a pair of top-notch CB's in Sean Smith and Brice McCain. Not listed below are Brandon Burton (6'0" 180 rFr), Mookie Murphy (5'9" 177 So, PS#138RB), Trevor Hille (6'1" 196 So), Nick Morrell (5'11" 200 rFr) and Nick Liefting (6'1" 180 rFr). While this group is much more experienced, it will be difficult to match their outstanding 2007 ranking.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer put a high priority on this unit. He stated that his goal in his first year was to be the best punt blocking team in the MWC and in '04 they blocked 5. His units finished #23 and #8 in my ST rankings. They had to replace their top K, P and KR in Whittingham's first year and dropped to #81. K Louie Sakoda's presence allowed Whittingham more time to work with other ST units and it paid off tremendously. In 2006 he led the nation in net punting (41.4) while hitting 16 of 20 FG's (long of 45). Utah moved up to #16. Last year all of the top players returned and Whittingham noted that the new KO rule actually helped them as Ben Vroman (28 TB in '06) had a strong enough leg. Vroman had 17 TB on 71 KO. Sakoda was perhaps the best ST player in the country as he avg 44.3 on punts (36.6 net) and hit 19 of 22 FG's (long of 51). Derrek Richards was #9 in the NCAA in PR's (14.7) and Brice McCain (23.3) and Jereme Brooks (22.2) were the Utes' top KR's. The team has blocked just 2 punts (0 LY) under Whittingham but still finished an outstanding #23. Sakoda even had a streak of 15 straight FG's and is back making this one of the top ST units in the country despite the loss of Richards.

COACHES - Kyle Whittingham was fought over by BYU and Utah for the HC job but he opted to stay here. Whittingham has been the DC at Utah since 1995 and is a BYU graduate. He made a great hire at OC bringing in Andy Ludwig, who was the OC at Oregon from '02-'04 and a Broyles Award finalist in 2001 at Fresno St. Gary Andersen is in his 5th year as DC and 11th year overall at Utah. He was HC at Southern Utah in 2003.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In my 2004 magazine I mentioned that four of my 7 sets of power ratings called for the Utes to have an unbeaten season and not only did they achieve that, they became the first non-BCS team to make it to a BCS bowl. They dominated #19 Pitt 35-7 in the Fiesta Bowl, much like they dominated foes all year, outscoring them by an average of 45.3-19.5. Their closest game was a 14 point win over Air Force and they outgained foes by 132 ypg. Their #4 finish in the AP poll was their highest ever. In 2005 they lost Coach Urban Meyer as well as QB Smith (first pick of the NFL draft). They moved the ball well in 2005 averaging 474 ypg but scored just 30.0 ppg. They actually had a 4-4 record in MWC play but outgained MWC foes by a league best 86.5 ypg. With backup QB Ratliff, they knocked off BYU and then upset #24 GTech 38-10 in the Emerald Bowl. The Utes had 12 returning starters in 2006 and their preseason goal was to "beat UCLA and win the MWC". Unfortunately they lost to UCLA 31-10. While they ended TCU's 13 game unbeaten streak, they finished third at 5-3 in the MWC and had 2 tough losses as they led N Mex 24-3 and BYU 24-10 (BYU TD last play). Last year they had to face both BYU and TCU on the road and injuries greatly affected them. They lost their top OL Jason Boone in Aug. In the opener they were tied 7-7 vs Oreg St but lost starting QB Johnson then RB Asiata and lost by 17. The next week they lost their top WR Casteel and lost to AF. A banged up Utah team whipped #11 UCLA at home 44-6 but the next week were shutout by UNLV 27-0. They were 1-3 (0-2 MWC) and it looked like the season was lost. Utah rallied to win their next 7 including a 50-0 win over Wyoming in which WY Coach Glenn guaranteed a win. For the 2nd straight year they had BYU beat but yielded a 4th & 18 pass from the BYU 12 and later a TD with :38 left to lose by 7. They hold the NCAA's 2nd longest bowl win streak at 7 as they topped Navy 35-32. Utah outgained MWC foes by 67.8 ypg (3rd best) and while they were +11 in turnovers, they also had 51 starts lost due to injury, among the highest in the NCAA. This year they get both BYU and TCU at home. Four of my 8 sets of power ratings call for Utah to go unbeaten as they have the talent and the schedule to possibly get back to a BCS bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 3 BRIAN JOHNSON SR. 6-1 205 10 st '05, **2nd Tm MWC**. Inj '06. 10 st LY. 4881 (65%) 30-18 ratio 3Y. **19** Corbin Louks (6'0" 185 So) PS#139. Chad Manis (6'5" 225 So) PS#52JC, RS LY.

RB 6 DARRELL MACK SR. 6-0 219 PS#178. 320 (3.9) '05-'06. 11 st LY, 1204 (4.8), **2nd Tm MWC**. **4** Matt Asiata (6'0" 235 Jr) **PS#17JC**. 1 gm until inj LY. Ray Stowers (6'0" 223 Sr).

WR 5 Brent Casteel Sr. 5-10 193 4.49 spd. 5 st, 426 (10.9) rFr. 11 st '06, 600 (15.4), 262 rush. 2 st til inj LY. **Aiona Key PS#57JC. 8** Elijah Wesson (5'11" 175 Jr) 3 st '07.

WR 2 MARQUIS WILSON SR. 5-11 170 **PS#56**. 9 st, 547 (16.1) '05-'06. 9 st, 285 (15.8) LY. **88** Freddie Brown (6'3" 215 Sr) 3 st 3Y, 458 (11.7). **82** John Peel (6'2" 196 Sr) PS#82.

WR 81 BRADON GODFREY SR. 6-3 197 1 st rFr, 360 (16.4). 7 st LY, 524 (10.5). **David Reed PS#47JC. 85** Jereme Brooks (5'9" 170 So) PS#293. 2 st true, 12 gms, 586 all-purp yds.

TE HA Dudley LaPorte Jr. 6-3 250 **PS#67JC**. Colt Sampson (6'4" 250 Sr) 4 st, 2Y. Best blk TE here. Brad Clifford (6'4" 245 So). Siaki Cravens PS#56. Chris Joppru (6'6" 255 Jr) PS#43.

C 77 Zane Taylor So. 6-3 305 PS#234DL. 8 gm rFr at RG. **57** Tyler Williams (6'1" 300 Jr) PS#342. 7 gm 2Y. **LS 39** Clint Mower (6'1" 215 Sr) 13 gm LY. Scott Coleman (6'2" 210 Jr).

RG 66 ROBERT CONLEY SR. 6-1 316 L/5 st rFr, 523 snap. 13 st RG '06, 809 pl. **2nd Tm MWC**, 13 st LY, 450 bench. **55** Neli A'asa (6'2" 305 So) 3 tkl DL LY. David Astle (6'6" 294 So).

LG 72 CALEB SCHLAUDERAFF SO. 6-5 300 PS#289. L/10 st LG rFr. Corey Seiuli (6'3" 320 Sr) PS#363JC. 4 st, 24 gm 2Y. **73** Daniel Bukarau (6'2" 283 So) 2 gm LY. **63** Mike Lehr (6'3" 265 rFr).

RT 65 DUSTIN HENSEL SR. 6-7 320 PS#278JC. 9 gm '06. 13 st RT LY. **70** Tony Bergstrom (6'6" 290 Fr) PS#253 '05. Mission. **75** Nano Tonga (6'5" 270 Sr) DL LY. 2 gm, 5 tkl.

LT 68 ZANE BEADLES JR. 6-4 312 12 starts LG rFr. 13 st LT LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 856 plays. **71** Walter Watts (6'2" 300 So) **PS#45**. 4 gm rFr. **78** Louis Finner (6'3" 295 rFr) PS#360.

K 35 LOUIE SAKODA SR. 5-10 178 13 TB on 63 KO true. 16-20 FG '06, L/45. 19-22 FG LY, long 51, 10-13 from 40+! **MWC ST POY. 30** Ben Vroman (5'11" 187 Jr) 17 TB 71 KO.

DE 41 KOA MISI JR. 6-3 263 PS#264JC. 11 starts in '07, 67 tkl, 2.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. **56** Greg Newman (6'4" 260 Sr) **PS#99LB. Colorado trans**. 4 st, 23 tkl 2Y. Dave Kruger is PS#74.

NG 99 Aaron Tonga Sr. 6-2 305 PS#87JC. 5 tkl 2 gm LY, inj. **43** Lei Talamaivao (6'2" 290 So) PS#381. 14 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. Sealver Siliga PS#211OL. **58** Matt Black (6'4" 211 rFr).

DT 97 Isley Filiaga So. 6-0 305 PS#178. BYU in '04. Mission. **92** Kenape Eliapo (6'0" 303 Jr) 3 st 2Y, 36 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **99** Zeke Tuinei-Wily (6'4" 308 Jr) OL/DL 2Y. Susp'd.

DE 11 PAUL KRUGER SO. 6-5 255 PS#129QB '04. 11 st LY, 63 tkl, 3 sk, 4.5 tfl, **HM MWC**. Derrick Shelby (6'3" 240 rFr) PS#451. **95** Blake Pacheco (6'1" 232 rFr) PS#326QB.

SLB 42 Nai Fotu So. 6-1 232 11 tkl, 2.5 sk true. **59** Kepa Gaison (5'11" 230 Jr) 1 st, 13 tkl LY. **32** Chaz Walker (6'2" 196 rFr). **33** Afa Garrigan (6'2" 230 So) PS#386DB.

MLB 20 Mike Wright Jr. 6-2 230 26 tkl, 3 sk 2Y. **52** Matt Martinez (6'0" 230 So) ACL LY. **49** Greg Bird (6'2" 225 rFr) PS508DB '05. **47** Tatum Drecksel (6'2' 240 So) S Utah '03.

RLB 10 STEVENSON SYLVESTER JR. 6-2 220 3 st true, 23 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 8 st LY, **HM MWC**, 86 tkl, 3 sk, 7 tfl. Mo Neal (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#397. **53** Toby Titus (6'0" 218 So) #1 tkl'r spring.

CB 4 SEAN SMITH JR. 6-3 217 13 gm, 75 tkl yd on off '06. 10 st, 32 tkl, 7 pbu, 4 int LY. **RJ Stanford** (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#275RB. 48 yd true. 7 st LY, 33 tkl, 2 sk. Chris Jones (5'10" 182 So).

CB 1 BRICE McCAIN SR. 5-9 189 12 st '06, 28 tkl, 5 pbu. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm MWC**, 28 tkl, 11 pbu. **Damilyn Tanner** (5'10" 175 Jr) **PS#53JC. 29** Justin Jones (5'10" 170 Jr) 13 tkl 2Y.

SS 12 Joe Dale Jr. 5-11 197 PS#335WR. 6 tkl true. 3 st LY, 40 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **7** RJ Rice (5'8" 190 Sr) 4 st, 22 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **21** Terrell Cole (5'11" 190 Sr) PS#195JC. 25 tkl, 2 sk.

FS 17 ROBERT JOHNSON JR. 6-3 190 PS#406JC. 7 st LY, 44 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **31** Deshawn Richard (6'1" 196 Sr) PS#458JC. 13 gm, 6 tkl LY. **33** Justin Taplin-Ross (6'3" 210 So) 5 tkl true.

P 35 LOUIE SAKODA SR. 5-10 178 PS#68. 54 punt true, 37.1 avg, 32.7 net. 59 punts '06, 44.0 avg, **net 41.4!** 73 punts LY, 44.3 avg, net 36.6. **30** Ben Vroman (5'11" 187 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	David Reed 6-0 184 PS#47JC
WR	Aiona Key 6-4 209 PS#57JC
TE	Dudley LaPorte 6-3 250 PS#67JC
DB	Lamar Chapman 5-8 160 PS#71JC
QB	DeVonte Christopher 6-1 183 PS#27
RB	Sausan Shakerin 6-2 215 PS#48
DL	Dave Kruger 6-5 265 PS#74
OL	Derek Tuimauga 6-4 325 PS#85
WR	Luke Matthews 6-1 205 PS#111RB
OL	Zach Davila 6-4 315 PS#198
TE	Siaki Cravens 6-2 230 PS#56
OL	Sealver Siliga 6-3 325 PS#211
OL	Sam Brenner 6-3 280 PS#241
WR	Kendrick Moeai 6-5 200 PS#193
WR	Ryan Lacy 5-10 183 PS#250DB
RB	Taylor Lyons 5-10 185 PS#390

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#99

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UTAH	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	at Michigan	A					The last & only time these 2 met was in '02 when #14 ranked UM pulled out a 10-7 win. Utah is 2-6 their L/8 road openers & 3-8 since 2000 away vs BCS tms in the reg season.
Sep. 6	UNLV	A					LY UNLV handed Utah its 1st shutout in conf play & also the Rebels 1st win over the Utes since '79. UT holds the series edge with an 11-2 record (40-23 avg score).
Sep. 13	at Utah St	A					This series started in 1892 & is the state's oldest rivalry ("Battle of the Brothers"). Utes have won 10 straight & are 26-5 vs USU S/'77. LY Derrek Richards had UT's 1st PR TD in 7 yrs.
Sep. 20	at Air Force	A					Utah has won 4 of the L/5 over the Falcons but were upset LY 20-12 after being stopped twice on the 1 yd line in the final 1:25. These 2 have comb to avg 61 ppg S/'83 (22 gms).
Sep. 27	Weber St	A					Weber St finished LY 5-6 including a 56-7 loss to Boise. They're coached by Ron McBride who was HC at Utah from 1990-'02 compiling an 88-63 record with the Utes.
Oct. 2	Oregon St (Thur)	A					Utah is 4-9-1 overall vs OSU, but has won 3 of the L/5 meetings. The Utes are 50-89-3 vs the Pac-10. LY Utah lost both QB Johnson & RB Asiata in the 1H of the 24-7 loss.
Oct. 11	at Wyoming	A					"Flip-gate". LY WY HC Glenn guaranteed a win over Utah & was reprimanded by the MWC for giving Whittingham the finger after UT had built a 43 pt lead but went for an onside kick.
Oct. 18	Colorado St	A					Utah has an all-time record of 52-22-2 vs Colorado St & has won 4 of 5. Last year UT held CSU to 1 of 12 on 3rd down & outgained the Rams 452-275.
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at New Mexico	G					Since '61 these 2 have played every year except '82. Utah leads 30-17-2. In the last trip here Utah blew a 24-3 1H lead & NM scored the winning TD with 2:09 left.
Nov. 6	TCU (Thur)	A					Utah holds a 4-1 advantage over TCU with the avg score 24-15 (only loss in '05). The Utes are 15-3 the last 6 years in November (25-7 last 32).
Nov. 15	at San Diego St	G					The Utes are 7-2 vs the Aztecs in MWC games with the avg win by 20 ppg. LY Utah held SDSt to just 211 yds ttl offense, more than 200 yds under their ssn avg.
Nov. 22	BYU	A					This will be the 84th "Holy War" & Utah leads the series 49-30-4 (uninterrupted S/'46). Ten of the last 11 games in this series have been decided by a TD or less.
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Scott Mitchell 8,836 '87-'89
2. Mike McCoy 7,559 '92-'94
3. Alex Smith 6,275 '02-'04

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Eddie Johnson 3,219 '84-'88
2. Tony Lindsay 2,995 '77-'80
3. Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala 2,630 '95-'97

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bryan Rowley 3,143 '89-'93
2. Kevin Dyson 2,726 '94-'97
3. Carl Harry 2,283 '86-'88

KYLE WHITTINGHAM (Career 24-14)

4th Year at Utah (Whittingham's Bowl Record: 3-0)

Whittingham's records AT UTAH

24-14	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
13-5	Home	2-3	Vs Top 25
8-9	Away	4-3	Vs BCS Teams
3-0	Neutral	6-0	Off A Bye
14-10	Vs Conference	10-4	Off A Loss

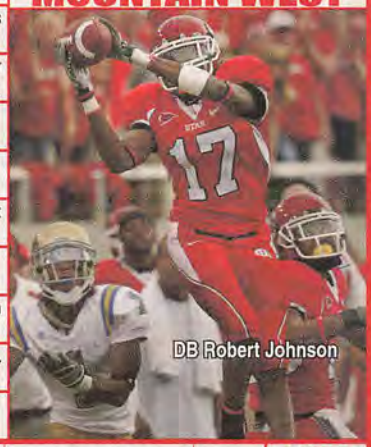
2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (28, 24, 3)
Lost: 19 (10, 9, 0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 42,593 (#54)

MOUNTAIN WEST


DB Robert Johnson

STADIUM: RICE-ECCLES STADIUM (45,017) (#69)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	8-4	5-6	10-2	12-0	7-5	8-5	9-4	63-33
Home	1-5	5-0	3-2	5-1	6-0	4-2	4-2	5-1	33-13
Away	3-2	2-4	2-4	4-1	5-0	2-3	3-3	3-3	24-20
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	6-0
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-4	6-1	7-0	4-4	5-3	5-3	37-22
vs Non-Conf	1-3	4-1	2-2	4-1	5-0	3-1	3-2	4-1	26-11
ATS	4-7	8-4	4-7	10-2	10-2	4-8	7-4-1	7-6	54-40-1
Home Fav (Ron McBride)	0-5	3-2	2-3	4-1	5-1	1-5	2-1-1	3-2	20-20-1
Home Dog (Ron McBride)	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	4-0
Away Fav (Urban Meyer)	3-1	1-2	1-4	1-1	4-1	0-2	3-2	1-1	14-14
Away Dog (Urban Meyer)	0-1	3-0	1-0	3-0	0-0	2-1	0-1	2-2	11-5
Neutral (Kyle Whittingham)	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	5-1
vs Conf (Kyle Whittingham)	3-4	4-3	1-6	5-2	5-2	3-5	5-2-1	5-3	31-27-1
vs Non-Conf (Kyle Whittingham)	1-3	4-1	3-1	5-0	5-0	1-3	2-2	2-3	23-13
Off SU Win	2-2	5-2	1-3	7-2	9-2	2-4	5-2	6-2	37-19
Off SU Loss	2-4	3-1	2-4	2-0	0-0	2-3	2-1-1	1-3	14-16-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Liberty - #25	-2	S Mississippi	17-0
04	Fiesta - #5	-15	Pittsburgh - #19	35-7
05	Emerald	+9	Georgia Tech - #24	38-10
06	Armed Forces	-1'	Tulsa	25-13
07	Poinsettia	-8	Navy	35-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darrell Mack	253	1235	31	1204	12	4.8
Ray Stowers	47	261	0	261	2	5.6
Corbin Louks	33	169	7	162	1	4.9
Brian Johnson	85	314	164	150	2	1.8
Jereme Brooks	21	138	9	129	3	6.1
Elijah Wesson	18	117	1	116	0	6.4
Marquis Wilson	17	106	15	91	0	5.4
Tommy Grady	12	21	49	-28	0	-2.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Brian Johnson	272	181	66.5	1847	11	10
Tommy Grady	115	58	50.4	681	4	3
Corbin Louks	8	5	62.5	41	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derrek Richards	57	635	11.1	3	40
Bradon Godfrey	50	524	10.5	3	27
Brian Hernandez	39	385	9.9	1	34
Marquis Wilson	18	285	15.8	3	53
Freddie Brown	20	219	10.9	0	29
Jereme Brooks	15	183	12.2	2	28
Darrell Mack	21	144	6.9	3	17
Brent Casteel	7	64	9.1	1	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Louie Sakoda	73	3231	44.3	23	36.6	1	28

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Louie Sakoda	38-40	2-2	7-7	9-11	1-2	19-22	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Steve Tate	103	2	8.5	4	3
Stevenson Sylvester	86	3	7	5	0
Koa Misi	67	2.5	5.5	2	0
Paul Kruger	63	3	4.5	5	1
Joe Jiannoni	53	0	1	0	1
Martail Burnett	50	7	8	3	1
Robert Johnson	44	0	0.5	4	3
Gabe Long	40	4	2.5	3	0
Joe Dale	40	0.5	2	1	1
Kyle Brady	39	0	2	1	0
RJ Stanford	33	2	0	5	0
Sean Smith	32	0	1	7	4
Kenape Eliapo	29	1	1.5	0	0
Brice McCain	28	0	0	11	1
Terrell Cole	25	2	0	0	0
RJ Rice	22	0	2	0	1
Mike Wright	22	3	1.5	1	0
Malakai Mokofisi	22	0	0.5	0	0
Lei Talamaivao	14	0	2.5	0	0
Kepa Gaison	13	1	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derrek Richards	29	426	14.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brice McCain	18	419	23.3	0
Jereme Brooks	12	267	22.2	0

UTAH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	OFF TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	26.2	20	167	4.0	202	61.8	14.1	+11	2007	6	16.8	18	146	3.9	183	50.4	19.5
5	27.9	19	140	4.0	228	57.9	13.2	+8	2006	7	19.8	17	106	3.1	216	60.4	16.2
5	30.0	23	179	4.3	295	62.2	15.8	-1	2005	4	24.1	20	151	4.0	222	54.3	15.5
7*	45.3	25	236	5.4	264	67.4	11.0	+15	2004	7	19.5	18	140	3.8	203	52.7	17.6
5*	28.7	20	161	3.6	214	61.9	13.1	+9	2003	5	19.1	18	140	3.8	199	49.3	17.7
5*	22.6	20	164	4.1	208	56.4	16.4	-1	2002	8	20.5	18	105	2.9	227	52.4	16.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

UTAH 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
40,409	at Oregon St	12	30-18	0.6	17-37	178	5	18	44-241	5.5	12-30	129	1	+2
43,454	Air Force	15	33-73	2.2	20-39	240	2	20	63-334	5.3	8-14	56	1	-1
43,056	UCLA	19	37-122	3.3	19-33	264	3	17	31-83	2.7	20-40	290	5	+4
23,180	at UNLV	17	32-105	3.3	23-40	195	1	19	46-196	4.3	12-27	144	1	-1
41,884	Utah St	16	36-144	4.0	18-29	181	1	15	46-136	3.0	17-24	139	1	-1
40,894	at Louisville	29	49-260	5.3	25-33	322	1	24	16-26	1.6	39-58	467	3	-1
40,898	San Diego St	27	46-282	6.1	24-32	232	2	12	29-62	2.1	15-32	149	5	0
25,391	at TCU	16	50-107	2.1	13-20	120	6	20	27-94	3.5	21-46	191	2	+3
16,718	at Colorado St	24	49-322	6.6	14-22	130	0	17	34-135	4.0	16-28	140	7	-1
42,477	Wyoming	22	51-278	5.5	19-32	227	1	12	30-37	1.2	13-32	85	6	+4
43,788	New Mexico	19	44-138	3.1	17-28	172	3	15	31-81	2.6	18-41	198	3	+2
64,749	at BYU	14	39-115	2.9	17-29	129	3	21	33-155	4.7	17-41	269	1	0
39,129	† Navy	26	45-213	4.7	22-27	238	0	21	58-316	5.4	7-14	122	1	+1
TOTALS		256	541-2177	4.0	248-401	2628	28	231	488-1896	3.9	215-427	2379	37	+11
AVERAGES		19.7	42-167	4.0	19-31	202	2.2	17.8	38-146	3.9	17-33	183	2.8	0.8

2003 RESULTS

UTAH Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Utah St	-19'	40-20
–	at Texas A&M	+9'	26-28
–	California	-1	31-24
–	at Colorado St	+6'	28-21
–	Oregon - #19	+3	17-13
–	San Diego St	-9'	27-6
–	at UNLV	-2	28-10
#24	New Mexico	-8	35-47
–	at Air Force	+3	45-43 3OT
–	Wyoming	-12'	47-17
–	at BYU	-7	3-0

2004 RESULTS

UTAH Rank	Pre-Season #20 Opponent	Line	Post-Season #4 Score
#20	Texas A&M	-8'	41-21
#17	at Arizona	-13'	23-6
#15	at Utah St	-19	48-6
#14	Air Force	-22	49-35
#14	at New Mexico	-10	28-7
#11	North Carolina	-22	46-16
#9	UNLV	-24	63-28
#9	at San Diego St	-18'	51-28
#7	Colorado St	-26'	63-31
#7	at Wyoming	-23	45-28
#5	BYU	-21	52-21

2005 RESULTS

UTAH Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	Arizona	-7'	27-24
–	Utah St	-24'	31-7
–	at TCU	-3'	20-23 OT
–	Air Force	-7	38-35
–	at North Carolina	+4	17-31
–	at Colorado St	+4'	17-21
–	San Diego St	-10	19-28
–	at UNLV	-11'	42-32
–	Wyoming	-2'	43-13
–	New Mexico	-6	27-31
–	at BYU	+10	41-34 OT

2006 RESULTS

UTAH Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at UCLA	+3	10-31
–	N Arizona	NL	45-7
–	at Utah St	-20'	48-0
–	at San Diego St	-8'	38-7
–	Boise St - #22	-5	3-36
–	TCU	-2'	20-7
–	at Wyoming	-3	15-31
–	at New Mexico	-6	31-34
–	UNLV	-22	45-23
–	Colorado St	-11'	35-22
–	at Air Force	-1	17-14
–	BYU - #21	+10'	31-33

2007 RESULTS

UTAH Rank	Pre-Season Opponent	Line	Post-Season Score
–	at Oregon St	+6'	7-24
–	Air Force	-7	12-20
–	UCLA - #11	+16	44-6
–	at UNLV	-7'	0-27
–	Utah St	-21'	34-18
–	at Louisville	+14	44-35
–	San Diego St	-14	23-7
–	at TCU	+3'	27-20
–	at Colorado St	-5'	27-3
–	Wyoming	-13'	50-0
–	New Mexico	-15	28-10
–	at BYU - #23	+4'	10-17

BYU COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - When I think of BYU I think of outstanding QB's and passing games. John Beck had a fine career and left here last season (#2DC MIA) as the school's #2 all-time passer behind Ty Detmer. Beck won the MWC Off POW seven times in '06 throwing for 3,885 (69.3%) with a 32-8 ratio and was the MWC Off POY. Ariz St transfer Max Hall (PS#52) RS with the Sun Devils in '04 then left for a mission and had not played in a competitive game in 4 years. Last year Both Cade Cooper (PS#5JC) and Sam Doman transferred out after the spring. Hall had a phenomenal season and set the MWC single season soph record for all-purp yards as well as passing yards. In his 2nd game he threw for 391 vs UCLA and then topped that with 537 vs Tulsa. Hall also had efforts of 355 vs CSU and 305 vs TCU but then suffered a grade-3 shoulder separation vs Wyoming. It was the same injury that has put numerous QB's on the sideline but Hall still started the final 3 and att every QB pass. He threw for 3,848 (60.1%) with a 26-12 ratio. Brenden Gaskins (6'4" 215 Jr) originally signed at Nevada and threw for 2,071 and 20 TD's at JC in '06. He played in six (4 att). RS Jason Munns (6'5" 244, PS#23, torn ACL in '07, possible mission), Stephen Covey (5'11" 177 rFr, PS#58 So) and Kurt McEuen (6'2" 213 So) add depth. Hall, who now has experience, should have an even better year.

QB Max Hall

RUNNING BACKS - Curtis Brown led in rushing for 3 straight years topping 1,000 in both '05 and '06. He also led in rec's in 2006 and figured to be very difficult to replace. Fui Vakapuna, who rushed for 157 (5.2) in '03 and then went on a mission, is a powerful runner with speed and had 445 (4.8) in '06. Last year he had ankle surgery and was not 100% in Aug, but appeared to headline the "Tongan Trio". The other two members were rFr Harvey Unga and Manase Tonga (8 st FB '06, 427 ttl yd). True frosh JJ Di Luigi (5'9" 196, PS#94) was compared to LaDanian Tomlinson but broke his foot and RS. Unga led with just with 67 and 28 in the first 2. He had his first 100 yard effort vs Tulsa and improved almost every week. Unga not only broke Ronney Jenkins frosh rushing record here (1996, 733 yards) but the MWC record as well finishing with 1,227 (5.0) with 44 rec (14.9). Tonga added 305 (3.5) and Vakapuna missed 3 but still had 252 (3.5). This year the only loss is HB Joe Semanoff (8 st, 101 ttl yds). Not listed in the PSL are Di Luigi, Ryan Folsom (5'10" 200 So), Isaac Taylor (5'11" 210 Sr) and Wayne Latu (5'11" 214 Jr). While it could be tough for Unga to top last year's stats, this group is far more experienced.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the Cougars returned their outstanding TE Jonny Harline (853, 13.5 '05) and he led with 935 (16.1) . True frosh McKay Jacobson (PS#38) was #3 with 547 (19.5). Last year they had to replace their top 4 and the leading returnee was Matt Allen (PS#140) who had 420 (15.6) in '06. Allen wore a protective cast (hand) early but still managed 358 (11.5). They did get the huge return of Austin Collie who was the MWC Frosh POY in 2004 with 771 (14.5) as a true. Last year Collie led with 946 (16.9). TE Dennis Pitta was #2 with 813 (13.8) and Michael Reed (PS#196) added 449 (11.0). This year they only lose Allen (6 st). Not listed below are Matt Marshall (5'10" 192 rFr), Parker Mangum (6'4" 213 So), Skylar Ridley (5'11" 168 rFr), Saia Hafoka (5'10" 187 Sr) and TE Jonathan McCullough (6'5" 222 So, PS#145). This is one of the MWC's top receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 BYU introduced wider splits among the OL's and they had 3 starters back and also had the heaviest O-line in the NCAA. They made dramatic strides to 4.4 ypc rush in 2005 (3.0 '04). In 2006 BYU lost their starting LT Eddie Keele after three so only two starters were back. The ypc slipped to 4.2 but the sacks decreased to 15 (3.3%!). Last year they did have to replace 1st Tm MWC RT Jake Kuresa but had 6 players back with 8+ career IA starts including 2 VHT's. The unit also avg 317 lbs. I was surprised to see the ypc rush drop to 3.8 and they allowed 20 sacks (4.0%). In November, OL coach Weber said they had 9 guys that were capable of starting. They have perhaps the best G combo in the country as RG Travis Bright is the strongest on the team and LG Ray Feinga did not allow a sack (1st Tm MWC). This year the only loss is C Sete Aulai (13 st, 2Y st'r). Not only do 9 of the top 10 return but 2 backups in rFr Jason Speredon (PS#72) and Garrett Reden, who both were lost in Oct, return. Not listed in the PSL is LS John Pace (6'2" 208 So). They add in two VHT JUCO's (PS#33 & PS#44) and a VHT rFr (PS#5DL). This is the MWC's top O-line and one of the country's best and at 326 lbs is the 2nd biggest in IA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - BYU usually fields an older D-line due to missions but in 2006 had 3 legitimate true frosh in the 2 deep. They alternated 9 DL and their main objective was to keep the LB's free so the top DL tackler was just #10. Last year they had to replace 3 of the 9 including 2 starters and Russell Tialavea (PS#51) was lost to an ACL in August. BYU trimmed the ypg rush to 114 in 2006 (3.6) and last year improved again to 97 (3.0) which is their best since 1998. This year the only losses are NT Eathyn Manumaleuna (13 st, 25 tkl, 3 tfl), who left for a Mission, DE Judd Anderton (7 tkl) and NT Sean Sullivan (7 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Kyle Luekenga (6'3" 278 Sr), Steven Fisher (6'4" 230 So), Mosese Foketi (6'0" 276 Sr), Jordan Chronister (6'2" 231 So) and David Angilau (6'2" 270 rFr). They add in PS#9JC Bernard Afutiti and with Tialavea's return its like having 3 full-time starters back giving them their most experienced D-line in years.

LINEBACKERS - BYU switched from a 3-3-5 to a 3-4 in 2006 and despite losing 3 starters they had a veteran unit (due to players returning from missions). Last year they had to replace their top two tacklers but formed another fine unit. This year they lose their top two tacklers again in MLB Kelly Poppinga (13 st, 113 tkl, 7.5 tfl) and 1st Tm MWC LB Bryan Kehl (91 tkl, 11.5 tfl, #4DC NYG) as well as LB Markell Staffieri (12 st, 54 tkl, 5 tfl), Chris Bolden (32 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and Austen Jorgensen (6 tkl). They move TE Vic So'oto (6 st) over and not listed in the PSL below are Brandon Ogletree (6'0" 215 Fr PS#119) who is due back from his mission in August but looks to RS this year and Jadon Wagner (6'4" 230 rFr). This is the least experienced LB corps BYU has had in several seasons.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BYU was #32 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and #35 in 2004. Mendenhall called the secondary his primary concern of the defense in 2005. Eight different DB's started due to a myriad of injuries and BYU dropped to #110. In 2006 they only had to replace one starter and moved up to #19 with a 12-18 ratio (25-9 ratio in '05). Last year they once again only had to replace one starter but then lost starting SS Dustin Gabriel prior to the season and FS Quinn Gooch after 9. They still finished #15 with a 12-16 ratio. By the end of the year, all four secondary starters were walk-ons. This year the unit is my biggest concern on the team. Gone are CB Kayle Buchanan (13 st, 32 tkl, 11 pbu), CB Ben Criddle (10 st, 56 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu), SS Corby Hodgkiss (13 st, 57 tkl, 3 int), FS Quinn Gooch (9 st, 52 tkl, 3 int) and DB Andre Saulsberry (3 st, 12 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Byron Putnam (5'11" 178 Fr) and Steven Thomas (5'11" 172 rFr, PS#330). Mendenhall did sign a fine crop of CB's, many of whom will play right away.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Mendenhall's first unit ranked #100 in my ST rankings and cost them a couple of victories. In 2006 I called for them to be one of the most improved ST units in the NCAA and Mendenhall, at the end of the year, said it was the area where the team had its biggest improvement. Thanks to P Derek McLaughlin and K Jared McLaughlin as well as some dangerous returnmen, BYU climbed to #20. Last year, with all of those players departing the unit was a problem area slipping to #60. CJ Santiago got off to a slow start but finished strong with a 35.2 net. Austin Collie and Bryce Mahuika had solid years and the team avg 23.3 on KR. Mitch Payne (inj leg not 100%) and Brian Smith combined for 1 TB on 75 KO with 7 OOB and hit 10 of 15 FG's with a long of just 42. The team avg just 6.0 on PR's. They signed true frosh Justin Sorensen (PS#1!) who will likely take over the kicking duties. The unit did have a couple of high spots as Collie racked up 366 all-purp yards breaking Pete Van Valkenburg's 35 year old school record and his 245 return yards vs Tulsa were the most since Golden Richards had 247 in 1971. Also true frosh Eathyn Manumaleuna blocked the key FG vs UCLA. Manumaleuna departs but basically everyone else is back so the unit appears to be a strength like 2006.

COACHES - Bronco Mendenhall was the DC at New Mexico 5 years prior to coming here in '03. His OC is Robert Anae who was the Texas Tech OL coach and is well versed in the spread offense. In 2006 Mendenhall surprisingly switched from his 3-3-5 to a 3-4 and they allowed just 14.7 ppg (best S/'85) which was 4th best in school history. Mendenhall has always handled the DC duties here and while he will still call the defensive plays, DB Coach Jaime Hill takes over as the DC in 2008.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When Gary Crowton took over in 2001, it was a dream season as they piled up 44.1 ppg, 524 ypg and were 12-0 lobbying for a BCS bowl berth before 2 losses to end the season. They actually suffered 3 straight losing years and had their NCAA record of games without being shutout end at 361 (28 years) in 2003. In 2004 they could have easily had a winning record outgaining league foes by 54.5 ypg (2nd best) but finished just 5-6 with a tough non-conf slate including ND, USC and Boise. In 2005 BYU reverted to the old uniform style that they used in the '80's and '90's. They had 3 losses to Top 20 teams but returned to a bowl for the first time since 2001. They then lost to California in the bowl to finish 6-6. BYU outgained MWC foes by 59.8 ypg (3rd best). In the second year of Anae's system, senior QB John Beck had a phenomenal year and BYU averaged 36.8 ppg. Whenever BYU had a senior QB they had a record of 106-23-2 and the last four senior QB's have all bagged conference titles. BYU could have easily been unbeaten and playing in a BCS game but they gave up a last second FG to Arizona and completely outplayed BC but thanks to missed FG's and some key plays, came up short in two OT's. The defense had 7 starters back in '07 but lost 2 prior to the season. BYU had the NCAA's best margin of victory at home, beating foes by an avg of 35.2 ppg (old school record '79, 34.2). BYU outscored MWC foes by an amazing 25.5 ppg at home the L2Y. Last year the Cougars had to replace QB Beck and had just 11 returning starters. Of the 105 players in BYU's fall camp, 63 (60%) are returned missionaries. BYU dominated Arizona in the opener but lost vs #13 UCLA despite a 435-236 yd edge. The next week they surprisingly lost to Tulsa despite a 694-595 yd edge. After their 1-2 start, they once again steamrolled through the MWC and earned their 3rd straight bowl bid for the first time since 1994. They did have a close victory over Utah overcoming a 4th & 18 on their final drive and getting a TD with :38 left for the 7 point win. They were also fortunate in the bowl game as they blocked UCLA's game winning FG on the final play. BYU was -6 in TO's but outgained MWC foes by 157.4 ypg, outscoring them by 15 ppg. The Cougars have 9 starters back on offense and will be among the most potent attacks in the country. How quickly the defensive back 7 comes together will be the key. BYU has gone 8-0 each of the last 2 years in the MWC and this year have a legitimate shot at an overall undefeated season and a possible BCS bowl berth.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 15 MAX HALL JR. 6-1 201 PS#52. Ariz St. 13 st here LY, 3848 (60%) 26-12 ratio, **1st Tm MWC**, 150 rush. **6** Brenden Gaskins (6'4" 215 Jr) Nevada trans. 6 gm LY.

RB 45 HARVEY UNGA SO. 6-0 243 8 st LY, 1227 (5.0). **1 Fui Vakapuna** (6'1" 245 Sr) 2 st 2Y, 697 (4.2) 12 rec (7.6). **11** Manase Tonga (6'0" 238 Sr) 14 st 2Y, 502 (3.8).

WR 2 Bryce Mahuika Sr. 5-9 186 PS#191DB. 2 st, 7 rec, 1145 ret yds 4Y. **29** Luke Ashworth (6'2" 194 So) PS#160. 1 st, 6 rec true '05. **22** Tyler Kozlowski (5'9" 185 So) 12 gm LY.

WR 3 MICHAEL REED SR. 6-1 202 PS#196. 29 st 3Y, 1024 (12.2). Reed White (5'10" 198 Sr) PS#296QB. Ariz St. Nate Hutchinson (6'3" 200 Jr) 11 tkl DB '06. Inj LY. Ryan Neely (6'0" 181 Jr).

WR 9 AUSTIN COLLIE JR. 6-2 206 **PS#58**. 10 st true '04, 771 (14.5), MWC Fr of Yr. Mission. 7 st LY, 946 (16.9), **2nd Tm MWC**. Spencer Hafoka (6'0" 196 Fr) PS#137DB in '05.

TE 32 DENNIS PITTA JR. 6-5 250 **1stTm MWC '07**. 6 st, 813 (13.8). 7 st true '04, 176 (10.4). Andrew George (6'5" 246 Jr) PS#74. 4 st, 200 (11.8) in '07. Kaneakua Friel (6'5" 240 rFr).

C 53 Tom Sorensen Jr. 6-5 306 8 st Vandy true, **SEC FrTm**. ACL '06. 7 gm LY. **64** RJ Willing (6'5" 312 Jr) PS#156. 9 st RG '04. Mission. 11 gm LY. **LS 56** Chris Muehlmann (6'0" 207 So).

RG 74 TRAVIS BRIGHT SR. 6-5 329 **PS#89**. 10 st '06. 13 st LY. Strongest on tm, **540 bench. 73** Jason Speredon (6'5" 286 So) **PS#72** .12 gm LY. Nick Alletto (6'6" 280 So) PS#173.

LG 76 RAY FEINGA SR. 6-5 331 11 st LG '06. 11 st LG LY, 0 sacks all'd! **1st Tm MWC '07. 66** Garrett Reden (6'3" 286 So) 2 st rFr. **79** Manaaki Vaitai (6'3" 300 rFr) **PS#92**.

RT 68 DAVID OSWALD SR. 6-8 330 3 st RT '06. 13 st RT LY. **Jesse Taufi** (6'5" 320 Jr) **PS#33JC. 78 Levi Mack** (6'5" 318 Jr) **PS#44JC**. RS LY. **77** Chris Hunt (6'3" 313 rFr).

LT 65 DALLAS REYNOLDS SR. 6-5 332 **PS#63**. 12 st LG '05. 13 st '06. 13 st LT LY, **1st Tm MWC**, 0 sk all'd MWC. **70 Matt Reynolds** (6'6" 315 rFr) **PS#5DL. 61** Mark Freeman (6'0" 295 So).

K NA JUSTIN SORENSEN FR. 6-2 220 **PS#1**! 81 TB on 88 KO in HS, 62 yd FG. **38** Mitch Payne (6'2" 207 So) PS#73. 10 of 14 FG, long 42. Brian Smith (6'2" 175 So) 0-1 FG, 4-6 xp LY.

DE 99 IAN DULAN JR. 6-1 252 5 st true, 7 tkl. 11 st LY, 24 tkl, 3 sk. **92** Brett Denney (6'4" 252 Jr) PS#140. 2 st, 29 tkl, 4 sk LY. Brock Richardson (6'2" 267 Sr) 7 gm LY.

NT 52 Russell Tialavea Jr. 6-3 320 **PS#51**. 8 st DT rFr, 22 tkl, 3 tfl. ACL LY. Rick Wolfley (6'3" 343 So) PS#282OL. 8 tkl LY. **98** Steven Fendry (6'5" 255 rFr) **PS#33TE**. Colorado trans.

DE 84 JAN JORGENSEN JR. 6-3 256 PS#302. Kentucky trans. 13 st '06, 34 tkl, 5 sk. 13 st LY, 77 tkl, **14 sk**. 6 tfl, **1st Tm MWC**. Bernard Afutiti **PS#9JC**. **97** Tevita Hola **PS#61JC**.

SLB 41 Coleby Clawson Jr. 6-3 220 PS#119JC. **35** Matt Bauman (6'1" 226 Jr) 1 st LY, 34 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **44** Dan Van Sweden (6'2" 221 Jr) PS#76TE. **23** Kelly Bills (6'0" 228 Jr) PS#241QB.

MLB 43 DAVID NIXON SR. 6-3 223 **PS#62**. 2 st true '03. Mission. 11 st '06. 13 st LY. 185 tkl, 9 sk, 13 tfl 2Y. **39** Grant Nelson (6'3" 226 So) 22 tkl rFr. Michael Alisa (6'2" 220 Fr) PS#163.

BLB 42 Shawn Doman Jr. 6-2 224 PS#241RB '05. 14 tkl '06. 38 tkl LY. Tolu Moala PS#267JC. Jerry Bruner PS#107RB. **47** Terrance Hooks (6'1" 233 Jr) 34 tkl '06-'07. Inj spg.

WLB 37 Vic So'oto Jr. 6-3 249 PS#28TE. 1 st WR true. RS '06. 6 st TE LY, 12 rec. **34** Matt Ah You (5'11" 221 Jr) 18 tkl 2Y. **58** Jeff Bell (6'0" 224 Jr). **57** Matt Putnam (6'6" 247 rFr).

CB 17 G Pittman rFr. 5-10 183 PS#214. 3 tkl true, 2 gm (inj). **4** Brandon Howard (5'9" 164 Jr) 4.4 spd. 5 tkl, 23 gm 2Y. **12** Brannon Brooks (5'8" 175 rFr) PS#241. Tana Uyema (5'9" 178 Sr).

CB 21 Scott Johnson Jr. 5-11 185 17 tkl '07, 1 pbu. **5** Brandon Bradley (6'0" 201 So) PS#262. 7 gm, 0 tkl LY. Shiloah Te'o PS#138. Garrett Nicholson PS#136RB. Jake Webber (5'10" 170 rFr).

SS 27 Jordan Pendleton rFr. 6-2 218 PS#88WR. David Tafuna (6'1" 216 Sr) PS#208. 3 st 3Y, 38 tkl. **18** Aaron Attig (6'2" 204 Jr). Cameron Corner PS#109. Daniel Sorensen PS#108.

FS 16 Kellen Fowler Sr. 5-11 187 Last 4 st LY, 28 tkl, 1 pbu. **36** Andrew Rich (6'3" 210 So) PS#134JC. **25** Gary Nagy (6'1" 190 rFr) PS#281. **7** Chris Warner (6'1" 208 Jr) 1 tkl '06.

P 26 CJ Santiago Sr. 6-2 212 PS#172JC. 42.0 avg at JC '06. 62 punts LY, 39.7 avg, 35.2 net. Brian Smith (6'2" 175 So). Justin Sorensen **PS#1**. 41.5 avg in HS. Tyler Holt (5'9" 178 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Bernard Afutiti 6-0 260 PS#9JC
OL	Jesse Taufi 6-5 320 PS#33JC
DL	Tevita Hola 6-1 310 PS#61JC
TE	Austin Holt 6-6 230 PS#5
LB	Coleby Clawson 6-3 220 PS#119JC
WR	Jake Murphy 6-5 215 PS#40
K	Justin Sorensen 6-2 220 PS#1
DB	Andrew Rich 6-3 210 PS#134JC
OL	Brock Stringham 6-6 280 PS#125
LB	Tolu Moala 6-1 230 PS#267JC
DB	Daniel Sorensen 6-2 195 PS#108
DB	Cameron Comer 6-1 185 PS#109
LB	Jerry Bruner 6-2 200 PS#107RB
DB	Shiloah Te'o 5-11 195 PS#138
DB	Garrett Nicholson 5-10 180 PS#136RB
LB	Spencer Hadley 6-2 220 PS#145
LB	Michael Alisa 6-2 220 PS#163
OL	Michael Yeck 6-7 260 PS#231
RB	Seta Pohahau 5-11 205 PS#176
WR	Atem Bol 6-2 200 PS#175
LB	Kevan Bills 6-3 225 PS#230DL
LB	Jefferson Court 6-3 210 PS#183
WR	O'Neill Chambers 6-3 208 PS#198
LB	Iona Pritchard 6-2 220 PS#252
DL	Solomone Kafu 6-5 315 PS#445OL
DL	Greg Unga 6-3 345 PS#480OL
LB	Neil Crook 6-0 207 PS#407
LB	Masi Tuitama 6-2 210 PS#408
OL	Stetson Tenney 6-5 285 PS#490
TE	Brady Hunt 6-2 216 PS#173

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#86

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BYU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Northern Iowa	G					
Sep. 6	at Washington	A					
Sep. 13	UCLA	G					
Sep. 20	Wyoming	G					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 3	at Utah St (Fri)	A					
Oct. 11	New Mexico (HC)	G					
Oct. 16	at TCU (Thur)	G					
Oct. 25	UNLV	G					
Nov. 1	at Colorado St	A					
Nov. 8	San Diego St	G					
Nov. 15	at Air Force	A					
Nov. 22	at Utah	A					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ty Detmer 15,031 '88-'91
2. John Beck 11,021 '03-'06
3. Jim McMahon 9,536 '78-'81

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Curtis Brown 3,221 '02, '04-'06
2. Jamal Willis 2,970 '91-'94
3. Lakei Heimuli 2,710 '84-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Eric Drage 3,066 '90-'93
2. Margin Hooks 2,841 '97-'00
3. Matt Bellini 2,635 '87-'90

NI finished 12-1 LY & was ranked #1 6 straight wks w/their 1st undefeated reg ssn S/'60. The Cougs are 9-3 their last 12 Provo openers (7 of those wins vs BCS schools).

The Cougars have lost 6 straight road openers & are just 3-10 since 1995. BYU is 2-4 vs Washington & the last win was in '99. The visitor is just 1-5.

LY UCLA snapped BYU's 11 gm win streak. BYU avenged that loss with a 17-16 win in the LV Bowl, blocking a 28 yd FG on the gm's final play & snapping a 7 gm losing streak to UCLA.

BYU has won 4 straight & 13 of the L/15. Entering LY's gm, WY had the MWC's #1 D but BYU rolled to 303 total yds in the 1H & finished w/497 including 362 yds passing.

Logan is just 125 miles north of Provo, UT (tms in state play for the "Beehive Boot"). In their L/9 meetings (S/'93) these 2 have avg'd 67 ppg with BYU winning 8 straight.

Mendenhall was the DC at New Mexico from 1998-'02 installing the 3-3-5. The Cougars are 42-14-1 vs the Lobos including 3 straight wins & 24 of the L/27.

Two yrs ago, BYU's win over TCU snapped the nation's longest win streak (TCU at 13). Last year TCU pulled within 5 but was sk'd 2 times in :11 on its final drive.

UNLV & BYU 1st played in Japan in '78. Mendenhall is undefeated vs UNLV & LY's 24-14 win was the closest the L3Y. BYU is outscoring UNLV 44-12 under Mendenhall.

BYU is 23-5 vs Colorado St since 1976 (including an '87 win in Australia 30-26). The Cougars are also 11-2 at Fort Collins with an avg margin of victory of 26 ppg.

BYU leads San Diego St all-time 24-7-1 & is 11-2 since 1993. The Cougars are 28-9 since 1987 in November home games.

These 2 avg 60 ppg in MWC play including a 103 pt meeting 3 yrs ago (MWC record). BYU HC Mendenhall is 3-0 vs the Falcons with an avg win by 22 ppg.

Ten of the L/11 in this series have been decided by a TD or less. In LY's gm, Hall found Collie on 4th & 18 for a 49 yd pass & Unga took it in with :38 left for the 17-10 win.

BRONCO MENDENHALL (Career 28-10)
4th Year at BYU
Mendenhall's Bowl Record: 2-1

Mendenhall's records AT BYU

28-10	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
15-3	Home	1-4	Vs Top 25
11-6	Away	3-6	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	4-2	Off A Bye
21-3	Vs Conference	6-3	Off A Loss

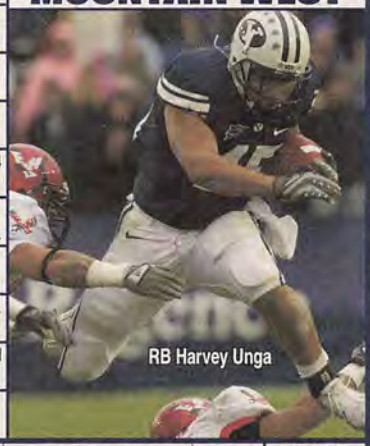
2007 RECORD: (11-2)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 3

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (24,21,5)
Lost: 20 (6,14,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 64,497 (#26)

MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: LAVELL EDWARDS STADIUM (64,045) (#38)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000 Lavell Edwards	2001	2002 Gary Crowton	2003	2004	2005	2006 Bronco Mendenhall	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-6	12-2	5-7	4-8	5-6	6-6	11-2	11-2	60-39
Home	4-2	6-0	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	6-0	6-0	33-15
Away	2-3	6-1	1-5	3-3	2-3	3-2	4-2	4-2	25-21
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-3
vs Conf	4-3	7-0	2-5	3-4	4-3	5-3	8-0	8-0	41-18
vs Non-Conf	2-3	5-2	3-2	1-4	1-3	1-3	3-2	3-2	19-21
ATS	4-8	7-7	4-8	6-6	6-5	6-5	10-2-1	6-6	49-47-1
Home Fav	2-3	5-1	2-4	1-3	2-2	1-2	5-1	3-2	21-18
Home Dog	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	3-4
Away Fav	0-1	2-5	0-2	1-1	0-0	2-1	2-1	3-2	10-13
Away Dog	2-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	2-0-1	0-1	13-9-1
Neutral	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	2-3
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-5	4-3	4-3	5-3	6-2	5-3	31-28
vs Non-Conf	2-3	4-3	2-3	2-3	2-2	1-2	4-0-1	1-3	18-19-1
Off SU Win	1-4	6-6	0-5	1-3	2-3	3-3	7-2-1	4-5	24-31-1
Off SU Loss	3-3	0-1	3-3	4-3	3-2	3-1	2-0	1-1	19-14

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Motor City	+3	Marshall - #11	3-21
01	Liberty - #19	+3	Louisville - #23	10-28
05	Las Vegas	+8	California	28-35
06	Las Vegas - #19	-3'	Oregon	38-8
07	Las Vegas - #19	-6'	UCLA	17-16

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
BYU'S All-Time Bowl Record 9-16-1

BYU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	30.1	24	144	3.8	298	59.6	14.7	-6	2007	5	18.5	17	97	3.0	210	57.4	16.6
8*	36.8	24	142	4.2	324	68.8	12.7	+14	2006	4	14.7	18	114	3.6	205	55.1	21.7
7*	33.0	26	152	4.4	310	64.3	14.0	+2	2005	6	29.2	22	148	4.2	269	63.0	14.3
6*	24.3	20	106	3.0	280	55.3	15.9	-10	2004	3	26.8	19	149	3.7	229	54.4	14.1
5*	16.3	17	98	3.0	215	54.6	19.3	-14	2003	10	25.8	17	132	3.2	175	52.5	11.9
3	22.7	21	121	3.5	261	55.3	16.8	-7	2002	6	27.8	21	178	4.1	207	52.0	13.9

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Harvey Unga	244	1272	45	1227	13	5.0
Manase Tonga	88	317	12	305	8	3.5
Fui Vakapuna	73	283	31	252	2	3.5
Wayne Latu	12	39	4	35	0	2.9
Joe Semanoff	14	33	2	31	0	2.2
CJ Santiago	1	15	0	15	0	15.0
Max Hall	52	150	136	14	1	0.3
Brenden Gaskins	1	0	1	-1	0	-1.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Max Hall	496	298	60.1	3848	26	12
Brenden Gaskins	4	2	50.0	31	0	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Austin Collie	56	946	16.9	7	66
Dennis Pitta	59	813	13.8	5	45
Harvey Unga	44	655	14.9	4	53
Michael Reed	41	449	11.0	4	36
Matt Allen	31	358	11.5	3	22
Manase Tonga	27	248	9.2	0	25
Andrew George	17	200	11.8	0	28
Vic So'oto	12	124	10.3	1	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
CJ Santiago	62	2459	39.7	16	35.2	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Mitch Payne	43-45	7-7	2-3	1-3	0-1	10-14	42
Brian Smith	4-6	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kelly Poppinga	113	0	7.5	5	1
Bryan Kehl	91	4	7.5	4	3
Jan Jorgensen	77	14	6	2	0
David Nixon	66	4	6	2	0
Corby Hodgkiss	57	0	3.5	7	3
Ben Criddle	56	0	1	8	2
Markell Staffieri	54	1	4	0	0
Quinn Gooch	52	0	0.5	4	3
Shawn Doman	38	0	0.5	1	0
Matt Bauman	34	1	0.5	3	1
Chris Bolden	32	2	3.5	0	0
Kayle Buchanan	32	0	1	11	3
Brett Denney	29	4	0.5	0	0
Kellen Fowler	28	0	0.5	1	0
Eathyn Manumaleuna	25	1	2	1	0
Ian Dulan	24	3	0.5	0	0
Grant Nelson	22	0	0.5	0	0
Scott Johnson	17	0	0	1	0
Terrance Hooks	16	0	0	0	0
Andre Saulsberry	12	0	0	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bryce Mahuika	21	143	6.8	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Austin Collie	28	723	25.8	0
Bryce Mahuika	15	342	22.8	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

BYU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
64,525	Arizona	22	32-104	3.3	26-39	288	1	11	19-32	1.7	28-38	223	2	-1
72,968	at UCLA	23	25-44	1.8	30-53	391	4	15	37-110	3.0	13-28	126	2	-2
24,445	at Tulsa	36	36-157	4.4	34-58	537	3	23	33-105	3.2	22-37	490	2	-3
64,502	Air Force	25	44-159	3.6	23-33	293	1	12	32-133	4.2	10-21	98	2	-1
34,204	at New Mexico	21	43-112	2.6	18-40	251	3	16	36-115	3.2	20-38	231	4	+3
38,026	at UNLV	26	45-227	5.0	21-33	214	1	14	25-96	3.8	16-26	121	0	-3
64,522	E Washington	23	47-221	4.7	15-30	156	0	14	29-42	1.4	21-35	224	3	+2
64,441	Colorado St	21	38-106	2.8	22-31	355	2	20	43-150	3.5	18-35	161	3	-1
64,241	TCU	19	34-112	3.3	26-44	305	1	22	39-130	3.3	24-37	222	3	-1
19,827	at Wyoming	27	36-135	3.8	28-40	362	0	19	24-9	0.4	24-40	268	3	+1
64,749	Utah	21	33-155	4.7	17-41	269	1	14	39-115	2.9	17-29	129	3	0
28,473	at San Diego St	33	52-311	6.0	19-26	227	0	22	26-68	2.6	33-55	288	2	0
40,712	† UCLA	17	28-34	1.2	21-35	231	3	18	47-162	3.4	11-29	154	3	0
TOTALS		314	493-1877	3.8	300-503	3879	20	220	429-1267	3.0	257-448	2735	32	-6
AVERAGES		24.2	38-144	3.8	23-39	298	1.5	16.9	33-97	3.0	20-34	210	2.5	-0.5

2003 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Georgia Tech	-3'	24-13
–	at USC - #4	+21'	18-35
–	at New Mexico	-2'	10-7
–	Stanford	-7	14-18
–	Air Force	-1/2	10-24
–	at San Diego St	+2'	44-36
–	Colorado St	-1/2	13-58
–	at Wyoming	-1	10-13
–	at UNLV	+3'	27-20 OT
–	Boise St	+8'	12-50
–	at Notre Dame	+8'	14-33
–	Utah	+7	0-3

2004 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Notre Dame	+5	20-17
–	at Stanford	+4	10-37
–	USC - #1	+26'	10-42
–	at Boise St - #21	+22	27-28
–	at Colorado St	+3	31-21
–	UNLV	-10'	20-24
–	Wyoming	-7'	24-13
–	at Air Force	+2'	41-24
–	San Diego St	-10'	49-16
–	New Mexico	-6'	14-21
–	at Utah - #5	+21	21-52

2005 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Boston College - #22	+2'	3-20
–	E Illinois	NL	45-10
–	TCU	-3	50-51 OT
–	at San Diego St	-1	10-31
–	at New Mexico	+7'	27-24
–	Colorado St	+3	24-14
–	at Notre Dame - #9	+18'	23-49
–	Air Force	-6'	62-41
–	at UNLV	-12	55-14
–	at Wyoming	-4'	35-21
–	Utah	-10	34-41 OT

2006 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #16 Score
–	at Arizona	+6'	13-16
–	Tulsa	-4	49-24
–	at Boston College - #23	+7	23-30 2OT
–	Utah St	-28'	38-0
–	at TCU - #17	+7	31-17
–	San Diego St	-28'	47-17
–	UNLV	-28'	52-7
–	at Air Force	-9'	33-14
–	at Colorado St	-14	24-3
#25	Wyoming	-17'	55-7
#23	New Mexico	-27	42-17
#21	at Utah	-10'	33-31

2007 RESULTS

BYU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #14 Score
–	Arizona	-3'	20-7
–	at UCLA - #13	+7'	17-27
–	at Tulsa	-6'	47-55
–	Air Force	-11'	31-6
–	at New Mexico	-4	31-24
–	at UNLV	-11	24-14
–	E Washington	NL	42-7
–	Colorado St	-21	35-16
–	TCU	-7'	27-22
–	at Wyoming	-10	35-10
#23	Utah	-4'	17-10
#21	at San Diego St	-16	48-27

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TCU HORNED FROGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Ballard (PS#44) won 90.5% of his starts and set numerous school and MWC records. Marcus Jackson (PS#74) filled in well for Ballard when he was injured early in '06 and threw for 386 (59.1%) with a 2-1 ratio (76 yds rush). Last year rFr Andy Dalton (PS#74) beat out Jackson who was not upset about losing his job as he still played in 8 with 1 start. Dalton looked great in the first 3 including throwing for 320 vs Air Force but struggled vs SMU. Jackson led a 78yd/16pl drive for the only offensive score and the 2 alternated the rest of the game. Dalton was inj'd on the opening drive vs Colo St and Jackson had a pair of rushing TD's. Dalton later bounced back to throw for 344 vs Stanford but after throwing just 4 int's in the first 7 games, had 4 vs Utah in the 7 pt loss. Dalton threw for 2,459 (59.8%) with a 10-11 ratio (411 rush) and broke TCU's single season comp record (207, Max Knake 1993) with 222. Jackson threw for 368 (50.7%) with a 3-1 ratio (265 rush). Both return and adding depth are Cole Frederick (6'1" 200 rFr, PS#366) and Eric Herbel (6'3" 195 rFr). This group is vastly more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - TCU's most famous alum is LaDainian Tomlinson who rushed for over 4,000 yards in his last 2 years here and went on to NFL stardom. Lonta Hobbs set TCU's frosh rushing record in '02 and Robert Merrill broke that record in '03. Both were banged up in '04 and unheralded true frosh Aaron Brown got his first carry and had 163 (9.6) in the 3rd game. He finished with 758 (5.9). Merrill led with 911 (4.9) and Hobbs redshirted. In '06 they lost their top 2 backs (Merrill & Hobbs) to injury early and Brown led with 801 (5.2). Hobbs did return mid-year and rushed for 665 (4.6). Last year they had to replace Hobbs and Merrill. For the 2nd straight year TCU lost their top 2 RB's to injury early as Brown, who is the fastest player on the team, inj'd his knee in the 1Q vs Baylor but missed the next 2. Turner led with 56 vs Baylor but missed 4 full games and parts of others during the year. Brown, who had the 2nd most yards by a Frog in his first 2 seasons (1,559), returned with 92 vs SMU then 150 all-purp yds vs Colo St. Brown was limited vs NM and BYU and was eventually lost for the year to a broken ankle vs UNLV. He finished with 490 (4.6). Turner had 115 vs NM and 226 vs SDSt with 4 TD's and led with 597 (5.2). QB Dalton led the team in rushing twice. When the top 2 were banged up, Ryan Christian (321, 3.6) and Justin Watts (204, 3.6) got the carries. They lose FB William Jackson (2 st, 16 ttl yd) and Christian who moves back to WR but everyone else returns and added to the mix are Jai Cavness (5'8" 175 rFr, PS#173, 4.3 spd), FB's Chris Smith (5"11" 231 Jr, PS#128), Luke Shivers (6'0" 205 rFr) and Jercell Fort (5'11" 175 rFr). Turner (ACL bowl) missed spring and Brown may be under the radar after being last year's MWC Preseason POY.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace 2 starting WR's including Quentily Harmon (791) with the top returning WR Donald Massey having just 332 (12.8). Patterson said they could use as many as 5 TE's during the year. Senior Ervin Dickerson, who had 4 starts (20 rec) in 3 years, led with 514 (12.9). Massey added 364 (12.6) and Walter Bryant had 337 (12.5). TE Shae Reagan missed 2 but avg'd 17.5 on 11 rec. This year they lose Dickerson (13 st), WR Marcus Brock (10 st, 175), Derek Moore (3 st, 257) and TE Quinton Cunigan (8 st, 54). Not listed below are Curtis Clay (6'0" 180 So), William Cage (6'4" 202 Sr), Tyler Luttrell (6'1" 195 So, Scout Tm Off MVP), Kagen Elenburg (6'0" 185 Jr), Emmanuel Asaolu (6'1" 170 So), John Brown (6'0" 180 rFr) and Austin Galifaro (6'0" 175 Jr). Despite losing 34 starts and returning just 13 from this unit, I list them as having 2 starters back as 3 of the top 4 rec return with Reagan (top TE) healthy for 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 TCU had to replace 4 starters with the only returnee being 3 year starter Herbert Taylor. Taylor was 1st Tm MWC and started all 13. Surprisingly the young group improved to 4.5 ypc rushing while allowing a MWC low 15 sacks (4.3%). Last year they had to replace Taylor (#6DC) and one other starter. They then lost starting OT Wade Sisk (ACL) thus having just 2 starters back in Matty Lindner (2nd Tm MWC '06) and C Blake Schlueter (HM MWC '06). Lindner missed the spring (knee) but started 12 while Schlueter started all but one earning 2nd Tm MWC. The OL opened holes for 30 ypg less allowing 23 sacks (5.2%). The only losses this year are Lindner, Sisk and backup C Tony Savino (1st, 13 gm). Four full-time starters return and this is the most veteran unit the Frogs have had since 2004.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Patterson always fields a top-notch D-line and they have yielded 2.9 or less ypc rushing in eight of the last nine years. The only year they did not was 2004 (still only 3.2) when they had to replace all 4 starters. In 2006 they had the outstanding DE combo of Tommy Blake and Chase Ortiz returning (16 sk '05). The Frogs allowed just 61 ypg rush and 2.2 ypc (best under Patterson) while the team recorded 36 sacks. Last year they appeared to have 3 starters returning but unfortunately their star Blake (1st Tm MWC '05 & '06) missed 5 with personal issues and when he returned he was not 100%. Also starting DT James Vess, who was my 2nd Tm MWC DL in preseason, missed the year. The Frogs' numbers dipped some to 103 ypg (2.9) but they actually increased their sack total to 41. This year they lose Blake (7 st, 21 tkl, 4 sk) and 1st Tm MWC DE Ortiz (42 tkl, 9 sk, 7.5 tfl, UFA CLE). I list 3 starters below for two reasons. First DE Matt Panfil (6 st '07) had better numbers than Blake and with Vess returning, they actually have 3 returning starters at DT. Kelly Griffin was also the first ever true frosh starter on the D-line under Patterson. Despite the loss of 2 NFL caliber DL's, the Frogs could actually be improved up front!

LINEBACKERS - TCU runs a 4-2-5 defense and all of their safeties are legitimate safeties but I'll list the SS with the LB's. Patterson says the SLB position has a chance to make the most plays on the defense and that spot has produced the team's #1 tackler in 6 of the last 8 years. Jason Phillips was the SLB in both '05 and '06 but moved to MLB last year. Phillips, who was the slowest of the LB's, said that David Hawthorne was the best LB heading into last year. Hawthorne moved to SLB and finished #2 behind Phillips (87 tkl). Robert Henson amazingly only has 3 career starts but has earned HM MWC all 3 years posting a combined 199 tackles. SS Stephen Hodge led all DB's in the NCAA in sacks with 8 and started the last 5 so I list him as a returning starter. This year the only loss is SLB Hawthorne (12 st, 84 tkl, 5 sk) and despite the loss, this group could be even stronger this year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Frogs traditionally finish high in my pass D rankings including a #5 finish in 2002. After surprising finishes of #43 and #94, TCU improved to #10 in 2005 with a veteran group. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters (all 1st or 2nd Tm MWC) then lost a projected starting CB. The Frogs amazingly still climbed to #4 allowing just 9 TD passes (5th lowest NCAA). Last year they only had to replace one starter in Marvin White (Def MVP). With five games to go, Hodge took over the starting SS spot (I list at LB) then FS Steven Coleman lost his spot to Brian Bonner. The Frogs still finished #9. This year they lose Bonner (8 st SS, 5 st WS, 78 tkl, 3.5 tfl), FS David Roach (13 st, 76 tkl, 7 pbu) and CB Torrey Stewart (30 tkl, 2 int). With both CB's returning for their 3rd year as starters, there should be another high finish in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - TCU almost always produces a top-notch ST unit under Patterson. They were #22 and #35 in '02 and '03 but surprisingly dropped to #84 in '04. They moved back up to #25 in '05 and #35 in '06. Last year, thanks in part to 4 blk'd punts and 2 PR TD's, they finished #2 trailing only Virginia Tech. When Aaron Brown was healthy he avg 24.6 on KR and Brian Bonner avg 13.0 on PR. The Frogs had a team net of 37.3 led by Derek Wash who landed 24 I20. Chris Manfredini hit 22 of 27 FG's (long 51). In 4 seasons, including his first year at Cincinnati, he combined to hit 57 of 65 FG's (88%)! This year they have some huge losses in P Wash, K Manfredini and PR Bonner. While it will still be a solid unit, there figures to be a good sized drop off in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Gary Patterson has done a fine job here taking over when Franchione bolted prior to the 2000 bowl. Patterson was CUSA's 2002 Coach of Year and won the MWC Coach of the Year in '05. The OC for the 11th straight year is Mike Schultz. Patterson brought in DC Dick Bumpas in '04. Patterson was an asst under Bumpas at both Navy and Utah St and was able to hire the solid DC away from W Mich. Bumpas runs a 4-2-5 D which is the same alignment the Frogs have employed for years. Patterson is a K-St alumni and was given a 4 year extension through 2012 when the K-St job became open in 2005. In 2006 he turned down a $2 million per year offer from Minnesota. His 62-25 record is the best after 87 games in school history.

PHIL'S FORECAST

TCU is fast becoming like Virginia Tech was a few years ago. Despite not getting the most highly touted HS recruits, they have a great weight training program which builds bigger, stronger and faster athletes. Almost 75% of the roster can bench 400 lbs. After being a member of the SWC, TCU has had some outstanding seasons like 10-2 ('02) and flirted with a 2003 BCS bowl berth before losing a late game at S Miss. They have been to a bowl in 9 of the last 10 years with the lone non-bowl season being a 5-6 finish in '04. In 2005 they moved into their 4th conf in 10 years. They had to replace 25 lettermen (MWC's highest) and returned just 12 starters. They were picked 6th in the 2002 CUSA media poll and won that title, and 6th in the MWC 2005 poll and responded with a dream season. In the opener they knocked off #7 Oklahoma on the road, the highest rated opponent they KO'd since a 6-0 win over #1 Texas in 1961. They then ended Utah's 18 game win streak with a 3 point home win in OT. They achieved their 4th ten win season in six years and first outright conference title since 1958 (SWC). They have won a league title in 3 different conferences in the past 8 years and finished 2005 ranked #11 in the AP Poll (#9 Coaches). In 2006 TCU's D held Texas Tech without a TD and increased their win streak to 13 before losing two straight and dropping to 3-2 and out of the polls. TCU won their final 8 including an impressive bowl win and finished #22. TCU was the preseason pick to win the MWC last year and their preseason goal was 12 wins and a BCS bowl. Unfortunately they lost DT Vess for the season and DE Blake missed 5 games. They did lead Texas 10-0 in the 3Q then the next week vs AF, led by 14 in the 4Q before losing in OT. After a couple of expected wins, they lost to Wyoming. They barely got past Stanford and lost at home on Thursday night to Utah to fall to 4-4. Their 4 wins were vs teams who were a combined 7-21. They waxed NM 37-0 but lost at BYU. They whipped UNLV and SDSt then took on a Houston team without their coaches in the bowl game and won by 7. After finishing 1st and 2nd in their first 2 years in MWC play, TCU slid to 5th at 4-4 but were +106.6 ypg (2nd best) and outscored MWC foes by 67 points! TCU has beaten 5 Big XII teams the last 3 years including two ranked squads. TCU is now 39-6 at home during the regular season since 2000 including 4 undefeated seasons at home this decade and five Top 25 finishes the last 8 years. In the last 3 years, TCU is 1-5 on Thursday but 29-3 on all other days and their 3 straight bowl wins is their longest streak since 1936-'39. TCU did have 35 starts lost to injury, was -7 in TO's and had 2 net close losses. The Frogs' 15 returning starters are the most in the MWC. TCU has my #3 rated offense and #1 rated defense in the league. They will be favored in 9 or 10 of their games this year but their key battles vs Utah and BYU both take place on Thursday nights. This is a team very capable of winning its 2nd MWC Title in 4 years.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

QB 14 ANDY DALTON SO. 6-3 210 PS#74. 12 st rFr, 2459 (60%), 10-11 ratio, 411 rush. **11** Marcus Jackson (6'1" 216 Jr) PS#74. 1 st, 2Y, 754 (54%), 5-2 ratio, 341 rush.

RB 23 AARON BROWN SR. 6-1 196 PS#223. 15 st 3Y (inj LY), 2049 (5.3), 69 rec (12.8). **24 Joseph Turner** (6'1" 226 Jr) PS#163. 4 st, 763 (5.5) 2Y, #1 rusher in '07. Inj'd spg.

WR 1 Walter Bryant Sr. 6-4 206 3 st 3Y, 552 (11.0). **6** Bart Johnson (6'1" 190 So) PS#129. 1 st, 12 gm rFr, 2 TD on 6 touches. **83** Jonathan Jones (6'4" 197 rFr) PS#78.

WR 88 Jimmy Young So. 6-1 200 PS#294 RB. 325 (14.1) rFr. **82** Clint Renfro (6'0" 160 So) **PS#49.** TCU track 4x400. Inj LY. **18** Ryan Christian (5'11" 188 Jr) 1 st TB LY, 321 ttl off.

WR 2 DONALD MASSEY SR. 5-11 172 PS#139. 5 st 3Y, 899 (11.8). 656 all-purp yards '07. **85** Jeremy Kerley (5'10" 185 So) PS#127. 2 pass, 9 rec true. Marques Parker PS#181JC.

TE 86 SHAE REAGAN SR. 6-4 261 **PS#34QB.** 1 st rFr, 300 (21.4). 6 st LY (inj), 193 (17.5). **84** Evan Frosch (6'4" 235 So) 3 st, 5 rec LY. **80** Logan Brock (6'3" 230 rFr) PS#121.

C 75 BLAKE SCHLUETER SR. 6-3 272 12 gm rFr. 13 st C '06. **2nd Tm MWC** '07, 12 st. **50** Tyler Marrou (6'5" 268 Jr) 5 gm 2Y. **LS 54 Clint Gresham** (6'3" 225 Jr) 12 gm LY.

RG 65 GILES MONTGOMERY SR. 6-5 295 PS#323DL. 1 st rFr. 13 games '06. 13 st RG LY. **73** Josh Karlin (6'4" 280 Jr) 16 gm 2Y. **63** Heath Raetz (6'5" 315 Sr) 2 gm '05. ACL '06. 3 gm LY.

LG 60 Preston Phillips Sr. 6-6 293 8 gm '05-'06. 1 st LY, 11 gm. **72** Kyle Dooley (6'3" 310 rFr) PS#111. **78** Josh Vernon (6'2" 295 So) PS#184. Spencer Thompson (6'4" 270 rFr) PS#221.

RT 79 NIC RICHMOND JR. 6-8 298 PS#98DL. 5 gm rFr. 13 st RT LY. **61** Marcus Cannon (6'5" 319 So) PS#274. 13 gm as rFr. Zach Roth is PS#105JC. Blaize Foltz PS#286.

LT 70 MARSHALL NEWHOUSE JR. 6-3 317 2nd string (only true to play). 13 st LT LY, #1 tm kd & blk grade. **66** Robert Clark (6'6" 255 Sr) **PS#95.** 13 gm LY. **62** Jeff Olson (6'4" 253 rFr) PS#110TE.

K NA Ross Evans Fr. 5-8 173 PS#56. 12-17 FG, long 53 HS LY. **58 Drew Combs** (6'3" 225 Jr) Ark trans. 6 TB on 65 KO LY. **38** Kevin Sharples (5'9" 170 rFr) PS#79.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

RDE 42 MATT PANFIL SR. 6-2 232 PS#212DB. 6 tkl '05-'06. 6 st LY, 37 tkl, 2.5 sk, 2 tfl. **96** Wayne Daniels (6'2" 240 So) PS#57. 1 tkl true. RS LY. **95** Clarence Leatch (6'4" 238 So) 2 tkl rFr.

DT 56 CODY MOORE SR. 6-1 292 PS#345. 3 st '06, 14 tkl, 3 sk. **760 squat.** 13 st LY, 25 tkl, 3 sk. **90** John Fonua (5'10" 270 Sr) PS#271JC. 15 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Cory Grant (6'2" 303 So) 14 tkl, 2 sk rFr.

NT 55 JAMES VESS SR. 6-3 282 11 st '06, 32 tkl, 4 sk, 4.5 tfl. Susp LY. **69** Kelly Griffin (6'1" 280 So) PS#144. 13 st true, 14 tkl, 2 tfl. **94** Henry Niutei (6'4" 292 So) PS#209.

LDE 98 Jerry Hughes Jr. 6-2 248 PS#286RB. 3 tkl true. 29 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. **99** Braylon Broughton (6'6" 250 rFr) PS#220. Arizona trans. **91** Allen Christopher (6'4" 236 Jr) 9 tkl, 1 sk LY.

SLB 51 Robert Henson Sr. 6-1 228 **HM MWC 3Y.** 2 st, 69 tkl rFr. 64 tkl '06, 7.5 tfl. 1 st LY, 66 tkl. Daryl Washington (6'3" 228 Jr) 48 tkl, 2Y. Chris Goodson (6'0" 210 Jr) PS#520JC. RS LY.

MLB 39 JASON PHILLIPS SR. 6-1 234 PS#232QB. **All MWC Tm 3Y.** 12 st, 71 tkl rFr. 13 st, 73 tkl '06. 13 st, 87 tkl, 10.5 tfl LY. **43** Tank Carder (6'2" 215 rFr). Kris Gardner (6'1" 220 rFr).

SS 29 STEPHEN HODGE SR. 6-0 212 PS#91. 45 tkl in '05-'06. 5 st SS LY, 57 tkl, 8 sk (most sk by DB NCAA). **25** Sir Demarco Bledsoe (6'2" 175 rFr) PS#216. Colin Jones (6'0" 205 So) 12 gm, 8 tkl.

CB 10 RAFAEL PRIEST JR. 5-10 163 13 st rFr, 27 tkl, 9 pbu. 13 st LY, 37 tkl, 3 int, 10 pbu. **HM MWC. 7** Greg McCoy (5'10" 172 rFr) PS#329. 4.5 spd. **21** Camron Murphy (5'9" 170 So) PS#403WR.

CB 20 NICK SANDERS JR. 5-10 174 13 st rFr, 30 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu. 13 st LY, 39 tkl, 4 pbu. **9** Alex Ibiloye (6'0" 170 So) 13 gm, 6 tkl rFr. Jason Teague is PS#178JC. Orig sign w/LSU.

WS 3 Tejay Johnson So. 6-1 195 PS#84. 7 tkl true. **19** Corderra Hunter (6'2" 202 Jr) PS#75. 6 tkl, 1 int 2Y. **16** Andy Burrell (6'2" 198 Sr). Chris Scott PS#171. Chez Thomas (5'10" 180 rFr) PS#368.

FS 4 Steven Coleman Sr. 6-3 204 PS#324. 2 st '06, 1st 8 st FS LY. 76 tkl, 6 int, 6 pbu, 3Y. **22** Tekerrein Cuba (6'4" 197 rFr) PS#54. **21** Johnny Fobbs (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#443.

P 47 Anson Kelton rFr. 6-4 260 PS#85TE. Avg 44.0 as senior in HS, also 45 tkl, 6 sk. **4** Landry Lawson (6'1" 162 Jr) No stats in 3 years. **2** Garrett Milliken (6'0" 212 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Zach Roth 6-5 298 PS#105JC
CB	Jason Teague 6-2 190 PS#178JC
WR	Marques Parker 5-11 179 PS#181JC
DL	Jeremy Coleman 6-2 266 PS#133
QB	Yogi Gallegos 6-0 182 PS#91
DB	Chris Scott 5-10 178 PS#171
LB	Greg Burks 6-1 205 PS#179DB
OL	Trevius Jones 6-3 293 PS#221
WR	Sam Shutt 6-0 178 PS#217DB
RB	Edward Wesley 5-9 185 PS#183
TE	Corey Fuller 6-5 219 PS#188WR
TE	Walker Dille 6-3 217 PS#73
OL	Blaize Foltz 6-4 295 PS#286
DB	Bud Patterson 6-0 180 PS#321
K	Ross Evans 5-8 173 PS#56
OL	James Fry 6-3 269 PS#440
WR	Justin Moreaux 6-2 189 PS#382

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GARY PATTERSON (Career 62-25)
8th Year at TCU
Patterson's Bowl Record: 4-3

Patterson's records AT TCU

62-25	Straight Up	1-2	Vs Top 10
33-7	Home	4-4	Vs Top 25
25-16	Away	10-4	Vs BCS Teams
4-2	Neutral	12-9	Off A Bye
38-17	Vs Conference	16-5	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 47 (26,19,2)
Lost: 18 (9,7,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,029 (#76)

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#84

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TCU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at New Mexico	G					
Sep. 6	Stephen F. Austin	G					
Sep. 13	Stanford	G					
Sep. 20	at SMU	A					
Sep. 27	at Oklahoma	G					
Oct. 4	San Diego St	G					
Oct. 11	at Colorado St	A					
Oct. 16	BYU (Thur)	G					
Oct. 25	Wyoming (HC)	G					
Nov. 1	at UNLV	A					
Nov. 6	at Utah (Thur)	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Air Force	G					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Max Knake 7,370 '92-'95	1. LaDainian Tomlinson 5,263 '97-'00	1. Mike Renfro 2,739 '74-'77
2. Steve Stamp 5,123 '78-'81	2. Tony Jeffery 3,749 '84-'87	2. Stephen Shipley 2,251 '89-'92
3. Casey Printers 4,621 '99-'01	3. Andre Davis 3,182 '92-'95	3. Stanley Washington 2,209 '79-'82

In 3 MWC meetings, TCU has dominated the Lobos winning by an avg of 38-16. Patterson was the DC & safeties coach at NM in 1996 & 1997.

First meeting & TCU is 0-1 vs the Southland Conf (Northwestern St, '01). LY SFA finished 0-11 under 1st yr HC JC Harper in an inj plagued ssn (used 11 diff RB's).

LY TCU caught Stanford off one of the NCAA's biggest upsets (USC) but only managed a 2 pt win. The Horned Frogs are 8-11 vs current Pac-10 tms, but 0-4 hosting them.

SMU won the "Iron Skillet" in '05 after a 6 yr drought in what was TCU's only loss of the yr. Since 1995 the home team is 9-3. TCU's avg win has been 26 ppg the L8Y.

Coming into '08, TCU is 12-5 vs current BCS teams the last 5 years. TCU has pulled the upset each of the L/2 visits to Norman (20-7 in '96, 17-10 in '05).

TCU set a single game & MWC mark with 111 off plays run vs SDSt last year. They tallied a season high 694 yds (388 in 1H) which is 3rd best in school history.

HC Gary Patterson is 4-0 vs Colorado St. Last year TCU went just 1-3 in MWC away games but since 2005 they are 8-4 on the conference road.

TCU has allowed an avg of 475 ypg & 36 ppg to BYU over the last 3 years. The Horned Frogs are 2-5 all-time vs the Cougs and have now lost the last 2.

For the 1st time S/'98, TCU lost to Wyoming LY & "fell to" 2-1 vs the Pokes in MWC play. TCU scored B2B TD's in the 4Q after WY had built an 18 pt lead but fell a FG short.

These 2 first met in 1996 when they both played in the WAC and TCU is 5-1 including 3-0 in MWC play winning by a combined 110-23 since 2005.

These high powered offenses have only avg'd 39 ppg in their 5 meetings & LY totaled 512 yds. Coming into '08, TCU is just 1-5 in Thursday night games since 2005.

Bonus: The Frogs have now won 57 games in a row when allowing 17 or fewer pts.

LY almost half of AF's rush yds (71) came on 1 play other than that, AF gained 75 yds (1.8). TCU has won 4 of the L/5 (upset in OT LY). The Frogs have won 9 of 11 home finales.

RB Joseph Turner

STADIUM: AMON G. CARTER STADIUM (44,358) (#71)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	6-6	10-2	11-2	5-6	11-1	11-2	8-5	72-26
Home	6-0	2-2	6-0	6-1	4-2	5-0	5-1	5-1	39-7
Away	4-1	4-3	3-2	5-1	1-4	5-1	5-1	2-4	29-17
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	4-2
vs Conf	7-1	4-3	6-2	7-1	3-5	8-0	6-2	4-4	45-18
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-3	4-0	4-1	2-1	3-1	5-0	4-1	27-8
ATS	7-5	6-5	5-6-1	6-7	3-8	8-3-1	8-3-1	6-6-1	49-43-4
Home Fav	5-1	1-0	2-4	3-3	2-3	3-1	3-1	4-2	23-15
Home Dog	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	5-1
Away Fav	2-3	2-2	1-1-1	1-3	0-1	0-2	3-1-1	0-3	9-16-2
Away Dog	0-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	0-4	3-0	0-1	1-1-1	8-9-1
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	1-0	1-0	3-2-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-3	3-4-1	4-4	2-6	7-1	4-3-1	4-3-1	33-27-3
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	1-2	1-2-1	4-0	2-3	16-16-1
Off SU Win	5-5	2-3	4-4-1	6-5	1-4	6-3-1	6-2-1	3-3-1	33-29-4
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-2	1-1	0-1	2-3	1-0	1-1	2-3	11-11

Dennis Franchione/Gary Patterson (Bowl) — Gary Patterson

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Liberty	+5	Colorado St - #23	17-3
03	Fort Worth - #19	+11	Boise St - #18	31-34
05	Houston - #14	-3	Iowa St	27-24
06	Poinsettia - #25	-12	N Illinois	37-7
07	Texas	-6	Houston	20-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

TCU's All-Time Bowl Record 10-13-1

TCU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	26.1	22	165	3.7	222	58.5	14.8	-7	2007	8	18.7	17	103	2.9	220	53.8	17.3
6*	29.2	22	195	4.5	214	61.4	14.0	+7	2006	6	12.3	13	61	2.2	174	53.6	19.1
6*	33.2	21	192	4.3	208	55.3	12.1	+21	2005	6	18.6	18	108	2.8	221	52.2	17.7
8*	32.9	22	166	3.8	265	55.9	13.1	+4	2004	4	33.9	22	122	3.2	304	55.8	12.6
4	29.2	23	208	4.1	222	57.0	14.7	+4	2003	6	21.2	17	94	2.7	256	51.5	16.5
8	30.1	18	203	4.1	167	57.8	12.3	+15	2002	6	18.5	13	65	2.0	175	38.9	13.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joseph Turner	115	600	3	597	6	5.2
Aaron Brown	106	530	40	490	2	4.6
Ryan Christian	88	343	22	321	2	3.6
Andy Dalton	98	411	179	232	5	2.4
Justin Watts	57	207	3	204	2	3.6
Marcus Jackson	58	265	78	187	2	3.2
Donald Massey	10	46	1	45	0	4.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Andy Dalton	371	222	59.8	2459	10	11
Marcus Jackson	69	35	50.7	368	3	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ervin Dickerson	40	514	12.9	4	32
Donald Massey	29	364	12.6	0	48
Walter Bryant	27	337	12.5	1	27
Jimmy Young	23	325	14.1	1	70
Derek Moore	18	257	14.3	2	30
Shae Reagan	11	193	17.5	1	50
Marcus Brock	23	175	7.6	1	16
Aaron Brown	24	161	6.7	1	24
Ryan Christian	18	139	7.7	0	25
Jeremy Kerley	9	97	10.8	0	29

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Derek Wash	64	2723	42.5	12	37.3(t)	0	24

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Manfredini	37-37	8-11	11-12	2-3	1-1	22-27	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jason Phillips	87	2	8.5	6	1
David Hawthorne	84	5	2.5	1	0
Brian Bonner	78	1.5	2	2	1
David Roach	76	0	3.5	7	1
Robert Henson	66	0	2	1	2
Stephen Hodge	57	8	2.5	7	0
Steven Coleman	48	0	2	6	3
Chase Ortiz	42	9	7.5	4	0
Nick Sanders	39	0.5	0	4	1
Matt Panfil	37	2.5	2	0	0
Rafael Priest	37	0	1	10	3
Daryl Washington	32	0.5	2.5	1	0
Torrey Stewart	30	0	3	1	2
Jerry Hughes	29	1	2.5	0	1
Cody Moore	25	3	2.5	2	0
Tommy Blake	21	4	4	1	0
John Fonua	15	1	1	0	0
Kelly Griffin	14	0	2	1	0
Cory Grant	14	2	0	0	0
Allen Christopher	9	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brian Bonner	41	535	13.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Aaron Brown	14	344	24.6	0
Donald Massey	12	247	20.6	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

TCU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
35,606	Baylor	16	45-181	4.0	18-30	205	2	16	25-51	2.0	26-55	231	1	+2
84,621	at Texas	15	32-43	1.3	23-37	208	3	19	36-176	4.9	25-38	239	0	-2
31,556	at Air Force	20	32-89	2.8	29-45	320	0	15	42-146	3.5	17-28	193	4	-1
31,511	SMU	13	34-142	4.2	11-26	108	1	23	47-149	3.2	19-34	203	4	0
32,870	Colorado St	23	48-201	4.2	16-32	197	2	16	28-55	2.0	21-39	216	4	+1
23,007	at Wyoming	22	43-134	3.1	22-39	210	3	22	51-232	4.5	12-26	134	1	-1
37,777	at Stanford	29	48-150	3.1	23-34	344	2	27	49-170	3.5	15-30	194	5	-1
25,391	Utah	20	27-94	3.5	21-46	191	2	16	50-107	2.1	13-20	120	6	-3
28,369	New Mexico	23	60-238	4.0	13-22	183	0	6	26-28	1.1	9-32	91	3	+1
64,241	at BYU	22	39-130	3.3	24-37	222	3	19	34-112	3.3	26-44	305	1	+1
26,425	UNLV	27	58-251	4.3	12-23	126	3	13	22-12	0.5	18-30	235	6	+1
18,350	at San Diego St	39	69-376	5.4	26-42	318	0	15	21-75	3.6	26-51	366	1	-3
62,097	† Houston	19	39-116	3.0	21-30	249	2	20	30-32	1.1	23-38	335	5	-1
TOTALS		288	574-2145	3.7	259-443	2881	23	227	461-1345	2.9	250-465	2862	41	-7
AVERAGES		22.2	44-165	3.7	20-34	222	1.8	17.5	35-103	2.9	19-36	220	3.2	-0.5

TCU Pre #25 2003 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #25
#25	at Tulane	-6'	38-35	
#25	Navy	-23	17-3	
#20	Vanderbilt	-11'	30-14	
#19	at Arizona	-14	13-10 OT	
#20	Army	-30'	27-0	
#19	at USF	+2	13-10	
#16	UAB	-10'	27-24	
#15	at Houston	-6	62-55	
#13	Louisville	-2	31-28	
#10	Cincinnati	-7	43-10	
#10	at S Mississippi	+3	28-40	
#19	at SMU	-24	20-13	

TCU Pre – 2004 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
–	Northwestern	-6	48-45 2OT	
–	SMU	-22'	44-0	
–	at Texas Tech	+5'	35-70	
–	USF	-10	44-45 2OT	
–	at Army	-18'	21-17	
–	at UAB	+7	25-41	
–	Houston	-6'	34-27	
–	at Cincinnati	+6	10-21	
–	at Louisville - #12	+24	28-55	
–	S Mississippi	+1	42-17	
–	Tulane	-13'	31-35	

TCU Pre – 2005 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #11
–	at Oklahoma - #7	+25	17-10	
#22	at SMU	-14'	10-21	
–	Utah	+3'	23-20 OT	
–	at BYU	+3	51-50 OT	
–	New Mexico	-1'	49-28	
–	at Wyoming	+6'	28-14	
#25	Army	-22	38-17	
#21	at Air Force	E	48-10	
#20	at San Diego St	-6'	23-20	
#20	Colorado St	-7	33-6	
#18	UNLV	-29	51-3	

TCU Pre #22 2006 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post #22
#22	at Baylor	-6'	17-7	
#23	UC Davis	NL	46-13	
#20	Texas Tech - #24	+1	12-3	
#17	BYU	-7	17-31	
–	at Utah	+2'	7-20	
–	at Army	-12	31-17	
–	Wyoming	-6	26-3	
–	at UNLV	-19	25-10	
–	at New Mexico	-6	27-21	
–	San Diego St	-17'	52-0	
–	at Colorado St	-9'	45-14	
–	Air Force	-17	38-14	

TCU Pre #22 2007 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post –
#22	Baylor	-21	27-0	
#19	at Texas - #7	+9	13-34	
–	at Air Force	-7'	17-20 OT	
–	SMU	-23	21-7	
–	Colorado St	-10	24-12	
–	at Wyoming	+3	21-24	
–	at Stanford	-6	38-36	
–	Utah	-3'	20-27	
–	New Mexico	-3'	37-0	
–	at BYU	+7'	22-27	
–	UNLV	-18	34-10	
–	at San Diego St	-12'	45-33	

UNLV REBELS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 USC transfer Rocky Hinds (PS#11) had a great debut throwing for 322 (42 rush) vs Idaho St but unfortunately tore his ACL in the 2Q and was not 100% the rest of the year. He threw for 2,148 (54%) with an 8-13 ratio. Shane Steichen started one and threw for 562 (58%) with a 7-4 ratio on the year. Last year they had to replace Steichen and Hinds re-tore his ACL and missed the season. That forced rFr Travis Dixon (PS#79) into the starter's role. His backup early on was Dack Ishii (6'2" 220 Sr) who was a walk-on transfer from Tennessee. Dixon had 129 rush vs Utah St in the victory then hit 23 of 36 for 258 as he nearly engineered an upset of #5 Wisconsin. Later he hit 23 of 37 for 274 (56 rush) vs Air Force but sprained his knee & ankle vs BYU. Omar Clayton (PS#257) was a 5th string walk-on heading into Aug but played vs BYU hitting 5 of 5 for 43 leading the team to a FG and TD on two drives. With Dixon not 100% Clayton got his first start playing in 50 mph winds vs Colo St and amazingly became the first player in UNLV history (40 years) to top 300 yards passing and 100 rushing in the same game. I say amazingly because Randall Cunningham played here. Clayton hit 21 of 39 for 223 vs Wyoming but then was injured and lost for the year in the 1Q vs SDSt. Dixon returned to his starting job. The 2 QB's combined to throw for 207.6 ypg (55.1%) with a 12-13 ratio and should improve. Adding depth this year are Ishii and Mike Clausen (6'2" 200 rFr, PS#311).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 David Peeples (PS#135) had the lowest total for a top rusher here since 1996 (356) with 519 (3.9). He returned last year but I projected 240 lb JUCO Frank "The Tank" Summers as the starter. Summers, who originally signed at Cal, is a big, powerful back that drew comparisons to Jerome Bettis. After getting just 30 att's in the first 3, he had 29 vs Utah and produced 190 yards. Summers would have four 100 yard efforts including 187 vs SDSt. He was within grasp of becoming UNLV's first 1,000 yard rusher since 2004 but had just 63 in the final 2 (928, 4.6). Peeples, who suffered a stress fracture on his foot in July then a concussion vs Utah, played in just 6 with 42 yards (4.2). Chris Brogdon (5'7" 215 Jr, PS#406) had 74 (4.9). This year the only loss is Robert Paulele (0 rush, 3 rec) who quit after 3 last year. Sanford has sited the need to bring in a speed back to complement Summers and fitting that bill are Channing Trotter (PS#274WR) who had 47 (4.7) and this year's true frosh including CJ Cox (PS#194DB). Summers is one of the MWC's top RB's.

RB Frank Summers

RECEIVERS - The Rebels had to replace three of their top 4 WR's in 2006 and when Sanford signed Aaron Straiten he compared him to Keyshawn Johnson, Curtis Conway and Johnnie Morton (players he coached at USC). Surprisingly, Straiten (5 st) had just 249 (11.3). The top 2 WR's were Ryan Wolfe, who was the MWC Newcomer of the Year and earned 1st Tm MWC honors with 911 (16.6), and Casey Flair who had 382 (11.9) in '05 and improved to 816 (12.2) earning 2nd Tm MWC honors in '06. Those 2 were at the top again last year as they combined for 1,406 (11.7). This year they lose Straiten (7 st, 285) and TE Chris Butler (5 st, 8 rec). With more experienced QB's, I look for increased production from the UNLV receivers with Flair, Wolfe and good sized Rodelin Anthony (6'5" 220 Jr, 300 yd LY) perhaps among the best trios of WR's in the MWC.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06 this unit had 4 starters back but surprisingly struggled with just 90 ypg (3.1) rushing, their worst since '96, but trimmed the sack total to 24 (5.4%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and a backup but Sanford liked the potential with a RS JUCO and a Colo St transfer added in. Even with just 2 starters back in the 3rd year of Sanford's system, they had their best numbers with 141 ypg (3.9) while allowing 31 sacks (7.6%). CSU transfer Richie Plunkett started the first 2 but lost his spot and then was lost for the year after 6. RG Mike McKiski started the first 5 but injured his knee. Only 2 OL's started all 12 and this year they must replace LG Tim Goins (12 st, 3Y st'r) as well as McKiski (3Y st'r) but Sanford does have 8 of his top 10 back (7 w/starting exp). The Rebels O-line avg 6'4" 312, the 15th largest in IA and this is clearly the best O-line Sanford has fielded here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 UNLV had an inexperienced 3-man D-line and allowed 161 ypg rush (4.1). Last year they switched back to a 4 man front and had to replace one starter. They added in Oregon transfer Thor Pili (PS#134) but was slowed early by injuries (12 tkl). The Rebels slipped to 184 ypg (4.6) while the D had just 22 sacks. This year they lose DE Jeremy Geathers (11 st, 40 tkl, 5.5 sk) who left for the NFL, DE Elton Shackelford (12 st, 38 tkl, 4 tfl), DT Faauo Faga (11 tkl) and DE Matt Seccombe (1 st, 0 tkl). They are very experienced in the middle and I like the replacements at DE including JC Heivaha Mafi. He was in for the spring and I expect a bigger year from Pili. They also added in Idaho transfer George Fa'avae (5 st '06) and Wash St transfer Preston Brooks. Despite the losses, the Rebels' D-line looks stronger in 2008.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005 the Rebels had to replace their top six LB's but Beau Bell emerged with 72 tackles in the last six. In the first 7 starts of 2006 he had 76 tackles and 9 tfl but was lost for the season. Last year they basically had 3 starters back and I expected VHT transfer Jimmy Miller from Miss St to have a big impact. Surprisingly Miller had just 15 tackles in an injury-plagued year. Bell was the MWC Def POY recording 126 tackles and 9.5 tfl. Their DC said there were 2 players on D they could not afford to lose and that was Bell and LB Starr Fuimaono (68 tkl) who was lost after 9 starts. This year they must replace Bell (12 st), Bradley Niles (8 st, 51 tkl) and backups KC Asiodu (6 st '06, 3 tkl '07) and Adrian Bradley (3 tkl). Jason Beauchamp started 10 in 2006 but just 3 last year. Bell (#4DC CLE) is a huge loss but all 3 projected starters are capable of earning MWC honors.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UNLV had an inexperienced secondary in 2005 and finished #115 in my pass D rankings snagging just 5 int. They added in transfers from USC, UCLA and Oklahoma in 2006 but surprisingly finished just #113. Last year they had to replace three starters including a #2 DC. Sanford was very high on true frosh Will Chandler as well as Shane Horton who started 4 games (35 tkl). Despite having just 1 starter back, UNLV climbed to #51. This year they lose 2nd Tm MWC CB Mil'Von James (12 st, 45 tkl, 19 pbu), S Horton (4 st) who transferred to USC, FS Tony Cade (8 st, 56 tkl, 2 int) and CB Solomon Smart (13 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are David Biggs (5'8" 170 So), Kenneth Johnson (5'9" 155 Sr) and Ryan Tillman (5'10" 180 Jr). While it will be tough to improve, this is a more experienced group.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Sanford's first year UNLV finished #78 in my ST rankings and then with Kip Facer leading the MWC in punting (45.2) in '06 they moved up to #43. Last year they had to replace Facer as well as their top KR Eric Wright (23.9). They did get back Sergio Aguayo (PS#15) who hit 23 of 31 FG's in '04 and '05 but had a torn ACL in '06 (8-16). Last year Aguayo hit 17 of 22 FG's (long 48) with one miss from 50+. New P Brian Pacheco (PS#106JC) was a 2nd Tm AA at JC in '04 (46.0). He avg 42.1 (net 36.9). The problem with the unit was KR defense as they allowed 27.8 (1 TD). They finished just #102. Casey Flair, who avg 12.8 on PR in '06, slipped to 8.4. This year they must replace P Pacheco and K Aguayo who were the unit's best players so it may be tough for the them to move up much in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Mike Sanford took over in '05 after being the OC of Utah's potent attack the previous 2 years. Last year he brought in a new OC in Todd Berry who took over a Div IAA team in '96 (Illinois St) that had not won a conf title since '50 and in 3 seasons took them to the national semifinals. He was a semifinalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award his final 2 seasons there. Berry was the HC at Army from 2000-'03 then the OC at ULM in '04 and '05 with ULM sharing the league title in '05. He was the QB coach at Miami, Fl in '06. This year the new DC is Dennis Therrell who was the LB coach here last year. He spent 2 seasons as DC at Murray St ('04-'05) after a 4 year stint at Army under then-Black Knight Coach Todd Berry.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UNLV was a disappointing 2-9 in 2004 thanks in part to -17 in turnovers. In Mike Sanford's first season in 2005, I said that 8 MWC teams were bowl-caliber and the only exclusion was UNLV which had just 6 returning starters. They had been outscored by 16.1 ppg in league play and were changing schemes on both sides. UNLV has had just one winning season the last 13 years. That 2005 squad finished last in the MWC earning one win and were outgained by a MWC worst 101.1 ypg (-20.3 ppg). In 2006 I had big expectations for the UNLV offense thanks to the addition of USC transfer Rocky Hinds. Unfortunately he was injured early and was never really 100%. While UNLV finished with the same 1-7 MWC record, they were "only" outgained by 69.7 ypg (-15.6 ppg). They were -11 in TO's and were just 2-10 overall but had 3 close losses. Last year Hinds was expected to return but did not. UNLV did snap a streak of 15 straight road losses beating Utah St and could have beat #5 Wisconsin at home but the Badgers got a TD with 1:53 left. For the first time in their history they faced B2B ranked foes at home and were drilled by #24 Hawaii the next week. They usually suffer blowout losses to Utah but shutout the injury plagued Utes 27-0 for a strong 2-2 start. Nevada got a 43 yd TD pass with :27 left to win by 7 and despite outgaining AF 471-432 they lost by 17. They lost to eventual league champ BYU by only 10 but then in 50 mph winds, were whipped by Colo St. They led WY 17-9 and 24-23 but lost and despite outgaining SDSt 482-318, lost at home. With little to play for, they were whipped by two of the league powers on the road and finished in the basement for a 3rd straight season. They were outgained by only 36.9 ypg which was better than 3 other MWC teams. UNLV has not won more than one conf game since 2003. Sanford signed a 5 year extension this year and with that kind of stability, opted to bring in 21 frosh out of the 23 players signed foregoing the usual JC transfer infusion here. UNLV also has 7 home games this year for the first time since 1979. The Rebels' 14 returning starters are 2nd most in the MWC and they have the most favorable schedule of the middle tier teams. Not only will I call for them to escape the basement, but six of my 8 sets of power ratings say that UNLV will be bowl eligible!

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 2 OMAR CLAYTON SO. 6-1 200 PS#257. 3 st, 7 gm true, 618 (61%) 4-5 ratio, 265 rush. **16** Travis Dixon (6'1" 190 So) PS#79. 9 st rFr, 1873 (53%) 8-8 ratio, 488 rush.

RB 4 FRANK SUMMERS SR. 5-10 240 Orig at Cal. PS#273JC. 12 st LY, 928 (4.6), 23 rec. **20** David Peeples (5'9" 200 Sr) PS#135. 8 st, 519 (3.9) '06. Channing Trotter (5'9" 195 So).

WR 83 Gerold Rodriguez Sr. 5-10 175 PS#91. **Ariz trans.** 3 st, 3 rec LY. Jerriman Robinson (6'1" 185 Jr) 1 st, 2 rec. **TE** Ryan Worthen (5'11" 255 Sr) 5 st, 53 yd 3Y. Austin Harrington (6'3" 230 rFr).

WR 80 CASEY FLAIR SR. 6-1 195 11 st, 382 (11.9) rFr. 12 st, 816 (12.2), **2nd Tm MWC '06**. 10 st, 622 (11.5) LY. Tate Knutson (5'10" 175 So) 1 st, 0 rec. Phillip Payne PS#114.

WR 88 RYAN WOLFE JR. 6-1 205 PS#110. **1st Tm MWC** true, 911 (16.6). 10 st LY, 784 (11.9), **HM MWC. 11** Justin Marvel (6'0" 195 Jr) PS#371. 1 st, 9 rec '06. RS LY.

WR 84 RODELIN ANTHONY JR. 6-5 220 PS#147TE. 4 st TE '06. 5 st WR LY, 300 (15.8). **17** Renan Saint Preux (6'1" 185 Sr) 7 st 3Y, 254 (7.3). Robert Rowe is PS#159QB.

C 64 SIOSIFA MOALA SR. 6-1 360 PS#119JC. Last 7 st RG LY. **66** John Gianninoto (6'3" 285 So). 3 st C true. **LS 43** Kamu Kapanui (6'0" 245 Jr) 12 gm LY. Eric Braner (5'10" 200 So).

RG 59 JOE HAWLEY JR. 6-3 295 PS#112. 11 gm true. 9 st C LY. Sean Tesoro PS#146. **70** Antoine Howard (6'4" 240 rFr) PS#433DL. GS '06. RS LY. Jason Koontz PS#253.

LG 78 JOHAN ASIATA SR. 6-4 315 PS#477JC. 12 st RT LY. Miss spg inj. **65** Ramsey Feagai (6'2" 360 So) PS#195. 12 gm rFr. **61** Mike Donato (6'3" 305 So) 4 gm rFr.

RT 79 Richie Plunkett Sr. 6-6 290 PS#282. Letter rFr at Colo St. 2 st LY here but inj. **73** Evan Marchal (6'6" 295 So) 12 gm rFr. **72** Thomas Wren (6'5" 270 rFr) GS '06. RS LY.

LT 75 MATT MURPHY SO. 6-4 300 Last 9 st at LT as true, 12 games. **1st Tm Frosh AA. 67** Mario Jeberaeel (6'4" 285 Sr) 5 gm rFr. 8 gm '06. 7 gm, 1 st LY. Jason Heath PS#181DL.

K 86 Ben Jaekle So. 6-1 165 PS#87. 2 of 4 FG true, 8 TB on 44 KO's. DNP LY. **37** Kyle Watson (5'9" 200 Jr) 6 of 10 FG at TX Southern '05. Zach Davis (5'11" 170 Jr).

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 42 Heivaha Mafi Jr. 6-1 255 PS#413JC in spg. Drafted by Montreal in the CFL. **90** Luke Plante (6'3" 260 Jr) PS#318JC. 14.5 sk JC '06. RS LY. **47** Daniel Mareko (6'2" 230 So).

DT 93 MALO TAUMUA SO. 6-0 275 2 tkl '06, RS. 11 starts DT in '07, 36 tkl, 3 sk, 2.5 tfl. **71** Perry Eppenger (6'3" 295 Jr) PS#162OL. 1 st, 10 tkl 2Y. Tim High (6'2" 310 So) PS#235. 2 tkl rFr.

DT 92 JACOB HALES SR. 6-5 290 PS#327LB. 6 st '06, 23 tkl, 1 sk. 12 st LY, 36 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. **99** Isaako Aaitui (6'3" 300 So) 7 gm 10 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **63** Justin McCrory (6'1" 290 rFr).

DE 94 Thor Pili Sr. 6-3 275 PS#134. **Oreg '05.** Broke hand LY, 12 tkl. **George Fa'avae** (6'2" 260 Sr) **5 st Idaho**, 14 tkl '06. Scout Tm MVP. Preston Brooks (6'2" 260 So). **Wash St.**

WLB 33 Jason Beauchamp Jr. 6-3 215 **10 st '06**, 69 tkl, 3.5 sk. 12 gm, 3 st in '07, 43 tkl, 2 tfl. **55** Nate Carter PS#196. GS LY. David Blair is PS#84. **53** Matt Kravetz (6'1" 225 rFr).

MLB 51 Jimmy Miller Jr. 5-11 230 **PS#48. 2 tkl @ Mississippi St '05.** 15 tkl, 1 sk in '07. **58** Ronnie Paulo (6'1" 230 So) PS#335. 7 tkl true. **50** Rusty Worthen (5'11" 235 Sr) TE/LB LY, 11 gm.

REB 14 STARR FUIMAONO JR. 5-11 215 4 st at NB true, 29 tkl. 9 st LY (inj), 68 tkl, 4 tfl. **22** Wiselet Rouzard (5'9" 210 Jr) 2 st, 12 tkl 2Y. Bryce Saldi (6'3" 210 rFr). Michael Lynch (5'10" 220 So).

CB 10 QUINTON POINTER SO. 5-9 185 PS#432. 8 st true, 50 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. **1** Will Chandler (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#207. **25** Nehemiah Mundy (6'0" 165 So) Orig signed/**Wash St.**

CB 7 Geoffrey Howard Sr. 5-10 195 JC. 5 st, 12 gm, 27 tkl LY. **21 Lorenzo Bursey** (5'8" 175 Sr) **PS#55JC. Wash St** trans. 2 st WR LY, 13 rec. **38** Jesse Wheeler (5'10" 150 rFr) PS#433. LY. Terrance Lee (6'0" 175 Jr) PS#280JC. In for spg. **36** Earl Barnes (5'9" 180 Jr) RS LY. JC.

FS 26 Rico Thomas So. 5-11 180 PS#251. Orig signed w/SDSt '06. 3 tkl true here

P 37 Kyle Watson Jr. 5-9 200 55 punts at TX Southern '05, 38.1 avg. 53 yd FG HS. Zach Davis PS#465JC. 42.0 avg in HS. **19** Dack Ishii (6'2" 220 Sr) QB Tenn trans.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	David Blair 6-2 220 PS#84
RB	D'Angelo Jones 5-8 195 PS#72 '07
DB	Terrance Lee 6-0 175 PS#280JC
QB	Chris Jones 6-3 190 PS#111WR
WR	Phillip Payne 6-3 185 PS#114
OL	Sean Tesoro 6-2 290 PS#146
OL	Jason Heath 6-4 265 PS#181DL
DE	Heivaha Mafi 6-1 255 PS#413JC
RB	CJ Cox 5-11 190 PS#194DB
RB	Imari Thompson 5-9 195 PS#182
OL	Jason Koontz 6-2 295 PS#253
WR	Gerome Surrell 5-11 200 PS#208
WR	Gordy Cooper 6-5 215 PS#210
LB	Travis Trickey 6-3 225 PS#216
WR	Robert Rowe 6-2 195 PS#159QB
LB	Nate Carter 6-2 230 PS#196 '07
DB	Beau Orth 6-1 200 PS#388
DL	Beau Brence 6-4 235 PS#430
RB	Michael Johnson 5-8 170 PS#391
OL	Shane Watterson 6-5 280 PS#481
OL	Daniel Kaanana 6-5 270 PS#481
TE	Alex Young 6-4 235 PS#154
DL	Jesse Backerman 6-3 230 PS#464
DL	Litani Moimoi 6-3 270 PS#464
DL	Bennielee Shelby 6-3 260 PS#464
OL	Yusef Rodgers 6-3 275 PS#606 '07

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Sep. 6	at Utah	A					
Sep. 13	at Arizona St	G					
Sep. 20	Iowa St	A					
Sep. 27	Nevada	A					
Oct. 4	at Colorado St	A					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	Air Force	A					
Oct. 25	at BYU	G					
Nov. 1	TCU	A					
Nov. 8	New Mexico	A					
Nov. 13	Wyoming (Thur)	A					
Nov. 22	at San Diego St	G					
Nov. 29							

UNLV is just 2-9 in their L/11 meetings and both wins were in Logan ('94 and LY). UNLV is 53-72-1 vs current WAC teams. UNLV has 7 home games for the 1st time S/'79.

LY after the Utah gm, RB Summers criticized Utah's D saying they were just diving at his ankles to avoid tackling him. UNLV beat Utah for the 1st time S/'79 & moved to 2-11 vs the Utes.

The Rebs are just 1-20 on the road (only win LY vs Utah St) with the avg loss by 21 ppg. This is the 1st meeting between these two & UNLV is just 3-9 vs the Pac-10.

UNLV is 0-4 vs ISU losing by an avg of 18 ppg. Last time these 2 met ended in controversy as Steichen's final pass was ruled incl but UNLV disagreed & refused to leave the field.

Nevada is going for its 4th straight Fremont Cannon win and LY got a TD with :27 left for the win. The Rebels have lost 13 of 19 but have won 3 of the L/4 in Vegas.

The Rebs last won in '02 as the #16 Rams had the MWC & Liberty Bowl invite locked up. UNLV was 3-0-1 the first 4 gms vs CSU ('78-'82) but has gone just 1-11 since.

The winning team in this series is avg'g 37 pts & has not scored less than 24. Ten of 13 in this series have been decided by 17 or more pts (other 3 by 3 or less).

The Rebels are 3-12 vs BYU allowing 131 points the last 3 years. Coming into '08, UNLV is 9-24 in MWC RG's since the conf was formed in 1999.

Entering LY's gm, TCU avg'd just 140 ypg rush but totaled 251 yds rush vs UNLV. In the past three games, the Rebs have been outscored by a 37-8 avg margin.

The Rebels are just 3-8 S/'82 vs New Mexico with their 3 wins by a combined 7 pts. Four of the last 5 in this series have been decided by 4 points or less.

These two have averaged 70 points per gm combined in Mt West play. The Rebels dropped the last 4 in this series allowing Wyoming an avg of 40 ppg.

UNLV & San Diego St have combined to avg just 37 ppg in their MWC meetings. SDSt had all'd just 241 ypg in this series in 4 yrs but LY was pounded for 482 by the Rebs.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Randall Cunningham 8,020 '82-'84	1. Mike Thomas 3,149 '73-'74	1. Earvin Johnson 2,604 '01-'04
2. Jon Denton 6,177 '96-'97	2. Dominique Dorsey 2,834 '01-'04	2. Damon Williams 2,558 '95-'98
3. Sam King 5,393 '79-'81	3. Kirk Jones 2,656 '83-'86	3. Henry Bailey 2,515 '91-'94

MIKE SANFORD (Career 6-29)

4th Year at UNLV

Sanford's Bowl Record: 0-0

Sanford's records AT UNLV

6-29	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
5-12	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
1-17	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
3-21	Vs Conference	4-23	Off A Loss

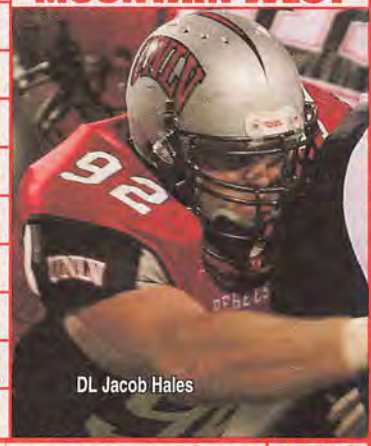
2007 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (26,24,3)
Lost: 20 (5,13,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,281 (#80)

MOUNTAIN WEST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STADIUM: SAM BOYD STADIUM (36,800) (#81)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (TurfTech)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-5	4-7	5-7	6-6	2-9	2-9	2-10	2-10	31-63
Home	6-0	1-4	3-3	2-4	1-4	2-3	2-4	1-5	18-27
Away	2-5	3-3	2-4	4-2	1-5	0-6	0-6	1-5	13-36
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	3-4	2-5	1-6	1-7	1-7	1-7	16-43
vs Non-Conf	4-2	1-3	2-3	4-1	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-3	15-20
ATS	8-5	6-5	3-8	6-6	3-8	4-7	4-6-1	5-7	39-52-1
Home Fav (John Robison)	3-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-2	6-15
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	0-0	3-1	3-2	3-1	13-8
Away Fav (Mike Sanford)	1-2	2-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-2	0-0	1-0	5-6
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	2-4	2-1	2-4	1-3	1-4-1	1-4	14-23-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	2-5	3-4	1-6	4-4	3-4-1	3-5	24-34-1
vs Non-Conf	4-2	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-2	0-3	1-2	2-2	15-18
Off SU Win	6-1	1-2	0-4	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-1	11-15
Off SU Loss	2-3	4-3	3-4	4-2	2-6	3-5	3-6-1	3-6	24-35-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Frank Summers	202	963	35	928	6	4.6
Travis Dixon	132	488	164	324	2	2.5
Omar Clayton	51	265	86	179	2	3.5
Ryan Wolfe	9	103	0	103	0	11.4
Chris Brogdon	15	80	6	74	0	4.9
Channing Trotter	10	52	5	47	1	4.7
David Peeples	10	42	0	42	0	4.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Travis Dixon	299	159	53.2	1873	8	8
Omar Clayton	95	58	61.1	618	4	5
Dack Ishii	11	6	54.5	59	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Ryan Wolfe	66	784	11.9	2	45
Casey Flair	54	622	11.5	3	35
Rodelin Anthony	19	300	15.8	3	36
Aaron Straiten	23	285	12.4	0	35
Frank Summers	23	252	11.0	4	56
Lorenzo Bursey	13	114	8.8	0	19
Chris Butler	8	63	7.9	0	15
Robert Paulele	3	44	14.7	0	34
Channing Trotter	4	29	7.2	0	18

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brian Pacheco	63	2651	42.1	15	36.9	0	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sergio Aguayo	21-22	6-7	5-6	6-6	0-3	17-22	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Beau Bell	126	3	6.5	3	4
Daryl Forte	94	1	1	3	1
Starr Fuimaono	68	1.5	2.5	0	0
Tony Cade	56	0	0	2	0
Bradley Niles	51	0.5	0	1	0
Quinton Pointer	50	0	1.5	2	2
Mil'Von James	45	0	0	19	1
Jason Beauchamp	43	1	1	3	0
Jeremy Geathers	40	5.5	1	1	0
Elton Shackelford	38	2	2	1	1
Jacob Hales	36	3	2	1	0
Malo Taumua	36	3	2.5	0	0
Shane Horton	35	0.5	0	1	1
Geoffery Howard	27	0	0.5	4	1
Jimmy Miller	15	1	0	0	0
Solomon Smart	13	0	0	0	0
Thor Pili	12	0	0	0	0
Faauo Faga	11	0	0	0	0
Isaako Aaitui	10	0	2	0	0
Ronnie Paulo	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Casey Flair	14	118	8.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lorenzo Bursey	24	470	19.6	0
Gerold Rodriguez	16	380	23.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
84	California	NL	Toledo	30-13
94	Las Vegas	-5	C Michigan	52-24
00	Las Vegas	-1	Arkansas	31-14

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UNLV's All-Time Bowl Record 3-0

UNLV'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	18.2	20	141	3.9	213	54.8	19.4	+1	2007	6	28.6	20	184	4.6	203	59.5	13.5
7*	19.8	18	90	3.1	227	54.9	16.0	-11	2006	5	31.8	21	161	4.1	226	67.0	12.2
3*	18.8	18	108	3.2	217	54.6	17.3	-8	2005	3	34.6	23	156	3.6	250	65.8	11.7
5*	20.8	18	173	4.3	167	48.1	16.4	-17	2004	7	32.5	21	171	4.1	207	58.5	11.7
5	21.3	18	133	3.3	176	50.7	14.5	+12	2003	6	22.7	21	139	3.5	240	58.2	16.7
6*	24.3	21	214	5.2	195	49.0	16.8	-7	2002	5	30.5	21	159	4.0	235	56.3	12.9

2007 STATS BY GAME

		OFFENSE						DEFENSE						
UNLV 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
15,102	at Utah St	14	38-173	4.6	12-20	141	2	15	40-97	2.4	13-19	137	4	+1
38,250	Wisconsin	15	27-48	1.8	23-36	258	2	17	41-210	5.1	14-26	138	1	-1
38,125	Hawaii	20	30-143	4.8	22-44	206	2	23	29-96	3.3	29-39	396	1	-1
23,180	Utah	19	46-196	4.3	12-27	144	1	17	32-105	3.3	23-40	195	1	+1
25,278	at Nevada	24	39-205	5.3	18-40	249	1	21	35-128	3.7	20-38	330	2	0
35,583	at Air Force	26	47-184	3.9	24-39	287	3	15	42-309	7.4	9-14	123	1	+1
38,026	BYU	14	25-96	3.8	16-26	121	0	26	45-227	5.0	21-33	214	1	+3
19,266	Colorado St	26	38-222	5.8	25-39	337	2	21	49-279	5.7	13-19	218	2	-4
16,940	at Wyoming	23	41-43	1.0	21-39	223	8	20	46-208	4.5	13-33	156	2	0
18,837	San Diego St	24	49-275	5.6	18-29	207	1	18	26-122	4.7	17-23	196	3	0
26,425	at TCU	13	22-12	0.5	18-30	235	6	27	58-251	4.3	12-23	126	3	-1
22,658	at New Mexico	16	34-91	2.7	15-40	142	3	17	38-171	4.5	19-34	210	1	+2
TOTALS		234	436-1688	3.9	224-409	2550	31	237	481-2203	4.6	203-341	2439	22	+1
AVERAGES		19.5	36-141	3.9	19-34	213	2.6	19.8	40-184	4.6	17-28	203	1.8	0.1

2003 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Toledo	E	28-18
–	at Kansas	-10'	24-46
–	at Wisconsin - #14	+20	23-5
–	Hawaii	-1	33-22
–	at Nevada	-5'	16-12
–	at Air Force	+6'	7-24
–	Utah	+2	10-28
–	BYU	-3'	20-27 OT
–	at New Mexico	+9'	37-35
–	San Diego St	-5	0-7
–	Colorado St	+7	23-24
–	at Wyoming	-1	35-24

2004 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Tennessee - #14	+19	17-42
–	at Wisconsin - #21	+15'	3-18
–	Air Force	-5'	10-27
–	Utah St	-13	21-31
–	Nevada	-5'	48-13
–	at BYU	+10'	24-20
–	New Mexico	-2	20-24
–	at Utah - #9	+24	28-63
–	Wyoming	-3	45-53 3OT
–	at Colorado St	+6'	10-45
–	at San Diego St	+10	3-21

2005 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at New Mexico	+15	22-24
–	Idaho	-12	34-31
–	at Nevada	-1'	14-22
–	at Utah St	-3'	24-31
–	at Wyoming	+18'	17-42
–	San Diego St	+9'	13-10
–	at Air Force	+13'	7-42
–	Utah	+11'	32-42
–	BYU	+12	14-55
–	at TCU - #18	+29	3-51
–	Colorado St	+15	27-31

2006 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Idaho St	NL	54-10
–	at Iowa St	+13'	10-16
–	at Hawaii	+13	13-42
–	Nevada	+3'	3-31
–	at Colorado St	+17'	7-28
–	New Mexico	+2'	36-39 OT
–	at BYU	+28'	7-52
–	at Utah	+22	23-45
–	TCU	+19	10-25
–	at San Diego St	+9'	7-21
–	Wyoming	+9'	26-34
–	Air Force	+10'	42-39

2007 RESULTS

UNLV Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Utah St	-6'	23-16
–	Wisconsin - #5	+25'	13-20
–	Hawaii - #24	+17	14-49
–	Utah	+7'	27-0
–	at Nevada	+3'	20-27
–	at Air Force	+5'	14-31
–	BYU	+11	14-24
–	Colorado St	-3	23-48
–	at Wyoming	+10'	24-29
–	San Diego St	-3	30-38
–	at TCU	+18	10-34
–	at New Mexico	+10'	6-27

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Kole McKamey (PS#62), a 3 year starter was injured during the second game in '06. Chris Nelson started 6 in relief and rFr Donovan Porterie started 5 and threw for 967 (53.4%) with a 6-2 ratio. In 2007 the job was Porterie's with the backup being Sr Bryan Clampitt (6'5" 225). They wanted to RS true frosh Blair Peterson (PS#212) who returned from a Morman mission. True frosh Brad Gruner (6'2" 225 rFr, PS#366) was #3. Porterie had 4 int in the final Aug scrimmage raising some red flags but threw for 1,098 (69.5%) with a 6-1 ratio in the 1st 4 games. He hit 20 of 38 for 231 vs BYU but over the last 7 reg ssn gms threw for 189 ypg (53.3%) and a 6-6 ratio with his worst game being vs TCU (7-23 for 76). He did throw for a career high 354 in the New Mexico Bowl and finished with 3,006 (58%, 15-9 ratio). Clampitt had 16 passes for 64 yards. Not listed below is Victor James (6'0" 195 Jr) and this year's true frosh. Porterie should improve with two years of starting experience.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 the Lobos had to replace the school's and MWC's all-time leading rusher in DonTrell Moore (4,973 yd). The '06 RB's had a combined 53 career yards entering the season. Rodney Ferguson (PS#118) was #3 in spring but I projected him as the starter and he got better as the year progressed. He only topped 100 once in the first 10 but then ended with 138 vs BYU, 210 vs SDSt and 102 in the bowl finishing with 1,234 and 4.9 ypc. Ferguson does not possess great speed but runs with power and added 291 receiving (10.4). Paul Baker, a change-of-direction-style of runner, had 123 (4.1). True frosh Mike Love (PS#128) had 19 in the first 3 but RS. Last year Ferguson saw his ypc drop to 4.0 with 1,177 yards while Baker added 465 (4.3). Bowl games and NM RB's do not mix as DonTrell Moore in 3 bowls had 37 total rush yds. Last year Ferguson was suspended and in the bowl Baker rushed for 167 in his first game as the featured back. FB Matt Quillen (5 st) had 40. Not listed below are KJ Corley (5'7" 176 rFr), FB Jered Metzger (5'11" 247 So) and converted CB Terence Brown (6'0" 186 So) who is also a sprinter on the track tm. This year the unit returns intact and I look for more production from the Lobo RB's.

RECEIVERS - The big question heading into 2006 was who would replace Hank Baskett (1,071 in '05). Travis Brown (6'3", 4.5 spd), who had just 245 (in '05) and Marcus Smith (6'2") battled for the feature role all year. Brown led with 867 (13.5) while Smith had the best ypc with 16.2 (859). Last year they had to replace TE John Mulchrone (20 rec) but had both Brown and Smith back. Smith, who is the Lobos fastest player, led with 1,125 (12.4) while Brown added 1,031 (13.6). Roland Bruno had 186 (8.9) and TE Chris Mark had 147 (12.2). This year they lose both of their 1,000 yard receivers (Smith, #4DC BAL) so the unit goes from a strength to a question mark.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Lobos annually feature one of the biggest O-lines in the NCAA and have nicknamed themselves "The Hitmen". In 2003 they had all five starters return and paved the way for 4.4 ypc (best in Long era) with three 1st Tm MWC honorees. The next two years they opened holes for 4.1 and 4.2 ypc. In 2006 they only had to replace two starters (#2 and #7 NFL DC's) but surprisingly allowed 43 sacks (11.0%), the highest total in the Long era and only opened holes for 111 ypg rush (3.3), their lowest since 1991. Last year for the 4th straight year they lost 2 starters (and 3 bkups) including 1st Tm MWC RG Robert Turner. LT Sylvester Hatten was then lost after 5 starts. The team improved to 5.7% sacks but they averaged just 136 ypg rush (3.5). This year they must replace 1st Tm MWC C Vince Natali (13 st, 2Y st'r), RG Bart Miller (13 st), LG Anthony Kilby (12 st, 3Y st'r) and 1st Tm MWC RT Devin Clark (12 st, 2Y st'r). The 3 deep I list below has 14 career starts returning, which is the 2nd lowest in IA. This is the least experienced OL the Lobos have had this decade and how quickly the new JUCO's emerge is the key to their season.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Long always does a fine job with this unit. For example, in 2004 he had a small, inexperienced D-line but surprisingly NM allowed just 2.8 ypc while the D recorded 42 sacks. Another surprise came in 2005 when 5 of the top 6 were back yet they yielded 3.7 ypc, their worst since 1999. In 2006 they had to replace all 3 starters and the unit was small (250 lb avg) and allowed 3.5 ypc. Last year all 3 starters returned but they only improved to 3.3 ypc with 23 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm MWC DE Tyler Donaldson (13 st, 68 tkl, 15.5 tfl), 2nd Tm MWC DE Michael Tuohy (12 st, 44 tkl, 6 sk, 8 tfl) and DE Stephen Hutchison (27 tkl, 4.5 tfl). While this group is not as deep or experienced as last year, it is one of the bigger units Long has fielded (284 lb avg).

LINEBACKERS - The Lobos call their scheme a 3-3-5 but their LOBO position in the past was basically a LB. Their most famous LOBO is Brian Urlacher who is a star NFL LB. Long noted that the LOBO plays the majority of the game at LB depth to stop the run so I include them in this position. Last year they had to replace their #1 tackler but had 3 starters back. LOBO Ian Clark was banged up but started the last 5 sharing duties with Clint McPeek (8 st) but Clark still led with 79 tackles. This year they lose 3 starters in LLB Major Mosley (11 st, 16 tkl, 4.5 tfl), MLB Cody Kase (13 st, 60 tkl, 5 tfl), RLB George Carter (13 st, 41 tkl, 4 tfl) and backup MLB Brett Madsen (44 tkl, 3.5 sk). Not listed in the PSL is Cody Neely (6'2" 201 So). While they lose their #5, #9 and #11 tacklers, they do return #1, #4 (Zach Arnett) and #7. This unit has more experience than you would think with 3 starters gone.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Lobos were #16 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and dropped to #46 in 2005. They had a very inexperienced group in 2006 and plummeted to #73. Last year all 4 starters returned and the Lobos climbed to #22. This year the unit is the strength of the defense as they have two top-notch CB's which will allow them to blitz including 1st Tm MWC DeAndre Wright. The Lobos' only losses are RS OJ Swift (13 st, 72 tkl) and LS Tyson Ditmore (28 tkl) but they add in Mike Love (6'0" 221, PS#128) from RB. Not listed in the PSL is Julian Conley (6'1" 207 rFr). While it may be hard to improve in my pass D rankings with an inexperienced front seven, this group could be the MWC's best.

CB DeAndre Wright

SPECIAL TEAMS - Kenny Byrd hit 19 of 23 FG's (long of 52) in '06 with misses from 45, 45, 46 and 62! He also had 34 TB on 61 KO. Despite his presence they only moved up to #78. After losing Byrd last year, not much was expected and then new K John Sullivan partially tore his ACL (plant leg) in the spring. Not only did Sullivan still manage to play (with a brace), he had a remarkable season. He missed 32 & 37 yard FG's in the opener which were crucial in the loss but then rattled off a school record 18 straight FG's. He set school (Colby Cason 21, '97) and MWC (Jeff Babcock, 23, '02) records for most FG's in a season. Sullivan should have been one of the semifinalists for the Groza Award. He was 11 of 13 from 40+ and 29 of 35 overall including a long of 53 in the bowl. Jordan Scott improved his net punting to 38.0 (35.0 '06). NM, which has the 6th longest KR TD drought in the NCAA (118 gm) did have its best KR avg since 2001 (21.0). This year they lose K Sullivan, P Scott, top KR Marcus Smith and LS Jon O'Brien. I have faith that Long will develop new specialists but this group will likely drop from its #14 finish in 2007.

COACHES - Rocky Long was a 3 year starting QB here and his 1970 & '71 Lobos were the last teams to have B2B winning seasons until '96-'97. He enters his 11th year here and in his first 6 years amazingly increased the win total each year moving from 3-9 up to 8-5 in '03. In 2004 he led a rebuilt team to a 7-5 record for one of the best coached seasons of his career. In '04 Long broke Roy W. Johnson's school record for career wins (41, 1920-1930). It took awhile but Long has evened his record at 61-61. The OC is Dave Baldwin who had been the OC at Mich St for 4 years. The Spartans set a school record with 705 yards vs Illinois in '05 and broke the school record avg 497 ypg. He was also the OC at Baylor and Cincinnati and the HC at San Jose St from '97-'00. Osia Lewis, who had been the DC here for 5 years, left for UTEP so the new DC is Troy Reffett. Reffett has been the CB coach here the last 4 seasons and was an asst at UTEP (14 yrs) including 2 as DC. Long will still call the plays.

PHIL'S FORECAST

New Mexico finally did it! They won a bowl game last year, their first bowl win since 1961 as they had dropped all 5 bowl games in the 46 years since. The Lobos are usually better down the stretch as in the last seven years they have a combined mark of 17-25 to start the season but were 31-9 down the stretch. NM is also 17-8 since '01 on the road in MWC play and last year was the first time since '04 they had a better home record (6-1, incl bowl) than road record (3-3). From 2002-'04 the Lobos finished in 2nd place in the MWC three consecutive years with identical records of 5-2. In 2003 they outgained league foes by 157 ypg, over 100 yards better than the #2 team. After a pair of 4-4 finishes in league play ('05-'06), NM moved back to a tie for 3rd last year at 5-3 but were still outgained by 11.9 ypg. The Lobos have not won an outright league title since 1964. Last year the Lobos returned their most experienced squad since that 2003 (8-5) version with 18 returning starters. They also broke ground on a brand-new $7 million practice facility. Last year I mentioned that after a rare losing season they would have a winning year and that they did with the 9 wins being their most since 1997. They lost to rival UTEP in the opener despite a 383-195 yd edge but after knocking off another rival (NMSt), they went into Arizona and came away with a 29-27 win, as they had a key 38 yd TD pass with :03 left in the half which gave them a 14-13 lead. After blanking Sac St, they had a loud home crowd for BYU but came up short. After dominating Wyoming they needed a 6 yd TD run with :15 left to get past SDSt and then benefitted from 5 AF fumbles (3 in the 4Q) for a 34-31 win. They were shutout by TCU but then for the second straight year beat Colo St on the last play when an 18 yd PR with :03 left set up their game winning FG. Four TO's cost them vs Utah but they got their 12th winning year since 1965 when they beat UNLV 27-6 and then handed NV their first shutout since 1980 in the bowl. NM is the only MWC team to be bowl eligible each of the last 7 years and the only MWC team that has 6+ wins seven years in a row. The Lobos' D went into the bowl #23 in the NCAA and finished #13 their highest ever finish under Long. The Lobos have just 10 returning starters which is the 2nd fewest in the MWC but each year Rocky Long has them outperforming my 8 sets of power ratings' expectations. While the Lobos won't get to 9 wins like they did last year, it wouldn't surprise me if they were bowl eligible for an 8th straight year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 15 DONOVAN PORTERIE JR. 6-3 206 PS#145. 5 st rFr, 967 (53%) 6-2 ratio. 13 st LY, 3006 (58%) 15-9 ratio, 121 rush. **10** Brad Gruner PS#366. **12** Blair Peterson (6'3" 210 rFr) 2nd string.

RB 21 RODNEY FERGUSON SR. 6-0 229 PS#118. **1st Tm MWC '06 & '07**, 2411 (4.4), 46 rec 2Y. **22** Paul Baker (5'7" 195 Sr) **Bowl MVP.** 588 (4.2) 2Y. James Wright (5'11" 210 rFr) PS#250.

WR 3 Jermaine McQueen Sr. 6-2 180 PS#428JC. 1 st, 8 rec LY. **18** Chris Hernandez (6'3" 185 So) 1 st, 2 rec LY. **FB 31 Matt Quillen** (6'0" 250 Sr) PS#194LB. 18 st 2Y, 169 yd ttl off.

WR 8 ROLAND BRUNO JR. 5-10 166 6 st LY, 186 (8.9). **80** Michael Scarlett (6'2" 170 rFr) PS#229. **82** Jonathan Brooks (6'1" 189 Sr) 1 rec. **97** Nick Wilhelm (5'11" 193 So) PS#429.

WR 84 Bryant Williams So. 5-11 180 PS#224JC. In spg. **5** Daryl Jones (6'3" 207 Jr) 2 st, 3 rec LY. **87** Sina Shabazz (5'11" 157 So) Scout Tm Co-Off MVP. Ty Kirk (6'2" 180 Fr) PS#232.

TE 85 CHRIS MARK SR. 6-5 257 PS#54. 1 st, 1 rec '06. 11 st LY, 147 (12.2). Trey Buckley (6'4" 232 Jr) PS#306JC. Mitch Straub (6'3" 249 Jr) K-St trans. Tim Merrill (6'5" 270 Jr) PS#170JC.

C 69 ERIK COOK JR. 6-6 312 3 gm rFr. 9 st LY (8LT, 1LG), 2nd string C, 35 kd. **70 Ben Contreras PS#84JC. AA JC Champ tm. LS 52** Kris Kemper (6'2" 240 rFr) Travel squad LY.

RG 66 Joshua Taufalele Jr. 6-2 320 PS#151JC. In spg. **65** Derek Tallent (6'4" 309 So) PS#412. 2 gm, 17 snap as rFr. Maurice Mears (6'4" 295 So) PS#291JC. Orig Alcorn St.

LG 56 Mike Cannon So. 6-3 302 PS#372. 3 gm, 2nd string LY. **63** Matt Streid (6'3" 321 Sr) Inel LY, scout tm. **79** Mike Muñiz (6'3" 260 rFr) Bench 225 21x, 25" VL.

RT 74 Byron Bell rFr. 6-5 296 PS#540. **73** Karlin Givens (6'3" 295 Jr) PS#209JC. In spg. Zayn Bin-Bilal (6'6" 310 So) PS#169. DNP rFr. Jonathan Washington (6'5" 324 rFr).

LT 64 Sylvester Hatten Sr. 6-3 308 PS#141JC. 5 st LY until susp. **78** Ivan Hernandez (6'6" 295 Jr) PS#406JC. 2nd string LY, 2 gm, 17 play. **72** Bryan Wightman (6'7" 296 rFr) PS#606.

K NA James Aho Fr. 5-11 190 Walk-on. Drew Zamora (6-1 180 rFr) Practice squad as true. Yousuf Shakir (5'7" 159 Sr). Adam Miller (6'2" 224 Jr) All-NM in HS as K and DE.

DE 62 Phillip Harrison Jr. 6-3 291 PS#150OL. 5 gms, 4 tkl rFr. 13 gms, 17 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **53** Kendall Briscoe (6'1" 271 Jr) 19 tkl true, 1.5 sk. 9 tkl LY. Chris Christensen (6'3" 240 rFr).

NT 92 WESLEY BECK SR. 6-1 279 10 st '06, 39 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 10 st in '07, 32 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **94** Jeremiah Lovato (6'2"260 Sr) 5 st 2Y, 42 tkl. **91** Brett Kennedy (6'3" 260 rFr) PS#230. 225 22X.

DE 93 Kevin Balogun Sr. 6-4 281 Inj '06. 10 tkl, 1.5 sk LY. **98** DeAndre Davis (6'2" 245 Jr) PS#422JC. **95** Jaymar Latchison (6'3" 240 rFr) PS#451. Matthew Lamb (6'3" 260 So).

LLB 50 Herbert Felder Sr. 6-1 230 510 squat. 1 st, 17 tkl, 3 sk '06. 2 st LY, 31 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Tray Hardaway PS#314JC. **58** Carmen Messina (6'2" 210 rFr). Jonathan Milligan (5'11" 215 Jr).

MLB 49 Zach Arnett Sr. 5-10 205 PS#144RB. 2 st, 36 tkl '06. LY 64 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **59** Seth Johannemann (6'3" 224 So) 7 gms. Joe Harris is PS#90. Griffin Keller (6'0" 240 rFr).

RLB 45 Terel Anyaibe So. 6-2 217 PS#190DL. 1 tkl LY. **90** Greyson Wieczorek (6'3" 218 So) PS#247. ACL LY. **88** Johnathan Rainey (6'2" 210 rFr). **33** Danny Martin (6'1" 211 Jr) 4 tkl.

LOBO 11 CLINT McPEEK JR. 6-2 210 First 8 st LY, 50 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **30** Ian Clark (6'0" 210 Jr) Last 5 st LY, **#1 tkl'r** w/79, 2 tfl. **35** Jake Bowe (6'1" 210 Sr) PS#241DB. 33 gms, 28 tkl 3Y.

CB 2 DeANDRE WRIGHT SR. 5-11 193 6 st rFr, 46 tkl, 4 pbu. 13 st '06, 47 tkl, 4 int, 10 pbu. **1st Tm MWC LY**, 13 st, 36 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu. **20** Abdullah Konte (6'0" 193 So). Alex Bustos (6'2" 193 So).

CB 19 GLOVER QUIN SR. 6-0 203 PS#379JC. 22 st 2Y, 103 tkl, 2 int, 20 pbu. **24** Jerome Jenkins (5'10" 186 So) 4 st, 5 pbu, 30 tkl rFr. Bubba Forrest (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#273. Scout Tm Co-Def MVP.

LS 96 Frankie Solomon Jr. 5-10 173 PS#388. 17 tkl true. 45 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu LY. Thomas Littleton (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#328QB. Drake trans. Mike Love (6'0" 221 So) PS#128RB. Brandon Johnson (5'10" 207 Sr).

RS 29 BLAKE LIGON SR. 6-1 187 9 st '05, 44 tkl. 34 tkl '06 (inj). 13 st LY, 57 tkl, 1 int, 8 pbu. **37** Mica Williams (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#357. **26** Frankie Baca (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#242. 19 tkl 2Y.

P 25 Matt Barnard Sr. 6-2 227 PS#192JC. 43.2 avg at JC in '05. 0 punts 2Y here. **90** Adam Miller (6'2" 224 Jr) 2x All-NM P in HS. Mark Incze (6'4" 215 Jr) JC. RS LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Ben Contreras 6-2 300 PS#84JC
OL	Joshua Taufalele 6-2 320 PS#151JC
OL	Karlin Givens 6-3 295 PS#209JC
WR	Bryant Williams 5-11 180 PS#224JC
LB	Joe Harris 6-2 215 PS#90
OL	Maurice Mears 6-4 295 PS#291JC
LB	Tray Hardaway 6-0 215 PS#314JC
QB	BR Holbrook 6-3 175 PS#96
DB	Joe Stoner 5-10 215 PS#185QB
DL	Mark Hunter 6-2 235 PS#192LB
DL	Jake Carr 6-3 240 PS#262
WR	Ty Kirk 6-2 180 PS#232
LB	Spencer Merritt 6-2 205 PS#328
TE	Lucas Reed 6-6 215 PS#109
DB	Edrick Boger 5-11 170 PS#416
QB	Jonathan Mader 6-4 200 PS#253
DB	Nathan Enriquez 5-10 180 PS#342WR
WR	Carmeiris Stewart 6-3 190 PS#360
WR	Andre McQueen 5-11 175 PS#360
DB	Freddy Young 5-11 180 PS#456
RB	AJ Butler 6-1 195 PS#391
DL	Rufus Johnson 6-5 230 PS#464

NEW MEXICO LOBOS

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ROCKY LONG (Career 61-61)
11th Year at New Mexico — Long's Bowl Record: 1-4

Long's records AT NEW MEXICO

61-61	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
36-26	Home	1-6	Vs Top 25
25-32	Away	4-13	Vs BCS Teams
0-3	Neutral	11-5	Off A Bye
39-35	Vs Conference	30-24	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (19, 21, 0)
Lost: 22 (9, 9, 4)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,751 (#78)

MOUNTAIN WEST

Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#51

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	TCU	G					
Sep. 6	Texas A&M	G					
Sep. 13	Arizona	G					
Sep. 20	at Tulsa	A					
Sep. 27	at New Mexico St	G					
Oct. 4	Wyoming (HC)	G					
Oct. 11	at BYU	G					
Oct. 18	San Diego St	G					
Oct. 23	at Air Force (Thur)	A					
Nov. 1	Utah	G					
Nov. 8	at UNLV	A					
Nov. 15	at Colorado St	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Stoney Case 9,460 '91-'94
2. Jeremy Leach 9,382 '88-'91
3. Casey Kelly 5,686 '00-'03

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. DonTrell Moore 4,973 '02-'05
2. Mike Williams 3,862 '75-'78
3. Winslow Oliver 3,332 '92-'95

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Terance Mathis 4,254 '85-'87, '89
2. Carl Winston 2,972 '90-'93
3. Hank Baskett 2,288 '02-'05

This is the earliest conf opener in New Mexico history. LY's shutout by TCU marked the 1st time in 65 gms (since '02) that NM did not score & the 1st time in conf play S/'92.

New Mexico is 4-13 vs BCS foes tms under Long but they have won 3 of the L/5 including beating Arizona LY. Last year's 6 wins at home were the most since 1939.

Long is 3-1 vs the Wildcats during his career (as player & coach). In LY's gm Porterie became the 1st NM QB with B2B 300 yd pass gms S/'98. NM is 2-9 vs the Pac-10 S/'79.

NM & Tulsa are tied at 2-2 in this series with the last gm being played in 1997. The Lobos have won 2 of their last 3 road openers, but are just 4-13 since 1991.

NM is 32-6-1 S/'69 in this "The Battle of I-25" for the Maloof Trophy & has won 5 str (7 of L/8). LY NM all'd Holbrook to complete 47 of 63, the most comp's ever all'd by NM.

HC Long was the DC/secondary coach at Wyoming from 1981-1985. Last yr this game was delayed 1 hr & 43 min during the 2Q when it was tied 3-3.

NM is just 4-32 since 1972 vs BYU but 2 of those 4 wins have come in the L6Y. These two have played every year S/'51 & LY BYU scored 24 pts off 5 NM TO's.

NM has won the L/7, but LY needed a 6 yd TD run with :15 left to pull out the 3 pt win. In the last 5 games, NM has forced 17 San Diego St TO's including 13 int.

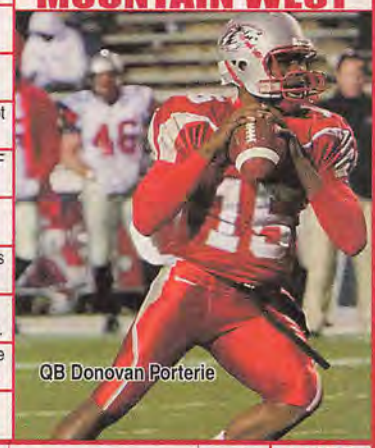
LY NM became bowl elig and snapped a 3 gm losing streak to AF thanks to 5 AF fmbl's. NM has held AF under its season rushing avg 8 times in the L9Y.

In this gm LY K John Sullivan set the MWC record with his 24th FG of the year. New Mexico is 17-30-2 all-time vs Utah but holds a 5-4 edge in MWC play.

LY, WR Marcus Smith had a career-high 263 all-purp yds. Lobos have won the L/4 which is the longest streak in this series but 3 of the L/4 have been decided by 4 pts or less.

Twelve of the last 15 games have been decided by single digits in this series. For the last 2 years the game has been decided on the final play (both NM wins).

Bonus: New Mexico is the only MWC team that has won at least 6 gms each yr since '01. For the 1st time in Long's tenure, NM plays 12 straight games without a bye.


QB Donovan Porterie

STADIUM: UNIVERSITY STADIUM (40,094) (#76)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	6-5	7-7	8-5	7-5	6-5	6-7	9-4	54-45
Home	3-3	4-2	5-1	5-2	3-2	2-3	3-5	6-1	31-19
Away	2-4	2-3	2-5	3-2	4-2	4-2	3-2	3-3	23-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	5-2	5-2	5-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	35-24
vs Non-Conf	2-3	2-2	2-5	3-3	2-3	2-1	2-3	4-1	19-21
ATS	7-4	6-4-1	7-6	7-5	7-5	4-7	7-4-1	5-7	50-42-2
Home Fav (Rocky Long)	1-1	4-1	3-0	2-2	1-1	0-5	1-1	3-2	15-13
Home Dog	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	3-1-1	0-1	9-7-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	5-7
Away Dog	4-2	0-1-1	3-2	2-1	4-1	4-2	2-1	2-2	21-12-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3
vs Conf	5-2	4-3	6-1	5-2	4-3	3-5	5-2-1	2-6	34-24-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1-1	1-5	2-3	3-2	1-2	2-2	3-1	16-18-1
Off SU Win	3-1	3-1-1	3-4	5-3	4-3	2-4	3-2-1	2-5	25-23-2
Off SU Loss	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-2	3-1	2-2	4-2	3-1	24-14

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rodney Ferguson	292	1233	56	1177	13	4.0
Paul Baker	109	491	26	465	0	4.3
Matt Quillen	4	40	0	40	0	10.0
Roland Bruno	5	34	0	34	1	6.8
Travis Brown	6	40	6	34	1	5.7
Marcus Smith	10	34	3	31	1	3.1
Bryan Clampitt	7	19	13	6	0	0.9
Donovan Porterie	58	121	155	-34	0	-0.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Donovan Porterie	418	244	58.4	3006	15	9
Bryan Clampitt	16	9	56.2	64	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marcus Smith	91	1125	12.4	4	66
Travis Brown	76	1031	13.6	6	63
Rodney Ferguson	18	264	14.7	1	71
Roland Bruno	21	186	8.9	0	52
Chris Mark	12	147	12.2	3	26
Paul Baker	8	126	15.8	0	32
Josh Fussell	4	46	11.5	1	36
Jermaine McQueen	8	44	5.5	0	13
Matt Quillen	8	44	5.5	0	17

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jordan Scott	74	3001	40.6	41	38.0	0	27

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
John Sullivan	30-31	4-5	14-17	10-12	1-1	29-35	53

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ian Clark	79	0	2	0	0
OJ Swift	72	0.5	1	1	1
Tyler Donaldson	68	4.5	11	1	1
Zach Arnett	64	2	5.5	0	0
Cody Kase	60	0	5	1	0
Blake Ligon	57	0	2.5	8	1
Clint McPeek	50	0	1.5	4	0
Frankie Solomon	45	0	2	6	2
Brett Madsen	44	3.5	3	0	0
Michael Tuohy	44	6	8	2	0
George Carter	41	0.5	3.5	1	0
Glover Quin	40	0	1	8	2
DeAndre Wright	36	0	1.5	9	3
Jeremiah Lovato	32	0	2.5	0	0
Wesley Beck	32	1	4.5	0	0
Herbert Felder	31	0	2.5	0	0
Jerome Jenkins	30	0	0	5	0
Tyson Ditmore	28	0	1.5	5	0
Stephen Hutchison	27	1.5	3	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Frankie Solomon	19	86	4.5	0
OJ Swift	10	97	9.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marcus Smith	28	653	23.3	0
DeAndre Wright	6	134	22.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Las Vegas	+10'	UCLA	13-27
03	Las Vegas	+2	Oregon St	14-55
04	Emerald	-3	Navy	19-34
06	New Mexico	-3	San Jose St	12-20
07	New Mexico	-2'	Nevada	23-0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

New Mexico's All-Time Bowl Record 3-7-1

NEW MEXICO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	24.7	19	136	3.5	236	57.9	15.1	0	2007	10	19.0	18	123	3.3	197	55.0	16.8
6*	21.8	17	111	3.3	206	52.3	14.5	+2	2006	4	24.0	19	118	3.5	237	60.0	14.8
8*	29.6	23	200	4.2	197	60.1	13.4	-1	2005	4	29.7	19	131	3.7	254	57.4	13.0
5	20.3	16	179	4.1	119	44.8	14.7	+9	2004	4	18.7	20	108	2.8	215	55.6	17.3
10*	30.1	20	210	4.4	191	52.4	13.3	+5	2003	7	22.3	19	86	2.6	248	56.6	15.0
5*	24.4	17	179	4.2	146	54.5	13.3	+2	2002	6	25.6	17	115	3.1	218	54.0	13.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

NM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
43,326	at UTEP	23	51-193	3.8	25-40	190	0	12	25-114	4.6	8-25	81	2	+1
41,033	New Mexico St	20	39-154	3.9	17-24	342	1	30	28-108	3.9	47-64	473	3	+1
51,996	at Arizona	24	39-94	2.4	29-42	327	3	25	21-38	1.8	30-53	446	1	+1
27,023	Sacramento St	29	43-222	5.2	26-33	277	2	6	30-77	2.6	5-15	27	0	+3
34,204	BYU	16	36-115	3.2	20-38	231	4	21	43-112	2.6	18-40	251	3	-3
22,301	at Wyoming	15	44-129	2.9	14-23	215	1	12	30-48	1.6	21-35	190	0	+1
20,205	at San Diego St	19	38-126	3.3	18-35	239	1	14	43-166	3.9	18-26	133	0	0
26,087	Air Force	18	48-156	3.3	16-28	169	1	18	49-212	4.3	11-18	110	0	+3
28,369	at TCU	6	26-28	1.1	9-32	91	3	23	60-238	4.0	13-22	183	0	-1
27,031	Colorado St	18	31-120	3.9	21-29	211	3	21	53-178	3.4	13-19	221	5	-1
43,788	at Utah	15	30-65	2.2	19-42	214	3	19	44-138	3.1	17-28	172	3	-2
22,658	UNLV	17	38-171	4.5	19-34	210	1	16	34-91	2.7	15-40	142	3	-2
30,223	Nevada	26	40-194	4.9	20-37	354	2	12	30-73	2.4	13-31	137	3	-1
TOTALS		246	503-1767	3.5	253-437	3070	25	229	490-1593	3.3	229-416	2566	23	0
AVERAGES		18.9	39-136	3.5	19-34	236	1.9	17.6	38-123	3.3	18-32	197	1.8	0.0

2003 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Texas St	NL	72-8
-	at Texas Tech	+13'	28-42
-	BYU	+2'	7-10
-	at Washington St - #24	+15	13-23
-	New Mexico St	-10	24-17
-	Utah St	-14	34-7
-	at San Diego St	-1/2	30-7
-	at Utah - #24	+8	47-35
-	UNLV	-9'	35-37
-	Colorado St	+1	37-34
-	Air Force	-4	24-12
-	at Wyoming	-8'	26-3

2004 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Washington St	+3'	17-21
-	Texas Tech	+3'	27-24
-	at Oregon St	+13'	7-17
-	at New Mexico St	-6	38-3
-	Utah - #14	+10	7-28
-	at Air Force	+3'	23-28
-	at UNLV	+2	24-20
-	San Diego St	-4'	19-9
-	at Colorado St	+2	26-17
-	at BYU	+6'	21-14
-	Wyoming	-8'	16-9

2005 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	UNLV	-15	24-22
-	at Missouri	+10'	45-35
-	New Mexico St	-21'	38-21
-	at UTEP	+2'	13-21
-	at TCU	+1'	28-49
-	BYU	-7'	24-27
-	at Wyoming	+6'	27-24
-	at San Diego St	+3	47-24
-	Colorado St	-6	25-35
-	at Utah	+6	31-27
-	Air Force	-12	24-42

2006 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Portland St	NL	6-17
-	at New Mexico St	-6'	34-28
-	Missouri	+14	17-27
-	UTEP	+9'	26-13
-	at Air Force	+13'	7-24
-	Wyoming	+1	10-14
-	at UNLV	-2'	39-36 OT
-	Utah	+6	34-31
-	at Colorado St	+6'	20-19
-	TCU	+6	21-27
-	at BYU - #23	+27	17-42
-	San Diego St	-10'	41-14

2007 RESULTS

NM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at UTEP	-3'	6-10
-	N Mexico St	-7	44-34
-	at Arizona	+10	29-27
-	Sacramento St	NL	58-0
-	BYU	+4	24-31
-	at Wyoming	+4	20-3
-	at San Diego St	-8'	20-17
-	Air Force	-5'	34-31
-	at TCU	+3'	0-37
-	Colorado St	-9	26-23
-	at Utah	+15	10-28
-	UNLV	-10'	27-6

WYOMING COWBOYS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Jacob Doss (PS#107) was a 2002 finalist for Kentucky's Mr. Football with a 43-4 HS ratio. He played in 6 in '04 and '05 with 13 pass att. I projected VHT Karsten Sween (PS#28) as the starter in '06 as he has outstanding arm strength and was impressive running the scout team. Also contending was Ian Hetrick (PS#143JC) who threw for 3,104 (63.6%) at JC in '05. Glenn opted to start Doss with Stinson Dean (PS#283) #2 and Sween #3. Sween had just 1 att in the first 4, but came off the bench vs Syr and took the job. Sween was the first ever left-handed QB here and had a streak of 82 passes without an int. He was 5-2 as a starter and threw for 1,304 (60.4%) with a 9-8 ratio while Doss threw for 826 (61.8%) with a 7-5 ratio. Doss tore his hamstring over the summer and played in just one game in '07 hitting 7 of 11 in his FHG. Hetrick threw for 269 in the '07 spring game but Sween was the clear cut starter. In Wk 6 vs NM, Hetrick began to see increased playing time and after hitting 6 of 8 for 89 vs AF, got the start vs UNLV but hit just 5 of 16 for 64. Sween did well off the bench (8 of 17 for 92 and 2 TD) and started the rest of the year. Sween threw for 2,028 (59.9) with 12 TD's but actually finished last in the MWC with 17 int. Sween is back for his junior season but must learn a new spread offense. Competing with Sween are Chris Stutzriem (6'4" 245 rFr, PS#103), USC transfer Tyler Davis (6'4" 215 So), Brick Cegelski (6'0" 165 rFr) who does have mobility, Hetrick and JUCO Dax Crum (PS#91JC) who was in for the spring. Crum threw for 2,807 (61.1%) with a 23-6 ratio at JC last year. The Cowboys can only improve upon the teams' 12-19 ratio of 2007 and Sween showed a lot more fire this spring with the competition.

RUNNING BACKS - Wyoming has not had a 1,000 yard rusher since 1998. RFr Wynel Seldon set a school frosh rushing record with 871 (4.7) in 2005. In 2006 Seldon, who is a power back, was joined by Devin Moore who Glenn says is "the fastest guy I've ever coached and he termed the combo "Thunder and Lightning". Seldon led again with 610 but just 3.9 ypc while Moore, in basically half the carries had 574 (7.2). Last year Moore was on pace for a 1,000 yard season but was injured vs Ohio and played on a banged up knee all year, which showed vs BYU when he had just 15 yds. Moore finished with 965 (4.9) while Seldon had 554 (3.7). Ironically, the week the school did an article about Seldon's lack of fumbling (121 without a fmbl), he fumbled twice vs AF. Not listed below are Darius Terry (5'11" 207 So, PS#364), Johnathan Craig (5'10" 185 Fr, PS#400) and FB's Greg Genho (6'3" 245 Jr, PS#363), Chris Sherwood (6'0" 210 rFr, PS#400) and Josh Biezuns (6'2" 246 rFr, PS#186TE). This looks like the MWC's best RB combo and with a more experienced O-line, should put up big numbers.

RB Devin Moore

RECEIVERS - In 2006 WY had to replace their leading WR who had 41% of the team's receiving yards as well as their #3 WR. The top returnee, Michael Ford (421 in '05) led with 674 (11.2). Tyler Holden had 461 (11.8), Hoost Marsh added 280 (12.2) and TE Wade Betschart 146 (8.1). Last year they only had to replace Holden and added Greg Bolling (PS#74DB) who had a great spring. Bolling missed 2 and was not 100% in a few others but still finished #2 with 375 (10.7). Ford led again with 559 (11.6) while Marsh had 370 (12.3) and Betschart added 296 (9.2). This year they must replace Ford (11 st), Betschart (11 st, 2nd Tm MWC) and Marsh (4 st). Not listed in the PSL is Anthony Dunkerley (5'11" 165 rFr). This unit is clearly less experienced and their top WR, Bolling is currently at JC attempting to qualify and return in the fall.

OFFENSIVE LINE - It is surprising to me that with recent quality RB's like Moore & Seldon the Cowboys' best ypg rushing in 8 years is just 132 ypg with their best ypc 3.6 and those numbers came in 2006, a year the O-line allowed 40 sacks (11.6%). Last year this unit was one of my main concerns as they had to replace 3 starters including a 1st Tm MWC LT and the two returning starters moved to new positions. The unit surprised me in the opener when, taking on Chris Long and Virginia's outstanding D-line, they opened holes for 199 yards rush (3.6). In fact, in the first 5 games the inexperienced unit had the teams ypc at 4.2 despite taking on Boise, Ohio and TCU. Surprisingly, in 5 of the last 7 the team failed to top 100 yards rushing and avg just 2.6 ypc (season ypc 3.3). The unit allowed 30 sacks (7.3%). This year the group goes from a question mark to a strength as the entire 2 deep returns and their 91 career starts are tied for #15 in IA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Cowboys allowed just 3.2 ypc rush while recording 29 sacks. Last year the losses were heavy as they had to replace five players who combined for 35 starts. The three replacements were all soph's who had a combined one career start (33 tkl). It was shocking that they allowed just 3.0 ypc rush, their lowest total in over two decades and the D had 33 sacks. 2nd Tm MWC DT John Fletcher (PS#158QB) had 10.5 sacks and HM MWC DE Mitch Unrein added 5. This year the group is the polar opposite of 2007 as the only loss is backup NG Ben Smith (6 tkl). Not listed below are DE Tyler Breckenridge (6'3" 262 Jr), DT Alex Stover (6'3" 267 rFr, PS#235), Jim Grego (6'0" 230 rFr) and two true frosh who were in for the spring, Dylan Kildahl (PS#225) and Corey Orth (PS#173).

LINEBACKERS - Perhaps part of the reason for the improved rush D last year was an outstanding LB corps. In '05 WY had to replace their #2 and #3 tacklers and lost two more to injury. The 3 deep consisted of one junior and five underclassmen at seasons end. Naturally the group was very experienced in both 2006 and '07. Last year the top five LB tacklers all returned. WLB Ward Dobbs (2nd Tm MWC '06) led in tackles (98) but was only HM MWC. This year they must replace SLB Sean Claffey (12 st, 71 tkl, 7 tfl), MLB John Prater (7 st, 68 tkl, 1 sk), BUCK Brandon Haugen (6 st, 37 tkl, 3.5 tfl) and MLB Luke Chase (5 st, 52 tkl, 2.5 tfl). Glenn commented the that four true frosh (Brian Hendricks, Bryson Studnicka, Mark Oliver and Gabe Knapton) who were on the scout team last year "will light you up" and they will work into the rotation. This group is less experienced and figures to be down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Wyoming had a combined 5 starts return to the secondary in 2004 but surprisingly finished #31 in my pass D rankings. A banged up group in 2005 finished #30. In 2006 they had to replace three starters but surprisingly rose to #18. Last year they had to replace both starting safeties including a #6DC. CB Julius Stinson had a great year and was a Jim Thorpe semifinalist (1st Tm MWC) with 5 int and 12 pbu and was #2 tackler. This year the safeties are experienced but they must replace Stinson (12 st), CB Michael Medina (12 st, 1 int, 6 pbu) and CB Troy Lewis (15 tkl). WY slid to #56 in '07 and even with the losses, could improve.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Glenn inherited a unit that was #80 in my ST rankings and they moved up to #44 in 2003 and #10 in 2004. Everyone was back in '05 so it was unexpected when they dropped to #47 and then in '06 to #87. Last year the unit appeared to return intact. K Aric Goodman (PS#10) left over the summer so P Billy Vinnedge handled all 3 duties. Vinnedge hit 13 of 18 FG's and his 57 yarder vs AF is tied for 2nd best ever in the MWC. He also avg 42.7 on punts (36.3 net). KR defense was a major problem (see Hardcore). Troy Lewis was leading the MWC in KR during the season before an off game vs BYU (15.8) and finished at 24.8. Devin Moore (27.1) had the school's first KR TD since 1999 (Alex English) and it was also the first KR TD CSU had allowed since 1994. Hoost Marsh's PR avg dropped from 8.5 to 6.7. Overall the Cowboys finished just #85 and now must replace Vinnedge, Marsh and Lewis so it may be tough to improve.

COACHES - Joe Glenn is in his 6th year here. Glenn compiled a record of 39-6 in his 3 years at Montana and has been a HC for 23 years. He turned WY around in '04 with a 7-5 mark. Glenn was on the cover of *The Sporting News* in '05 and was talked about as one of the hot coaching prospects for BCS schools. Unfortunately, he has not had a winning season since and is now one of the top coaches on the hotseat. They finished #107 in the NCAA in ppg LY. They bring in a new OC in Bob Cole, who was the Florida A&M OC in '07 (18.5 ppg) and '06 (24.8 ppg) and at Montana (517 ypg '99, #2 in nation) prior. Mike Breske was Glenn's DC at Montana and enters his 6th year here and changed the defense from a 4-3 to a 3-4 in '06.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Coming into 2000 WY had not had a losing season since 1992. It was obviously a rebuilding year with just 7 starters back and a brand-new HC and I actually pegged them for last in the MWC. Wyoming fell from 7-4 in 1999 to 1-10 in 2000 and the next two years struggled with 2-9 and 2-10 records, including a 12 game losing streak. Joe Glenn inherited a veteran group with 14 returning starters in 2003 and they improved to 4-8. Wyoming had just 3 MWC home games in 2004 but moved up to 3-4 in the conf (outgained by 54.6 ypg). They earned their first bowl berth since 1993 and upset BCS member UCLA, 24-21. Earlier in the year they had beaten Ole Miss, their first win ever over an SEC team in 108 years. After starting 4-1 they received votes in the AP poll for the first time since 1999. They had 15 starters returning in 2005 and again opened the season at 4-1. QB Corey Bramlet had SEVEN turnovers vs TCU and their season came tumbling down. Showing how the ball bounces, WY fumbled 15 times on the season (lost 13) but forced 26 fumbles and only recovered 6! They finished 8th in the MWC (2-6) and 4-7 overall. After being -12 in turnovers in '05 they improved their record in 2006 to 6-6 but had four close losses including a missed xp in OT vs Virginia and outgained Boise (who would finish unbeaten) 251-246. They also outgained Syracuse 512-275 but lost in 2 OT's. They did have just 12 starters back last year (3rd fewest MWC) and were very inexperienced on both the O-line and D-line. The season got off to a tremendous start when in front of a sellout crowd they destroyed a Virginia team that would be in contention for the ACC Title with a 452-100 yard edge. They only lost on the blue turf to Boise by 10 and after beating Ohio and TCU stood 4-1. WY looked like a prime contender in the MWC and received two votes in the AP poll. However, they won just one of their final 7. They had a tough loss vs AF as they led and were driving for another score when they fumbled and thought the play was dead but an AF player ran 85 yards for a TD and the call stood. After beating UNLV, WY was #6 in the NCAA in defense at 284.9 ypg and stood 5-3. They led SDSt 21-0 in the 2Q but lost and Glenn then guaranteed a victory over Utah. Unfortunately, the Utes heard the comments and waxed them 50-0. They were whipped by 25 the next week vs BYU in the 12 seniors (small class) FHG. The team was very young and Glenn said the main thing the team needed for 2008 was birthdays. They would not get a bowl, even if they won their 6th game vs Colo St and they lost in Lubick's FHG. WY is just 5-13 in the 2H of the season the last 3 years. The Cowboys were 2-6 LY in the MWC outgained by 80.2 ypg (2nd worst). Wyoming has 7 home games for the 2nd time in school history (1990, Copper Bowl team). The Cowboys' 14 returning starters are 2nd most in the conference and the -12 in TO's is a good sign for this year. The schedule sets up for yet another 4-1 start but this time I think the Cowboys will get enough wins to be bowl eligible and Coach Glenn needs to take this team to the post season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BROWN — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BROWN — DEFENSE

QB 16 KARSTEN SWEEN JR. 6-2 222 **PS#28**, 18 st 2Y, 3332 (60%), 21-25 ratio. **9 Dax Crum PS#91JC**, in spg. **2** Ian Hetrick (6'2" 190 Sr) PS#143JC. 1 st LY, 211 (46%) 0-2 ratio.

RB 5 DEVIN MOORE SR. 5-10 191 12 st 3Y, 1662 (5.5), 51 rec. **31 Wynel Seldon** (6'0" 219 Sr) PS#438. **22 st 3Y,** 2035 (4.1), 68 rec. **25** James Davis (5'9" 199 rFr) PS#125.

WR 13 Chris Johnson Sr. 5-10 175 PS#465JC. 132 (11.0) LY. **80** Darion Donnelly (6'2" 203 Sr) PS#262JC. 1 rec '06. **3** Travis Burkhalter (6'1" 185 So) PS#152QB. 3 rec true.

WR 84 GREG BOLLING JR. 6-2 185 **PS#74DB.** 10 st LY, 375 (10.7). Acad? for TY. **81** Dontae Morgan (5'11" 185 Jr) 13 rec St Joseph Coll '05. **4** Evan Weatherspoon (6'1" 183 Jr).

WR 33 David Leonard So. 6-4 185 PS#380DB. 4 st true, 134 (10.3). **15** Kyle Jacobo (6'2" 200 Sr) PS#172DB. 3 st 2Y, 112 (7.5). **22** Brandon Stewart (5'11" 185 rFr). Joe Killpack (6'0" 175 So).

TE 85 Jesson Salyards Jr. 6-5 236 PS#305LB. 8 st 2Y, 112 (9.3). **87 Chris Sundberg** (6'5" 245 Jr) PS#134QB. 5 st TE '06. Inj LY. Joe Evers (6'5" 250 So). Orlando Arnold PS#228JC.

C 74 TIM BOND SR. 6-4 300 PS#364. 2 gm rFr. 12 st '06 (3C, 9RG). 10 st C LY (inj 2). **64** Travis Hillen (6'5" 271 rFr) PS#266DL. **66** Andy Bickel (6'6" 295 So) PS#452.

RG 70 RUSS ARNOLD JR. 6-4 290 PS#447. 3 st RG as rFr. 12 st LY (10RG, 2C). **57** Jack Tennant (6'4" 310 So) PS#462. Bkup '07. **77** Brandon Self (6'3" 296 rFr) PS#179.

LG 75 SAM STERNER SO. 6-4 297 PS#411. 12 st LG rFr. + 40 lb since enroll. **67** Zack Kennedy (6'6" 327 Jr) PS#606. 2 st RG LY, 5 gm. **69** John Hutchins (6'5" 270 rFr) PS#335.

RT 76 KYLE HOWARD SR. 6-7 312 PS#381. Last 4 st LG '05. 12 st LG '06. 12 st RT LY, **HM MWC. 72** Clayton Kirven (6'6" 301 rFr) PS#485. **61** Garrett King (6'6" 302 So).

LT 71 RYAN OTTERSON JR. 6-5 289 PS#389DL. 2nd string as a rFr. 12 st LT in '07. **78** Nick Brousseau (6'9" 283 So) PS#183. 2nd string rFr. **73** Levi Salmans PS#140. '07 GS.

K 21 Jake Scott Jr. 5-8 158 PS#68. 2 of 4 FG, long 47 rFr. 1 KO, 3 gm LY. **34** Braden Shoop (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#82. **28** Austin McCoy PS#74. 5 of 6 FG in HS LY.

DE 98 MITCH UNREIN JR. 6-4 270 1 st rFr. 12 tkl, 1 tfl. 12 st LY, **HM MWC**, 55 tkl, 5 sk, 6 tfl. **47** Mike Neuhaus (6'3" 259 Jr) 16 tkl, 3.5 sk LY. **99** Alex Hays (6'3" 249 rFr) PS#424OL.

DT 90 FRED GIVENS JR. 6-0 301 PS#480. 12 tkl, 0.5 tfl as rFr. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 1 sk, 3 tfl. **94** Rob Hollway (6'4" 267 Sr) PS#204. 6 tkl 3Y. **93** Marcus Felker (6'1" 310 rFr) PS#255.

DE 91 JOHN FLETCHER JR. 6-6 280 PS#158QB. 9 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 12 st LY, 60 tkl, **10.5 sk, 2nd Tm MWC. 48** Danny Dutmer (6'3" 248 Sr) PS#337. 15 tkl 2Y. **85** Anthony Wilson (6'3" 274 Sr) 11 tkl, 3 sk.

BUCK 55 Mike Juergens Sr. 6-4 230 PS#319. 2 st, 34 tkl, 3 sk '05-'06. 6 st LY, 46 tkl, 3 sk. **37** Matt Barella (6'2" 233 Jr) 12 gm, 2 tkl, 2Y. **45** Bryson Studnicka (6'3" 236 rFr) PS#404.

SLB 36 Weston Johnson Jr. 6-3 226 PS#322WR. 19 tkl rFr. 26 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **8 Brian Hendricks** (6'1" 221 rFr) PS#138. **680 squat. 54** Jake Edmunds (6'2" 221 Sr) 6 tkl 3Y.

MLB 52 Gabe Knapton rFr. 6-3 227 PS#254. **59** Zeb Whipp (6'1" 235 Jr) 13 gm, 12 tkl 2Y. **35** Jimmy DeAndrea (6'0" 211 Jr) 7 gm 4 tkl 2Y. **6** Alex Toney (6'1" 208 So) PS#415DB.

WLB 29 WARD DOBBS SR. 6-0 230 PS#174. Last 5 st rFr, 75 tkl. 12 st '06, 69 tkl, 3 sk, **2nd Tm MWC.** 12 st LY, #1 tkl'r (98) and 6 tfl. **43 Mark Oliver** (6'1" 245 rFr) **PS#125.**

CB 17 Keith Lewis So. 5-11 190 PS#540 10 tkl true, 1 pbu. **2** Marcell Gipson (5'10" 172 So) 3 tkl, 5 gm '06. RS LY. **20** Ryan Handford (5'9" 175 Fr) PS#398 '07. GS.

CB 9 TJ Atwater Jr. 5-9 185 PS#291. 3 tkl rFr. 5 tkl LY. **12** Tramaine Brown (5'9" 175 Jr) PS#300JC. RS LY. **32** Wes Dobrenz (6'0" 176 rFr) PS#426WR. **18** David James PS#345WR.

SS 27 MICHAEL RAY SR. 6-1 210 12 st SS LY, 53 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **23** Derrick McMahen (5'10" 175 Sr) PS#363JC. 7 gm, 9 tkl LY. **7** Brian Kuhtz (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#325QB.

FS 1 QUINCY ROGERS SR. 6-1 211 12 gm, 4 st '06, 40 tkl, 4 pbu. 12 st FS LY, 85 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **24** Chris Prosinski (6'1" 204 So) PS#280. 37 tkl LY. **14** Eric Mitchell (6'0" 186 rFr).

P 40 Nick Landess So. 6-3 197 2 gm rFr, 0 punts. 41.2 avg in HS. Jake Scott is PS#68. Austin McCoy is PS#74. 41.6 avg Jr. 43.7 as Sr in HS. John Clay (5'9" 188 rFr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Dax Crum 6-4 213 PS#91JC
TE	Orlando Arnold 6-4 255 PS#228JC
QB	Adam Barry 6-1 210 PS#67
LB	Chance Crawford 6-3 215 PS#145DL
LB	Ben Durbin 6-3 220 PS#112
DB	Jamichael Hall 6-2 200 PS#343JC
DL	Corey Orth 6-5 237 PS#173
OL	Levi Salmans 6-7 290 PS#140 '07
OL	Kyle Magnuson 6-6 305 PS#186
LB	Matt Birkeness 6-4 215 PS#60TE
WR	Justin Morgan 6-2 180 PS#166
OL	Jim Downs 6-7 265 PS#237
DL	Dylan Kildahl 6-4 235 PS#225
DL	Trevor Shaw 6-4 230 PS#206LB
DB	Eric Benson 6-2 182 PS#228WR
OL	Nick Williams 6-5 265 PS#310
WR	James Caraway 5-11 170 PS#374DB
TE	Brandon Ribble 6-5 210 PS#307WR
RB	Anthony Smith 5-7 169 PS#506JC
OL	Josh Leonard 6-4 235 PS#434
DB	David James 5-11 175 PS#345WR
K	Austin McCoy 6-3 190 PS#74
RB	Josh Birmingham 5-9 177 PS#354WR
DB	Ryan Handford 5-9 175 PS#398 '07
DB	Tashaun Gipson 6-0 180 PS#456
OL	Nick Carlson 6-4 235 PS#525

WYOMING COWBOYS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#65

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WY	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Ohio	A				
Sep. 6	Air Force	A				
Sep. 13	North Dakota St	A				
Sep. 20	at BYU	G				
Sep. 27	Bowling Green	A				
Oct. 4	at New Mexico	G				
Oct. 11	Utah (HC)	A				
Oct. 18						
Oct. 25	at TCU	G				
Nov. 1	San Diego St	A				
Nov. 8	at Tennessee	G				
Nov. 13	at UNLV (Thur)	A				
Nov. 22	Colorado St	A				
Nov. 29						

This is the 2nd meeting between these 2. LY vs OU, Sween was int 4x's (7 ttl TO) & WY battled back from a 23-6 deficit for the win. Under Glenn WY is 5-0 in home openers.

The Cowboys are 11-18 S/'00 hosting MWC tms. This series has been very close with AF leading just 23-20-3 & no team has won more than 2 gms in a row S/'88.

The Bison went 10-1 LY & spent 7 wks ranked #1. NDSt beat FBS Minnesota & Central Michigan in '07 outgaining them by an avg of 202 ypg (both by 125+ yds).

WY is just 6-27 in MWC road gms (0-4 LY) & 4 of the 6 wins have been in the L4Y. WY considers BYU one of its biggest conf rivals but is just 7-27 S/'70 vs BYU.

Coming into '08, the Cowboys are 4-1 vs current MAC foes but this is the 1st meeting between these two. Glenn is 8-2 in non-conference home games in his career.

Wyoming is just 2-7 in this series since '99 & 31-29 since the series started in 1930. The last time these 2 met in Albuquerque, WY got its 1st win at the site S/'91.

"Flip-gate". LY Glenn guaranteed a win over the Utes & was reprimanded by the MWC for giving UT HC Whittingham the finger after UT built a 43 pt lead but tried an onside kick.

Bonus: Wyoming will play 7 home games for only the 2nd time in school history.

LY WY beat TCU for the 1st time S/'98 building an 18 pt lead & holding off TCU's late comeback effort. It was Glenn's 1st win over the Frogs. Coming into '08, WY is 2-7 on grass the L3Y.

LY WY was up 21-0 in the 2Q before SDSt battled back and on 3rd & 13, O'Connell found Brown for a 27 yd TD pass with 1:06 left. SDSt outgained WY 307-250. SDSt has won 7 of L/9.

The Pokes are 2-9 all-time vs current SEC foes including 0-2 vs Tenn being outscored on avg 45-12. Coming into '08, WY is just 8-39 in their L/47 road games incl 1-5 LY.

The winner has scored at least 28 pts in every gm except for the 1st meeting in '78. The series avg is 70 ppg in MWC play. After losing the 1st 5 MWC meetings, WY has won 4 str in this series.

This is the 100th edition of the "Border War" & the HT has won the L6Y. Last year's loss gave WY a 4 gm losing streak to end the yr. WY is 2-7 vs CSU as MWC foes.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Casey Bramlet 9,684 '00-'03
2. Tom Corontzos 7,945 '88-'91
3. Jay Stoner 7,674 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Ryan Christopherson 2,906 '91-'94
2. Marques Brigham 2,605 '95-'98
3. Gerald Abraham 2,278 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marcus Harris 4,518 '93-'96
2. Ryan Yarborough 4,446 '90-'93
3. Jovon Bouknight 3,626 '02-'05

JOE GLENN (Career 26-33) (IAA 39-6) (Div II 98-35) (NAIA 21-18-1)
6th Year at Wyoming
Glenn's Bowl Record: 1-0

Glenn's records AT WYOMING

26-33	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
18-11	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
7-22	Away	4-6	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	4-2	Off A Bye
14-24	Vs Conference	11-19	Off A Loss

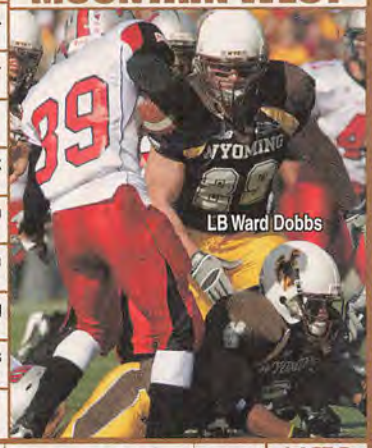
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (23,21,1)
Lost: 13 (4,8,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 22,190 (#88)

MOUNTAIN WEST



STADIUM: WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM (32,580) (#89)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Desso Challenge Pro 60)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	2-10	4-8	7-5	4-7	6-6	5-7	31-62
Home	1-4	1-5	2-3	3-3	5-1	2-3	4-2	4-2	22-23
Away	0-6	1-4	0-6	1-5	1-4	2-4	2-4	1-5	8-38
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	0-7	0-7	1-6	2-5	3-4	2-6	5-3	2-6	15-44
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	1-4	2-3	4-1	2-1	1-3	3-1	16-18
ATS	4-7	5-5	5-5-1	5-6	8-3	5-6	6-6	2-9-1	40-47-2
Home Fav (Vic Koenning)	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-2	0-3-1	7-10-1
Home Dog (Joe Glenn)	0-2	3-2	2-1-1	2-2	3-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	13-9-1
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	2-4
Away Dog	3-2	2-3	3-3	2-3	2-3	3-3	1-3	1-3	17-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	5-1-1	3-4	5-2	2-6	3-5	0-7-1	24-33-2
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-1	0-4	2-2	3-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	16-14
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-3	4-2	3-1	3-2	1-3-1	15-13-1
Off SU Loss	4-5	4-4	3-4-1	4-3	4-1	1-5	2-4	0-6	22-32-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Devin Moore	198	1027	62	965	5	4.9
Wynel Seldon	148	588	34	554	8	3.7
Hoost Marsh	11	113	5	108	1	9.8
Chris Johnson	10	62	3	59	0	5.9
Ian Hetrick	16	41	19	22	0	1.4
Karsten Sween	69	102	223	-121	0	-1.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Karsten Sween	359	215	59.9	2028	12	17
Ian Hetrick	41	19	46.3	211	0	2
Jacob Doss	11	7	63.6	51	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Michael Ford	48	559	11.6	3	36	
Greg Bolling	35	375	10.7	2	37	
Hoost Marsh	30	370	12.3	2	65	
Wade Betschart	32	296	9.2	2	27	
Devin Moore	24	161	6.7	1	29	
David Leonard	13	134	10.3	2	21	
Wynel Seldon	27	132	4.9	0	16	
Chris Johnson	12	132	11.0	0	35	
Jesson Salyards	10	97	9.7	0	23	
Kyle Jacobo	5	38	7.6	0	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Billy Vinnedge	68	2901	42.7	11	36.3	1	26
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Billy Vinnedge	22-24	5-6	3-5	4-4	1-3	13-18	57

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ward Dobbs	98	2	4	2	1
Julius Stinson	86	0	5	12	5
Quincy Rogers	85	0	2.5	6	2
Sean Claffey	71	2	5	5	0
John Prater	68	1	0.5	1	0
John Fletcher	60	10.5	3.5	1	0
Mitch Unrein	55	5	6	2	0
Michael Ray	53	0	0	4	1
Luke Chase	52	1	1.5	1	1
Mike Juergens	46	3	1	2	0
Fred Givens	45	1	3	0	0
Brandon Haugen	37	0	3.5	0	0
Chris Prosinski	37	0	0	1	0
Michael Medina	30	1	2	6	1
Weston Johnson	26	1	1	2	0
Mike Neuhaus	16	3.5	0	2	0
Troy Lewis	15	0	0	1	0
Anthony Wilson	11	3	1.5	0	0
Keith Lewis	10	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Hoost Marsh	30	200	6.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Troy Lewis	25	621	24.8	0	
Hoost Marsh	11	276	25.1	0	
Devin Moore	10	271	27.1	1	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
87	Holiday	+4	Iowa - #18	19-20
88	Holiday - #15	+2'	Oklahoma St - #12	14-62
90	Copper	+7	California	15-17
93	Copper	+3'	Kansas St - #20	17-52
04	Las Vegas	+12'	UCLA	24-21

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WYOMING'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF %	DEF YPP
7*	19.4	20	130	3.3	193	58.7	16.6	-12	2007	5	25.9	18	123	3.0	209	57.0	12.8
6	21.5	18	132	3.6	179	60.7	14.5	-4	2006	6	22.0	14	107	3.2	156	52.0	12.0
8*	24.6	20	117	3.6	246	59.2	14.7	-12	2005	7	27.0	21	170	3.9	207	56.0	14.0
5	26.5	22	129	3.2	240	58.3	14.0	+6	2004	5	24.8	22	179	4.3	212	52.9	15.8
7*	23.8	19	84	2.7	261	57.1	14.5	+10	2003	7	30.0	24	230	5.0	212	57.8	14.8
10*	24.0	21	100	3.1	280	59.1	15.8	-2	2002	6	36.0	26	206	4.6	285	64.5	13.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

WY 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
31,620	Virginia	27	55-199	3.6	25-34	253	3	5	18-(-3)	-0.2	14-29	103	2	0
19,443	Utah St	25	42-189	4.5	19-32	180	1	15	42-133	3.2	17-25	147	0	-1
30,199	at Boise St	20	24-35	1.5	26-48	227	3	20	50-121	2.4	15-30	182	3	0
16,781	at Ohio	28	47-267	5.7	26-37	174	4	13	33-37	1.1	15-30	275	6	-3
23,007	TCU	22	51-232	4.5	12-26	134	1	22	43-134	3.1	22-39	210	3	+1
22,301	New Mexico	12	30-48	1.6	21-35	190	0	15	44-129	2.9	14-23	215	1	-1
41,531	at Air Force	23	44-144	3.3	20-31	260	2	18	57-256	4.5	7-11	74	2	-4
16,940	UNLV	20	46-208	4.5	13-33	156	2	23	41-43	1.0	21-39	223	8	0
22,852	at San Diego St	18	47-91	1.9	22-30	159	4	16	24-58	2.4	20-45	249	3	+1
42,477	at Utah	12	30-37	1.2	13-32	85	6	22	51-278	5.5	19-32	227	1	-4
19,827	BYU	19	24-9	0.4	24-40	268	3	27	36-135	3.8	28-40	362	0	-1
18,827	at Colorado St	15	27-99	3.7	21-34	229	1	22	52-152	2.9	16-22	245	4	0
TOTALS		241	467-1558	3.3	242-412	2315	30	218	491-1473	3.0	208-365	2512	33	-12
AVERAGES		20.1	39-130	3.3	20-34	193	2.5	18.2	41-123	3.0	17-30	209	2.8	-1.0

WY Rank – 2003 RESULTS – Post Score

Pre	Opponent	Line	Post
–	Montana St	NL	21-10
–	at Oklahoma St	+21	24-48
–	Kansas	-4	35-42
–	at Air Force	+20	29-35
–	at Boise St	+23	17-33
–	at Utah St	-2	48-21
–	BYU	+1	13-10
–	at San Diego St	+3	20-25
–	Colorado St	+10'	35-28
–	at Utah	+12'	17-47
–	New Mexico	+8'	3-26
–	UNLV	+1	24-35

WY Rank – 2004 RESULTS – Post Score

Pre	Opponent	Line	Post
–	Appalachian St	NL	53-7
–	at Texas A&M	+11	0-31
–	Mississippi	+3'	37-32
–	ULM	-14	31-10
–	San Diego St	+3	20-10
–	at BYU	+7'	13-24
–	at Colorado St	+4	7-30
–	Air Force	-3	43-26
–	at UNLV	+3	53-45 3OT
–	Utah - #7	+23	28-45
–	at New Mexico	+8'	9-16

WY Rank – 2005 RESULTS – Post Score

Pre	Opponent	Line	Post
–	at Florida - #10	+24	14-32
–	ULM	-21	38-0
–	at Air Force	+2'	29-28
–	at Mississippi	+2	24-14
–	UNLV	-18'	42-17
–	TCU	-6'	14-28
–	New Mexico	-6'	24-27
–	at Colorado St	+3	31-39
–	at Utah	+2'	13-43
–	BYU	+4'	21-35
–	at San Diego St	+7	21-34

WY Rank – 2006 RESULTS – Post Score

Pre	Opponent	Line	Post
–	Utah St	-13	38-7
–	at Virginia	+9	12-13 OT
–	Boise St	+7'	10-17
–	Air Force	-1	24-31
–	at Syracuse	+4'	34-40 2OT
–	at New Mexico	-1	14-10
–	Utah	+3	31-15
–	Colorado St	-4	24-0
–	at TCU	+6	3-26
–	San Diego St	-14'	27-24
–	at BYU - #25	+17'	7-55
–	at UNLV	-9'	34-26

WY Rank – 2007 RESULTS – Post Score

Pre	Opponent	Line	Post
–	Virginia	+3	23-3
–	Utah St	-25	32-18
–	at Boise St	+12'	14-24
–	at Ohio	-4	34-33
–	TCU	-3	24-21
–	New Mexico	-4	3-20
–	at Air Force	+2'	12-20
–	UNLV	-10'	29-24
–	at San Diego St	-4	24-27
–	at Utah	+13'	0-50
–	BYU	+10	10-35
–	at Colorado St	+3'	28-36

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AIR FORCE FALCONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Shaun Carney became the first ever true frosh Falcon QB to start an opener. He led his HS team in Cleveland, Ohio (St Ed's) to a 24-2 record as a starter and completed an AF school record 61.1% as a true frosh. In 2005 Carney broke that record hitting 64.2% throwing for 1,393 with a 7-7 ratio and was #1 rusher (710 net, 4.2). Carney started all 12 in 2006 and threw for 1,192 (59.9%) with a 12-3 ratio (618 net rush). Last year he became the school's all-time career leader in passing, total offense, TD passes and comp %. There was a lot of bold talk about HC Troy Calhoun's new pass oriented offense but AF actually had their 2nd lowest passing total in the last 4 years avg just 120 ypg. Carney threw for 1,491 (62.2%) with a 9-5 ratio (793 rush). Backup Shea Smith played in 6 and was 4 of 12 passing in the bowl (0 att reg ssn) replacing an injured Carney. This year Carney departs and it's a wide open battle. Not listed in the 3 deep are Will McAngus (6'1" 190 So, 1 gm LY), Jeff Abt (6'5" 210 So, PS#187) and true frosh Nick Green (PS#66). This unit goes from a 4 year senior starter to a total of 12 career pass att for the entire group.

RUNNING BACKS - The FB was the main ball carrier in the wishbone offense under HC Fisher DeBerry. In 2005 Chad Hall (JV QB '04) became the first HB since 2003 to top 100 in a game and finished #3 with 344 (5.2). Everyone returned in 2006 and Hall became the first HB since 1994 (Jake Campbell) to lead the team in rushing with 784 (5.1). FB Ryan Williams added 442 (4.3). Last year most of the key players returned but Hall was deemed better suited at WR and Kip McCarthy (144 rush yd '05-'06) had 129 in the opener. He started over Chad Smith and Ryan Williams (who did play) as both were injured. The 2006 backup QB, Jim Ollis, had 138 vs TCU and 73 vs Navy. Versus UNLV Hall moved back to RB and the results were amazing. He had 169 vs UNLV, the best total for an AF RB since 1991. He then set the school record with 256 and 4 TD's vs Colo St. He reset the school record with 275 vs Army and despite only starting 7 at RB, he just missed the school record finishing with 1,478 (QB Beau Morgan 1,494 in '96). Hall also set the single season record for all-purp yards (Cormac Carney, 1978) and became the career all-purp yard leader breaking Ernie Jennings mark ('68-'70). It was rare when all 3 senior RB's were healthy but that was the case in the season finale and all 3 topped 100 (first time S/'88). Keep in mind Hall played in the WRZ position last year so that position is listed below as WRZ/TB and instead of using a FB, the TE's got more starts last year. This year all the top players depart in Hall (MWC Off POY), Jim Ollis (7 st, 682, 6.4), Kip McCarthy (5 st, 235, 4.8), FB Ryan Williams (5 st, 220, 3.5), Chad Smith (1 st, 203, 5.3) and FB Scott Peeples (1 st, 28 yd). CB Devon "DJ" Ford was moved to TB in the spring. Not listed in the PSL are FB's Justin Moore (5'11" 215 Jr), Jared Tew (6'1" 205 So) and TB's Chase Wilke (5'10" 195 So), Trevor Boyd (5'7" 190 So), Francisco Lugo (5'9" 195 So), Thomas Labhart (5'9" 175 So) along with WRZ's LD Woods (5'8" 180 So), Terry Robinson (5'11" 175 So) and Dal Shealy (6'2" 185 Jr). Hall was the only player in the NCAA to lead his team in both rushing and receiving and this unit clearly takes a step down.

RECEIVERS - You had to expect AF to possibly double 2006's passing output as they talked about a new wide open passing style offense. DeBerry's stodgy wishbone offense avg 148 ypg passing in 2004 and 171 in '05. However Calhoun's pass offense totaled just 120 ypg. Chad Hall opened at WR and moved to RB but still led with 524 (10.5). Mark Root (PS#180) led the team in '06 with 314 (19.6) and improved some to 385 (13.8). TE Travis Dekker had 382 (15.3) and had the most rec (25) by an AF TE since 1989 (Trent Ven Hulzen, 26). This year they lose Root (7 st), TE Chris Evans (5 gm) and WR Mike Moffett (1 rec). They unexpectedly get back Dekker who was granted a medRS. Not listed in the PSL are Anthony Hemphill (6'2" 195 Jr), Kevin Fogler (6'6" 200 So), Nate Carlson (6'4" 215 So, PS#259) and TE John Reinberg (6'2" 205 So). Keep in mind the WRZ is at TB so there are four players with starting experience at the WRX and TE positions and this group is more experienced than the 2007 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 three OL's who started the final 5 returned in '05 but surprisingly the unit only produced 4.2 ypc rushing, their lowest since 1997 while allowing 19 sacks (13%). Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 42 starts. Three players did return with six or more career starts and the one returning full-time starter, RT Blaine Guenther, was moved to C. They used an 8 man rotation early but vs Army, all the starters played 70+ of the 79 snaps. The unit adapted well to the slightly new offense as they opened holes for 300 ypg rushing with their 5.4 ypc being the best since 1996 and they allowed just 13 sacks (6.1%). This year they must replace 1st Tm MWC C Guenther (13 st, 2Y st'r), RG Caleb Morris (11 st), RT Chris Monson (10 st) and backup Dan Holder (5 gm). Their 37 career starts returning is #101 in 1A but that is normal for this group. They have 4 players returning who started including 2nd Tm MWC LG Nick Charles but it will be tough to improve upon last year's outstanding numbers.

TE Travis Dekker

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Falcons had an inexperienced D-line in both '05 and '06 playing a 4-3 front. In 2006 the unit was also injury plagued as 10 different DL started. Last year they switched to the 3-4 and had six players returning with a combined 21 starts. AF improved allowing 136 ypg rush (3.5) with 28 sacks. This year the only loss is DE Josh Clayton (2 st, 14 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Michael Krogh (6'3" 240 Sr), Bradley Connor (6'2" 260 So), Blake Sherwood (6'3" 240 So) and Garrett Gilbertson (6'4" 250 Sr, PS#430, 1 st '06). With this unit being the strength of this year's D, it wouldn't surprise me to see them use 4 man fronts often.

LINEBACKERS - The Falcons shifted to a 3-4 last year but STUD DE Julian Madrid (11 st '06) moved to OLB so the D's were similar. They had 3 starters returning including their top 2 tacklers in Drew Fowler (1st Tm MWC) and John Rabold, with both having productive seasons. This year they lose Fowler (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 2nd Tm MWC), 1st Tm MWC Rabold (13 st, 17.5 tfl!), ILB Aaron Shanor (12 st, #3 tkl'r), Madrid (8 tkl, 4 gm-inj), ILB Austin Randle (1 st, 35 tkl) and Daniel Hill (0 tkl). This group is clearly weaker with the loss of its top two players.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 AF had just 2 returning starters and finished #112 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they only had to replace one starter but only finished #114. Last year they had to replace one starter but Carson Bird (9 st '05) regained a starting spot and earned 1st Tm MWC honors snagging 6 int. As you would expect, they climbed to #69 allowing 58.5% with a 16-15 ratio. This year the losses are heavy as they must replace 3 starters who combined for 85 career starts. Gone are Bird (12 st, 48 tkl), CB Garrett Rybak (13 st, 54 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu), 3 year starting FS Bobby Giannini (10 st, 76 tkl) and backup CB Nate Smith (5 tkl). Returning starter SS Chris Thomas was the #2 tackler but AF will drop some in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year new HC Calhoun had the benefit of inheriting big leg K/P Ryan Harrison (PS#45) who was susp in '06. Harrison had an amazing 32 TB on 77 KO (#2 in NCAA) and a 36.4 net punt avg. He also hit 19 of 27 FG's and was 3 of 4 from 50+ (long of 57) with 2 of his misses being blocked. Chad Hall was the top PR (12.6) and KR (23.0). AF finished #11 in my ST rankings. They do have Harrison back this season but with the loss of Hall, it will be tough to move up.

COACHES - Troy Calhoun is a 1989 graduate of Air Force (1st alumnus to be HC here) and is just the 6th coach in school history. In 2006 he was the OC for the Houston Texans and was an asst with Denver. He was also the OC at Ohio ('97-'00) and Wake Forest ('01-'02) and his '02 Deacons led the ACC in total offense! Last year his OC quit in July so he promoted QB Coach Blane Morgan and OL Coach Clay Hendrix to co-OC's. The DC is Tim DeRuyter ('85 AF grad) who was the Nevada co-DC the 2 years prior. Before that he was DC at Ohio for 3 seasons. DeRuyter's D's have traditionally been ranked among the national leaders during his 16 year coaching career at 3 different IA schools.

AIR FORCE ACADEMY

2007	2-9	2001	6-2	1995	5-1
2006	5-7	2000	1-7	1994	5-2
2005	5-7	1999	2-4	1993	4-2
2004	6-1	1998	7-1	1992	3-0-1
2003	6-1	1997	6-1	1991	7-2
2002	5-3	1996	3-2		

JV FOOTBALL RECORDS

JV HEAD COACH: LT. COL STEVE SENN

PHIL'S FORECAST

Fisher DeBerry did an amazing job here at Air Force as in 23 years he had just 5 losing seasons despite the strict academic standards and the fact that players have military commitments making it tough to recruit. The Falcons rarely return many starters but they had a veteran squad in 2003 with 13 returning starters and 51 lettermen back. At one point they rose to 5-0 and #25 in the ESPN poll. AF had a 3OT loss to eventual league champ Utah and surprisingly did not land a bowl bid at 7-5. Shockingly, DeBerry's final three seasons were 5-6, 4-7 and 4-8. In 2006 they could have had a much better season but suffered five close losses. Despite their 4-8 record and having to face #11 Tenn and #9 ND, they were only outscored by a total of just 23 points for the season. AF's best record in MWC play had been 5-2 in 2000 but they went 6-2 in Calhoun's first year. They benefitted from facing a Utah team without their top QB, RB and WR due to injury. AF faced TCU on a short week having to prepare for the option and appeared out of it trailing by 14 in the 4Q but got a 4th & 1, 71 yd TD run and won 20-17 in OT. TCU also had 1 FG blocked (also missed 1) and was int'd in the EZ in the 4Q, a pass play the TCU HC questioned. After blowout losses to BYU and Navy, they were outgained by UNLV but won by 17. After beating CSU by 24, they got a questionable 85 yd FR TD vs WY that keyed their 8 point win. They lost 5 fumbles inside their own 30 vs NM in a loss but rebounded to win their final 3 convincingly and had their first unbeaten home record S/'98. The usual senior class has 18-22 members but the 2007 class had 26 including 13 full-time starters. They played solid in the bowl game but lost QB Carney on a goal-line QB keeper (up 21-0) and Cal won by 6. AF was +10 in TO's and actually won more games than they had the previous 2 years combined. Despite a 6-2 MWC record, AF was outgained in conf play by 13.6 ypg! They'd been 4-11 the previous 3 years in games decided by 8 or less but things bounced their way in '07 as they were 3-1. This is a much less experienced AF team and one that probably won't benefit from TO's and close wins as in '07. I do not see a way to match their 9-4 record, but this is a squad capable of getting to a bowl and finally taking back the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Nick Green 6-2 205 PS#66
OL	AJ Wallerstein 6-3 272 PS#138
DL	Kebin Umodu 6-2 245 PS#165
DB	Corbin Brown 6-1 178 PS#158
LB	Brady Lukas 6-2 225 PS#129
K	David Behr 5-6 169 PS#8
LB	Lindsey Leavoy 6-3 235 PS#175
FB	Ryan Misare 6-0 200 PS#198RB
TE	Jackson Wehmeyer 6-3 218 PS#196LB
DB	Jonathan Warzeka 5-9 170 PS#311
OL	Evan Epstein 6-4 285 PS#320
DB	Jake Sharum 5-10 190 PS#329
OL	Zach Ilse 6-4 303 PS#337
TE	Mark Nelson 6-5 200 PS#320DL
DL	Daniel Forester 6-4 258 PS#344
WR	David Lucas 6-0 175 PS#288
TE	Joe Collura 6-5 245 PS#100
TE	Ben Kopacka 6-3 223 PS#102
LB	Austin Demmel 6-0 187 PS#335
QB	Mike Whittier 6-3 218 PS#219
QB	Matt Saucier 6-0 180 PS#220
TE	Harry Kehs 6-3 239 PS#113
TE	Austin Briehl 6-5 220 PS#121
DB	Josh Hall 6-0 180 PS#408
TE	Charlie Crouse 6-2 225 PS#123
OL	Austin Menner 6-4 265 PS#434
LB	Colton Floyd 6-0 225 PS#368
LB	Garrett Shinkle 6-1 200 PS#368
DL	Cody Miller 6-0 275 PS#421
DB	CJ Fowler 5-9 160 PS#456
OL	Jeff Benson 6-1 273 PS#481
OL	Austin Sidwell 6-1 225 PS#481
OL	Justin Merrick 6-5 260 PS#481
LB	Jonny Newman 6-3 225 PS#424
RB	Raylen Davis 6-2 205 PS#473DB
WR	Brandon Hirneise 6-2 175 PS#378
RB	Beau Brittenham 6-3 180 PS#411
RB	James Colvin 6-1 205 PS#419
RB	George Irvin 5-8 192 PS#430
WR	Matt Davis 6-0 165 PS#400

At the time of this writing some prospects have signed a "Certificate of Intent" but that is a nonbinding conditional offer. The prospect must accept a USAFA appointment in writing in order to attend the Academy.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE

QB 14 Shea Smith Sr. 5-11 190 PS#149. 7 gm 2Y, 4-12-45-0-0, 39 yds rush. Eric Herbort (5'11" 185 Jr) PS#221. Ben Cochran (6'0" 185 So) PS#213. Ryan Campbell (6'0" 200 So) PS#197.

FB 25 Todd Newell Sr. 5-10 210 Inj '05-'06. 1 st LY, 63 (4.5). Ryan Southworth (5'10" 225 So) **PS#158**. Ryan Misare PS#198. Nathan Walker (5'11" 215 So). Corey Rakes (6-0 205 So) PS#315.

TB 2 Savier Stephens So. 5-11 190 9 gm true, 148 (4.1). In spg. Kyle Lumpkin (5'9" 180 So). Reggie Rembert (5'7" 175 So) 1 st CB, 22 tkl true. Peter DeBois (5'10" 185 So) PS#366QB.

WR2/TB 19 Ty Paffett Sr. 5-11 180 1 st S So, 20 tkl. Inj '06. 1 st LY, 123 rush (8.8), 3 rec. 4 Kyle Halderman (5'11" 175 So) PS#411. Matt Davis (5'11" 183 Sr). Trey Eaton (6'2" 195 Sr).

WR 81 Sean Quintana Jr. 6-2 205 7 st LY, 8 rec (8.4). Spencer Armstrong (6'1" 195 Sr) 1 st '06, 178 yd (16.2). Inj LY. **87** Josh Cousins (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#142QB. Brett Skene (5'11" 190 So).

TE 88 TRAVIS DEKKER SR. 6-4 245 8 st '06, 40 yd. 12 st LY, 382 (15.3). **85** Keith Madsen (6'3" 230 Sr) 4 st '07, 5 rec. Steve Shaffer (6'4" 230 So). Michael Martinovich (6'4" 245 So).

C 63 Andrew Pipes Sr. 6-1 265 2nd string '06. 10 gm LY. **65** Michael Hampton (6'2" 275 Jr) 2 gm LY. **60** Matthew Coates (6'1" 270 So). **LS 50** Scott Howley (6'0" 205 Sr).

RG 62 Peter Lusk Jr. 6-3 275 JV team '06. 3 st LG LY, 13 gm. **67** Tyler Weeks (6'1" 270 Sr) PS#672. 7 gm LY. **61** Jacob Morgan (6'2" 260 So) PS#516. Mike Chambers (6'4" 280 So).

LG 57 NICK CHARLES JR. 6-4 285 PS#542. 6 st LG '06. **2nd Tm MWC** LY, 13 st (1LT, 2RG, 10LG). **64** Jake Morrow (6'3" 280 So) PS#491. 1 gm true. Anthony Barr (6'2" 285 So).

RT 60 Chris Campbell Jr. 6-3 270 PS#158TE. 2 st RT LY, 9 gm. **66** Ben Leung (6'3" 285 So) PS#359. 1 gm true. **78** Ben Marshall (6'4" 245 So). Dan Campbell (6'2" 245 So).

LT 79 KEITH WILLIAMS SR. 6-6 275 PS#231TE. 4 tkl '06. 13 st LY (12LT, 1RT). **70** Matt Markling (6'6" 270 So) 2 gm true. Richard Meldrum (6'3" 285 Jr). Benjamin Brown (6'4" 255 So).

K 13 RYAN HARRISON SR. 6-1 180 PS#45. 19-27 FG LY, long **57**! 3-4 from 50+! #2 NCAA 32 TB on 77 KO's. **94** Zack Bell (6'2" 180 So) PS#74. David Behr (5'6" 169 Fr) **PS#8.**

DEFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE

DE 93 BEN GARLAND JR. 6-5 270 2 tkl '06. L/8 st LY, 31 tkl, 3 sk. **95 Jake Paulson** (6'5" 265 Sr) **PS#138LB**. 5 st '06, 2 sk. 1st 5 st LY, 18 tkl, 3 tfl. Alexander Arndt (6'4" 225 So) PS#157TE.

NG 56 JARED MARVIN SR. 5-11 265 2 st, 5 tkl '06. 12 st LY, 27 tkl, 1 sk. **76** Stephen Larson (6'0" 255 Jr) 1 st LY, 29 tkl, 2 sk. **49** Ryan Gonzales (6'3" 300 Jr) PS#195DB. **500 bench**, 2 tkl.

DE 91 RYAN KEMP SR. 6-5 255 Last 5 st '06, 9 gm, 26 tkl. 11 st LY, 54 tkl, 4 sk, 4.5 tfl, **HM MWC. 90** Rick Ricketts (6'3" 260 So). **96** Justin Landseadel (6'0" 235 So) PS#224.

OLB 36 Andre Morris So. 6-3 230 PS#310QB. 10 tkl true. **57** Anthony Hill (6'3" 195 So) PS#238. Myles Morales (6'3" 250 Jr). Jack Forrester (5'11" 200 So). Allan Smith (6'4" 220 So).

ILB 45 John Falgout Jr. 6-0 225 PS#188. L/2 gm LY. **42** AJ Morosco (6'1" 225 So) PS#320. **55** Clay Bryant (6'1" 205 Jr). Brady Lukas PS#129. Stephen Newell (5'10" 225 So).

ILB 47 Ken Lamendola So. 6-2 230 2 tkl as true. **48** Brandon Reeves (6'1" 230 Sr) 3 tkl 2Y. **54** Blaine Hainbach (6'1" 230 Jr). **52** Collin Goodwin (6'0" 225 So) PS#416. Mark Mosby (6'2" 220 So).

OLB 32 HUNTER ALTMAN SR. 6-0 215 PS#283DB, 14 tkl '06. 12 st LY, 62 tkl, 5 sk, 5 tfl. Patrick Hennessey (6'2" 215 So) PS#427. 12 tkl true. William Keuchler (6'0" 200 So). Braylon Gurnell (6'2" 195 So).

CB 6 Kevin Rivers Sr. 6-0 193 6 tkl, 13 gms LY. **22** Brenton Byrd (5'10" 190 Jr). Jonathan Warzeka PS#311. Ryan Curry (6'0" 170 So). Eric Collins (5'8" 170 So).

CB 8 Reggie Rembert So. 5-7 175 PS#444. 1 st, 22 tkl true, 364 KR yds. **21** Stephan Atrice (6'1" 190 So) 1 tkl true. **18** Elliott Battle (5'9" 170 So). **38** Daniel Hess (6'2" 205 So).

SS 34 CHRIS THOMAS JR. 5-11 205 **HM MWC**. 25 tkl '06. 13 st LY, #2 tkl'r w/110, 10 pbu. Luke Yeager (6'0" 195 Sr) 5 tkl 2Y. Marcus Rosenthal (5'10" 186 So). Jonathon Ashley (6'0" 195 So).

FS 23 Aaron Kirchoff Sr. 6-1 205 1 st '06, 32 tkl, 1 pbu. 3 st FS LY, 39 tkl, 3 pbu. Luke Hyder (5'11" 195 Jr) 9 tkl LY. Zachary Glass (5'11" 195 So). Kyle Peace (6'3" 170 So).

P 13 RYAN HARRISON SR. 6-1 180 PS#45. Susp '06. 46 punts LY, 42.9 avg, net of 36.4, 8 I20. Brandon Geyer (6'4" 200 Jr). 13 gm, #2 P in '07. Keil Bartholemew (5'8" 165 So).

AIR FORCE FALCONS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#104

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score AF	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Southern Utah	A					Air Force is 22-4 since 1982 in their home opener with the avg score 37-18. First meeting. SUU plays in the Great West Conf & was 0-11 LY getting outscored by 21 ppg.
Sep. 6	at Wyoming	A					AF is 23-20-3 vs Wyoming but the avg margin of victory in the L/12 is just 8 ppg. Air Force trailed 9-7 with Wyoming driving & got an 85 yd fumble return TD to pull ahead.
Sep. 13	at Houston	G					This is the 1st meeting between these 2 but AF is 29-10 vs current CUSA teams. AF is 7-4 vs non-conf foes in games away from home (played 5 BCS schools).
Sep. 20	Utah	A					S/'88 (17 gms), AF & Utah have had 13 gms decided by 8 or less. LY's win was AF's 1st in 5 yrs as the Falcons stopped the Utes twice on the 1 yd line in the last 1:25.
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	Navy	A					AF has a 47-25 all-time Commander-In-Chief record winning 16 trophy titles. AF was 19-2 from '82-'02 vs Navy, but has lost a series high 5 str (by a comb 27 pts).
Oct. 11	at San Diego St	G					Last year AF had 3 players rush for 100+ yds as the tm finished with a season-high 569 yds rush (670 ttl yds). The 2 teams combined for 1,176 yds of total offense.
Oct. 18	at UNLV	A					The Falcons have played the Rebels every year since 1996 & have gone 9-3. Ten of 13 in this series have been decided by 17 or more pts (other 3 by 3 or less).
Oct. 23	New Mexico (Thur)	A					LY AF lost 3 of their 5 fmbls in the 4Q as the Lobos pulled out the 34-31 win. AF is 15-10 vs NM with the avg MOV being 10 ppg. LY's loss snapped a 3 gm AF win streak.
Nov. 1	at Army	A					Air Force is 17-2 since '89 vs the Black Knights holding Army to 7 pts or less 11 times. LY RB Chad Hall re-broke his own AF record with 275 yds rush vs Army.
Nov. 8	Colorado St	A					The HT in this series is 8-2 the L10Y. LY's gm was delayed 45:00 due to lightning & a power outage but RB Chad Hall racked up a then-AF rush record with 256 yds.
Nov. 15	BYU	A					AF is just 6-22 all-time vs BYU dropping 4 straight by an avg of 21 ppg. The Falcons were held to a season low 231 yds & were 3 of 13 on 3rd downs.
Nov. 22	at TCU	G					AF had lost 4 straight in this series until LY's comeback win. The Falcons battled back from a 14 pt deficit and hit a 33 yd FG in OT for a 20-17 win and a 3-0 start to the season.
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Shaun Carney 5,391 '04-'07
2. Dave Ziebart 4,789 '76-'79
3. Rich Haynie 4,283 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Dee Dowis 3,612 '86-'89
2. Beau Morgan 3,379 '94-'96
3. John Kershner 2,726 '80-'83

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ernie Jennings 2,392 '68-'70
2. Mike Kirby 1,909 '80-'83
3. Ryan Fleming 1,515 '99-'01

TROY CALHOUN (Career 9-4)
2nd Year at Air Force
Calhoun's Bowl Record: 0-1

Calhoun's records AT AIR FORCE

9-4	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
6-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
3-3	Away	1-1	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
6-2	Vs Conference	2-1	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (9-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 23 (10, 12, 1)
Lost: 25 (14, 10, 1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 38,068 (#62)

MOUNTAIN WEST

OG Nick Charles

STADIUM: FALCON STADIUM (46,692) (#65)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	6-6	8-5	7-5	5-6	4-7	4-8	9-4	52-44
Home	5-1	4-2	4-3	5-1	3-4	2-3	2-4	6-0	31-18
Away	3-2	2-4	4-1	2-4	2-2	1-4	2-4	3-3	19-24
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-5	3-5	6-2	30-29
vs Non-Conf	4-1	3-2	4-2	4-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-2	22-15
ATS	8-3	3-8	9-4	4-7	5-5	5-6	4-8	9-3	47-44
Home Fav (Fisher Dabbery)	1-2	0-3	4-2	3-2	1-3	2-2	1-2	4-0 (Troy Calhoun)	16-16
Home Dog	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-3	1-0	5-6
Away Fav	2-1	0-1	2-1	0-3	1-0	0-1	1-2	1-0	7-9
Away Dog	2-0	2-3	2-0	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-1	3-2	16-11
Neutral	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-1
vs Conf	5-2	3-4	4-3	2-5	4-3	4-4	2-6	7-1	31-28
vs Non-Conf	3-1	0-4	5-1	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-2	16-16
Off SU Win	6-2	2-3	6-2	2-5	2-2	1-2	1-3	7-2	27-21
Off SU Loss	2-1	1-4	2-2	2-2	3-2	3-4	2-5	2-1	17-21

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chad Hall	230	1529	51	1478	15	6.4
Jim Ollis	106	697	15	682	6	6.4
Shaun Carney	135	793	156	637	6	4.7
Kip McCarthy	49	245	10	235	1	4.8
Ryan Williams	62	221	1	220	0	3.5
Chad Smith	38	205	2	203	1	5.3
Savier Stephens	36	150	2	148	2	4.1
Ty Paffett	14	136	13	123	4	8.8
Todd Newell	14	63	0	63	0	4.5
Shea Smith	5	39	0	39	0	7.8
Brenton Byrd	13	51	12	39	0	3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Shaun Carney	201	125	62.2	1491	9	5
Shea Smith	12	4	33.3	45	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chad Hall	50	524	10.5	1	49
Mark Root	28	385	13.8	2	56
Travis Dekker	25	382	15.3	2	50
Spencer Armstrong	3	68	22.7	1	48
Sean Quintana	8	67	8.4	1	12
Keith Madsen	5	49	9.8	2	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ryan Harrison	46	1975	42.9	10	36.4	1	8

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Ryan Harrison	44-46	8-8	4-6	4-9	3-4	19-27	57

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Drew Fowler	119	1	0.5	3	3
Chris Thomas	110	1.5	7.5	10	1
Aaron Shanor	93	0.5	4	2	1
Bobby Giannini	76	0	3	2	1
John Rabold	74	5.5	12	1	0
Hunter Altman	62	5	5	2	0
Garrett Rybak	54	0	2	4	2
Ryan Kemp	54	4	4.5	3	0
Carson Bird	48	1	1	5	6
Aaron Kirchoff	39	0	0	3	0
Austin Randle	35	0	2	0	1
Ben Garland	31	3	0	0	0
Stephen Larson	29	2	0.5	0	0
Jared Marvin	27	1	0	0	0
Reggie Rembert	22	0	0	1	0
Jake Paulson	18	1.5	1.5	2	0
Rick Ricketts	15	0	0.5	1	0
Josh Clayton	14	1	0	1	0
Patrick Hennessey	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chad Hall	14	176	12.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chad Hall	22	505	23.0	0
Reggie Rembert	16	364	22.8	0

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
97	Las Vegas - #23	+4	Oregon	13-41
98	Oahu Classic - #16	-3'	Washington	45-25
00	Silicon Valley	+1	Fresno St	37-34
02	San Francisco	+11'	Virginia Tech - #21	13-20
07	Armed Forces	+4	California	36-42

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AIR FORCE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		DEF RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	29.9	21	300	5.4	120	60.7	14.0	+10	2007	6	21.1	20	136	3.5	232	58.5	17.5
7*	23.2	20	229	4.2	101	57.5	14.2	+8	2006	5	25.2	19	141	4.1	213	66.7	14.1
6*	30.0	22	247	4.6	171	59.0	13.9	-7	2005	6	31.7	22	174	4.3	255	65.7	13.5
3	29.6	24	277	4.7	148	59.8	14.4	+1	2004	3	31.1	21	200	4.9	222	56.4	13.6
7*	26.8	21	281	4.7	105	50.3	14.4	+6	2003	6	20.2	19	169	4.0	183	54.2	17.5
2	33.8	22	308	5.1	90	43.5	11.8	+9	2002	6	23.3	19	156	4.0	199	56.8	15.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

AF 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
39,364	S Carolina St	27	60-279	4.7	11-18	176	1	14	34-70	2.1	11-28	90	6	+1
43,454	at Utah	20	63-334	5.3	8-14	56	1	15	33-73	2.2	20-39	240	2	+1
31,556	TCU	15	42-146	3.5	17-28	193	4	20	32-89	2.8	29-45	320	0	+2
64,502	at BYU	12	32-133	4.2	10-21	98	2	25	44-159	3.6	23-33	293	1	+1
37,615	at Navy	25	52-237	4.6	18-23	237	1	18	56-302	5.4	4-7	79	1	-1
35,583	UNLV	15	42-309	7.4	9-14	123	1	26	47-184	3.9	24-39	287	3	-1
25,150	at Colorado St	26	69-385	5.6	3-5	52	1	24	43-224	5.2	16-29	156	0	+3
41,531	Wyoming	18	57-256	4.5	7-11	74	2	23	44-144	3.3	20-31	260	2	+4
26,087	at New Mexico	18	49-212	4.3	11-18	110	0	18	48-156	3.3	16-28	169	1	-3
46,144	Army	24	67-437	6.5	9-12	105	0	10	26-17	0.7	14-33	164	5	-1
80,795	at Notre Dame	23	63-285	4.5	10-16	120	0	19	38-58	1.5	22-40	246	6	0
34,227	San Diego St	30	64-569	8.9	8-14	101	0	21	35-96	2.7	29-47	410	1	+2
40,905	† California	24	61-312	5.1	9-20	113	0	26	34-202	5.9	21-27	305	0	+2
TOTALS		277	721-3894	5.4	130-214	1558	13	259	514-1774	3.5	249-426	3019	28	+10
AVERAGES		21.3	55-300	5.4	10-16	120	1.0	19.9	40-136	3.5	19-33	232	2.2	0.8

2003 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	Wofford	NL	49-0
–	at Northwestern	-7'	22-21
–	North Texas	-9'	34-21
–	Wyoming	-20	35-29
–	at BYU	+1/2	24-10
–	at Navy	-14'	25-28
–	UNLV	-6'	24-7
–	at Colorado St	+5'	20-30
–	Utah	-3	43-45 3OT
–	Army	-26'	31-3
–	at New Mexico	+4	12-24
–	at San Diego St	-4	3-24

2004 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	California - #13	+14	14-56
–	E Washington	NL	42-20
–	at UNLV	+5'	27-10
–	at Utah - #14	+22	35-49
–	Navy	-1	21-24
–	New Mexico	-3'	28-23
–	BYU	-2'	24-41
–	at Wyoming	+3	26-43
–	at Army	-3'	31-22
–	San Diego St	-6	31-37
–	Colorado St	+1'	47-17

2005 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	† Washington	+3	20-17
–	San Diego St	-7'	41-29
–	Wyoming	-2'	28-29
–	at Utah	+7	35-38
–	at Colorado St	+3'	23-41
–	at Navy	-2	24-27
–	UNLV	-13'	42-7
–	TCU - #21	E	10-48
–	at BYU	+6'	41-62
–	Army	-11'	24-27
–	at New Mexico	+12	42-24

2006 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Tennessee - #11	+20	30-31
–	at Wyoming	+1	31-24
–	New Mexico	-13'	24-7
–	Navy	-2'	17-24
–	Colorado St	-6	24-21
–	at San Diego St	-13'	12-19
–	BYU	+9'	14-33
–	at Army	-4'	43-7
–	Notre Dame - #9	+10'	17-39
–	Utah	+1	14-17
–	at UNLV	-10'	39-42
–	at TCU	+17	14-38

2007 RESULTS

AF Rank	Pre-Post Opponent	Line	Score
–	S Carolina St	NL	34-3
–	at Utah	+7	20-12
–	TCU	+7'	20-17 OT
–	at BYU	+11'	6-31
–	at Navy	+2'	20-31
–	UNLV	-5'	31-14
–	at Colorado St	+3	45-21
–	Wyoming	-2'	20-12
–	at New Mexico	+5'	31-34
–	Army	-16'	30-10
–	at Notre Dame	-4	41-24
–	San Diego St	-11	55-23

SAN DIEGO ST AZTECS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Kevin O'Connell, who is 6'6" 235 and mobile, took over the starting QB job as a rFr in '04 and started the final 5. He became the only Aztec QB to rush for 100+ and pass for 200+ in a game. He missed spring of 2005 (shoulder surgery) but still threw for 2,663 (62.1%) with a 19-12 ratio (647 rush). Darren Mougey (PS#57) played in six. In 2006 O'Connell was injured in the opener and Mougey got in three starts throwing for 432 (60.6%) but then was injured. Kevin Craft started 5 and threw for 737 (57%) with a 4-6 ratio. O'Connell returned and on the year threw for 635 (58.4%). Last year Craft transferred and Mougey moved to WR. O'Connell took home my award for MWC Most Important Offensive Player as he WAS the team's offense. O'Connell led the team in rushing in five of the last 7 and became the first Aztec to lead the team in both rushing and passing. He threw for 3,063 (58.5%) with a 15-8 ratio and also was the first Aztec QB to top 1,000 career rushing yards. He departs (#3DC NE) as #2 in career total offense. RFr Kelsey Sokoloski (PS#160) played in 12 hitting 10 of 15 for 119. I expect Ryan Lindley (PS#74) to win the job as Long said he'd never been around a frosh who was able to read defenses like Lindley did, saying he could be special. Also in the mix are Josh O'Brien (6'4" 210 So, PS#248), Zack Kusnir (6'6" 215 rFr) and JUCO transfer Drew Westling who Long compared to Josh Heupel (JC at Okla). Naturally this unit is far less experienced and will not match O'Connell's stats.

RUNNING BACKS - The Aztecs have had some fine RB's including a guy named Marshall Faulk. In 2003 VHT Lynell Hamilton (PS#21) became the 2nd Aztec frosh RB to top 200 in a game and was nearing Faulk's frosh rush record when he broke his ankle and missed the final 2. Unfortunately, Hamilton never fully recovered. After he RS in '04 he led in 2005 with 819 (4.3) but had just 145 (2.7) in '06 and just 2 carries from the FB spot last year. Brandon Bornes had 1,199 (4.2) in 3 years heading into '07 but surprisingly rushed for just 354 (4.0). Atiyyah Henderson led in '06 with 764 (4.4) but only had 183 (4.2) in '07. RFr Brandon Sullivan (PS#120) had 3 starts (70 yds vs UNLV) but finished just 220 (3.8). This year they lose Bornes (7 st) and Hamilton (1 st) but everyone else returns including Josh Cunningham (6'3" 230 Jr, PS#321LB), John Rivera (5'8" 195 Jr) and Josh Ulibarri (6'1" 255 Sr). Davon Brown was the Offensive Scout Team POY in '06 but had just 20 yards (1.7) in '07 and Rivera was the Scout Tm POY in 2007. This unit can only improve upon its 2007 production.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the Aztecs had an inexperienced receiving corps with the leading returnees being Chaz Schilens (441, 13.0 in '05) and Brett Swain (288, 19.2 in '05). Their TE's were also wiped out by injury. Swain led with 528 (11.2) in 2006 while Schilens was #2 with 483 (14.2). Last year both returned and they got the solid addition of ex-QB (2 st '06) Darren Mougey (PS#57QB). Swain, who was thought of as a possession receiver, did run a 10.8 in 100m in HS and finished with 973 (16.8). Schilens had 679 (19.4) despite missing 4 while Mougey missed 2 and had 368 (11.5). This year they lose Swain (12 st, #7DC GB), Schilens (6 st, #7DC OAK) and TE Steve Schmidt (11 st, 31 rec). Not listed below are Ray Patterson (5'11" 195 So), Simon Ayala (6'1" 195 Sr) and Matthew Kawulok (6'2" 235 Jr, PS#283LB, 1 st, 1 rec LY). With the loss of their top 2 guys, this unit is down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Chuck Long's first year they had to replace 3 starters but got back a pair of 2004 starters (1 inj'd, 1 lost job '05). Perhaps learning a new system is the reason why they dropped to 3.4 ypc rush with 25 sacks allowed (8.5%) in '06. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and 2 backups and then lost LG Whitley Fehoko (6 st '05), backup C Peter Manuma and Eric Rouser (PS#125) over the summer. DL Fred Amano requested a move to the O-line and started 6. Surprisingly the Aztecs ypg dropped to 104 rush (3.5) with 30 sacks (6.6%). In 2006 they recruited 4 OL's and all four have left the program while 3 others also departed from the previous 3 classes. Returning starter Brandyn Dombrowski was not eligible until Wk 5 last year. This year they lose RG Dombrowski (6 st, 4Y st'r), HM MWC RT Mike Kravetz (12 st, 3Y st'r), HM MWC LT Will Robinson (12 st, 4Y st'r), RG Amano (6 st) and backup LG Jason Alexander (5 gm). Just two starters return and with zero starting experience at tackle. Long said he'd go the JUCO route to shore up that spot. Their 26 career OL starts returning are 8th lowest in IA and this unit is a question mark.

DT Siaosi Fifita

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Aztecs had their most experienced D-line in years with 7 of the top 8 back in 2006 but surprisingly allowed 181 ypg with their 4.4 ypc being their worst since 1993! The D also had just 15 sacks (lowest total ever). Last year they only had to replace two starters and it was surprising that they plummeted to 242 ypg rush and 5.3 ypc, their worst since before 1961 with the D once again having 15 sacks. This year they lose HM MWC DE Nick Osborn (12 st, 54 tkl, 4 sk), DT Ornan Nwansi (10 st, 22 tkl) and DE Brian Stanbra (3 tkl). Five players return with starting experience and they get a solid addition in Ohio St transfer Ryan Williams (PS#58) plus Eric Ikonne (6'0" 230 So) comes over from LB and they can only improve statistically.

LINEBACKERS - The Aztecs had an inexperienced D-line in 2003 and 2004 but were tough vs the rush having the best set of LB's in the MWC. That unit was wiped out by graduation in 2005 including #2 and #3 DC's. Five of the top six returned in 2006 and four of the top six in '07 but they did lose their #1 tackler both years. Returning starter Brett Martin was injured after two starts so they basically had just one starter back. Russell Allen set a school record with 22 tackles vs Utah. This year the only losses are Marc Hull (1 st, 7 tkl), Martin (2 st, 13 tkl), Ted Edwards (1 gm) and SLB Freddy Dunkle (8 tkl). Not listed below is Demetrius Barksdale (6'3" 190 rFr) and a solid class of newcomers. This is the Aztecs' best LB corps since 2004.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aztecs' Darkside Defense finished #26 and #34 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and 2004 and in 2005 finished #7 allowing a 10-18 ratio. They only had to replace one starter in 2006 but surprisingly dropped to #79 with injuries being part of the problem. In 2007 all four starters had to be replaced and the Aztecs slid even further to #96 allowing a 23-16 ratio. This year the only losses are HM MWC SS Ray Bass (12 st, 103 tkl) and CB Scotty James (4 st, 13 tkl). CB's Moore and Holmes each snagged 4 int in their first year as starters and not listed below are Kwincy Edwards (5'11" 165 Jr, PS#330), Darryn Lewis (5'9" 165 So), Doug Deakin (6'0" 185 So), Jose Perez (6'1" 180 So), Vincent Camarda (6'2" 190 rFr), Brandon Davis (6'2" 180 rFr, PS#210), Raphael McKinney and Brandon Vannoy. The Aztecs should make a good sized climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Chuck Long inherited a unit that was #67 in my ST rankings in 2005. They struggled in his first year (#108). P Michael Hughes had a net of 36.6 and was 2nd Tm MWC in '05 but was not 100% in '06 (32.9 tm net). As I projected, Hughes returned to form last year with an outstanding 37.6 net. Garrett Palmer hit 8 of 13 FG's (long of 48) in '06 and improved to 13 of 15 (long of 50) in '07. Palmer had 5 TB on 60 KO. Mekell Wesley had a KR TD vs UNLV and avg 21.8 while Brett Swain avg 8.8 as PR. The Aztecs moved up to #46 but this year must replace Hughes, Swain, Palmer and 4 year LS Tyler Schmitt (ST MVP, #6DC SEA) and figure to drop in my rankings.

COACHES - Chuck Long was a QB at Iowa under Hayden Fry and has been an asst under Fry, Bob Stoops and Kirk Ferentz. Long was the OC at Oklahoma from 2002-'05. Hayden Fry has had some asst coaches move on to have outstanding coaching careers including Bill Snyder, Barry Alvarez, Dan McCarney and Kirk Ferentz. Ironically none of those four coaches had a winning record in his 2nd year in his new program and neither did Long. Long brought in Del Miller as the OC. Miller was the OC at K-St from 2003-'05. Long also brought in a new DC in Bob Elliott who was K-St's DC from 2000-'05 and enters his 3rd year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Aztecs have the solid advantage of playing in a major city and usually the recruiting classes are near the top of the conference, but amazingly they have not had a winning season since 1998! In Tom Craft's final year in 2005, TCU's HC Patterson told his Frogs all week that the Aztecs were not a normal MWC team as they matched up with TCU in both size and speed. The Aztecs finished 4-4 in MWC play, lost to 3 teams that finished in the Top 15 (Ohio St, UCLA, TCU) and beat 3 bowl teams (BYU, Utah, Colo St) by an avg of 16.7 ppg. The key to their losing year was a midseason loss to a poor UNLV team. In Long's first year they had 13 returning starters but lost their QB in the opening game and their backup QB a few games later. Injuries and suspensions took a toll as they had 18 players from the spring roster lost for the year and the team suffered 3 close losses dropping to 3-9, their worst record since 1983. SDSt was outgained by a league worst 89.2 ypg. They were almost the first team in school history to have 10 losses in a year but beat Colo St in the season finale and the team avg just 14.2 ppg. Last year I said they were at least a year away from a winning record. The Aztecs did improve their win total to 4 but their victories came vs teams that were just 13-34. They opened the season with a couple of losses to Pac-10 opponents and then beat IAA Portland St. They did get a TD with :43 left to get past Colo St, 24-20. After getting whipped by Utah, they led 17-13 vs NM but gave up a TD with :15 left. After the BYU game was postponed, they trailed WY 21-0 but rallied for a 27-24 win and then beat UNLV the next week 38-30 (led 21-0 at half). At 4-5 they needed just 2 wins in their final 3 to get to bowl eligibility but lost those final three by 32, 12 and 21. Thirty of SDSt's 79 recruits from 2002-'04 were either non-qualifiers, quit the team or left for some other reason. Only 16 players of the '03 class remained and 11 from the 2004. While the Aztecs moved up to 3-5 in the MWC, they were outgained by 127 ypg, 46.8 yards worse than the #8 team. Due to scholarship limitations they only have 79 available this year. While the Aztecs are pointed in the right direction, they have just 11 returning starters and a lot of ground to make up so it looks like their 5th straight non-winning season.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

JERSEY # IN RED

OFFENSE

QB **14** **Ryan Lindley rFr.** 6-3 205 PS#74. **9** **Drew Westling** is PS#154JC, in spg. 2087 (53%) 14 TD JC LY. **2** Kelsey Sokoloski (6'2" 195 So) PS#160. 10-15 for 119 yds as rFr.

RB **24** **Brandon Sullivan So.** 5-11 220 PS#120. 3 st rFr, 220 (3.8). **21** **Atiyyah Henderson** (5'9" 175 Jr) 7 st, 764 (4.4), HM MWC '06. 3 st, 183 (4.2) LY. **30** Davon Brown (5'9" 175 So) PS#243.

WR **18** **Roberto Wallace Jr.** 6-4 215 PS#64. Inj rFr. 1 st LY, 6 rec. **1** **DeMarco Sampson** (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#94DB. Inj '06. Scout MVP LY. **FB** **23** Tyler Campbell (6'0" 220 Sr) PS#100.

WR **4** **DARREN MOUGEY SR.** 6-6 225 PS#57QB. 3 st QB 2Y, 548 pass, 245 rush. 6 st WR LY, 368 (11.5). **6** Mekell Wesley (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#79. 3 st, 5 rec 2Y. **84** Justin Shaw (6'2" 210 Sr).

WR **80** **Vincent Brown So.** 6-0 175 PS#148. 8 st true, 349 (11.3). **19** Jon Toledo (6'3" 225 Jr) PS#206. 2 rec 2Y. **10** Marcus Montgomery (6'2" 225 Sr) PS#148. 1 rec 3Y.

TE **87** **Eric Miclot Sr.** 6-5 235 PS#128. 11 st, 5 rec '04-'05. ACL out 2Y. Alston Umuolo (6'3" 220 So) PS#111. 6 rec true. Waika Spencer (6'4" 235 Jr) PS#139WR. Tony DeMartinis (6'5" 255 Jr).

C **50** **TRASK IOSEFA SO.** 6-0 300 PS#290. GS '05. RS '06. 12 st C LY. **60** Tommie Draheim (6'4" 275 rFr). **65** Damian Shankle (6'2" 300 Jr) **PS#93JC.** RS LY. **LS** Aaron Brewer PS#242.

RG **59** **Lance Louis Sr.** 6-3 285 PS#35TE. 11 gm, 4 st TE true. 8 gm, 4 st '05, 15 rec 2Y. ACL '06. 8 gm OL LY. Jimmy Miller PS#111. **75** Leo Grassilli (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#333.

LG **77** **MIKE SCHMIDT SR.** 6-2 310 PS#397DL. 3 tkl DL true. First 2 st RG '06. 12 st LG LY. Alec Johnson is PS#118. **67** Ikaika Aken-Moleta (6'2" 325 Jr) PS#227. 3 gm LY.

RT **NA** **Taylor Wallace Jr.** 6-5 290 PS#259JC. First 3 st RT, 7 gms at Utah St '06. JUCO '07. **79** Kurtis Gunther (6'8" 270 rFr) PS#520. **53** Emilio Rivera (6'4" 305 rFr).

LT **74** **Mike Matamua rFr.** 6-4 280 PS#211. **73** Kellen Farr (6'7" 320 rFr) PS#341. **72** Tom Rische (6'4" 295 So) lost 35 lbs. Nik Embernate (6'4" 285 Fr) PS#277.

K **27** **Bryan Shields So.** 6-1 180 2-4 FG, 9-10 xp Utah St '06. **14** Lane Yoshida (5'10" 195 Jr) PS#143JC in '06. Brian Stahovich (6'0" 170 Fr) **PS#10.** Zack Scott (6'0" 195 rFr).

DEFENSE

DE **98** **Ryan Williams Jr.** 6-5 250 **PS#58. Ohio St trans. Jonathan Soto** (6'3" 265 Jr) PS#308. **7** st LY, 35 tkl, 3 sk. David Curiel (6'0" 270 Jr) PS#422JC. Darrell Honaker (6'1" 250 Jr).

DT **93** **Avery Williams Jr.** 6-3 280 PS#377. Strongest on team. 3 gm LY. **96** Peter Nelson (6'5" 285 Jr) PS#162TE. 2 st, 13 gm, 5 tkl 2Y. **48** Eron Moses (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#98TE.

DT **92** **SIAOSI FIFITA SR.** 6-4 250 PS#271. 2 st rFr, 10 tkl. 5 tkl '06. 8 st LY, 29 tkl, 3 sk, 3 tfl. **66** Ernie Lawson (6'3" 300 So) 12 gm, 17 tkl, 2 pbu LY. Henry Simon is PS#464.

DE **94** **BJ WILLIAMS SO.** 6-3 230 PS#387. 12 gm, 8 st rFr, 45 tkl, 4 tfl. **55** Neil Spencer (6'2" 260 So) PS#186. 1 st true, 28 tkl. **95** Michael Snead (6'4" 240 rFr) PS#152.

SLB **46** **RUSSELL ALLEN SR.** 6-3 235 PS#71. 7 st rFr, 61 tkl. 12 st '06, 88 tkl, 6 tfl, 12 st LY, 119 tkl, 5.5 tfl. Zach Clarke (6'2" 225 Sr) PS#101JC. Zach Shapiro (6'2" 245 Jr) 9 tkl Nevada '06.

MLB **35** **LUKE LAOLAGI JR.** 6-1 230 PS#84. 10 tkl, 1 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 94 tkl, 6 tfl. Marcus Yarbrough (6'2" 245 So) **PS#86.** 9 tkl rFr. **31** Logan Ketchum (6'3" 195 rFr) PS#227DB.

WLB **45** **MILES BURRIS rFR.** 6-2 245 PS#131. Scout Tm Def MVP LY. **32** Andrew Preston (6'1" 220 So) Scout Tm Def POY '06. 9 st LY, 72 tkl, 7 tfl. **34** Jerry Milling (5'10" 230 Jr) 18 tkl 2Y.

CB **43** **AARON MOORE JR.** 6-0 190 3 st rFr, 20 tkl. 11 st LY, 59 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu. Davion Mauldin PS#205JC. **44** Romeo Horn (6'0" 180 So) 7 tkl LY. **1** Andy Gregorio (5'9" 195 So).

CB **6** **VONNIE HOLMES SR.** 6-0 170 JUCO. 7 st here '07, 26 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu. **39** Dey Juan Hemmings (5'11" 180 So) 10 tkl true. **47** Michael Stewart (5'10" 195 Sr) 1 st, 6 tkl LY.

SS **2** **Travis Crawford Sr.** 6-0 200 PS#117JC. 9 gm, 3 tkl LY. **5** TJ McKay (6'1" 205 Sr) PS#522. 5 st 3Y, 50 tkl, 2 int. **42** Nick Sandford (6'2" 205 Jr) 17 tkl 2Y. Gerard Armstrong (6'0" 220 Sr).

FS **40** **COREY BOUDREAUX SR.** 6-1 220 PS#226WR. 12 st LY, 84 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu, Tm Def MVP. **11** Martrell Fantroy (6'1" 215 So) PS#294. 17 tkl, 3 int LY. **3** Aubrey Smith (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#176.

P **NA** **Brian Stahovich Fr.** 6-0 170 **PS#10.** Had 5.0 hangtime in HS. League Kicker of Yr in HS. Big leg. Also did K and part-time at DB. **17** Brooks Beckman (5'11" 205 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Drew Westling 6-2 220 PS#154JC
DB	Davion Mauldin 5-10 175 PS#205JC
OL	Jimmy Miller 6-3 290 PS#111
OL	Alec Johnson 6-3 290 PS#118
K	Lane Yoshida 5-10 195 PS#143JC '06
OL	Taylor Wallace 6-5 290 PS#259JC
LB	Rob Andrews 6-2 225 PS#138
OL	Erik Quinones 6-3 305 PS#195
LB	Colin Shumate 6-2 225 PS#140
K	Brian Stahovich 6-0 170 PS#10
WR	Dominique Sandifer 6-0 180 PS#146
DB	Josh Wade 6-0 175 PS#199
LB	Ross Williams 6-3 200 PS#212DL
OL	Aaron Brewer 6-5 210 PS#242
OL	Nik Embernate 6-4 285 PS#277
DL	JJ Autele 6-1 240 PS#290
RB	Ramon Judkins 6-0 205 PS#356
WR	Malcolm Culver 6-2 190 PS#326
TE	DJ Shields 6-4 230 PS#129
OL	Brian Milholland 6-6 300 PS#481
DL	Jerome Long 6-5 250 PS#464
DL	Henry Simon 6-3 275 PS#464

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3rd Year at San Diego St — Long's Bowl Record: 0-0

Long's records AT SAN DIEGO ST

7-17	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
5-7	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
2-9	Away	0-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
6-10	Vs Conference	6-10	Off A Loss

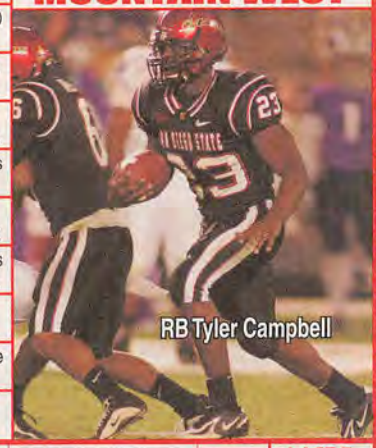
2007 RECORD: (4–8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 3
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 42 (20,22,0)
Lost: 23 (11,8,4)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 27,940 (#82)

MOUNTAIN WEST


RB Tyler Campbell

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#74

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SDSt	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Cal Poly	G					
Sep. 6	at Notre Dame	G					
Sep. 13	at San Jose St	G					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	Idaho	G					
Oct. 4	at TCU	G					
Oct. 11	Air Force	G					
Oct. 18	at New Mexico	G					
Oct. 25	Colorado St	G					
Nov. 1	at Wyoming	A					
Nov. 8	at BYU	G					
Nov. 15	Utah	G					
Nov. 22	UNLV	G					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Todd Santos 11,425 '84-'87
2. Billy Blanton 8,165 '93-'96
3. Kevin O'Connell 7,689 '04-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Marshall Faulk 4,589 '91-'93
2. Larry Ned 3,562 '98-'01
3. Jonas Lewis 2,843 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. JR Tolver 3,572 '99-'02
2. Darnay Scott 3,139 '91-'93
3. Will Blackwell 2,896 '94-'96

SDSt is 18-8-1 since 1981 in home openers but just 3-5 the last 8. The Aztecs are 13-10 vs Cal Poly including a 16-14 loss in 2006 (last meeting).

SDSt is 2-24 in road openers including losing 15 straight. This is the first meeting between these teams & SDSt is 2-10 in non-conf gms L3Y.

These two last met in '06 and SJSt snapped a 7 gm losing streak to the Aztecs. Each of the last 6 games in the series have been decided by 21+ pts.

The Aztecs are 1-1 vs Idaho with the last meeting coming in 2002). SDSt has a combined 16-3 record vs the newest members of the WAC (Idaho, NMSt, Utah St).

The Aztecs are 0-3 vs TCU being outscored on avg 40-18. SDSt jumped out to a 17-0 early lead LY but gave up the most yds in school history (694) in a 45-33 loss.

SDSt was just 5-15 from '80 (1st meeting) thru 2001 vs AF, but has won 4 of the L/6. LY Air Force racked up 670 yds ttl off (SDSt allowed TCU 694 yds the next week).

SDSt holds a 20-14 advantage over the Lobos, but has lost the L/7 in a row. LY SDSt was driving when O'Connell fmbl'd & NM got the gm winning TD w/:15 left.

The home team in this series is 2-8 since '97 (2-7 in MWC play). SDSt is 15-12 vs CSU & despite winning the last 3 straight, are just 5-8 since 1994.

The home team is 14-4 in this series since 1989 including 5 straight wins. SDSt had lost 97 consec gms when trailing by 19+ until LY's comeback win over WY.

SDSt is 5-23-1 S/'76 vs BYU & has all'd 27+ pts in 22 of 27. LY this gm closed out a disastrous stretch where SDSt gave up 148 pts (49 ppg) & 1,902 ttl yds (634 ypg) over the L/3 gms.

Eight of the last 9 in this series have been decided by 14+ pts (9 pt win in '05). SDSt is 12-14-1 vs Utah and has lost 4 of the last 5 vs the Utes.

SDSt had all'd just 241 ypg in this series in 4 yrs but LY was pounded for 482 by the Rebels. The Aztecs have held UNLV to 7 points or less in 3 of the last 5 years.

Bonus: The Aztecs are 7-3 in their last 10 home finales.

STADIUM: QUALCOMM STADIUM (54,000) (#52)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	3-8	4-9	6-6	4-7	5-7	3-9	4-8	32-62
Home	0-5	2-4	2-3	4-2	3-2	3-3	3-3	2-4	19-26
Away	3-3	1-4	2-6	2-4	1-5	2-4	0-6	2-3	13-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	3-4	2-5	4-3	3-4	2-5	4-4	3-5	3-5	24-35
vs Non-Conf	0-4	1-3	0-6	3-2	2-2	1-3	0-4	1-3	8-27
ATS	5-6	4-6	6-6-1	5-4-1	4-6	7-5	4-7	6-5	41-45-2
Home Fav (Ted Tolver)	0-0	1-2	1-0 (Jon Colt)	1-1	2-1	2-1	1-1 (Chuck Long)	0-0	8-6
Home Dog	1-4	0-2	1-3	1-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	3-2	10-15
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-4-1
Away Dog	4-2	3-2	4-2	3-2-1	2-3	3-2	1-4	3-2	23-19-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	3-4	3-4	3-3-1	3-4	2-5	5-3	4-4	5-3	28-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	3-3	2-0-1	2-1	2-2	0-3	1-2	13-15-1
Off SU Win	0-3	0-2	2-1-1	2-1-1	2-1	2-3	0-1	1-3	9-15-2
Off SU Loss	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-3	2-5	5-1	4-5	5-1	30-26

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
47	Harbor	NL	Hardin-Simmons	0-53
69	Pasadena	NL	Boston University	28-7
86	Holiday	+7'	Iowa - #19	38-39
91	Freedom	-2'	Tulsa - #23	17-28
98	Las Vegas	+7	North Carolina	13-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
San Diego St's All-Time Bowl Record 1–4

SAN DIEGO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	25.1	18	104	3.5	273	59.0	15.0	+6	2007	4	34.4	27	242	5.3	257	67.0	14.5
5*	14.2	15	119	3.4	150	58.2	19.0	-7	2006	8	27.1	20	181	4.4	171	59.2	13.0
7*	26.9	20	148	3.9	232	61.3	14.1	+2	2005	3	27.1	22	185	4.3	221	58.0	15.0
6*	21.3	20	130	3.8	245	54.1	17.6	-1	2004	6	25.6	20	139	3.4	227	54.0	14.3
5*	18.7	19	123	3.6	217	54.5	18.2	-1	2003	7	17.3	16	130	3.3	160	51.0	16.8
4*	23.8	22	73	2.6	331	60.3	17.0	0	2002	5	31.6	23	171	3.9	240	55.9	13.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin O'Connell	135	650	242	408	11	3.0
Brandon Bornes	88	373	19	354	3	4.0
Brandon Sullivan	58	234	14	220	2	3.8
Atiyyah Henderson	44	192	9	183	1	4.2
Kelsey Sokoloski	4	22	2	20	0	5.0
Davon Brown	12	32	12	20	1	1.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kevin O'Connell	439	257	58.5	3063	15	8
Kelsey Sokoloski	15	10	66.7	119	1	1
Darren Mougey	2	2	100.0	55	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Brett Swain	58	973	16.8	5	75
Chaz Schilens	35	679	19.4	3	97
Darren Mougey	32	368	11.5	2	27
Vincent Brown	31	349	11.3	2	62
Steve Schmidt	31	241	7.8	1	23
Atiyyah Henderson	27	202	7.5	0	51
Brandon Sullivan	18	119	6.6	0	23
Brandon Bornes	16	106	6.6	0	24
Roberto Wallace	6	72	12.0	0	31
Alston Umuolo	6	67	11.2	1	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Michael Hughes	72	3163	43.9	16	37.6	1	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Garrett Palmer	34-36	3-3	4-5	5-5	1-2	13-15	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Russell Allen	119	1	4.5	6	1
Ray Bass	103	0	3	2	0
Luke Laolagi	94	1.5	4.5	4	0
Corey Boudreaux	84	0	3	8	3
Andrew Preston	72	1	6	0	0
Aaron Moore	59	0	4.5	7	4
Nick Osborn	54	4	4.5	2	0
BJ Williams	45	1.5	2.5	1	0
Jonathan Soto	35	3	1.5	2	0
Siaosi Fifita	29	3	3	0	0
Neil Spencer	28	0	0.5	0	0
Vonnie Holmes	26	0	0.5	3	4
Ornan Nwansi	22	0	1	0	0
TJ McKay	19	0	0	0	0
Ernie Lawson	17	0	0	2	0
Martrell Fantroy	17	0	0	0	3
Jerry Milling	15	0	0	0	0
Brett Martin	13	0	0	0	0
Scotty James	13	0	0	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Brett Swain	10	88	8.8	0
Mekell Wesley	2	43	21.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Mekell Wesley	26	568	21.8	1
Vincent Brown	25	547	21.9	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

SDSt 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
46,290	† Wash St	21	23-114	5.0	30-47	285	4	36	35-185	5.3	38-47	469	0	0
54,617	at Arizona St	17	31-143	4.6	22-38	180	2	26	40-268	6.7	16-22	211	1	0
53,110	Portland St	27	33-122	3.7	22-34	474	0	24	18-13	0.7	42-61	445	4	+4
24,647	Cincinnati	16	24-65	2.7	24-33	312	2	30	50-263	5.3	21-32	284	0	+1
27,930	at Colorado St	19	44-156	3.5	14-27	230	7	16	39-139	3.6	14-27	188	2	+1
40,898	at Utah	12	29-62	2.1	15-32	149	5	27	46-282	6.1	24-32	232	2	0
20,205	New Mexico	14	43-166	3.9	18-26	133	0	19	38-126	3.3	18-35	239	1	0
22,852	Wyoming	16	24-58	2.4	20-45	249	3	18	47-91	1.9	22-30	159	4	-1
18,837	at UNLV	18	26-122	4.7	17-23	196	3	24	49-275	5.6	18-29	207	1	0
34,227	at Air Force	21	35-96	2.7	29-47	410	1	30	64-569	8.9	8-14	101	0	-2
18,350	TCU	15	21-75	3.6	26-51	366	1	39	69-376	5.4	26-42	318	0	+3
28,473	BYU	22	26-68	2.6	33-55	288	2	33	52-311	6.0	19-26	227	0	0
TOTALS		218	359-1247	3.5	270-458	3272	30	322	547-2898	5.3	266-397	3080	15	+6
AVERAGES		18.2	30-104	3.5	23-38	273	2.5	26.8	46-242	5.3	22-33	257	1.3	0.5

2003 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	E Washington	NL	19-9
–	at Ohio St - #2	+30'	13-16
–	at UTEP	-19'	34-0
–	Samford	NL	37-17
–	at UCLA	+10	10-20
–	BYU	-2'	36-44
–	at Utah	+9'	6-27
–	New Mexico	+1/2	7-30
–	Wyoming	-3	25-20
–	at UNLV	+5	7-0
–	at Colorado St	+13'	6-21
–	Air Force	+4	24-3

2004 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Idaho St	NL	38-21
–	at Michigan - #17	+20	21-24
–	Nevada	-14'	27-10
–	at UCLA	+6	10-33
–	at Wyoming	-3	10-20
–	Colorado St	-4	17-21
–	at New Mexico	+4'	9-19
–	Utah - #9	+18'	28-51
–	at BYU	+10'	16-49
–	at Air Force	+6	37-31
–	UNLV	-10	21-3

2005 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UCLA	+9'	21-44
–	at Air Force	+7'	29-41
–	at Ohio St - #9	+27'	6-27
–	San Jose St	-13'	52-21
–	BYU	+1	31-10
–	at UNLV	-9'	10-13
–	at Utah	+10	28-19
–	New Mexico	-3	24-47
–	TCU - #20	+6'	20-23
–	at Colorado St	+8	30-10
–	Wyoming	-7	34-21
–	at Hawaii	+3	38-49

2006 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UTEP	-2'	27-34
–	at Wisconsin	+13'	0-14
–	Utah	+8'	7-38
–	at San Jose St	-2'	10-31
–	at BYU	+28'	17-47
–	Air Force	+13'	19-12
–	Cal Poly	NL	14-16
–	at Wyoming	+14'	24-27
–	UNLV	-9'	21-7
–	at TCU	+17'	0-52
–	at New Mexico	+10'	14-41
–	Colorado St	+1'	17-6

2007 RESULTS

SDSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Washington St	+14	17-45
–	at Arizona St	+28	13-34
–	Portland St	NL	52-17
–	Cincinnati - #24	+15	23-52
–	at Colorado St	+13	24-20
–	at Utah	+14	7-23
–	New Mexico	+8'	17-20
–	Wyoming	+4	27-24
–	at UNLV	+3	38-30
–	at Air Force	+11	23-55
–	TCU	+12'	33-45
–	BYU - #21	+16	27-48

COLORADO ST RAMS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - CSU had a record of 44-18 entering '07 under Lubick with a senior incumbent QB. Until last season that expereinced senior QB had led the team to either a league title, a bowl or both. Caleb Hanie was one of the most experienced QB's in Lubick's tenure (29 career starts, 2 away from CSU record). He started 5 in 2004 and 12 in '06 throwing for 2,427 (61.1%) but with an 11-12 ratio. He was running more option plays and got banged up the final two games of '06. Billy Farris hit 11 of 19 for 148 playing in 5. Hanie threw for 301 vs Cal and completed 71.9% the first two of '07. On the plus side, he threw for 2,455 (64.2%) with 18 TD's and finished #1 in the MWC in pass eff. On the negative side, there were 15 int's and just 3 wins. Farris was called off the bench vs Utah but was injured and Hanie took the rest of the snaps. This year they lose Hanie (12 st). Grant Stucker (PS#101) did not get a lot of practice time but was the backup in the final two. Also in the battle this year are Klay Kubiak (6'0" 200 rFr, PS#256), TJ Borcky (6'4" 201 rFr, PS#96) and true frosh Alex Kelly. Borcky was very impressive in spring practices but this unit is less experienced and will not likely lead the MWC in pass eff.

RB Gartrell Johnson

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 the Rams rushed for the fewest amount of yards in Lubick's 12 seasons (112 ypg, 3.1). In 2005 Kyle Bell set a school soph rushing record with 1,288 (4.7) surpassing Kevin McDougal's 1997 mark. Approximately 58% of Bell's yards came after contact that year. He was the leading returning rusher in the MWC in '06 but unfortunately tore his ACL in Aug. The Rams' running game was lost as well as the team avg'd a new Lubick low with 77 ypg and 2.5 ypc! Gartrell Johnson (PS#177) fumbled 4 of his first 7 collegiate att's in 2005 and was known as a solid inside runner with little breakaway speed. With Bell out Johnson led in '06 with 305 (2.8). Bell opened '07 with 135 vs Colorado and 102 vs Cal. After 73 vs Houston, he had just 9 yards on 7 carries vs TCU and Lubick went to rFr John Mosure (PS#252) who seemed to hit the holes quicker. He led with 10 carries for 34. Surprisingly, Mosure only had 2 more rush att on the year. Johnson was given the bulk of the carries vs AF and responded with 143 and vs UNLV had 162. He had 73 after the 1Q vs Utah and 97 at the half but surprisingly had just three 2H carries. Johnson would top 100 in the final 3 including 172 vs NM and just missed 1,000 with 957 (5.3). He also had 12 rec. Bell finished with 691 (3.8) and Michael Myers (6'1" 207 Sr, PS#215) added 148 (5.3). This year the unit returns intact. Not listed below are Alex Square (5'9" 177 Jr, PS#272), Lester Arnold (5'10" 193 rFr, PS#194) and Aaron Sanchez (5'10" 197 Sr). With Bell another year removed from his ACL injury, this unit looks stronger again.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the Rams had to replace the school's all-time career leading receiver but returned 4 of the top 5. Lubick said the unit may have been as good a receiving corps as he's had. He rotated 5 WR's. The home run threat was Damon Morton (PS#59) who led with 722 (15.0) while Johnny Walker had 586 (10.1) and TE Kory Sperry (PS#39) had 380 (10.6). Last year it may have looked like the best group of receivers in school history but unfortunately as had happened in each of Lubick's last 5 seasons, a key player was lost and this time it was Sperry (opener). The three TE's who took Sperry's place combined for just 9 rec. Walker was leading the team when he suffered a knee sprain vs AF. He finished #2 with 525 (14.6) but did play in all 12. Morton was again the deep threat with 774 (19.4). Luke Roberts (6 st, 309 '06) had 426 (14.2). Dion Morton missed 3 and had 183 (9.1). This year they lose Damon Morton (11 st), Walker (4 st), Roberts (12 st) and George Hill (13 rec). Even with Sperry's return, this unit is clearly weaker in 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rams paved the way for 4.6 ypc rushing annually from 2001-'03 but have struggled the last 4 years. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and RB Bell went down prior to the season. They had their worst production in the Lubick era managing just 77 ypg rush (2.5) while allowing 41 sacks (11.3%). Almost every OL was injured and they used 10 different OL combos in the first 10 games. Last year they had to replace 2 OL starters but I called for them to have their best offensive front in years and they did just that. The unit was shuffled often during the first half of the year but still opened holes for 167 ypg rush (3.8), their best marks in four years, but did allow 37 sacks (11.7%). This year they have their most veteran group since 2003. The only loss is 2nd Tm MWC G Nick Allotta (12 st, 3Y st'r) but they have 9 of the top 10 back as last year's 2 deep had 7 underclassmen.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Rams have struggled stopping the run recently. Their best performance since 2000 was in 2006 when they allowed 149 ypg (4.1). Last year they had the entire 2 deep back but surprisingly they allowed 207 ypg rush (4.9). This year they must replace 2nd Tm MWC DE Jesse Nading (12 st, 56 tkl, 3.5 sk), HM MWC NG Erik Sandie (12 st, 45 tkl, 4.5 tfl), DT Blake Smith (10 st, 33 tkl, 7.5 tfl), DE Bob Vomhof (1 st, 13 tkl) and NG Joey Madrid (3 tkl). Four of the top eight are back (3 with 7+ career starts). Not listed below is Jacob Tigges (6'2" 274 rFr, PS#96TE).

LINEBACKERS - The Rams had just one starter returning in 2007 which may have been part of the reason for the poor def rush stats. RFr Ricky Brewer was the MWC Preseason Frosh Newcomer of the Year. Brewer eventually won the WLB job despite missing two games and started the last eight. This year all three starters return. The only losses are WLB Nathan Pauly (2 st, 26 tkl) and Sedric Patterson (4 tkl).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - After finishes of #86 and #66 in my pass D rankings, the Rams had all 4 starters back in 2007. Unfortunately FS Klint Kubiak started just two and SS Mike Pagnotta started only six due to illness and injuries. The Rams dropped to #90. This year they lose HM MWC CB Darryl Williams (12 st, 61 tkl, 10 pbu), CB Joey Rucks (12 st, 65 tkl, 7 pbu), FS Zac Bryson (7 st, 48 tkl, 2 sk), FS Jermaine Walters (3 st, 36 tkl) and FS Steve Juedes (3 st, 25 tkl). Not listed below are Jarrad McKay (6'0" 193 rFr), Nick Neuenfeldt (6'4" 227 So, PS#182QB) who moved from QB, NM transfer Amadeus Waters (5'10" 213 So, PS#222) who moved from RB and Scott Zick (6'0" 188 So). Even with 3 starters lost, this group is more experienced than you would expect as the safeties have a combined 35 career starts, but CB is a big question mark.

SPECIAL TEAMS - This unit was almost always a strength under Lubick with two #1 and five top 13 finishes in my ST rankings from 1997-2003. In his final 2 years not a lot went right and this unit finished #90 and #76. Jimmie Kaylor was #4 in the NCAA in punting (45.3) in '05. Last year Kaylor avg 43.2 (net 34.9). Jason Smith had 17 TB on 64 KO and also hit 16 of 20 FG's (long 47). Damon Morton did improve his KR avg from 20.4 to 24.3. This year they must replace KR/PR Damon Morton, PR Walker and P Kaylor. Still with Dion Morton (26.8 on KR) and K Smith back they should improve in my ST rankings.

COACHES - CSU had been to just two bowl games prior to Sonny Lubick's arrival and he guided them to 9 bowls in 14 years along with six league titles. In 2003 the home stadium was renamed Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium. Lubick finished his career 74-41 in conf games at CSU and was Conf Coach of the Year four times ('94, '97, '99 and 2000). The team has finished in the Top 25 three times (1994 #15, 1997 #16, 2000 #14). He was forced to resign and the new HC is Steve Fairchild who was the Buffalo Bill's OC in '06-'07 and is a CSU alum. He was also the St Louis Rams' OC ('03-'05). His OC is Greg Peterson (orig hired as WR coach) who was promoted when Curtis Modkins abruptly abandoned his newly attained OC post for the NFL. Fairchild will call the plays. The new DC is Larry Kerr who was the DC here for 10 years before leaving in 2002. He was at Duke the last 2 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Sonny Lubick had recorded 10 straight winning seasons including winning or sharing the conf title 6 times from '94-'03. In 2000 they were 10-2 and finished #14 in the polls, their highest finish ever. CSU had won at least 7 games for ten consecutive years heading into 2004. That year they had just 10 starters back and lost their QB midyear. They dropped to 4-7 as their young D allowed 416 ypg and CSU was also -12 in turnovers. In 2005 they only lost 11 lettermen and I forecasted a return to the post season and they did. Surprisingly with 6 starters back, the D yielded 429 ypg. While CSU finished 5-3 in the MWC, they were actually outgained by 17.3 ypg and outscored by 13 points in league play. In 2005 they lost 73 games of manpower due to injury. In 2006 it appeared things were back on track as they were 4-1 and led AF 21-3 at the half but after blowing that lead they amazingly lost their last 7 (-73 ypg in MWC). Last year they had 18 returning starters which was the most ever for a Lubick coached team and the other two previous highs were 17 in 1994 (10-1 Holiday Bowl) and 16 in 1997 (also Holiday Bowl). CSU led 28-17 in the 3Q vs rival Colorado but the Buffs got a 22 yd FG with :13 left to force OT and got the win. CSU did have a 458-391 yd edge vs #10 Cal but came up short. They led Houston 24-10 in the 3Q but lost by 11. At 0-5 they stunningly lost at home to SDSt on a TD with :43 left then suffered their 13th straight loss in two years, this time to AF. They rebounded to beat UNLV but lost to 3 straight league powers (Utah, BYU, NMex). New Mexico needed a 43 yd FG on the final play which was set up by an 18 yd PR with :03 left. After beating IAA GA Southern, they were victorious in The Border War. Lubick lost a key player to injury in each of the last 5 years, including RB Bell in '06. Last year it was TE Kory Sperry. The Rams did have 3 net close losses and also lost 31 starts due to injury. Those factors would normally have me calling for a winning season but the Rams have just 12 returning starters, a 1st time HC and will find it tough to top last year's 3-win total.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 15 Billy Farris Sr. 6-3 220 8 gm 2Y, 239 (51%), 1-1 ratio. **18** Grant Stucker (6'2" 201 Jr) PS#101. **17** TJ Borcky (6'4" 201 rFr) PS#96. Klay Kubiak (6'0" 220 rFr) PS#256.
RB 5 GARTRELL JOHNSON SR. 6-0 227 PS#177. 7 st, 305 (2.8) '06. 9 st LY, 957 (5.3), **HM MWC. 34 Kyle Bell** (6'2" 231 Sr) PS#119. **1288 (4.7) '05.** ACL '06. 5 st, 691 (3.8) LY.
FB 36 ZAC PAUGA SO. 6-0 243 PS#257. 6 st FB rFr, 0 yd rush, 11 rec (9.3). Miles Tamminga (6'2" 229 So). Jonathan Gaye is PS#127. **25** Derek Good (5'10" 186 rFr).
WR NA Ryan Gardner Jr. 6-1 180 PS#302JC. 4.3 spd. **84** Rashaun Greer (6'1" 198 Jr) PS#409. 1 tkl LY. **4** Brett Willis (6'3" 210 So) **23** Tyson Liggett (5'9" 189 So) PS#256QB.
WR 31 Dion Morton Jr. 5-10 162 PS#95QB. 2 rec '06. 651 all-purp yd LY. **3** Matt Yemm (5'11" 178 rFr) PS#242QB. Marquise Law is PS#235. **14** Cameron Burl (5'8" 160 rFr).
TE 80 KORY SPERRY SR. 6-6 254 PS#39. 12 st '06, 380 (10.6). 2 st, ACL LY. **88** Chris Kawulok (6'3" 250 Sr) PS#162DL. 15 st 3Y, 4 rec. **45** Eric Peitz (6'5" 250 So) 1 st, 2 rec true.
C 57 TIM WALTER JR. 6-6 289 PS#141. 5 st rFr. 9 st '07. **52** Brian Lepak (6'5" 306 So) PS#193. 12 gm rFr. **72** Tyler McDermott (6'2" 264 rFr) PS#110. **LS** Scott Albritton PS#307JC.
RG 60 ADRIAN MARTINEZ JR. 6-4 302 PS#418. 10 st RG rFr. 12 st RT LY. **55** Scott Benedict (6'4" 298 Jr) 6 st rFr. 3 st RG LY. **51** Connor Smith (6'3" 288 So) PS#313. N'western.
LG 74 SHELLEY SMITH JR. 6-4 298 PS#221DL. 3 gm rFr. 12 st LG LY. **65** Ryan Griffith (6'4" 273 So) PS#266OL. 3 gm rFr. **77** Phil Serchia (6'3" 296 Sr) PS#424JC. 1 gm LY.
RT 53 COLE PEMBERTON JR. 6-7 327 PS#393. 3 gm rFr. 9 st LT LY (miss 2 inj). **75** Dane Stratton (6'5" 305 Sr) PS#354. 1 st RT until inj '06. 1 st RT LY. **61** Nate Forristall (6'4" 277 rFr).
LT 78 Mark Starr So. 6-5 285 PS#246. 5 st TE rFr, L/2 st LT. **76** Paul Madsen (6'4" 283 rFr) PS#507DL '04. Mission. **63** Mike Babb (6'6" 265 Jr). Jake Gdowski (6'3" 278 rFr) PS#289.
K 37 JASON SMITH SR. 6-2 201 PS#118. 9-10 FG, long 41 rFr. 8-15 FG '06, long 49, 1 miss from 56. 16-20 FG LY, long 47, 17 TB on 64 KO, 33-33 xp. Ben DeLine PS#20.

DE 93 Wade Landers Sr. 6-6 254 PS#108TE. 8 st (1 LY) 3Y, 48 tkl, 6 tfl. **46** Ty Whittier (6'4" 267 So) 1 tkl rFr. **24** Cory Macon (6'6" 244 So) 2 tkl LY. **99** Steve Collins (6'3" 233 rFr).
NG 66 Guy Miller So. 6-3 295 PS#247OL. 2 tkl rFr. **62** James Morehead (6'6" 290 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkl 2Y. **92** Nuku Latu (6'2" 281 rFr) PS#143TE. **49** Jake Mechler (6'3" 280 So) PS#530.
DT 45 Matt Rupp Sr. 6-3 284 PS#152. 7 st (2 LY) 3Y, 55 tkl, 7.5 sk, 3.5 tfl. Sevaro Johnson (6'3" 300 Jr) PS#292JC. **68** Scott Carter (6'3" 275 rFr) Moved from OL.
DE 91 TOMMIE HILL SR. 6-6 242 PS#150. 4 st '05-'06, 36 tkl, 5 sk. 10 st LY, 47 tkl, 5.5 sk. Sam Stewart PS#239JC. Eugene Daniels (6'3" 234 rFr) PS#200. Wade Henderson (6'4" 224 rFr).
WLB 56 RICKY BREWER SO. 6-2 210 PS#108DB. 8 st rFr, 64 tkl, 3 tfl. **9** John Clark (6'3" 224 Sr) PS#255JC. 19 tkl, 1 sk LY. **40** Jacob Biddle (6'0" 240 rFr) PS#312. Alex Williams (6'1" 231 So).
MLB 51 JEFF HORINEK SR. 6-3 234 PS#236. 11 st rFr, 61 tkl, 5 tfl. 12 st '06, 69 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st LY. 94 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **6** Mychal Sisson (5'11" 217 rFr) PS#142. **43** Matt Hendrick (6'2" 232 Jr). 10 tkl '06.
SLB 41 JAKE POTTORFF JR. 6-4 249 PS#231. L/3 st rFr, 28 tkl, 3 tfl. 10 st LY, 61 tkl, 2 tfl. **SS** Curtis Cornelson (6'1" 229 Sr) PS#186JC. 2 st, 22 tkl LY. **32 Luke Diehl** (6'1" 216 rFr) **PS#80.**
CB 2 DeAngelo Wilkinson So. 5-10 176 PS#189, 1 tkl, 5 gm rFr. Miss spg. **35** Ivory Herd (5'11" 184 rFr) PS#506RB. Moved to DB LY. **22** Elijah-Blu Smith (5'11" 187 rFr). Jamon Allen (5'11" 179 Jr).
CB 4 Brandon Owens rFr. 6-0 168 PS#429WR. RB true. **11** Nick Oppenneer (5'10" 175 Jr) DII '05. 2 tkl LY. **31** Gary Stecklein (5'11" 201 So) PS#446RB. Gerard Thomas PS#456.
SS 13 Mike Pagnotta Sr. 6-0 204 11 tkl, 1 tfl '05. 6 st, 71 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl, **HM MWC** '06. 6 st, 58 tkl, 1 tfl (inj miss 4) LY. **31** Zach Donaldson (6'1" 204 rFr) PS#154. Josh Gabler (5'10" 199 So).
FS 20 KLINT KUBIAK JR. 6-0 197 PS#231. **HM MWC '06,** 12 st, 90 tkl, 6 tfl: First 2 st LY until inj, 12 tkl. **Jake Galusha** (5'10" 199 Sr) NMSt trans, PS#134. 9 st, 76 tkl, 8 tfl 2Y.
P 14 Jacob Stern So. 6-3 215 PS#70. Walk-on in for spring. Jason Smith (6'2" 201 Sr) PS#118. 3 year K. #6 MWC triple jump in '05. Has hit 33 of 45 FG's in 3Y. Could P.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Sam Stewart 6-3 260 PS#239JC
OL	Joe Caprioglio 6-5 247 PS#127
DL	Sevaro Johnson 6-3 300 PS#292JC
WR	Ryan Gardner 6-1 180 PS#302JC
LS	Scott Albritton 6-4 230 PS#307JC
DL	Zach Tiedgen 6-5 215 PS#163
RB	Jonathan Gaye 6-0 178 PS#127
OL	Jake Landers 6-3 300 PS#196
DB	Davis Burl 6-2 205 PS#155LB
LB	Chris Gipson 6-0 232 PS#158
DL	Matt Weems 6-4 227 PS#209
DB	Andy Clements 6-0 185 PS#210
K	Ben DeLine 5-11 150 PS#20
DL	Ben Tedford 6-6 222 PS#245
RB	Micheal Connor 5-10 195 PS#220
TE	Jason Klingerman 6-1 260 PS#279DL
WR	Marquise Law 6-4 195 PS#235
QB	Alex Kelly 6-2 205 PS#172
DB	Adam Wilson 6-1 200 PS#416
OL	Jordan Gragert 6-3 240 PS#454
OL	Justin Becker 6-7 230 PS#459
LB	Michael Kawulok 6-3 216 PS#363 '07
WR	Drew Reilly 6-3 175 PS#360
WR	Byron Steele 6-3 190 PS#360
DB	Gerard Thomas 5-9 165 PS#456
DL	Ja'Rodd Watson 6-2 260 PS#464

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#71

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CSU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 31	† Colorado (Sun/Denver)	G						Ninth meeting in Denver (4-4) between these two & 81st overall (CU 58-20-2). The L/6 gms have been decided by a combined 25 pts (none by more than a TD).
Sep. 6	Sacramento St	A						LY vs FCS foe Georgia Southern, Colorado St scored TD's on 6 straight drives. Sac St finished w/a 3-8 record in '07. CSU owns a 31-6-2 record vs Big Sky foes.
Sep. 13								Bonus: New HC Steve Fairchild was the OC at New Mexico from '87-'89 & was at Colorado St from 1993-2000.
Sep. 20	Houston	A						The Rams are 0-3 vs the Cougars but 29-20 vs current CUSA tms. Last yr CSU was up 27-24 with 9:20 left but couldn't stop QB Keenum on a 60 yd gm-deciding drive.
Sep. 27	at California	A						Colorado St is 7-41-1 vs current Pac-10 teams (did beat Cal in 2003). LY CSU scored 2 TD's in :53 to pull within 34-28 with 2:54 left vs #10 ranked Cal.
Oct. 4	UNLV	A						With LY's win over UNLV (played with wind gusts more than 50 mph), CSU snapped a 13 gm losing streak. CSU has an 11-4-1 all-time record vs UNLV & has won the L/5.
Oct. 11	TCU (HC)	A						The Rams have a 1-4 record vs TCU & have not won since 1998 (1st meeting). They've lost the 3 MWC gms by 23 ppg & were held to a ssn low 55 yds (2.0) rush LY.
Oct. 18	at Utah	A						Utah & CSU won or shared the MWC Title in 5 of the 1st 6 yrs, but none the L/3 seasons. The Rams won 5 str from '95-'02 (longest win streak) but have lost 4 of the L5Y.
Oct. 25	at San Diego St	G						For the 1st time since '91-'93, Colorado St has dropped 3 in a row to the Aztecs. Coming into '08, CSU is just 2-6 on grass since switching to art turf prior to the '06 season.
Nov. 1	BYU	A						The winner has won every gm by DD in MWC action with the avg win by 22 pts. The Rams have lost 4 in a row to the Cougars and are 27-36-3 all-time vs BYU.
Nov. 8	at Air Force	A						The Rams/Falcon Trophy is presented to the winner (played every yr S/'78). The winner has won by an avg of 17 ppg w/only 1 gm decided by under 10 pts the L/5.
Nov. 15	New Mexico	A						For the L2Y, this series has been decided on the final play of the gm (both NM wins). LY's gm marked the 5th time on the yr CSU was in position to win in the 4Q but fell.
Nov. 22	at Wyoming	A						Colorado St has taken home the "Bronze Boot" in 11 of the L15Y of this rivalry. LY Wyoming's KR TD was the first allowed by Colorado St since Sept 10, 1994.
Nov. 29								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Kelly Stouffer 7,141 '84-'86
2. Terry Nugent 7,103 '80-'83
3. Moses Moreno 6,689 '94-'97

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Steve Bartalo 4,813 '83-'86
2. Damon Washington 3,432 '95-'98
3. Ron Harris 3,335 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. David Anderson 3,634 '02-'05
2. Greg Primus 3,163 '89-'92
3. Jeff Champine 2,811 '80-'83

STEVE FAIRCHILD (Career 0-0)

1st Year at Colorado St
Fairchild's Bowl Record: 0-0

Fairchild's records AT COLORADO ST

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (18,15,1)
Lost: 24 (8,12,4)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 21,794 (#89)

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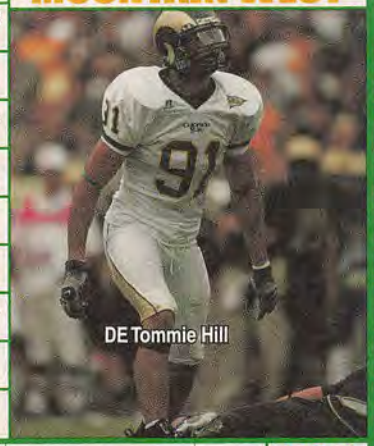
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STADIUM: HUGHES STADIUM (34,400) (#85)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	7-5	10-4	7-6	4-7	6-6	4-8	3-9	51-47
Home	5-0	3-2	4-1	4-2	3-3	4-1	2-3	2-4	27-16
Away	3-2	3-2	5-2	3-2	1-4	2-4	1-5	1-4	19-25
Neutral	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	5-6
vs Conf	6-1	5-2	6-1	4-3	3-4	5-3	1-7	2-6	32-27
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-3	4-3	3-3	1-3	1-3	3-1	1-3	19-20
ATS	6-5	7-5	7-7	5-7	4-6	5-7	4-7	5-6	43-50
Home Fav	1-3	0-3	2-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	1-1	1-2	13-18
Home Dog	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	3-4
Away Fav	2-2	1-0	2-2	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	5-11
Away Dog	1-0	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-2	15-11
Neutral	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	5-6
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	4-3	3-4	3-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	26-33
vs Non-Conf	3-1	3-2	3-4	2-3	1-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	17-17
Off SU Win	4-4	4-2	5-5	2-4	1-3	2-4	3-1	1-1	22-24
Off SU Loss	1-1	3-2	1-2	3-2	2-3	2-3	1-6	4-4	17-23

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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Gartrell Johnson	181	991	34	957	6	5.3
Kyle Bell	180	713	22	691	4	3.8
Michael Myers	28	153	5	148	3	5.3
Damon Morton	10	143	0	143	0	14.3
John Mosure	14	50	10	40	0	2.9
Billy Farris	5	28	17	11	0	2.2
Caleb Hanie	92	242	236	6	2	0.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Caleb Hanie	293	188	64.2	2455	18	15
Billy Farris	20	9	45.0	91	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Damon Morton	40	774	19.4	6	83
Johnny Walker	36	525	14.6	2	64
Luke Roberts	30	426	14.2	3	53
Dion Morton	20	183	9.1	1	37
George Hill	13	150	11.5	0	44
Kory Sperry	10	119	11.9	3	37
Gartrell Johnson	12	103	8.6	2	31
Zac Pauga	11	102	9.3	0	19
John Mosure	5	46	9.2	1	21
Kyle Bell	10	43	4.3	0	11

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jimmie Kaylor	52	2244	43.2	10	34.9	0	19

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Jason Smith	33-33	8-8	5-6	3-6	0-0	16-20	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeff Horinek	94	0.5	4	3	0
Joey Rucks	65	0	8	7	0
Ricky Brewer	64	0.5	2.5	1	0
Darryl Williams	61	1	2	10	2
Jake Pottorff	61	1	1	1	0
Mike Pagnotta	58	0.5	0.5	0	1
Jesse Nading	56	3.5	3	1	1
Zac Bryson	48	2	1.5	1	2
Tommie Hill	47	5.5	0.5	2	0
Erik Sandie	45	1	3.5	0	0
Jake Galusha	40	2	3	4	1
Jermaine Walters	36	0	0	2	0
Blake Smith	33	3	4.5	2	0
Wade Landers	27	0	1.5	0	0
Nathan Pauly	26	0	2	0	0
Steve Juedes	25	0	0	0	0
Matt Rupp	24	1.5	0.5	0	0
Curtis Cornelson	22	0	0	0	0
John Clark	19	1	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Johnny Walker	10	67	6.7	0
Damon Morton	9	60	6.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Damon Morton	25	607	24.3	0
Dion Morton	17	455	26.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Liberty - #23	-2	Louisville - #22	22-17
01	New Orleans	-11	North Texas	45-20
02	Liberty - #23	-5	TCU	3-17
03	San Francisco	E	Boston College	21-35
05	Poinsettia	+3	Navy	30-51

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COLORADO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	25.3	20	167	3.8	212	62.1	15.0	0	2007	9	30.8	21	207	4.9	208	62.8	13.5
5	16.8	16	77	2.5	218	60.9	17.5	-7	2006	6	21.9	18	149	4.1	181	57.7	15.1
9*	26.8	20	122	3.5	286	61.7	15.3	+5	2005	6	30.8	22	223	5.1	206	58.8	13.9
7	23.7	20	112	3.1	261	59.7	15.7	-12	2004	3	29.5	23	222	5.2	194	56.7	14.1
8*	29.3	21	191	4.6	248	60.8	15.0	-15	2003	7	24.5	19	155	4.1	215	57.3	15.1
6*	29.9	20	206	4.6	183	52.4	13.0	+3	2002	6	23.7	20	168	4.3	206	58.3	15.7

2007 STATS BY GAME

CSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
68,133	† Colorado	25	56-157	2.8	20-27	229	3	18	28-129	4.6	18-32	201	1	+2
27,805	California	22	42-157	3.7	21-30	301	5	14	31-245	7.9	19-29	146	1	-3
22,468	at Houston	13	39-115	2.9	16-26	227	2	22	44-153	3.5	22-31	247	3	0
32,807	at TCU	16	28-55	2.0	21-39	216	4	23	48-201	4.2	16-32	197	2	-1
27,930	San Diego St	16	39-139	3.6	14-27	188	2	19	44-156	3.5	14-27	230	7	-1
25,150	Air Force	24	43-224	5.2	16-29	156	0	26	69-385	5.6	3-5	52	1	-3
19,266	at UNLV	21	49-279	5.7	13-19	218	2	26	38-222	5.8	25-39	337	2	+4
16,718	Utah	16	34-131	3.9	16-28	140	7	24	49-322	6.6	14-22	130	0	+1
64,441	at BYU	20	43-150	3.5	18-35	161	3	21	38-106	2.8	22-31	355	2	+1
27,031	at New Mexico	21	53-178	3.4	13-19	221	5	18	31-120	3.9	21-29	211	3	+1
14,332	Georgia Southern	22	43-263	6.1	13-16	244	0	28	60-349	5.8	14-22	160	0	-1
18,827	Wyoming	22	52-152	2.9	16-22	245	4	15	27-99	3.7	21-34	229	1	0
TOTALS		238	521-2000	3.8	197-317	2546	37	254	507-2487	4.9	209-333	2495	23	0
AVERAGES		19.8	43-167	3.8	16-26	212	3.1	21.2	42-207	4.9	17-28	208	1.9	0.0

2003 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre #23	Opponent	Line	Post Score
#23		† Colorado	-2	35-42
–		at California	+2'	23-21
–		Weber St	NL	31-7
–		Miami, Oh	-6'	21-41
–		Utah	-6'	21-28
–		Fresno St	-5	34-10
–		at BYU	E	58-13
–		Air Force	-5'	30-20
–		at Wyoming	-10'	28-35
–		at New Mexico	-1	34-37
–		San Diego St	-13'	21-6
–		at UNLV	-7	24-23

2004 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre –	Opponent	Line	Post Score
–		at Colorado	+4	24-27
–		at USC - #1	+24'	0-49
–		Minnesota - #22	+3'	16-34
–		Montana St	NL	39-14
–		BYU	-3	21-31
–		at San Diego St	+4	21-17
–		Wyoming	-4	30-7
–		New Mexico	-2	17-26
–		at Utah - #7	+26'	31-63
–		UNLV	-6'	45-10
–		at Air Force	-1'	17-47

2005 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre –	Opponent	Line	Post Score
–		at Colorado	+7	28-31
–		at Minnesota	+13	24-56
–		Nevada	-17'	42-21
–		Air Force	-3'	41-23
–		Utah	-4'	21-17
–		at BYU	-3	14-24
–		Wyoming	-3	39-31
–		at New Mexico	+6	35-25
–		at TCU - #20	+7	6-33
–		San Diego St	-8	10-30
–		at UNLV	-15	31-27

2006 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre –	Opponent	Line	Post Score
–		Weber St	NL	30-6
–		† Colorado	-2	14-10
–		at Nevada	+3	10-28
–		at Fresno St	+13'	35-23
–		UNLV	-17'	28-7
–		at Air Force	+6	21-24
–		at Wyoming	+4	0-24
–		New Mexico	-6'	19-20
–		BYU	+14	3-24
–		at Utah	+11'	22-35
–		TCU	+9'	14-45
–		at San Diego St	-1'	6-17

2007 RESULTS

CSU Rank	Pre –	Opponent	Line	Post Score
–		† Colorado	+2'	28-31 OT
–		California - #10	+14	28-34
–		at Houston	+7	27-38
–		at TCU	+10	12-24
–		San Diego St	-13	20-24
–		Air Force	-3	21-45
–		at UNLV	+3	48-23
–		Utah	+5'	3-27
–		at BYU	+21	16-35
–		at New Mexico	+9	23-26
–		Georgia Southern	NL	42-34
–		Wyoming	-3'	36-28

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PHIL STEELE'S 2008 CUSA TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chase Clement, Rice	Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP	Justin Willis, SMU	Case Keenum, Houston
RB	Damion Fletcher, S Mississippi	Darius Marshall, Marshall	Terrell Jackson, UTEP	Latavius Murray, UCF
RB	Tarrion Adams, Tulsa	Courtney Tennial, Tulsa	Charles Clay, Tulsa	André Anderson, Tulane
WR	Brennan Marion, Tulsa	Duke Calhoun, Memphis	Carlos Singleton, Memphis	Jeremy Williams, Tulane
WR	Jarett Dillard, Rice	Darius Passmore, Marshall	Jeff Moturi, UTEP	Rocky Ross, UCF
WR	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	Jamar Bryant, E Carolina	Trae Johnson, Tulsa	Slick Shelley, Tulsa
TE	Cody Slate, Marshall	Shawn Nelson, S Mississippi	James Casey, Rice	Jamar Hunt, UTEP
C	Robby Felix, UTEP	Austin Wilkinson, Rice	Jody Whaley, Tulsa	Mitch Enright, SMU
OG	Michael Parenton, Tulane	Josh Evans, Marshall	Cameron Raschke, UTEP	Malcom Rawls, Memphis
OG	David Berken, Rice	Justin Morsey, Tulsa	Jake Seitz, UAB	Doug Palmer, E Carolina
OT	Patrick Brown, UCF	Rodrick Thomas, Tulsa	Ryan McKee, S Mississippi	DJ Scott, E Carolina
OT	Calvin Wilson, S Mississippi	SirVincent Rogers, Houston	Brandon Pearce, Memphis	Troy Kropog, Tulane
DE	Marcus Hands, E Carolina	CJ Wilson, E Carolina	Zack Slate, E Carolina	Bryant Turner, UAB
DT	Phillip Hunt, Houston	Linvall Joseph, E Carolina	Freddie Barnett, Memphis	Khalif Mitchell, E Carolina
DT	Clinton McDonald, Memphis	Ell Ash, Houston	Jay Ross, E Carolina	Terrel Nemons, Tulsa
DE	Albert McClellan, Marshall	Moton Hopkins, Tulsa	Greg Terrell, Memphis	Bruce Miller, UCF
LB	Maurice Kitchens, Marshall	Brian Raines, Rice	Quentin Cotton, E Carolina	Mike Tashman, UAB
LB	Gerald McRath, S Mississippi	Pierre Bell, E Carolina	Greg Jackson, Memphis	Tokumbo Abanikanda, S Miss
LB	Joe Henderson, UAB	Evan Lee, Tulane	David Skehan, Tulane	Cory Hogue, UCF
LB	Adam Vincent, UTEP	Chance Henderson, UCF	Cody Lubojasky, Houston	Will Bonilla, SMU
CB	Bryan McCann, SMU	Johnell Neal, UCF	CJ Bailey, S Mississippi	Brandon King, Rice
CB	Joe Burnett, UCF	Cornelius Brown, UTEP	Kevin Sanders, UAB	Josh Ferguson, UTEP
SS	Sha'Reff Rashad, UCF	Tony Bell, Memphis	Roy Roberts, Tulsa	Kenneth Fontenette, Houston
FS	Will Dunbar, UAB	CJ Spillman, Marshall	Andrew Sendejo, Rice	Van Eskridge, E Carolina
K	Jose Martinez, UTEP	Swayze Waters, UAB	Jarod Tracy, Tulsa	Ross Thevenot, Tulane
P	Thomas Morstead, SMU	Britt Barefoot, S Mississippi	Blake Clingan, UCF	Kyle Petersen, UTEP
KR	Darius Marshall, Marshall	Jessie Henderson, SMU	Roy Roberts, Tulsa	Michael Grandberry, Memphis
PR	Joe Burnett, UCF	Kevin Sanders, UAB	Dwayne Harris, E Carolina	Emmanuel Sanders, SMU

Marshall
TE Cody Slate

UCF
CB Joe Burnett

Houston
DT Phillip Hunt

Houston
DT Ell Ash

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 CUSA FORECAST

CUSA WEST

1. Tulsa - Tulsa's new QB is surrounded by talent as I rate their RB's #1, WR's #1 and O-line #2 in the CUSA. After having the best D in CUSA in '05 they shockingly allowed 452 ypg last season and do have just 5 starters back on the stop unit. The cross-over schedule is manageable as they avoid E Carolina, get their toughest opponent UCF at home and draw UAB. They have two large "ifs" in QB and D but if those areas prove solid, Tulsa could be this year's non-BCS team to qualify for a BCS bowl as two of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to go 12-0.

2. SMU - The Mustangs were 4-4 in CUSA play in 2006 and outgained league foes by 47.4 ypg. Last year they could easily have had a wining record as they led UTEP 42-28 in the 4Q, lost in OT to Tulane, led Tulsa 23-21 with a 4th & goal at the 1 with under 2:00 left, led Rice 42-27 in the 4Q but gave up a 31 yard FG on the last play and then lost in 3OT to Memphis. That makes this year's team a very undervalued squad and after going 0-8 in conference play last year, I'll call for them to make a huge jump in the standings this season. The Mustangs make my most improved list.

3. UTEP - I have eight different sets of power ratings and this is the team in CUSA they are most confused about. One has UTEP the best team in the conf and another the worst while the rest all fall in between. Last year UTEP was outgained in 9 of their 12 games. They are a much stronger team this season with skill players like QB Vittatoe, RB Jackson and WR Moturi plus an improved D. They will make some noise in the competitive CUSA West.

4. Houston - If not for their shocking loss to Tulsa last year, Houston would have been in the CUSA Title game and had by far the best ypg in conf play. Even counting in their blowout loss, they outgained league foes by 137.2 ypg, just 1.9 yards behind league champ UCF. They have 2 veteran QB's and my #3 rated D in the league, but do go through a coaching change which has me calling for them to drop a few notches in the standing this year.

5. Rice - Tough to pick Rice in this spot as behind veteran QB Chase Clement, they have my #2 rated offense in the league. The Owls however come in with my #12 ranked defense, although they have plenty of experience on that side of the ball. All four of Rice's home games fall into the "winnable" category and if their D plays beyond my expectations, they could easily finish higher.

6. Tulane - Tulane finished tied for 3rd in the league last year and had a couple of tough losses including a 1 point loss to Memphis in a game they had appeared to have wrapped up (missed late FG). This year they have 15 starters back and while a stronger team, they might not top last year's 3-5 CUSA record. My big question mark with this squad will be how they will replace RB Matt Forté who was the key to their offense last season with over 2,000 yards rushing and I'll call for a drop in the CUSA standings.

CUSA EAST

1. East Carolina - I can make a great case for EC to drop this year as in 2007 they had 3 net close wins and despite their 6-2 record in CUSA play, they were outgained by 29.3 ypg. They also benefitted from an amazing +17 in TO's and had an offensive ypp of 12.43 and do not figure to be as fortunate. However, this year's EC squad is a stronger team and get most of their toughest opponents at home facing 3 of the conference's bottom four foes on the road.

2. UCF - UCF has my #1 rated D in the league but of course the major question is who will replace RB Kevin Smith who had an amazing year with 2,567 yards (5.7). I feel they have some capable replacements at RB and QB and despite four tough CUSA road games they will be a contender once again.

3. Marshall - The Herd are one of my most improved teams in the country which means I think they will attain bowl eligibility. Last year they suffered the huge loss of 2006 CUSA Def POY, Albert McClellan, to an injury in Aug. This year he returns and the defense will be much stronger. Marshall is also loaded in the skill positions and is a deeper team than in Snyder's first two years. I feel the East is a four team race and Marshall will be a big factor in it.

4. Memphis - Last year I pegged Memphis as the most improved team in the country and they went from 2 to 7 wins. They did benefit from +10 in TO's and were actually outscored in CUSA play by 23 points despite their 6-2 record. This year's team is even stronger with 15 returning starters and new QB Hall gives them a running threat out of that position. They have the second best set of receivers, my #1 rated O-line, my #3 rated D-line and #3 secondary so they are clearly a threat for CUSA honors.

5. Southern Mississippi - It's unusual to see SM this low but they have some key factors going against them this year. They have just 10 returning starters which is the fewest in the league and currently have 22 lettermen lost but that number could rise over the summer and fall due to the coaching change. SM did outgain conf foes by 69.6 ypg but that was under former Head Coach Jeff Bower. SM was a perfect 12 of 12 winning seasons in CUSA play under Bower but I will call for that streak to end this year.

6. UAB - Neil Callaway stepped into a tough situation last year and including the attrition after the coaching change, UAB had just 60 scholarship players at year's end. They are stronger on both sides of the ball with 18 returning starters. While the depth is stronger, it is still not to the level they would like (73 scholarships this year) and they have just 4 senior starters. UAB was also outgained by 188.1 ypg in league play which was over 100 yards worse than the 2nd worst unit and they have a lot of ground to make up.

CUSA Notes: CUSA increased its bowl teams last year to 6 (5 in '06) which is good news for the league but they are just 3-8 in bowls the last two years (2-4 last year). CUSA did have the weakest record vs BCS conference teams of any league at just 2-23 during the regular season (8% wins). They fared better vs their peers as they were 8-7 vs the other non-BCS IA conference teams. While they were just 2-4 in bowls Tulsa did have the biggest blowout bowl win in history with their 63-7 romp over BGreen and East Carolina also knocked off a ranked (#24) Boise St. Houston also gave a good effort with an interim HC and coordinators. This will be the first year of CUSA play that Jeff Bower of SMiss is not on the sidelines and his teams had the best overall record in CUSA during his tenure. This will also be the first year in the league for June Jones who took his Hawaii squad to the Sugar Bowl last year and his pass offense is always near the top of the NCAA rankings. Last year was the third year of division play and for the 2nd time UCF and Tulsa met in the title game. Showing the overall parity of the league there has been a different league champ for SIX straight years. It started with TCU in 2002, SMiss in '03, Louisville in '04, Tulsa in '05, Houston in '06 and UCF last year. CUSA had ELEVEN draft picks, which was the most of the non BCS conf's including 3 in the first two rounds. While the WAC has sent two teams to the BCS bowls I feel CUSA has a candidate this year in Tulsa.

2007 CUSA vs CUSA OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

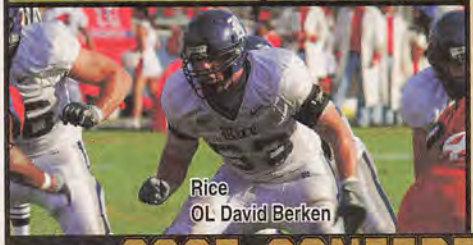
Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks	Sks Rank
11	Tulsa	41.0	2	555.6	1	198.6	6	4.90	5	357.0	1	58.3	7	13.6	6	21	11	14	7
40	Houston	36.0	5	518.1	2	236.4	2	4.85	6	281.8	5	68.5	1	14.4	8	20	10	18	9
43	UCF	43.6	1	484.0	3	261.1	1	5.22	2	222.9	9	65.9	2	11.1	1	14	5	9	2
65	Memphis	32.4	7	471.8	4	137.4	10	3.78	12	334.4	3	59.8	5	14.6	9	8	1	8	1
67	UTEP	35.8	6	456.8	6	144.8	9	4.14	10	312.0	4	57.4	9	12.8	4	15	6	18	9
71	E Carolina	36.8	4	414.8	11	209.0	5	5.59	1	205.8	11	55.5	10	11.3	2	9	2	12	5
75	SMU	31.4	9	447.3	7	189.4	7	4.51	8	257.9	7	58.2	8	14.3	7	21	11	20	11
76	Rice	38.5	3	462.8	5	127.0	11	4.34	9	335.8	2	59.7	6	12.0	3	17	8	13	6
78	Marshall	27.9	10	429.3	9	170.3	8	4.76	7	259.0	6	61.1	4	15.4	10	9	2	22	12
89	S Mississippi	31.8	8	415.4	10	213.9	4	4.92	4	201.5	12	61.4	3	13.1	5	19	9	10	3
94	Tulane	26.9	11	433.8	8	216.6	3	4.94	3	217.1	10	52.5	11	16.1	11	11	4	15	8
116	UAB	19.8	12	339.5	12	113.8	12	3.96	11	225.8	8	49.7	12	17.2	12	15	6	10	3

2007 CUSA vs CUSA DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
53	S Mississippi	22.9	1	345.8	2	121.1	1	3.44	1	224.6	2	56.1	4	15.1	2	17	5	21	2
58	UCF	24.5	2	344.9	1	127.5	3	3.88	3	217.4	1	54.2	2	14.1	5	19	3	23	1
76	Houston	31.0	5	380.9	3	126.3	2	3.75	2	254.6	5	48.9	1	12.3	9	16	6	13	6
84	E Carolina	28.4	3	444.1	4	149.0	5	3.91	4	295.1	9	61.7	9	15.7	1	20	1	17	4
91	Tulane	32.0	7	447.8	5	135.1	4	4.31	7	312.6	12	65.6	11	14.0	6	14	8	10	10
103	Marshall	30.5	4	452.5	6	155.0	6	4.19	5	297.5	10	63.3	10	14.8	3	5	12	8	12
105	Tulsa	31.4	6	455.6	7	177.8	7	4.24	6	277.9	7	59.5	8	14.5	4	12	10	18	3
107	Memphis	35.3	8	466.0	8	235.6	10	5.82	11	230.4	3	65.7	12	13.2	8	14	8	9	11
111	SMU	41.4	10	506.5	9	235.4	9	5.43	10	271.1	6	59.0	7	12.2	11	15	7	12	7
115	UTEP	44.1	12	535.3	12	244.6	11	5.26	9	290.6	8	58.5	6	12.1	12	19	3	12	7
116	UAB	37.8	9	527.6	11	291.9	12	6.28	12	235.8	4	57.0	5	14.0	7	8	11	12	7
118	Rice	42.5	11	522.0	10	218.9	8	4.96	8	303.1	11	55.5	3	12.3	10	20	1	14	5

Tulane
OL Michael Parenton

Tulsa
WR Trae Johnson


Rice
OL David Berken

2007 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
EAST											
UCF	7	1	349	196	10	4	502	372	+139.1	+53.0	+2.9
E Carolina	6	2	294	227	8	5	403	395	-29.3	+16.3	-6.4
Memphis	6	2	259	282	7	6	380	419	+5.8	-68.2	-40.2
S Mississippi	5	3	254	183	7	6	361	314	+69.6	+29.6	-38.0
Marshall	3	5	223	244	3	9	298	411	-23.2	-15.0	-2.3
UAB	1	7	158	302	2	10	235	421	-188.1	-53.5	+60.2
WEST											
Tulsa	6	2	328	251	10	4	576	467	+100.0	+96.4	+57.6
Houston	6	2	288	248	8	5	449	379	+137.3	+145.2	+88.2
Tulane	3	5	215	256	4	8	293	375	-14.0	-117.9	-59.0
Rice	3	5	308	340	3	9	377	515	-59.2	-28.0	-76.0
UTEP	2	6	286	353	4	8	403	445	-78.5	-10.7	+68.6
SMU	0	8	251	331	1	11	340	477	-59.2	+47.4	-55.6

Coach of the Year: George O'Leary, UCF
CUSA Title Game: UCF 44 Tulsa 25

2006 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
S Mississippi	6	2	213	132	9	5	356	260
E Carolina	5	3	188	154	7	6	280	270
Marshall	4	4	233	222	5	7	311	351
UCF	3	5	173	211	4	8	232	345
UAB	2	6	177	220	3	9	225	297
Memphis	1	7	193	256	2	10	281	365
WEST								
Houston	7	1	275	173	10	4	462	329
Rice	6	2	255	244	7	6	350	432
Tulsa	5	3	226	155	8	5	360	262
SMU	4	4	216	212	6	6	325	294
UTEP	3	5	202	246	5	7	328	375
Tulane	2	6	130	256	4	8	224	400

Coach of the Year: Todd Graham, Rice
TITLE GAME: Houston 24 S Missippi 20

2005 CUSA STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
EAST								
UCF	7	1	245	204	8	5	373	373
Memphis	5	3	207	201	7	5	326	276
S Mississippi	5	3	238	182	7	5	355	272
E Carolina	4	4	194	232	5	6	267	317
UAB	3	5	235	212	5	6	307	264
WEST								
Marshall	3	5	135	199	4	7	204	285
Tulsa	6	2	276	180	9	4	430	305
UTEP	5	3	269	236	8	4	382	311
Houston	4	4	241	218	6	6	337	324
SMU	4	4	177	176	5	6	229	280
Tulane	1	7	171	257	2	9	234	348
Rice	1	7	201	292	1	10	241	447

Coach of the Year: George O'Leary, UCF
TITLE GAME: Tulsa 47 UCF 27

UTEP
WR Jeff Moturi

TE Shawn Nelson
Southern Mississippi

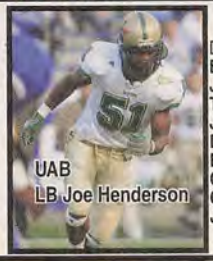
2007 CONFERENCE USA LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Paul Smith, Tulsa	544	327	60.1	19	5065	9.3	47	159.9
Blake Joseph, Houston	**155**	**100**	**64.5**	**4**	**1324**	**8.5**	**9**	**150.3**
Case Keenum, Houston	**273**	**187**	**68.5**	**10**	**2259**	**8.3**	**14**	**147.6**
Bernard Morris, Marshall	398	253	63.6	10	3149	7.9	17	139.1
Martin Hankins, Memphis	428	261	61.0	12	3220	7.5	25	137.9
Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP	**407**	**224**	**55.0**	**7**	**3101**	**7.6**	**25**	**135.9**
Pat Pinkney, E Carolina	**200**	**121**	**60.5**	**4**	**1358**	**6.8**	**11**	**131.7**
Justin Willis, SMU	**414**	**242**	**58.5**	**18**	**2944**	**7.1**	**25**	**129.4**
Kyle Israel, UCF	298	174	58.4	11	2173	7.3	15	128.9
Chase Clement, Rice	**508**	**300**	**59.1**	**16**	**3377**	**6.6**	**29**	**127.4**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
Will Dunbar, UAB	**10**	**69**	**53**	**122**	**12.2**
Chris Chamberlain, Tulsa	14	104	61	165	11.8
CJ Spillman, Marshall	**12**	**64**	**67**	**131**	**10.9**
Gerald McRath, S Miss	13	71	68	139	10.7
Nelson Coleman, Tulsa	14	71	68	139	9.9
Braxton Amy, UTEP	**12**	**82**	**30**	**112**	**9.3**
Joe Henderson, UAB	**12**	**47**	**62**	**109**	**9.1**
Andrew Sendejo, Rice	**12**	**73**	**34**	**107**	**8.9**
Evan Lee, Tulane	**12**	**49**	**50**	**99**	**8.3**
Bryce Hudman, SMU	**10**	**54**	**28**	**82**	**8.2**
Alain Karatepeyan, Tulsa	14	76	38	114	8.1


UAB
LB Joe Henderson

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

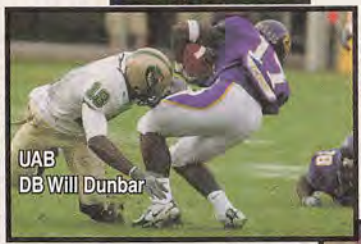
	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Donnie Avery, Houston	13	91	1456	7	112.0	7.0	16.0
Brennan Marion, Tulsa	**14**	**39**	**1244**	**11**	**88.9**	**2.8**	**31.9**
Jarett Dillard, Rice	**12**	**79**	**1057**	**14**	**88.1**	**6.6**	**13.4**
Trae Johnson, Tulsa	**14**	**70**	**1088**	**13**	**77.7**	**5.0**	**15.5**
Jeff Moturi, UTEP	**12**	**65**	**891**	**13**	**74.3**	**5.4**	**13.7**
Duke Calhoun, Memphis	**12**	**62**	**890**	**5**	**74.2**	**5.2**	**14.4**
Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	**12**	**74**	**889**	**9**	**74.1**	**6.2**	**12.0**
Charles Clay, Tulsa	**14**	**69**	**1024**	**7**	**73.1**	**4.9**	**14.8**
Cody Slate, Marshall	**12**	**66**	**818**	**5**	**68.2**	**5.5**	**12.4**
Jeremy Williams, Tulane	**12**	**46**	**773**	**5**	**64.4**	**3.8**	**16.8**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Darius Marshall, Marshall	**19**	**556**	**1**	**29.3**
Curtis Francis, UCF	22	643	1	29.2
Chris Johnson, E Carolina	34	1009	1	28.0
Roy Roberts, Tulsa	**21**	**507**	**1**	**24.1**
Ade Tuyo, Tulane	30	697	0	23.2
Tory Harrison, S Miss	**38**	**870**	**0**	**22.9**
Quintin Demps, UTEP	22	492	0	22.4
John Williams, E Carolina	**14**	**312**	**0**	**22.3**
Frantrell Forrest, UAB	**26**	**573**	**1**	**22.0**
Fred Rouse, UTEP	**23**	**502**	**0**	**21.8**

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Thomas Morstead, SMU	**12**	**57**	**2545**	**44.6**
Chase Turner, Houston	**13**	**45**	**1921**	**42.7**
Britt Barefoot, S Miss	**13**	**48**	**2039**	**42.5**
Swayze Waters, UAB	**12**	**69**	**2859**	**41.4**
Matt Dodge, E Carolina	**13**	**80**	**3307**	**41.3**
Blake Clingan, UCF	**13**	**59**	**2404**	**40.7**
Kyle Petersen, UTEP	**12**	**51**	**2075**	**40.7**
Brent Sutherland, Memphis	**13**	**52**	**2115**	**40.7**
Anthony Binswanger, Marshall	12	44	1742	39.6
Luke Juist, Rice	12	67	2618	39.1
Ross Thevenot, Tulane	**12**	**44**	**1713**	**38.9**


UAB
DB Will Dunbar

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Jose Martinez, UTEP	**12**	**20**	**17**	**85.0**	**57**
Michael Torres, UCF	13	24	20	83.3	48
Swayze Waters, UAB	**12**	**28**	**22**	**78.6**	**52**
Ross Thevenot, Tulane	**12**	**18**	**13**	**72.2**	**48**
Anthony Binswanger, Marshall	12	18	13	72.2	42
Justin Estes, S Miss	**13**	**22**	**15**	**68.2**	**43**
Matt Reagan, Memphis	**13**	**22**	**15**	**68.2**	**38**
Thomas Morstead, SMU	**12**	**20**	**13**	**65.0**	**52**
Ben Hartman, E Carolina	**13**	**22**	**13**	**59.1**	**52**
TJ Lawrence, Houston	**13**	**22**	**13**	**59.1**	**46**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Alain Karatepeyan, Tulsa	22	97
Phillip Hunt, Houston	**18**	**106**
Matthew Chatelain, S Miss	16	71
Anthony Germany, Tulsa	14.5	60
Leger Douzable, UCF	14	68
Chris Chamberlain, Tulsa	12.5	51
Gerald McRath, S Miss	11.5	59
Zack Slate, E Carolina	**11.5**	**44**
Quentin Cotton, E Carolina	**11**	**48**
Scott Solomon, Rice	**11**	**41**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Phillip Hunt, Houston	**10.5**	**76**
Alain Karatepeyan, Tulsa	9	53
Matthew Chatelain, S Miss	7.5	55
Leger Douzable, UCF	7.5	49
Bruce Miller, UCF	**7**	**53**
CJ Wilson, E Carolina	**7**	**49**
Martavius Prince, S Miss	6.5	51
Brendan Panhulu, Houston	6.5	50
Antonio Harris, Tulane	6	35

Numbers come from CUSA final statistics.

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Quintin Demps, UTEP	15	200	0	13.3
Joe Burnett, UCF	**31**	**331**	**1**	**10.7**
Kevin Sanders, UAB	**15**	**159**	**1**	**10.6**
Emmanuel Sanders, SMU	**20**	**183**	**0**	**9.2**
Teric Williams, Houston	19	157	0	8.3
Dwayne Harris, E Carolina	**31**	**250**	**0**	**8.1**
Ja'Corey Shepherd, Rice	**22**	**120**	**0**	**5.5**

East Carolina
DL CJ Wilson

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Kevin Smith, UCF	14	450	2567	29	5.7	183.4
Matt Forté, Tulane	12	361	2127	23	5.9	177.3
Anthony Alridge, Houston	13	259	1597	14	6.2	122.8
Damion Fletcher, S Miss	**13**	**295**	**1586**	**15**	**5.4**	**122.0**
Chris Johnson, E Carolina	13	236	1423	17	6.0	109.5
Marcus Thomas, UTEP	11	227	1166	16	5.1	106.0
Tarrion Adams, Tulsa	**14**	**219**	**1225**	**8**	**5.6**	**87.5**
Joseph Doss, Memphis	12	174	806	5	4.6	67.2
Justin Willis, SMU	**12**	**180**	**699**	**3**	**3.9**	**58.3**
Darius Marshall, Marshall	**12**	**123**	**631**	**3**	**5.1**	**52.6**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	RUSHING G	CAR	NET	PASSING ATT	YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	YDS/PG
Paul Smith, Tulsa	14	105	119	544	5065	5184	370.3
Chase Clement, Rice	**12**	**144**	**535**	**508**	**3377**	**3912**	**326.0**
Justin Willis, SMU	**12**	**180**	**699**	**414**	**2944**	**3643**	**303.6**
Bernard Morris, Marshall	12	130	488	398	3149	3637	303.1
Martin Hankins, Memphis	11	35	-1	428	3220	3219	292.6
Trevor Vittatoe, UTEP	**12**	**42**	**-132**	**407**	**3101**	**2969**	**247.4**
Case Keenum, Houston	**13**	**103**	**412**	**273**	**2259**	**2671**	**205.5**
Kevin Smith, UCF	14	450	2567	0	0	2567	183.4
Sam Hunt, UAB	12	68	287	331	1905	2192	182.7
Jeremy Young, S Miss	10	81	349	224	1464	1813	181.3

PHIL'S CUSA UNIT RANKING

West	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Tulsa	7	1	1	2	5	12	11	6	6
SMU	2	5	7	10	10	11	9	2	5
UTEP	4	4	9	7	6	8	3	3	3
Houston	2	8	11	4	2	3	6	10	12
Rice	1	12	4	12	11	7	6	11	10
Tulane	9	8	11	4	8	5	12	11	7
East	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
E Carolina	5	7	5	2	1	3	9	9	1
UCF	7	6	5	9	7	2	1	3	1
Marshall	9	3	3	6	3	8	6	7	9
Memphis	6	8	2	1	3	8	3	8	3
S Mississippi	12	2	8	8	9	1	2	5	11
UAB	9	8	10	10	11	6	5	1	8

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Mobility and accuracy are keys to the Tulsa offense. In Paul Smith's first year ('05) as a starter he threw for 2,847 (62.4%) with a 20-6 ratio (398 rush). He led the team to its first bowl win since '91 and was named the Liberty Bowl MVP. He showed inexperience at times as 4 of his 6 int were ret'd for TD's. Smith's ratio surprisingly dropped as a junior to 15-9 while throwing for 2,727 (66.6%, 391 rush). Last year I mentioned he would flourish in the new no-huddle offense and he did just that. Billy Guy Anderson had the school's single season passing record with 3,464 in 10 games in 1965. Smith beat that mark in 10 games by 31 yards and went on to throw for 5,065 (60.1%) with a 47-19 ratio (344 rush). His TD passes topped Jerry Rhome's 1964 record (32) and he also set a CUSA record for single season passing yards while becoming UT's all-time passing leader with 10,936. David Johnson, who threw 14 passes in '06, got in 8 games with 8 passes in '07. Clark Harrell (6'4" 197 So, PS#54) only played in 2 with no passes. Adding depth is JUCO Jacob Bower who was PS#49 when he signed at BYU in 2003. Last year he had over 3,000 yards passing and 35 TD's at JC and was in for the spring. This unit goes from a veteran, senior QB to one that has a combined 63 career pass attempts.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 rFr Tarrion Adams rushed for 574 (6.4) despite Tulsa's top 3 backs from '04 returning. Adams was #2 in '06 with 329 (4.8) as Oklahoma transfer Courtney Tennial emerged. Tennial had just 19 att's in the first four but led with 845 yards (4.9). Tennial was expected to be one of the top RB's in the country in '07 but was injured and missed the season. Adams had an outstanding season rushing for 1,225 (5.6) while also hauling in 30 rec (10.0). True frosh FB Charles Clay is 6'3" 222 but with good speed and was recruited by both Miami and Arkansas opting to come here due to the offense. He rushed for 304 (5.3) but more importantly had 1,024 (14.8 ypc) yards receiving! When Adams was injured vs Tulane, powerful inside runner rFr Jamad Williams had 153 on 31 carries and finished with 458 (4.3). Tennial was granted a 6th year. True frosh RB AJ Whitmore had 268 rush (10.3) and now moves to WR for 2008. Adding depth are Aaron Johnson (5'9" 205 Sr), FB Jacob Frank (6'2" 234 Sr) and Victor Pongonis (5'8" 199 So). This is an extremely deep and talented RB corps.

RB Tarrion Adams

RECEIVERS - Tulsa has had some excellent receivers throughout the years including Steve Largent, Howard Twilley and Drew Pearson. Under OC Charlie Stubbs, UT ran a 2-TE offense with TE Garrett Mills leading in receiving for 3 straight years. In 2006 they had an inexperienced receiving corps and the top returnee had just 22 rec. Last year they lost all of their top receivers again as the top returning WR had just 8 rec. Eighteen players worked out at WR in August and new OC Malzahn said there would not be one go-to guy but rather 3 or 4 that would be pretty good. JUCO Brennan Marion emerged as the deep threat avg an NCAA record 31.9 and led in yards (1,244) despite having almost half the rec as the #1 man. True frosh Trae Johnson led the team in rec with 70 (1,088, 15.5). They combined for 24 TD's. FB Clay was the #3 receiver and junior WR Jesse Meyer was #4 with 585 (15.0). JUCO Dion Toliver added 392 (11.5). This year they lose WR Cam Clemons (5 st, 273), Cody Madison (6 st, 2 rec) and Kyle Grooms (7 st, 6 rec). Not only is this group vastly more experienced but they add in 2 outstanding VHT BCS conf transfers in Andrew Norman who was in the Malzahn system at Arkansas and Tenn trans Slick Shelley (PS#9). Not listed in the PSL are Corey Heinz (5'11" 164 Jr), Jake Borgsmiller (6'3' 202 So), Tyler Pistoia (6'0" 194 So), Richard Young (5'11" 166 So), Damaris Johnson (5'8" 170 Fr) and Taylor Gleghorn (6'0 "195 rFr). This looks like the best receiving corps in CUSA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 Tulsa fielded the biggest O-line in school history (307 lb avg). In 2006 they had the 3rd most experienced line in the country with a combined 95 career starts. The experienced unit allowed just 16 sacks (4.4%) while opening holes for 162 ypg rush (4.4). Last year this unit was a major question mark as they had to replace four multiple year starters who played every snap of 2006 and had just 22 career starts returning. Against UCF they had a new C and LT and allowed 5 sacks and a lot of pressure (4 int). Overall the line performed better than I expected as they opened holes for 173 ypg rushing (4.3) and allowed 31 sacks (5.5%). This year the only losses are LT Walter Boyd (11 st) and OT Wade Whitlow (5 st). Four full-time starters are back and they now have 65 career starts.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Run D has not been a strength of Tulsa's as they allowed 5.7 ypc in 2002. The 4.3 ypc they allowed in 2005 was actually their BEST since 1991. In 2006 they had to replace one starter and one backup and I called for their best rush D in the last 2 decades and they trimmed their ypc to 4.2 and their 138 ypg rush allowed was their best in the last 17 years. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm CUSA DE and two productive backups. Terrel Nemons, a rare VHT (PS#36), started all 11 in '06 but surprisingly had just one start. Tulsa slipped to allowing 185 ypg (4.4) but increased the sacks to 30. Not listed in the PSL are Kyle Young (6'6" 233 Jr), Skyler Taylor (6'0" 278 Jr), Rashad Robinson (6'1" 230 rFr) and Jeph McAlester (6'3" 235 Sr). This year they lose NG Brandon Jones (14 st, 15 tkl), Alex Detwiler (2 tkl) and DE George Clinkscale (8 st) who moves to LB. Five players return with starting experience and I expect Nemons to return to form which would make this a stronger front.

LINEBACKERS - Tulsa runs a 3-3-5 and I include the biggest safety position (BAN) in the LB writeup. In 2006 all four starters returned plus they got back a 2003 starter so it was a deep, veteran unit. Last year they had to replace CUSA Def POY SLB Nick Bunting and another starter but returned 1st Tm CUSA Nelson Coleman (#1 tkl'r '06) and 3rd Tm CUSA Chris Chamberlain. Chamberlain led in tackles in '07 (1st TM CUSA, 165 tkl, 12.5 tfl, #7DC STL). Those two must be replaced as does SLB Alain Karatepeyan (14 st, 114 tkl, 22 tfl #1 CUSA) and BAN Steve Craver (14 st, 87 tkl, 4.5 tfl). While all 4 starters depart, they do move in starting DE Clinkscale to SLB and starting CB Roy Roberts to BAN. Still they will miss their top 4 players who combined for 505 tackles LY.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tulsa usually fares well in my pass D rankings. They were #20 in 2003 and despite having to replace 3 starters in 2005 finished #17 with an outstanding 9-22 ratio. Eight players returned with starting experience in 2006 and they finished #30. Last year they had to replace two starters and then starting FS Randy Duncan was lost after 6 games (4 st, 31 tkl). Tulsa plummeted to #99 allowing a 28-11 ratio. This year they lose S Anthony Germany (45 tkl, 14.5 tfl, 8 pbu), Duncan and Terrance Thomas (2 tkl). They also moved CB Roberts to BAN. Five players return with starting experience and despite the loss of their star, the Hurricane should move back up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulsa has had some outstanding ST players here including Ashlan Davis who set an NCAA record for KR TD's in a season (5) in '04. In 2006, Tulsa finished #42 in my ST rankings with K Jarod Tracy hitting 11 of 12 FG's (long of 50). He did have just 2 TB's on 52 KO. They had to replace their top KR, PR and P last year and as you would expect, fell to #96. Tracy hit just 7 of 12 (long of 45) but did have a miss from 53. Tulsa had just 1 TB in 99 KO as they used 3 different players on the season. True frosh Trae Johnson avg'd 9.9 on PR and thanks to a 92 yd TD, Roy Roberts avg 24.1 on KR (Johnson, 23.1). Michael Such had 43 punts (39.0) while QB Smith punted 16 times (39.3) but they had poor PR defense (team net 33.3). With almost everyone back, I look for good sized improvement.

COACHES - Steve Kragthorpe did a great job here guiding the team to 3 bowls in his 4 seasons. His DC the first 3 years was Todd Graham who left to be Rice's HC in '06. Graham was a high school HC for three years. He was also the co-DC at W Virginia in 2002 when they had a huge turnaround season from 3-8 to 9-4. Graham did a tremendous job at Rice taking them to their first bowl in 45 years. He ruffled feathers in Houston by accepting a contract extension and on the next day moved onto Tulsa. Co-OC Gus Malzahn became famous for his wide open offenses as a successful HS coach in Arkansas and was the controversial OC at Arkansas in '06. Co-OC Herb Hand spent the previous 6 years at WV as their TE coach. The Co-DC's are Paul Randolph and Keith Patterson. Randolph was the DC at Rice in '06 and the DE coach at Alabama from '03-'05. Patterson is in his 5th year here and 3rd as DC.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In their heyday Tulsa was actually the first team in the history of the NCAA to play in five straight NY Day bowl games. They were in just 5 bowls from 1964-2002 and after consecutive one win seasons, they brought in new HC Steve Kragthorpe in 2003. Under Kragthorpe they had the largest turnaround in the country winning 7 more games to finish 8-5 including a bowl. In 2004 they had 16 returning starters including a veteran QB and it looked like they would contend for the WAC Title. Surprisingly they went just 4-8 thanks in part to being -11 in turnovers. In 2005 I said they were capable of returning to a winning season despite a tougher schedule as they moved from the WAC to CUSA. They did just that including getting to the CUSA Title game where they dispatched UCF and then beat Fresno St in the Liberty Bowl. Tulsa did benefit from +19 in TO's and the offense avg'd 33.1 ppg, their best mark since 1975. They opened 2006 at 7-1 but dropped their next 3 and later their bowl game vs Utah to finish 8-5. Their D was the best in CUSA allowing just 294.6 ypg and despite a 5-3 league record, they outgained CUSA foes by 96.4 ypg (2nd best). Tulsa is the smallest IA school (4,100 enrollment). Last year Tulsa had just 3 starters back on offense but one of them was super QB Paul Smith. They stunningly knocked off BYU in Wk 2 but after losses to UTEP and UCF it appeared their CUSA West chances were out the door. They got their season turned around with a miracle win vs SMU. The Mustangs had a 4th & goal at the 1, up by 2 but were SOD and Tulsa got a 51 yd TD pass with :43 left. They won their next 4 including a blowout of Houston in the CUSA West's deciding game but then lost in the CUSA Title game. Tulsa destroyed Bowling Green and their 56 point margin was the largest win ever in a bowl breaking Alabama's 1953 Orange Bowl record (61-6). It was their first 10-win season since 1991 and they won 7 of their last 9 games with the only losses both being to UCF. They did have 3 net close wins. Tulsa returns 9 starters from an offense that was #1 in the NCAA but do lose QB Smith. They were the first school in NCAA history with a 5,000 yard passer, three 1,000 yard receivers and one 1,000 yard rusher. Tulsa's new QB is surrounded by talent as I rate their RB's #1, WR's #1 and O-line #2 in the CUSA. After having the conferences best D in '05 they shockingly allowed 452 ypg last season and have just 5 starters back on the stop unit. They have two large "ifs" in QB and D but if those areas prove solid, Tulsa could be this year's non-BCS team to qualify for a BCS bowl as two of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to go 12-0.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 5 **David Johnson Sr.** 6-3 217 PS#287. 18 gm 3Y, 472 (65%) 2-1 ratio, 74 rush. 12 Jacob Bower (6'3" 233 So) **PS#28JC**. 3034, 35 TD JC LY. 6 **Clark Harrell** (6'4" 197 So).

RB 25 **TARRION ADAMS SR.** 6-1 200 PS#163. 6 st '05-'06, 903 (5.3). 6 st LY, 1225 (5.6) 30 rec. 22 Jamad Williams (5'9" 198 So) 7 st rFr, 458 (4.3). 37 Charles Opeseyitan (5'10" 199 rFr) PS#87.

FB 9 **CHARLES CLAY SO.** 6-3 222 10 st as rFr, 304 rush (5.3) **1024 (14.8) rec!** **Courtney Tennial** (5'10" 238 Sr) **PS#40**. Okla trans. 5 st '06. 845 (4.9) 15 rec (12.1) RS LY.

WR 4 **BRENNAN MARION SR.** 6-1 185 PS#346JC. 6 st LY, **NCAA record 31.9 ypc**, 1244 yds. 2 AJ Whitmore (5'9" 174 So) 1 st true, 268 rush RB. 89 Chris Ford (6'2" 190 rFr).

WR 88 **SLICK SHELLEY JR.** 6-4 195 **PS#9 Tenn '05.** 15 Dion Toliver (5'11" 170 Sr) PS#231. 6 st, 392 (11.5) LY. 84 Jesse Meyer (6'4" 200 Jr) 97 (12.1) '06. 4 st, 585 (15.0) LY.

WR 83 **TRAE JOHNSON SO.** 5-11 170 5st true, 1088 (15.5) **2ndTm CUSA.** 88 **Andrew Norman** (6'1" 195 So) **PS#65. Ark trans.** **TE** 86 Jake Collums (6'4" 244 Jr) 6 st, 6 rec 2Y.

C 65 **JODY WHALEY JR.** 6-3 311 PS#190. 1 st RG rFr. 13 st C LY. 60 Nick Gates (6'2" 270 So) 1 gm, 5 snaps true. **LS** 51 John Warren (6'0" 215 Sr) PS#467LB. 13 gm '06, 14 gm LY.

RG 53 **JUSTIN MORSEY SR.** 6-2 296 PS#423JC. 10 st RG '06. 14 st RG LY, HM CUSA. 74 Shawn Santos (6'3" 304 So) PS#465JC. 1 gm LY. 68 Ronnie DeWitt (6'6" 277 So) PS#332.

LG 76 **CURT PUCKETT JR.** 6-4 297 PS#530. 1 gm rFr, 4 snaps. 13 st LG last year. 62 Aaron Ringle (6'4" 250 rFr) PS#485. 4.99 spd. Clint Anderson (6'2" 253 Fr) PS#280.

RT 70 **RODRICK THOMAS SR.** 6-5 355 PS#398. 6 games '06. 14 st RT in '07, HM CUSA. 61 Travis Wike (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#228DL. C/RT 2Y, 7 gm LY. Matt Best (6'0" 255 Fr). In for spg.

LT 78 **Tyler Holmes rFr.** 6-4 305 PS#348DL. 2nd string in '07 as true. 1 gm but still RS. 75 Brandon Thomas (6'5" 270 rFr) PS#503. 71 Wilson Holloway (6'6" 255 rFr) PS#606.

K 29 **JAROD TRACY SR.** 6-0 165 PS#65. 8-8 xp true '04. 11 of 12 FG '06, long 50. 7 of 12 FG LY, long 45. 26 Matt Hulse (5'11" 192 rFr). Kevin Fitzpatrick is PS#74.

DE 80 **Odrick Ray So.** 6-3 241 PS#365. 1 st, 11 tkl true. 39 Popsie Floyd (6'1" 250 Jr) **PS#102LB**. 11 tkl, 2Y. 59 Tyler Scarbrough (6'3" 268 So). 52 Cedric Godfrey (6'2" 261 Jr) PS#170LB.

NG 99 **Terrel Nemons Sr.** 6-3 337 **PS#36**. 6 st true, 8 tkl. **11 st '06**, 31 tkl. 1 st LY, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 96 Wilson Garrison (6'3" 276 Jr). 3 st, 16 tkl, 2 sk LY. Wayne Thompson PS#307. GS.

DE 93 **MOTON HOPKINS SR.** 6-3 270 PS#272. 11 st '06, 40 tkl, 2 tfl. 14 st LY, 71 tkl, 10 tfl, **2nd Tm CUSA.** 97 Jon Bell (6'2" 274 So) **PS#90**. 2 st, 6 tkl rFr. Un'Tavious Scott PS#550JC.

SLB 8 **GEORGE CLINKSCALE JR.** 6-0 251 12 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. 8 st, 14 gm LY, 22 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 32 Kaipo Sarkissian (6'1" 230 Jr) PS#193JC. 25 Anthony Smith (5'9" 191 So) PS#168.

MLB 43 **Mike Bryan Jr.** 6-3 216 PS#186. 17 tkl true. 25 tkl LY. 33 Kenny R Sims (6'0" 220 So) PS#322. 3 tkl true. 54 Michael Britton (5'10" 240 rFr). 92 Eliot Allen PS#465JC.

WLB 40 **Tanner Antle So.** 6-4 211 PS#537. 1 st rFr, 38 tkl, 1 tfl. Brian Moore PS#113. Curnelius Arnick (6'1" 221 rFr). 41 Bo Abbott (5'10" 196 rFr). Zack Wallace (6'1" 223 Fr).

BAN 10 **ROY ROBERTS SR.** 5-11 205 5 st CB rFr, 33 tkl, 3 int. 13 st '06, 43 tkl. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 3 int, 12 pbu. 46 Ty Page (6'2" 226 Sr) **PS#83**. 1 st, 4Y, 22 tkl. 38 Jonathan Penelton PS#297.

CB 27 **KENNY D SIMS JR.** 5-11 201 3 tkl true. 8 st LY, 52 tkl, 2 int. 30 Josh Walker (5'10" 185 Jr) PS#341. 28 Drew Cuffee (5'8" 179 So) PS#336WR. John Flanders PS#110.

CB 18 **John Destin Jr.** 6-0 187 PS#445JC. 1 st, 19 tkl, 3 pbu LY. 16 Nick Henderson (6'0" 179 Sr) PS#422JC. 1 st, 3 tkl. **DeAundre Brown PS#66WR**. Reid Singleton PS#443.

SS 42 **Ade' Manga Jr.** 6-2 210 PS#236JC. In spg. Kollin Hancock PS#429JC. 21.0 PR at JC. 26 Donald Gobert (6'3" 192 So) 12 tkl LY. James Lockett (5'11" 200 Jr) 2 tkl LY.

FS 24 **CHARLES DAVIS JR.** 5-9 170 PS#380. 4 tkl true. 13 st LY (8CB, 5FS) 73 tkl, 8 pbu. 19 Josh Burris (5'10" 190 Jr) PS#382. 2 st, 20 tkl, 2Y. 11 Genesis Cole (6'1" 184 rFr).

P 35 **MICHAEL SUCH SO.** 6-2 205 PS#79. 43 punts rFr, 39.0 avg, team net 33.3. 48 Paul Jurado (6'1" 206 Sr) 20 punts 2Y, 40.8. 6 TB on 50 KO. 56 yd FG in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Jacob Bower 6-3 233 PS#28JC
DB	DeAundre Brown 5-11 180 PS#66WR
LB	Kaipo Sarkissian 6-1 230 PS#193JC
DB	Ade' Manga 6-2 210 PS#236JC
WR	Dee Williams 6-2 208 PS#250JC
DB	John Flanders 5-10 163 PS#110
LB	Brian Moore 6-0 184 PS#113
RB	Chris Adkins 5-8 187 PS#133
WR	Damaris Johnson 5-8 170 PS#164
DB	Kollin Hancock 6-0 185 PS#429JC
OL	Clint Anderson 6-2 253 PS#280
DB	Bobby Smith 5-10 172 PS#274
DB	Trent Wilkins 5-11 191 PS#316
DB	Bryan Burnham 6-2 185 PS#274WR
OL	Gabe Moyer 6-2 325 PS#402
OL	Jared Grigg 6-4 258 PS#405
LB	Zack Wallace 6-1 223 PS#346
OL	Cory Dorris 6-4 241 PS#413
DB	Cody Lambert 6-0 168 PS#408
RB	Willie Carter 6-2 200 PS#368LB
LB	Alan Dock 5-10 210 PS#421DB
DL	Maurice White 6-6 240 PS#430
DL	Wayne Thompson 6-0 297 PS#307 '07
DL	Derrick Jackson 6-2 285 PS#463OL
K	Kevin Fitzpatrick 6-2 175 PS#74
DL	Un'tavious Scott 6-3 235 PS#550JC
OL	Matt Best 6-0 255 PS#525

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#120

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	at UAB	G				
Sep. 6	at North Texas	A				
Sep. 13						
Sep. 20	New Mexico	A				
Sep. 27	Central Arkansas	A				
Oct. 4	Rice (HC)	A				
Oct. 11	at SMU	A				
Oct. 18	UTEP	A				
Oct. 26	UCF (Sun)	A				
Nov. 1	at Arkansas	G				
Nov. 8						
Nov. 15	at Houston	G				
Nov. 22	Tulane	A				
Nov. 29	at Marshall	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Paul Smith 10,936 '03, '05-'07
2. TJ Rubley 9,324 '87-'91
3. John Fitzgerald 5,822 '94-'98

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Micheal Gunter 3,536 '80-'83
2. Eric Richardson 2,645 '00-'03
3. Howard Waugh 2,597 '50-'52

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Howard Twilley 3,343 '63-'65
2. Dan Bitson 3,300 '87-'89, '91
3. Damon Savage 2,952 '96-'99

LY Tulsa amassed a season high 695 yds off offense in the 38-30 win over UAB. RB Adams had a career high 183 yds in this inaugural meeting vs the Blazers.

Tulsa is just 4-16 since 1997 on the road in non-conference action. Golden Hurricane have won 8 straight vs N Texas including the L/2 by an avg of 41-3.

Last met in 1997. The Hurricanes are 6-3 at home vs non-conf (4 straight wins vs non-BCS). Tulsa is just 24-35 all-time vs the MWC with a 2-2 record vs New Mexico.

LY C Arkansas QB Brown made one of ESPN's top 10 plays by throwing 7 TD passes in a game. LY the Bears avg'd 452 ypg offense and 33.1 ppg in their 1st year in the SLC.

These 2 schools have played every yr S/'96 & the visitor is 8-3. Last year they combined for 1,292 total yds & 66 FD's in Tulsa's CUSA West clinching win.

Tulsa is 5-10 vs SMU & the home team has won 6 straight. Last yr Tulsa drove 99 yds in 9 plays & scored with :43 left in the comeback win.

LY these 2 combined for 5 TD's over 22+ yds in Tulsa' 48-47 loss. Tulsa allowed a TD with :58 left but drove down field only to have their game winning FG sail wide left.

LY these 2 met twice. Once in reg ssn, a 44-23 UCF win & the other gm was the CUSA Champ game where UCF exacted revenge for their 2005 loss in a 44-25 win.

Tulsa is 16-51-3 all-time vs Arkansas with 16 straight losses. The Hurricanes have dropped 14 straight traveling to face a current BCS team.

Coming into '08, Tulsa is 9-18 since 1994 in Nov RG's (3-0 LY). LY Houston needed a win vs Tulsa to lock up the West Title & Tulsa destroyed UH 56-7 leading 56-0.

UT has won all 3 meetings since joining CUSA by a combined score of 125-42. LY Tulsa had 4 scoring plays of 37+ yds including a 92 yd KR for a TD in the 49-25 win.

Last year Tulsa built a 31-17 HT lead as QB Smith threw for 262 1H yds. The 370 1H total yds were a season high. First trip to Huntington.

TODD GRAHAM (Career 17–10)
2nd Year at Tulsa
Graham's Bowl Record: 1-1

Graham's records AT TULSA

10-4	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
5-1	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
4-3	Away	0-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-0	Neutral	2-0	Off A Bye
6-3	Vs Conference	4-0	Off A Loss

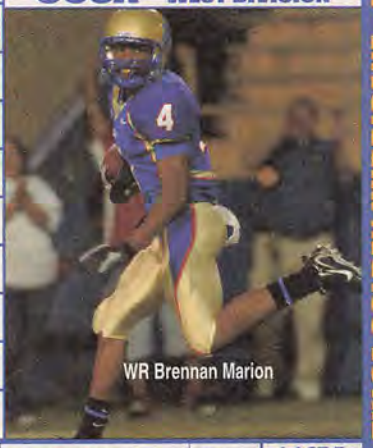
2007 RECORD: (10–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 40 (17,19,4)
Lost: 13 (7,6,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 24,539 (#87)

CUSA – WEST DIVISION


WR Brennan Marion

STADIUM: HA CHAPMAN STADIUM (35,542) (#82)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-7	1-10	1-11	8-5	4-8	9-4	8-5	10-4	46-54
Home	3-3	1-5	1-5	5-1	4-2	3-2	5-1	5-1	27-20
Away	2-4	0-5	0-6	3-3	0-6	5-2	3-3	4-3	17-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-2
vs Conf	4-4	0-8	1-7	6-2	3-5	7-2	5-3	6-3	32-34
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	0-4	2-3	1-3	2-2	3-2	4-1	14-20
ATS	7-5	1-9	4-7-1	7-4-1	4-7	10-3	6-6	5-9	44-50-2
Home Fav (Keith Burns)	2-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-2	2-2	3-2	1-3	10-10
Home Dog (Keith Burns)	3-1	1-3	0-4-1	2-0	3-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	10-10-1
Away Fav (Steve Kragthorpe)	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-1-1	0-1	3-0	2-1	2-3	9-8-1
Away Dog (Steve Kragthorpe)	1-4	0-4	3-2	2-1	1-4	4-0	1-2	0-2	12-19
Neutral (Todd Graham)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	2-2
vs Conf (Todd Graham)	5-3	1-7	4-4	5-2-1	3-5	7-2	4-4	2-7	31-34-1
vs Non-Conf (Todd Graham)	2-2	0-2	0-3-1	2-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	3-2	13-16-1
Off SU Win (Todd Graham)	3-1	0-1	0-1	5-2-1	1-2	6-2	4-4	3-6	22-19-1
Off SU Loss (Todd Graham)	4-3	1-8	4-6	2-1	3-4	4-0	2-2	1-3	21-27

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
91	Freedom - #23	+2'	San Diego St	28-17
03	Humanitarian	+7	Georgia Tech	10-52
05	Liberty	+7	Fresno St	31-24
06	Armed Forces	+1'	Utah	13-25
07	GMAC	-5	Bowling Green	63-7

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Tulsa's All-Time Bowl Record 6–9

TULSA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
	3*	41.1	27	173	4.3	371	59.6	13.2	-6	2007	6	33.4	23	185	4.4	267	60.1	13.5
	7*	27.7	20	162	4.4	226	66.6	14.0	-5	2006	8	20.2	17	138	4.2	159	54.4	14.7
	6	33.1	20	165	4.4	237	62.8	12.2	+19	2005	6	23.5	18	165	4.3	183	53.9	14.8
	8*	28.8	20	168	3.9	187	54.4	12.4	-11	2004	8	33.2	20	211	4.7	191	49.5	12.1
	8*	30.8	19	192	4.8	196	57.5	12.6	+3	2003	7	27.8	20	198	4.6	181	50.7	13.6
	8*	19.4	18	123	3.4	193	52.9	16.3	+6	2002	8	34.8	23	256	5.7	202	58.8	13.2

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tarrion Adams	219	1271	46	1225	8	5.6
Jamad Williams	106	486	28	458	2	4.3
Charles Clay	57	342	38	304	1	5.3
AJ Whitmore	26	268	0	268	3	10.3
Paul Smith	105	344	225	119	13	1.1
Cody Madison	8	25	0	25	0	3.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Paul Smith	544	327	60.1	5065	47	19
David Johnson	8	4	50.0	56	0	0
AJ Whitmore	4	1	25.0	17	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Brennan Marion	39	1244	31.9	11	75	
Trae Johnson	70	1088	15.5	13	51	
Charles Clay	69	1024	14.8	7	53	
Jesse Meyer	39	585	15.0	2	35	
Dion Toliver	34	392	11.5	1	49	
Tarrion Adams	30	301	10.0	3	28	
Cameron Clemons	28	273	9.8	5	24	
Jamad Williams	7	87	12.4	0	22	
Chris Chamberlain	3	74	24.7	0	40	
Kyle Grooms	6	56	9.3	2	14	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Michael Such	43	1675	39.0	13	33.3(t)	0	8
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jarod Tracy	73-76	3-4	3-6	1-1	0-1	7-12	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Chris Chamberlain	165	3	9.5	1	3
Nelson Coleman	139	2.5	6	3	1
Alain Karatepeyan	114	9	13	5	1
Steve Craver	87	0	4.5	3	0
Charles Davis	73	1	2	8	0
Moton Hopkins	71	3	7	2	1
Kenny D Sims	52	1	1	1	2
Roy Roberts	45	1.5	1.5	12	3
Anthony Germany	45	3	11.5	8	0
Tanner Antle	38	0.5	0.5	0	0
Randy Duncan	31	0	0	1	0
Mike Bryan	25	0.5	0	0	0
George Clinkscale	22	1	2.5	0	0
John Destin	19	0	0	3	0
Wilson Garrison	16	2	0	1	0
Brandon Jones	15	0	0	1	0
Terrel Nemons	15	0.5	2	0	0
Josh Burris	14	0	0	0	0
Kyle Grooms	13	0	0	0	0
Ty Page	12	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Trae Johnson	11	109	9.9	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Roy Roberts	21	507	24.1	1	
Trae Johnson	11	254	23.1	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

UT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
22,022	at ULM	28	55-216	3.9	22-31	307	1	16	43-212	4.9	7-21	66	1	-1
24,445	BYU	23	33-105	3.2	22-37	490	2	36	36-157	4.4	34-58	537	3	+3
35,542	Oklahoma	17	36-44	1.2	23-37	354	6	27	46-285	6.2	17-23	268	0	-1
22,710	UAB	34	49-362	7.4	19-37	333	2	20	36-161	4.5	22-46	242	2	-1
35,676	at UTEP	29	43-239	5.6	27-45	409	0	28	48-219	4.6	23-29	351	1	-2
20,255	Marshall	31	42-193	4.6	24-39	385	2	20	38-184	4.8	21-37	260	4	-1
45,510	at UCF	25	25-59	2.4	35-61	320	5	24	48-229	4.8	21-29	224	1	-3
18,853	SMU	28	33-102	3.1	27-45	336	3	20	47-158	3.4	17-35	192	2	-4
15,271	at Tulane	27	49-281	5.7	18-27	319	0	21	38-114	3.0	23-39	287	2	-2
25,428	Houston	22	46-202	4.4	15-28	313	2	17	43-198	4.6	15-24	126	4	+4
27,687	at Army	27	40-197	4.9	24-34	425	1	25	43-163	3.8	26-38	328	2	0
11,742	at Rice	28	37-151	4.1	22-39	441	0	38	37-159	4.3	40-67	541	2	0
44,128	at UCF	24	35-32	0.9	29-57	438	6	18	49-308	6.3	6-13	128	1	-2
36,932	† Bowling Green	34	39-238	6.1	29-47	324	1	13	34-46	1.4	20-27	183	5	+4
TOTALS		377	562-2421	4.3	336-564	5194	31	323	586-2593	4.4	292-486	3733	30	-6
AVERAGES		26.9	40-173	4.3	24-40	371	2.2	23.1	42-185	4.4	21-35	267	2.1	-0.4

2003 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Minnesota	+30'	10-49
–	at Arkansas	+37'	13-45
–	Texas St	NL	41-15
–	Arkansas St	+3'	54-7
–	Hawaii	+9	27-16
–	at Boise St	+22'	20-27
–	Nevada	E	21-28
–	SMU	-17	35-16
–	at UTEP	-8'	56-28
–	at Rice	-3	31-28
–	Louisiana Tech	E	48-18
–	at San Jose St	-7	34-32

2004 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas	+4	3-21
–	at Oklahoma St	+21'	21-38
–	Navy	-1	0-29
–	Missouri St	NL	49-7
–	at Hawaii	+11	16-44
–	Boise St - #21	+21	42-45
–	at Nevada	+3	48-54 3OT
–	Rice	+1	39-22
–	at SMU	-12	35-41 OT
–	at Louisiana Tech	+6'	21-38
–	San Jose St	-10'	34-24
–	UTEP - #24	+8'	37-35

2005 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Minnesota	+17	10-41
–	at Oklahoma - #18	+30'	15-31
–	at North Texas	+3'	54-2
–	Memphis	-1'	37-31 OT
–	Houston	-2'	23-30
–	at S Mississippi	+12'	34-17
–	at Rice	-7'	41-21
–	SMU	-15'	20-13
–	at UTEP	+8	38-41
–	East Carolina	-9	45-13
–	at Tulane	-15	38-14
–	at UCF	-2'	44-27

2006 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Stephen F Austin	NL	45-7
–	at BYU	+4	24-49
–	North Texas	-19'	28-3
–	at Navy	+5	24-23 OT
–	S Mississippi	-5	20-6
–	at East Carolina	-2'	31-10
–	at Memphis	-13'	35-14
–	UTEP	-15	30-20
–	at Houston	-3'	10-27
–	Rice	-14'	38-41 2OT
–	at SMU	-6'	24-34
–	Tulane	-17	38-3

2007 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at ULM	-3'	35-17
–	BYU	+6'	55-47
–	Oklahoma - #4	+23	21-62
–	UAB	-23	38-30
–	at UTEP	-3	47-48
–	Marshall	-13'	38-31
–	at UCF	+2'	23-44
–	SMU	-13'	29-23
–	at Tulane	-6'	49-25
–	Houston	-1	56-7
–	at Army	-15'	49-39
–	at Rice	-13'	48-43
–	at UCF	+7'	25-44

SMU MUSTANGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Prior to 2006, SMU's completion % for the season only topped 52.8% ONCE in the last 10 years and that was in '04 (54.4%)! The last time a Mustang QB threw over 10 TD's in a season was in '99, while the last with double digit TD passes and single digit int's was in 1983 (Lance McIlhenny). In 2006, Justin Willis took over the starting duties as a rFr and after setting a school record for completion % in a game (18 of 19 SHSU), went from #74 in the NCAA in pass eff to #2 in one week. Willis was susp'd for one but broke Chuck Hixon's record (1968) for TD passes in a season (21). Willis threw for 2,047 (67.4%) with an outstanding 26-6 ratio in '06. Much was expected of Willis last year and he was the first clear-cut returning starter in Bennett's six year tenure here. Corey Slater (2 st '06) quit over the summer so the backup was rFr Zach Rhodes (PS#180). Willis had an 8-7 ratio after 5 (also 4 fmbl lost) but threw for 2,944 (58.5%) with a 25-18 ratio for the season. He missed the 2H of the UCF game with an injury and Rhodes hit 7 of 14 for 64. Willis finished strong becoming the first SMU QB since Ramon Flanigan in 1994 to top 100 yards both rushing and passing as he threw for 375 and rushed for 114 vs Memphis. Willis returns for his junior season and adding depth are Logan Turner (PS#90), Michael Morse (6'0" 215 rFr) and Daniel Miller (6'0" 186 rFr, PS#310). Willis was suspended for the spring which puts him behind in learning the new offense and it would not surprise me to see Jones turn to one of his incoming frosh QB's in Braden Smith (PS#92) or Bo Levi Mitchell (PS#122). There is a possibility Willis will not return as when Jones took over Hawaii in 1999, he kicked the team's top RB and top def player off the team.

RUNNING BACKS - SMU has been known for some great rush attacks including the Pony Express combination of Eric Dickerson and Craig James. The legendary Doak Walker also played here. Cedrick Dorsey led SMU in rushing in '04 (431, 5.0). He played in just 9 in '05 due to injury (212, 3.6). RFr DeMyron Martin took over and narrowly missed SMU's frosh rushing record by 30 yards finishing with 854 (4.6). Both returned in '06 but Martin missed 5 and was never close to 100%, rushing for just 369 (4.0). James Mapps had 132 vs Ark St and finished with 321 (4.7). Dorsey started 6 but rushed for just 168 (3.7). All 3 returned again last year but it was QB Willis that led in rushing (699 net, 3.9). Dorsey missed a good portion with injury (184, 5.6) while Martin rushed for 458 (4.3) including a 137 yard effort vs Rice. When Martin was out vs UTEP, Mapps rushed for 149 and he led the RB's with 526 (4.9). Adding depth are Chris Butler (5'10" 210 So, 116, 5.3) and three true frosh who are solid fits for Jones' offense. This year they must replace Dorsey (1 st) and Fred Turner (110 in '06) but with the top 2 guys back, they should maintain better health and have increased production.

RB DeMyron Martin

RECEIVERS - In 2006 rFr Emmanuel Sanders (PS#259) led with 605 (13.2). Last year he and #3 WR Columbus Givens (PS#137QB, 22 rec '06) returned but they did have to replace four of their top six receivers. Givens got meningitis in the spring losing 16 lbs and was not 100% until the middle of the year. Sanders led again with 889 (12.0). WR Zack Sledge, who had 7 starts in '05 and 1 start in '06, was #2 with 729 (14.9). Givens had 386 (9.2) and Devin Lowery, who has bounced around between CB and WR, had 288 (16.9). This year they lose Lowery (5 st WR, 5 st CB) as well as Sledge (12 st), Givens (7 st) and TE Vincent Chase (PS#19) who moves to the OL as the TE position is now obsolete. I list a 4 deep below and while this group is not as experienced as 2007, you can look for increased production in the June Jones Hawaii-style offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they had to replace 3 players who combined for 23 starts. With a less experienced front the ypc improved to 3.7 but they allowed 32 sacks (10.1%). Last year nine of the top 10 returned and as you would expect, the numbers improved to 170 ypg rush (4.3) with 6.9% sacks. Having a mobile QB like Justin Willis (#1 rusher) always helps. This is a major question mark for me as they have their least experienced line in 3 years having to replace 3 starters in RG Caleb Peveto (12 st, 3Y st'r), RT Kenard Burley (12 st, 2Y st'r) and LT Ben Poynter (12 st, 3Y st'r) and also backup C Joe Holmes (10 gm) and RT Lucky DeLay (4 gm). They now have to learn a new offensive system and their 48 career starts returning rank #89 in IA. Jones always crafted excellent O-lines at Hawaii and it will be interesting to see if he can work his same magic here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After opening the Bennett era allowing 4.5, 4.2 and 4.9 ypc rush, SMU improved to 3.7 in 2005 and with 6 of the top 8 back in 2006 I called them one of CUSA's strongest D-lines. SMU had its second best rush defense since the Death Penalty (3.0, 1999) allowing just 3.2 ypc while the D had 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 3 backups. Their only returning starter, DE Cory Muse, broke his leg after six starts. DT Charlie Berry was lost after starting 5 and DT Ryan Leornard was declared ineligible after 9 (6 starts). As you would expect, SMU's rushing defense numbers ballooned to a Bennett high 5.0 ypc rush allowed while the sack total dropped to 20. This year they lose DE Muse (19 tkl, 5 sk), DT Berry (32 tkl, 4 tfl), DT Leornard (25 tkl, 3 sk) and DE Kyle Griffin (0 tkl). Not listed below is Adrian Dizer (6'6" 240 Jr). Five players return who started last year and while I was torn to list them with 2 or 3 starters back, I will list it as 3. The unit that finished the season as starters returns despite the fact that the 3 players lost combined for 9.5 sacks and the returnees combined for just 2.

LINEBACKERS - The Mustangs appeared to have their entire 2 deep back last year but Reggie Carrington (2nd Tm CUSA '06) left the program over the summer and OLB Tony Hawkins (12 st '06) moved inside to take his spot. Hawkins moved back to OLB the 2H of the year as Damon Hurst filled the position. This year they lose Wilton McCray (12 st, 72 tkl, 8 tfl), Hawkins (6 st, 29 tkl) and Hurst (6 st, 53 tkl, 10 tfl). Returning starter Will Bonilla was tied for #1 tackler and was Def MVP. Not listed in the 3 deep below are John Nwisienyi (5'11" 227 So) and Garrett Olson (5'11" 210 rFr). Despite the losses, this group is close to 2007 in terms of experience and I expect a bigger impact from Texas A&M transfer Chase Kennemer and Okla St transfer Alex Odiari (14 tkl each).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2006 SMU was #84 in my pass D rankings as they had to replace 3 starters but did move in WR Devin Lowery. Last year they had to replace two players who combined for 20 starts. Bryan McCann, who started the last 4 as a true frosh, made a big enough impression that they moved Lowery (8 st) back to WR. They also got back Brandon Jones (10 st '05) who sat out '06 so it was like having 3 starters back. At midseason they moved Lowery back to CB when starting FS Haynes was lost and McCann moved to FS. The unit finished just #86 allowing 301.4 ypg (62.4%) with a 28-12 ratio. This year they lose CB Jonathan Lindley (8 st, 40 tkl), CB Jones (4 st, 53 tkl, 8 pbu) and Lowery (5 st, 43 tkl, 6 pbu) but do have 3 starters returning. This group should move up in my pass D rankings in 2008.

SPECIAL TEAMS - SMU was #60 in my ST rankings in 2005 but thanks to the emergence of P Tom Morstead (net 37.0) and KR Jesse Henderson (36.9), SMU improved to #30 in '06. Last year they only had to replace their top PR. Bennett said that Henderson and incoming frosh Aldrick Robinson could be AA KR's (missed half of '06 with injury). Morstead had a phenomenal junior season increasing his net to 39.3 (#4 NCAA, only 0.28 less than #1) but after hitting just 13 of 18 FG's in '06, he hit 13 of 20 (3 from 50+!). Kellis Cunningham had 5 TB's on 63 KO's. SMU had a large drop in KR avg (23.0 '06, 18.5 '07) and surprisingly dropped to #53. Everyone returns and I expect a better season out of Henderson and give SMU a shot at contending for a Top 25 ST finish.

COACHES - Phil Bennett was in his sixth season and agreed with the AD that they needed to get to a bowl to save his job. He parted ways with SMU after a 1-11 season. SMU made an outstanding hire, bringing in June Jones from Hawaii. In the season before Jones took over at Hawaii, the team was 0-12. He guided the 1999 team to a winning record and was the National Coach of the Year including a bowl win. Jones was 76-41 at Hawaii and was his own OC. Jones was brought here on a salary of $2 million per year and enjoys better facilities and a bigger budget. His DC is Tom Mason, who was the LB coach at Fresno St the last 7 years. The OC is Dan Morrison, who was the QB coach at Hawaii for the last 9 years, mentoring the NCAA all-time passer Timmy Chang and all-time TD passer Colt Brennan.

PHIL'S FORECAST

From 1981-1984 SMU was among the best teams in the country going 41-5-1 but the "Death Penalty" hit and they've had just one winning season since and their last bowl was 1984. Phil Bennett's squads showed improvement as they had a pair of 3 win seasons in his first 3 years but improved to 5 wins in 2005 (3-1 vs bowl teams) and 6 wins in 2006. In that 2006 season they knocked off Tulsa to become bowl eligible and the winner of the SMU/Rice contest would go to a bowl. They led 27-24 but gave up a late TD and finished 6-6. They were 4-4 in CUSA and outgained conf foes by 47.4 ypg. Last year they had 13 returning starters. After a blowout loss on ESPN to open the season they beat N Texas but surprisingly allowed 613 yards. They were stunned the next week vs Ark St, a game they trailed 21-0 in the 1Q. Against TCU they gave up a blocked punt and IR TD and trailed 14-7. Three times SMU was inside the 25 and came up empty. They led UTEP by 21 in the 2Q and 42-28 in the 4Q but lost in OT. They were blown out by S Miss. The next week they got a TD with :08 left to force OT vs Tulane but lost by 7. The key play of the Bennett era came when they had a 4th & goal at the 1 leading Tulsa 23-21 and opted to go for it with 1:56 left. It was a good, gutsy call and not only were they SOD, Tulsa got a 51 yd TD pass with :43 left to escape with the win. Bennett announced that he was stepping down at 1-7. They gave a great effort vs Houston but came up 10 pts short and led Rice 42-27 heading into the 4Q but gave up a 31 yd FG on the last play and lost. In their final game for 18 seniors, they lost in 3OT. In my '99 magazine I called Hawaii the most improved team in the country as they had June Jones come in as the HC. He stepped into a favorable scenario and that group had the biggest turnaround in NCAA history finishing 9-4. Jones once again steps into a favorable scenario here as SMU was -9 in TO's with 5 net close losses last year and once again makes my most improved list.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 16 JUSTIN WILLIS JR. 6-1 210 PS#109. 10 st rFr, 2047 (67%) 26-6. 12 st LY, 2944 (59%) 25-18, 951 rush. **11** Logan Turner (6'0" 179 rFr) PS#90. **12** Zach Rhodes (6'2" 204 So) PS#180.

RB 8 DeMYRON MARTIN SR. 6-2 234 6 st rFr, 854 (4.6). 6 st '06, 369 (4.0). 8 st LY, 458 (4.3). **20 James Mapps** (5'10" 180 Jr) 321 (4.7) rFr. 3 st LY, #1 w/526 (4.9), 13 rec.

WR 5 Zach Zimmerman Jr. 6-1 166 Navy prep '05. 1 rec true. 4 st in '07, 8 rec (16.2). **83** Phillip Burley (6'3" 225 So) PS#129. Kyle Sullivan (6'0" 170 So). Cole Loftin PS#208DB.

WR 17 EMMANUEL SANDERS JR. 6-1 175 PS#259. 4 st rFr, 605 (13.2). 12 st LY, 889 (12.0). **26** A'Darius Medford (5'10" 168 So) PS#138DB. 4 gm CB rFr. **29** Shaun Moore (6'1" 189 So).

WR 9 Jessie Henderson Sr. 5-9 169 PS#86RB. 663 KR yd rFr. 369 KR yd '06. 857 LY. **88** Bradley Haynes (6'3" 205 rFr) PS#177. **25** La'Cori Johnson (5'9" 167 Sr) 5 tkl CB 2Y.

WR 24 Aldrick Robinson So. 5-10 170 PS#254. 10 rec true (16.6). **84** Patrick Fleming (6'4" 229 So) PS#237LB. 8 rec true at TE. EJ Drewery PS#336. Andrew McKinney (6'4" 264 Sr).

C 51 MITCH ENRIGHT JR. 6-2 272 **PS#83**. 5 gm rFr. 12 st LY. Andrew Robiskie (6'1" 284 Fr). **59** Sam Bennett (6'1" 257 Jr) 24 gm as LS 2Y. **65** Jackson Taylor (6'3" 250 Sr) 12 gm LS.

RG 68 Bryce Tennnison rFr. 6-3 292 PS#415. **71** Kelly Turner (6'3" 281 rFr) PS#485. 405 bench. Josh Emshoff (6'4" 271 Fr) PS#246. Zach Boyd is PS#370. Derek Lilly (6'2" 297 rFr).

LG 74 SEAN LOBO SR. 6-3 300 PS#562. Last 7 st, 10 gm LG '06. 12 st LG LY. **77** Josh LeRibeus (6'4" 332 rFr) PS#177. Jimmy Chase (6'2" 244 Fr) PS#434.

RT 67 Tommy Poynter Sr. 6-4 277 First 5 st LG '06. 5 gm LY-broke leg. **79** JT Brooks (6'3" 310 rFr). **72** Ross Nigh (6'5" 303 Jr) PS#276. 0 gm rFr. 1 gm, 3rd string '07.

LT 60 VINCENT CHASE SR. 6-5 252 **PS#19TE**. 11 st, 14 rec TE 2Y. **70** Kelvin Beachum (6'5" 283 rFr). **64** Chase Smith (6'4" 300 Jr) PS#274DL. 8 gm rFr. Inj in first gm LY, out yr.

K 15 THOMAS MORSTEAD SR. 6-5 233 13-18 FG '06 incl 1-2 from 50+. Hit 13-20 FG LY, 0-3 from 40-49 but 3-4 from 50+, L/52. Kellis Cunningham (5'11" 186 Jr) 16 TB KO '06, 5 TB LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 48 Youri Yenga So. 6-2 225 PS#252LB. L/4 st DE true, 27 tkl, 6 tfl. **42** Anthony Sowe (6'2" 240 So) 8 gm LY, 1 tkl. **81** Mario Walker (6'2" 225 Jr) PS#58TE. 22 gm, 2 tkl 2Y.

DT 93 CHRIS PARHAM JR. 6-3 286 3 tkl rFr. 8 st, 12 gm LY, 20 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **57** Kyle DeGroat (6'0" 265 So) 500 bench. Inj as rFr, DNP. **95** Mickey Dollens (6'3" 260 So) PS#452.

DT 99 Serge Elizee Sr. 6-1 301 PS#191JC. Orig at Minn in '07. 5 st DT, 22 tkl, 1 tfl here. **46** Zac Thomas (6'4" 250 So) PS#314. 2 tkl rFr, 5 gm. Andrew Ellison PS#111TE.

DE 94 PATRICK HANDY SR. 6-2 256 PS#319OL. 3 tkl true. 2 st '06, 11 tkl, 2 tfl. 5 st LY, 11 tkl, **505 bench. 49** Jordan Johnson (6'3" 255 So) 2 st, 10 tkl. Ben Goldthorpe (6'2" 236 rFr) PS#205.

SLB 27 WILL BONILLA SR. 5-11 225 11 gm, 12 tkl rFr, 15 tkl '06. 12 st '07, **Def MVP**, 82 tkl, 5 tfl. **34** Jason Jackson (6'0" 219 So) 11 gm, 2 tkl. **54** Taylor Bon (6'3" 207 So) 4 tkl, 12 gm LY.

MLB 40 JUSTIN SMART SO. 6-2 240 PS#249. 6 st true LY, 29 tkl, 1.5 sk, **CUSA Fr Tm. Alex Odiari** (6'0" 253 Jr) 4 st Okla St '07, 14 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Ryan Moczygemba (6'1" 222 So) PS#486DL. 11 gm LY.

WLB 52 Pete Fleps So. 6-2 226 PS#397. 10 tkl rFr. Chase Kennemer (6'0" 215 Jr) PS#170. Orig at TX A&M, trans '06. 11 gm, 14 tkl LY. Julian Herron (6'0" 202 rFr) PS#227.

CB 6 BRYAN McCANN JR. 6-0 176 PS#236RB. L/4 st true. 38 tkl, 4 pbu. 12 st LY (7 CB, 5 FS), 59 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu. **35** Tim Crosby (5'11" 175 So) PS#236QB. Seth Sloan (6'0" 179 rFr).

CB 12 Derrius Bell So. 5-10 167 9 gm, 8 tkl true. **32** KJ Ellis (6'2" 214 Jr) PS#87. Orig at TX Tech. 10 gm, 1 tkl here LY. **18** Terrance Wilkerson (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#288QB.

SS 28 BRYCE HUDMAN JR. 6-2 200 4 st in '06, 29 tkl, 4 pbu. 8 st LY, 82 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 1 int. **10** Rock Dennis (5'10" 189 Jr) 4.34 spd. Inj LY & RS. **13** DeMikel Shankle (6'0" 202 rFr) PS#200.

FS 7 DAVID HAYNES SR. 5-9 190 PS#336. 27 tkl first 2Y. First 7 st LY until inj, 53 tkl, 2 pbu. **41 Tyler Jones** (6'1" 203 So) 4 st rFr, 51 tkl, 2 pbu. De'Von Bailey (6'2" 209 So) PS#138WR.

P 15 THOMAS MORSTEAD SR. 6-5 233 **1st Tm CUSA**. 50 punt '06, 43.8 avg, net 37.0, 57 punt LY, 44.6 avg. **#4 NCAA 39.3 net!** Andrew Galloway (6'4" 230 Sr) 12 gm holder LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Alex Odiari 6-0 253 PS#88 '05
DL	Taylor Thompson 6-6 237 PS#48TE
QB	Braden Smith 6-0 191 PS#92
WR	Cole Loftin 6-0 174 PS#208DB
LB	Victor Jones 6-0 213 PS#211DB
OL	Jordan Free 6-2 292 PS#232
DB	Deyon McElroy 6-0 182 PS#431JC
QB	Bo Levi Mitchell 6-1 199 PS#122
OL	Josh Emshoff 6-4 271 PS#246
RB	Cole Beasley 5-9 171 PS#211
DB	Chris Banjo 5-10 191 PS#261
DB	Keith Robinson 5-8 164 PS#217RB
RB	Bryce Lunday 5-8 178 PS#232
OL	Zach Boyd 6-4 251 PS#370
LB	Zach Line 6-1 208 PS#341
DL	Andrew Ellison 6-2 232 PS#111TE
OL	Jimmy Chase 6-2 244 PS#434
OL	Sidney Nwangwu 6-4 314 PS#434
DL	Kevin Grenier 6-4 243 PS#125TE
WR	BJ Lee 5-5 160 PS#356RB
OL	Blake McJunkin 6-2 256 PS#440
WR	EJ Drewery 6-6 199 PS#336
DB	Ryan Smith 5-11 171 PS#456
RB	Quincey Whittington 5-8 159 PS#391
OL	Andrew Robiskie 6-1 284 PS#481
DL	Evan Huahulu 6-1 300 PS#464
DL	Torlan Pittman 6-0 275 PS#464
LB	Robert Parker 5-11 219 PS#464DL

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#82

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SMU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 29	at Rice (Fri)	A						SMU blew a 15 pt 4Q lead & lost (43-42) on a last second 31 yd FG. This is SMU's 2nd oldest rivalry (TCU 87 gms). SMU has not won at Rice since 1986 (9 meetings).
Sep. 6	Texas St	A						The Texas St Bobcats finished last season at 4-7. Versus Baylor last year, they were only outgained 439-418 & trailed 21-17 into the 4Q before a 34-27 loss.
Sep. 13	at Texas Tech	A						Last year SMU was outgained 553-270 in the 49-9 loss to Tech. Mustangs have now dropped 12 straight to TT getting outscored by 29 ppg the L/7.
Sep. 20	TCU	A						The Mustangs outgained TCU 352-250 but suffered a blk'd P & int return for TD's in a 21-7 loss LY. SMU is just 1-7 with each game decided by 7+ pts S/'99 vs TCU.
Sep. 25	at Tulane (Thur)	A						SMU is 5-11 vs TU with their last win in '06 (1st gm at the Superdome after Katrina). SMU erased a 27-17 deficit only to lose in OT 41-34 as Tulane RB Forté had a CUSA rec 342 rush yds.
Oct. 4	at UCF	G						LY in the school's 1st meeting, former SMU coach Phil Bennett coached his last HG. SMU fell behind early LY vs UCF allowing a 99 yd return on the gm's opening KO.
Oct. 11	Tulsa	A						SMU was 0-4 last yr hosting CUSA opponents with their last win vs Tulsa in '06. The Mustangs are 10-5 vs the Hurricane & the HT has won 6 straight by an avg of 9 ppg.
Oct. 18	Houston	A						LY SMU lost 38-28 to UH in the 1st gm after Bennett was told he wouldn't return as coach. LY QB Willis threw for 3 TD's in the loss giving him a school record 43 TD passes.
Oct. 25	at Navy	A						These teams last met in 2002 & SMU is 7-5 all-time vs the Middies. Since 1993 the visitor is 5-1. SMU allowed 5 opponents to top 5.0 ypc last year (6th was at 5.0).
Nov. 1								
Nov. 8	Memphis (HC)	A						LY SMU lost in 3 OT's to finish with a 1-11 season its worst since 2003 (0-12). Willis threw for a career-high 375 yds in a game that was tied 8 times.
Nov. 15	at UTEP	A						LY SMU blew a 28-7 lead & lost 48-45 in OT. UTEP scored a TD with :07 left to force OT. SMU has lost 4 of its last 5 trips to El Paso since 1999.
Nov. 22								
Nov. 29	S Mississippi	A						Last year SM led 28-0 before allowing a 4Q TD & had 3 scoring drives of 2:09 or less due to 4 SMU TO's. SMU is just 2-7 in season finales since 1999.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chuck Hixson 7,179 '68-'70	1. Eric Dickerson 4,450 '79-'82	1. Emanuel Tolbert 2,784 '76-'79
2. Mike Ford 6,239 '77-'80	2. Reggie Dupard 3,772 '82-'85	2. Ron Morris 2,410 '83-'86
3. Mike Romo 6,041 '89-'92	3. Craig James 3,743 '79-'82	3. Jerry LeVias 2,275 '66-'68

JUNE JONES (Career 76–41)
1st Year at SMU
Jones' Bowl Record: 4-2

Jones' records AT SMU

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

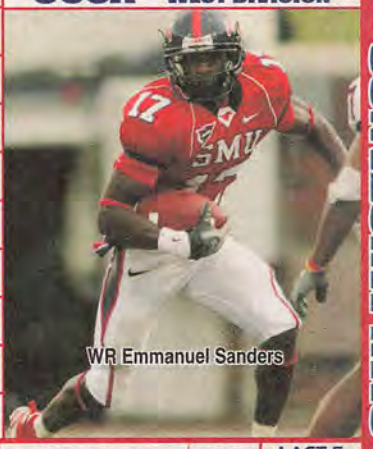
2007 RECORD: (1–11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (15,22,4)
Lost: 17 (8,8,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,171 (#99)

CUSA – WEST DIVISION


WR Emmanuel Sanders

STADIUM: GERALD J. FORD STADIUM (32,000) (#92)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (A-Turf Premier)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	4-7	3-9	0-12	3-8	5-6	6-6	1-11	25-68
Home	3-3	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-2	3-3	5-1	1-5	19-28
Away	0-6	2-3	1-5	0-6	0-6	2-3	1-5	0-6	6-40
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	4-4	3-5	0-8	3-5	4-4	4-4	0-8	20-44
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-3	0-4	0-4	0-3	1-2	2-2	1-3	5-24
ATS	5-7	6-5	5-7	3-9	5-6	7-4	6-5	4-8	41-51
Home Fav (Mike Conley)	2-1	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	1-1	3-0	0-4	8-10
Home Dog (Phil Steele)	1-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	0-2	13-15
Away Fav	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	3-4
Away Dog	2-3	2-1	2-3	1-5	1-5	4-1	1-2	4-2	17-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	6-2	5-3	3-5	30-34
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	1-3	11-17
Off SU Win	1-2	3-1	0-2	0-0	2-1	2-2	3-3	0-1	11-12
Off SU Loss	3-5	3-3	5-4	3-8	2-5	5-1	3-1	4-6	28-33

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
68	Bluebonnet - #20	NL	Oklahoma - #10	28-27
80	Holiday - #19	-1	BYU - #14	45-46
82	Cotton - #4	E	Pittsburgh - #6	7-3
83	Sun - #6	-4	Alabama	7-28
84	Aloha - #10	+1'	Notre Dame - #17	27-20

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SMU'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	28.3	23	170	4.3	252	57.9	14.9	-9	2007	5	39.8	27	197	5.0	301	62.4	12.5
8	27.1	17	125	3.7	194	64.2	11.8	+1	2006	6	24.5	20	108	3.2	246	64.1	14.4
9*	20.8	16	131	3.5	177	52.5	14.8	+5	2005	7	25.5	22	143	3.7	250	58.0	15.4
4*	18.4	18	125	3.4	209	54.4	18.2	-19	2004	7	38.2	23	209	4.9	258	61.2	12.2
6*	11.2	16	129	3.1	131	46.6	23.3	-13	2003	7	32.2	19	164	4.2	225	56.4	12.1
6	17.3	19	182	4.0	159	52.1	19.8	-12	2002	6	31.5	18	159	4.5	244	54.1	12.8

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justin Willis	180	951	252	699	3	3.9
James Mapps	108	550	24	526	4	4.9
DeMyron Martin	106	491	33	458	4	4.3
Cedrick Dorsey	33	202	18	184	1	5.6
Chris Butler	22	116	0	116	3	5.3
Zach Rhodes	10	43	11	32	0	3.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Justin Willis	414	242	58.5	2944	25	18
Zach Rhodes	15	8	53.3	81	1	1
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Emmanuel Sanders		74	889	12.0	9	54
Zack Sledge		49	729	14.9	10	51
Columbus Givens		42	386	9.2	4	26
Devin Lowery		17	288	16.9	1	55
Aldrick Robinson		10	166	16.6	0	48
James Mapps		13	144	11.1	0	27
Zach Zimmerman		8	130	16.2	0	31
Vincent Chase		11	106	9.6	1	27
Patrick Fleming		8	67	8.4	0	21
DeMyron Martin		9	64	7.1	1	16
Cedrick Dorsey		9	56	6.2	0	15
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Thomas Morstead	57	2545	44.6	7	39.3	1	21
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Thomas Morstead	43-43	3-5	7-8	0-3	3-4	13-20	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Bonilla	82	1	4	0	2
Bryce Hudman	82	0.5	2	2	1
Wilton McCray	72	2	6	3	1
Bryan McCann	59	0	2	8	4
David Haynes	53	0	0	2	0
Brandon Jones	53	0	0.5	8	1
Damon Hurst	53	2.5	7.5	4	1
Tyler Jones	51	0	4.5	2	0
Devin Lowery	43	0	0	6	0
Jonathan Lindley	40	0	0	8	2
Charlie Berry	32	1.5	2.5	1	0
Justin Smart	29	1.5	1	1	0
Tony Hawkins	29	0	0	2	0
Youri Yenga	27	2.5	3.5	1	0
Ryan Leonard	25	3	2	1	0
Serge Elizee	22	0	1	2	0
Chris Parham	20	0	3.5	0	0
Cory Muse	19	5	1.5	1	0
Chase Kennemer	14	0	0	0	0
Patrick Handy	11	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Emmanuel Sanders	20	183	9.2	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Jessie Henderson	40	857	21.4	0
James Mapps	9	180	20.0	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

SMU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
26,969	Texas Tech	15	31-115	3.7	16-34	155	3	30	18-80	4.4	50-66	473	0	-3
20,517	North Texas	28	32-181	5.7	30-42	353	1	31	21-12	0.6	46-64	601	3	+2
17,465	at Arkansas St	19	24-82	3.4	21-40	251	2	29	50-250	5.0	22-34	266	4	-2
31,511	at TCU	23	47-149	3.2	19-34	203	4	13	34-142	4.2	11-26	108	1	0
16,464	UTEP	29	45-257	5.7	15-29	259	0	32	52-308	5.9	18-36	250	2	0
31,253	at S Mississippi	26	38-170	4.5	19-31	191	3	25	40-209	5.2	18-27	206	0	-3
14,901	Tulane	23	32-84	2.6	28-37	354	4	21	50-361	7.2	13-24	160	3	-1
18,853	at Tulsa	20	47-158	3.4	17-35	192	2	28	33-102	3.1	27-45	336	3	+4
22,774	at Houston	20	29-109	3.8	19-33	351	3	32	60-264	4.4	20-30	288	1	-3
13,902	Rice	25	50-320	6.4	13-31	165	1	30	26-181	7.0	35-53	364	1	0
10,271	UCF	25	54-228	4.2	18-38	176	4	19	39-262	6.7	14-24	222	1	-2
20,184	at Memphis	28	41-189	4.6	35-48	375	3	35	47-196	4.2	32-61	343	1	-1
TOTALS		281	470-2042	4.3	250-432	3025	30	325	470-2367	5.0	306-490	3617	20	-9
AVERAGES		23.4	39-170	4.3	21-36	252	2.5	27.1	39-197	5.0	26-41	301	1.7	-0.8

2003 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas Tech	+23'	10-58
–	at Baylor	+1'	7-10
–	Oklahoma St	+24	6-52
–	at Nevada	+19	9-12
–	UTEP	-8'	19-21
–	at San Jose St	+7'	14-31
–	Boise St	+24	3-45
–	at Tulsa	+17	16-35
–	Fresno St	+14'	11-20
–	at Louisiana Tech	+20	6-41
–	Rice	+5'	20-41
–	TCU - #19	+24	13-20

2004 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Texas Tech	+24'	13-27
–	at TCU	+22'	0-44
–	at Oklahoma St	+34'	7-59
–	San Jose St	-1'	36-13
–	at Boise St - #23	+38	20-38
–	at Rice	+13	10-44
–	Louisiana Tech	+10	10-41
–	at Fresno St	+27'	0-42
–	Tulsa	+12	41-35 OT
–	Nevada	+7	38-20
–	at UTEP - #24	+21'	27-57

2005 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Baylor	+1'	23-28
–	TCU - #22	+14'	21-10
–	at Texas A&M	+28	8-66
–	Tulane	+3'	10-31
–	at Marshall	+11'	13-16 OT
–	at UAB	+20	28-27
–	East Carolina	-2	17-24
–	at Tulsa	+15'	13-20
–	Rice	-7'	27-7
–	at Houston	+13	29-24
–	UTEP	+7	40-27

2006 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas Tech - #25	+25	3-35
–	at North Texas	-5	6-24
–	Sam Houston St	NL	45-14
–	Arkansas St	-7	55-9
–	at Tulane	-3	33-28
–	at UTEP	+12'	21-24
–	Marshall	-4'	31-21
–	at East Carolina	+5	21-38
–	UAB	-5	22-9
–	Houston	+3	27-37
–	Tulsa	+6'	34-24
–	at Rice	-1	27-31

2007 RESULTS

SMU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Texas Tech	+8'	9-49
–	North Texas	-17'	45-31
–	at Arkansas St	+3	28-45
–	at TCU	+23	7-21
–	UTEP	-1	45-48 OT
–	at S Mississippi	+9	7-28
–	Tulane	-6'	34-41 OT
–	at Tulsa	+13'	23-29
–	at Houston	+19	28-38
–	Rice	-6'	42-43
–	UCF	+12'	20-49
–	at Memphis	+7	52-55 3OT

UTEP MINERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - When he arrived in El Paso, Jordan Palmer was best known as Carson's little brother but after his junior season he already held every school passing record. In 2006 he threw for 3,595 (65.7%) with a 26-14 ratio. Last year UTEP had 5 candidates to replace him. Trevor Vittatoe (PS#164) is the top pocket passer and has a monster of an arm. He was on a HS team that ran the ball or he would have been a higher recruit. Kyle Wright was a distant #3 (behind Brandis Dew who moved to DE). FSU transfer Lorne Sam (PS#47WR) was in the same mobile run QB mold as James Thomas (5'11" 185 So, PS#209). Thomas had foot surgery and missed the season. The QB's had 10 career att's heading into 2007. Vittatoe actually broke John Rayborn's school frosh passing record (1995) by throwing for 3,101 (55%) with a 25-7 ratio. Vittatoe had only 3 int after the first 9 and was on pace to set a CUSA record but had 4 int in the final 3. Sam, who saw most of his action at WR, had 19 att while Wright attempted 13. This year they only lose Sam and add in Jeremy Springer (6'2" 215 rFr, PS#366) and true frosh Tim Curry (PS#61). I look for James Thomas to continue the "hybrid" role tradition and Vittatoe to be one of CUSA's best QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Price has had good success with BCS school transfers. Marcus Thomas (PS#23 at Ariz) rushed for 791 (5.3) in 2005. With a young O-line in 2006, Thomas saw his numbers drop to 513 (3.3) but he did contribute 39 rec (6.2). **Last year I called for UTEP to have the most improved rush attack in the NCAA and that they did going from 58 ypg rushing to 148.** Thomas had UTEP's first 100 yard game by a RB in 16 games vs Texas Southern in what was his first of a school record 5 consecutive games and he topped that total in 5 others. Terrell Jackson (PS#17 at Oreg) led with 70 in the opener but was injured and finished with just 202 (5.2). Jason Williams (PS#162) added 69 (3.6) and Donald Buckram (5'10" 190 So) had 64 (4.6). Vernon Frazier, who Price said will be a future star at RB, managed to RS. This year they lose Thomas (#5DC SD) and Jason Williams (5'11" 200 Jr) PS#162 fractured his ankle in the spring and is likely out for 2008. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Michael Farrar (5'7" 195 Fr) and Sean Clark (5'6" 180 So). If Jackson stays healthy he could top Thomas' totals but at this point I'll call the unit down a few notches.

RECEIVERS - UTEP had a large veteran receiving corps from 2004-'06 but last year 3 of the top 4 receivers departed including their star, Johnnie Lee Higgins (4.29 spd) who had 1,319 (16.1) in 2006. The unit got two significant additions in Florida St transfers Fred Rouse (PS#2) and Lorne Sam (PS#47). Unfortunately Rouse was injured and started just 7 (379, 15.2). Sam spent some time at QB but finished with 589 (14.0). The leading returning WR, Joe West (496 in '06) had 734 (17.9). Jeff Moturi (1 rec true) emerged and the former walk-on set a school record with a TD in 10 straight games and led with 891 (13.7). This year they lose Sam (10 st), Rouse, TE Jake Sears (5 st, 13 rec) and Joe West (11 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below is TE Michael Harre (6'3" 255 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Despite the losses (3 of top 4), this unit has a little more experience.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they had to replace a pair of 2nd Tm CUSA players. Injuries hurt and 9 different players earned starts. With the constantly reshuffled line, UTEP avg just 58 ypg and their 2.4 ypc was the lowest since 1968. Three frosh OL started vs Rice. Last year 8 players with starting experience returned. I called them one of the most improved O-lines in the NCAA. RB Coach Banks said, "Regardless of who it is from 3rd tackle to backup guard to center, this is the best O-line we've had." As I expected, the numbers improved dramatically to 148 ypg rush and their 4.3 ypc was actually their best since 1988! Those numbers were not attributed to a mobile QB (Vittatoe 104 rush) but the RB's avg 5.1 ypc and the OL allowed 24 sacks (5.5%). Tyler Ribitzki (11 st '06) did suffer a knee injury in Aug and did not start so the 5 starters had 39 starts in '06. This year they lose RG James Riley (12 st, 3Y st'r) and 1st Tm CUSA RT Oniel Cousins (12 st, 2Y st'r, #3DC BAL) but have 8 of the top 10 back. Their 72 career starters returning are 44th best in the NCAA. The 5 starters had 36 combined starts in '07 and this group could match last year's production.

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DEFENSIVE LINE - The lowest ypc allowed by UTEP from 1998-2003 was 4.7. Price's first two D's allowed 3.7 and 3.9 ypc. In 2006 they had the most veteran D-line in the NCAA with 8 seniors in the 3 deep but surprisingly UTEP stumbled allowing 4.2 ypc rush and the sacks dropped to 22. Naturally last year the losses were heavy with 8 seniors gone and zero returning starters. Brandis Dew lost out in the QB battle and moved to DE. The unit avg just 272 lbs and as you would expect, struggled allowing 203 ypg rush, (worst since 2001) and 4.8 ypc (16 sk). This year the only loss is DE Jason Boyce (7 st, 20 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Seven players return with starting experience plus they move to a 3-3-5 so there is one less spot to fill. Not listed in the PSL are Matt Camilli (6'4" 220 rFr) and George Randle (6'6" 270 So). This group is the polar opposite of 2007 in terms of experience (and that's a good thing).

LINEBACKERS - Not only was the UTEP D-line inexperienced in 2007 but they also had to replace 4 players who combined for 29 LB starts in '07. While they had zero returning starters, they did get Ariz St transfer Adam Vincent and Jeremy Jones, who was 2nd Tm CUSA in 2005 but missed most of 2006. Those two did not disappoint finishing #3 and #4 on the team in tackles. Braxton Amy (6'0" 210 Jr) started 3 at SLB and 6 at FS and finished #1 tackler but was lost for 2008 (ACL) in spring. Anthony Morrow moves in from FS to fill the void. They also lose WLB Jones (12 st, 92 tkl, 11 tfl, 2nd Tm CUSA), SLB TJ Monroe (9 tkl), WLB Torrey Huckaby (2 st, 40 tkl), Steve Douglas (2 tkl) and Josh Fematt (3 tkl). While they list the defense as a 3-3-5 I will list the Miner position at LB and the starter at Miner has played LB the last 2 years. The unit is certainly down a notch losing LY's 2 dominant players.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - With all 4 starters back in 2004, UTEP finished #36 in my pass D rankings but in 2005 they had to replace 3 starters and fell to #90. In 2006 they only had to replace 1 starter and moved up to #58. Last year they had 2 starters back but returning starting CB Josh Ferguson was lost in Wk 3 so the only returnee was star FS Quintin Demps. UTEP finished #83. This year the unit is more experienced. They do lose 1st Tm CUSA FS Demps (70 tkl, 5 int, 9 pbu, #4DC PHI), CB Tim McCullouch (1 st, 13 tkl), Brandon Thigpen (3 tkl) and Morrow who is moving to the new Miner position. Four players return with starting experience including Ferguson who was a two year starter. Despite the loss of their top DB, with the addition of a stronger front 7, I look for a good sized climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Price puts an emphasis on ST's and even has a silent practice on Friday so that players fully concentrate on their duties. He inherited a UTEP unit that was #42 in 2003. In his 4 years UTEP has finished #17, #48, #25 and #34 in '07. Last year Price took over coaching the ST unit himself and they had to replace their outstanding returnman Johnnie Lee Higgins as well as their top P and K. JUCO Jose Martinez set the school record with the longest made FG overall (51) on his first att. Later he reset that record vs Houston (57 yds). Martinez is also excellent on onside kicks (rec 4 of 5). Fred Rouse fumbled a couple of early returns but still led in KR (21.8) while Quintin Demps avg 13.3 on PR. Kyle Petersen was off to a great start at P but by end of the year Greg Hiett was seeing time (35.4 tm net). Martinez had an outstanding 22 TB on 72 KO. This year they must replace Demps but are a more experienced unit.

COACHES - Mike Price enters his 5th year here and his 25 wins from 2003-'07 are the most at UTEP in a 4 year span in 40 years. He previously guided Wash St to a pair of Rose Bowls and three 10-win seasons in his 14 years there. He was the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 1992, 1997 and 2001. The OC the first 4 years was Mike's son, Eric, but he left to become the WR coach of the KC Chiefs. Eric's brother Aaron, who has coached the WR, QB and K during his 4 years here, is the new co-OC along with O-line coach Bob Connelly. Last year they had a school record 5,074 yards offense and 403 points. The new DC is Osia Lewis who was the DC at New Mex from 2003-'07 and while perceived as a lateral move, he is in charge of this defense, unlike NM where Rocky Long was the head chief.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004 Mike Price stepped into a great situation as not only did he take over a team with 17 returning starters, but one that had caught some bad breaks the previous year including -15 in turnovers. I called for them to be the WAC's surprise team and my 3rd most improved team in the country. While they opened 1-2, they finished 7-1 moving as high as #23 (AP poll). They accomplished this vs an easy schedule (#101). Despite having just 11 starters back in '05, they were arguably the most talented team in CUSA. There had been just three winning seasons here at UTEP since 1971 prior to Price's arrival. After opening 8-1 and moving to #24, UTEP needed just one win to advance to the CUSA Title game but ended up dropping their final 2, both vs teams with losing records. They were also embarrassed in the bowl and finished 8-4. It was, however, their first back-to-back winning seasons since 1987-'88 but amazingly they did not have a single 1st Tm CUSA player. UTEP set a school record with 13 straight crowds of 40,000+ under Price. He had 26 seniors on hand but took on a more difficult schedule in '06. Their last win over a Big XII team came in 1957 when Don Maynard led the squad. They had 51,500 on hand for TTech but the Raiders 49 yd FG bounced in off the upright in OT and UTEP lost. At 4-2 they were thinking CUSA Title but they would actually go 1-5 down the stretch. Last year they had to replace 13 of their top 17 tacklers on defense and also QB Jordan Palmer! UTEP was outgained by New Mexico 383-195 but won. For the 2nd straight year they led TTech, this time 28-17 at the half but came up short. They led NMSt 24-23 but gave up a 59 yd TD pass in the 4Q and lost. They trailed SMU by 21 points but rallied for a 48-45 OT win. They knocked off eventual CUSA West Champ Tulsa 48-47 but suffered a tough loss vs EC (see Hardcore). UTEP never recovered. They led Houston 31-27 but came up short and led Rice 48-28 but gave up 3 TD's in a 5:00 span. They lost their final 3 by 15, 26 and 16. Mike Price's UTEP teams are 16-7 prior to Nov 1st, but just 5-12 after. They were outgained in 8 of their 12 games last year and finished 4-8 despite being +9 in TO's. An amazing stat is that UTEP has not won a season finale since 1988 (0-19) and are 0-4 in bowls since 1967. Despite being a fortunate team last year, my power ratings have different takes on UTEP. One actually has them the best team in CUSA while another lists them the weakest. I'll call them for them to be a stronger team than last season and to return to bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 10 TREVOR VITTATOE SO. 6-2 215 PS#164. 12 st rFr, frosh school rec **3101** (55%) 25-7 ratio. Tim Curry is PS#61. **15** Kyle Wright (6'1" 195 Jr) 11-22-135-2-1 2Y 12 gm.

RB 21 Terrell Jackson Sr. 5-9 195 **PS#17**. 1 st Oreg '05. 107 (4.0). 1 st here LY (inj) 202 (5.2). **24** Daniel Palmer PS#169 in spg. GS. **29** Vernon Frazier (5'7" 160 rFr) PS#299.

WR 17 Russell Carr rFr. 6-3 200 PS#117. **2** Kris Adams (6'3" 190 So) PS#306. 1 st rFr, 5 rec. **19** Evan Davis (6'1" 190 So) 1 rec, 10 gm LY. **12** Chris Day (5'9" 180 Sr) 0 rec 3Y.

WR 18 JEFF MOTURI JR. 6-0 180 PS#240. 8 gm, 1 rec true. 12 st LY. #1 w/891 (13.7) **1st Tm CUSA. 83** Jack Freeman (5'8" 155 rFr) PS#129. Darius Austin is PS#173.

WR 88 Tufick Shadrawy Jr. 6-2 190 1 st, 2 rec 2Y. **7** Pierce Hunter (6'5" 220 So) PS#233. 4 rec rFr. **84** Donavon Kemp (6'1" 175 rFr) PS#340. **81** Chris Vassell (5'10" 180 So).

TE 87 Jamar Hunt Sr. 6-7 260 PS#126. 7 st 3Y, 611 (10.2). **86** Jonny Moore (6'5" 235 So) PS#66. **85** Elijah Goldtrap (6'5" 255 So) 11 tkl DE rFr. **89** Geoff Amato (6'3" 250 rFr).

C 62 ROBBY FELIX SR. 6-3 295 12 st C rFr. **All-CUSA Fr Tm.** 12 st '06, **3rd Tm CUSA.** 12 st C LY, HM CUSA. **60** Nathan McCage (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#485. **LS** Jamar Hunt.

RG 74 Rod Huntley So. 6-3 310 PS#282. GS '06. 8 gm true LY. **78** Tanner Cullumber (6'4" 285 So) 1 gm rFr. **97** Charles Ofili (6'3" 300 Jr) PS#372JC LY. Manny Gomez (6'2" 250 rFr).

LG 78 CAMERON RASCHKE JR. 6-4 315 PS#243. First 3 st rFr (inj). 12 st LG LY. **65** Anthony McNac (6'4" 345 So) PS#467. Last 4 st LG true. RS LY. **68** Troy Henckel (6'4" 295 So).

RT 64 Colby Meek Jr. 6-4 305 1 st RT rFr, 11 gm. 12 gm LY. **70** Alex Solot (6'8" 315 So) PS#213. 4 gm rFr. Deryck Beveridge (6'8" 330 Fr). **68** Marcus Jones (6'2" 325 Jr).

LT 71 MIKE AGUAYO JR. 6-4 290 PS#280. 4 st LT rFr, 12 st LT LY, **HM CUSA. 54** Will Osolinsky (6'7" 265 So) PS#320DL. 6 gm rFr. **66** Ty Stout (6'5" 280 Jr) 2 gm LY.

K 10 JOSE MARTINEZ SR. 5-10 200 13-16 FG JC '06. **First Tm CUSA** here LY, 17-20 FG's **schl record 57 yd FG.** 7-7 from 40-49, 2-4 from 50+. **39** Mike Scott (6'1" 145 rFr) PS#63.

DE 91 JAMES OLALEKAN SR. 6-2 270 11 st LY. 46 tkl 3Y, 4 tfl. **90** Brandis Dew (6'5" 290 Jr) **PS#21QB.** 12 gm, 13 tkl, 4 tfl LY. **89** Chris Moore (6'2" 285 Jr) 4 tkl '06. 1 st, 11 gm, 12 tkl LY.

DT 56 JA-BOY LEOMITI SR. 6-3 275 PS#410JC. 6 st LY, 17 tkl, 2 tfl. **95 Steve Riddick** (5'11" 275 Jr) **7 st LY**, 29 tkl, 3 tfl. **94** Craig Wood (6'4" 295 So) 1 st, 9 gm true, 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl.

DT 13 ROBERT SOLEYJACKS SO. 6-2 250 PS#330. 12 st rFr, 16 tkl, 2 tfl. **92** Dane O'Neill (6'4" 235 Jr) PS#383LB. 3 st LY. 10 tkl. **Aaron King PS#97JC. 32** Landon Goodwell (6'2" 260 Jr) PS#189LB.

DE 7 Nuuese Punimata Sr. 6-1 225 PS#445JC. 2 st LY, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. **42** Greg Holleman (6'1" 205 rFr). 4.45 spd. **27** Eric Reynolds (5'11" 225 So) PS#169WR. 2 tkl true. **41** Elijah Davis (6'1" 230 Jr).

WLB 5 ADAM VINCENT SR. 6-3 240 PS#107. 13 tkl Ariz St '05. 10 st LY, 75 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **17** Brian Wilkins (6'2" 235 Jr) PS#321. 2 st, 24 tkl 2Y. **40** Julian Davila (5'10" 240 rFr) PS#409.

MLB 38 Isaiah Carter So. 6-2 210 PS#245. 1 st true, 13 tkl, 4.58 spd. **52** Royzell Smith (6'1" 210 rFr) PS#239. **33** Giovanni Guerra (6'0" 214 So) PS#458JC. Greg Watkins (6'5" 210 Fr) PS#322.

MIN 11 Anthony Morrow So. 6-0 205 4 st, 11 gm LY, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl, **CUSA Fr Tm.** Wiston Jeune PS#337JC. **18** Jo Jo Ortiz (6'1" 190 So) PS#482. Ariz trans. **30** Jamie Jordan (6'1" 200 Jr).

CB 47 CORNELIUS BROWN JR. 5-11 200 10 tkl true. 11 st LY, 46 tkl, 4 int, 9 pbu, **HM CUSA. 4** Melvin Stephenson (5'10" 180 Jr) 3 st, 26 tkl LY. **34** Martel Strange (5'11" 185 So) 1 tkl true.

CB 2 JOSH FERGUSON SR. 5-9 185 PS#191JC. 7 st, 31 tkl '05. 11 st '06, 58 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 3 st LY until inj. Clarence Ward PS#163JC. **25** Saul Adame (5'10" 185 So) 2 tkl, 1 gm LY.

SS 23 DA'MON CROMARTIE-SMITH JR. 6-2 205 21 tkl rFr. 12 st SS LY, 93 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu, **HM CUSA. 30** Matt McShane (5'10" 180 So) 11 gm, 5 tkl rFr. **29** George Kelly (5'10" 185 Sr).

FS 26 Roddray Walker Sr. 6-1 210 PS#396JC. 45 tkl, 4 int, 10 pbu at JC '06. 2 tkl, 1 int, 8 gm LY. Corey Trisby (6'2" 190 Fr) PS#153QB. **31** Austin Contreras (5'10" 190 rFr).

P 15 KYLE PETERSEN SO. 6-4 230 **PS#7**. 51 punts as rFr. 40.7 avg & team net of 35.4. 22 TB of 72 KO. **98** Greg Hiett (6'5" 210 Jr). 6 punts in 3 gm LY, 42.8 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Aaron King 6-4 245 PS#97JC
DB	Clarence Ward 6-1 185 PS#163JC
DL	Tory Robinson 6-4 275 PS#241JC
QB	Tim Curry 6-4 205 PS#61
DB	Wiston Jeune 6-4 205 PS#337JC
DB	DeShawn Grayson 6-0 190 PS#175RB
DL	Bernard Obi 6-3 220 PS#219
WR	Darius Austin 5-9 180 PS#173
DB	Nick Sampson 6-0 185 PS#266
DE	LJ Brown 6-4 285 PS#461JC
DB	Corey Trisby 6-2 190 PS#153QB
RB	Daniel Palmer 5-10 205 PS#169 '07
OL	Eloy Atkinson 6-4 275 PS#350
TE	Max Savedra 6-5 255 PS#99
LB	Jamie Irving 6-1 215 PS#313
DB	Antwon Blake 5-10 170 PS#408
TE	Josh LaBum 6-3 245 PS#348RB
LB	Josh Scott 6-4 210 PS#368
LB	Korey Jarka 6-1 205 PS#368
OL	Deryck Beveridge 6-8 330 PS#440
LB	Greg Watkins 6-5 210 PS#322 '07
K	Logan Barrett 6-1 170 PS#74
WR	Darrin Moore 6-4 195 PS#360
DB	Negale Miller 5-11 170 PS#456
DB	Ramonte Harris 5-11 170 PS#456
TE	Vince Misa-Amituanai 6-5 245 PS#154
DL	John Wright 6-3 210 PS#464
DL	Austin Shaffer 6-4 250 PS#464
DL	Corey Wright 6-4 260 PS#505

UTEP MINERS

El Paso, Texas
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MIKE PRICE (Career 108-101) (IAA 46-44)
5th Year at UTEP Price's Bowl Record: 3-4

Price's records AT UTEP

25-23	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
16-8	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
9-13	Away	0-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	4-4	Off A Bye
16-16	Vs Conference	6-13	Off A Loss

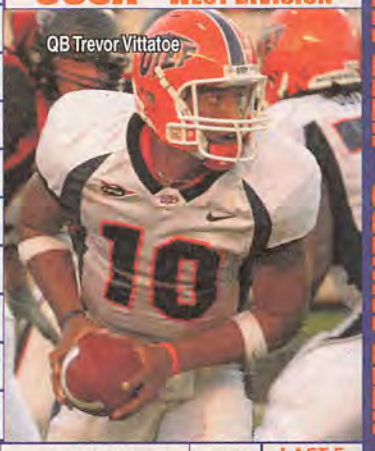
2007 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (22,21,3)
Lost: 20 (11,9,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,569 (#64)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION


QB Trevor Vittatoe

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#97

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UTEP	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 28	at Buffalo (Thur)	A					First ever meeting. UTEP is 1-3 all-time vs current MAC teams. UTEP is 2-16 in their opening road game, winning 2 of the last 3.
Sep. 6	Texas	A					These 2 last met in 1933 & UTEP is 7-27-1 all-time vs teams from the Big XII. UTEP is 12-5 in home openers since 1991 but 0-2 vs BCS teams.
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	New Mexico St	A					Battle of I-10 as these schools are just 44 miles apart & they have avg'd 63 ppg the L/7. LY UTEP was outgained 547-345 & outFD'd 25-13 in the 29-24 loss ending their 3 gm win streak.
Sep. 27	UCF	A					LY UCF scored two 4Q TD's to break open a 22-20 gm & won 36-20 outgaining UTEP 480-320. UTEP is 2-7 vs the CUSA East division teams since joining in 2005.
Oct. 4	at S Mississippi	A					LY UTEP allowed SM a season high 568 yds in a 56-30 loss. The Miners are 2-7 their last 9 games away vs conf opp losing by 15 ppg.
Oct. 11	Tulane	A					LY TU surprised the Miners jumping out to a 17-0 lead & the Miners never really threatened after that. The winner in all 3 games has won by DD every game.
Oct. 18	at Tulsa	A					LY QB Vittatoe set a UTEP frosh record w/319 pass yards throwing a TD pass w/:58 left for the 48-47 win. These 2 have avg'd 76 ppg the L5Y & the visitor has won just 1 of 7 gms.
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	Rice	A					LY UTEP blew a 20 pt, 4Q lead allowing four 4Q Owl TD's in the 56-48 loss. UTEP forced 7 Rice TO's, the most S/'89 & UTEP QB Vittatoe threw 5 TD passes.
Nov. 8	at Louisiana-Lft	A					This is the 1st ever meeting between these two schools. Coming into 2008, UTEP is 2-20 S/'97 away vs non-conf opponents & 5-13-3 vs current SBC teams (all vs NTex).
Nov. 15	SMU	A					LY UTEP overcame a 28-7 deficit & scored a TD w/:07 left to force OT & won it 48-45. UTEP after losing 8 of the first 10 in this series has now won 4 of the last 5.
Nov. 22	at Houston	G					LY UTEP was outgained 520-369 & outFD'd 28-17 in the 34-31 loss when their 4th & 1 pass fell incomplete. After going 4-1 vs the West in 2005 the Miners are just 4-6 the L2Y.
Nov. 28	at East Carolina (Fri)	G					LY in a wild gm there were 6 scoring plays of 31+ yds, including an EC 34 yd TD pass as time expired forcing OT. The 2 tms combined for 1,096 yds & 87 pts in EC's 45-42 win.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jordan Palmer 11,084 '03-'06	1. John Harvey 3,576 '85-'88	1. Johnnie Lee Higgins 3,218 '03-'06
2. Billy Stevens 6,485 '65-'67	2. Howard Jackson 3,466 '01-'04	2. Lee Mays 2,908 '98-'01
3. Sammy Garza 6,130 '83-'86	3. Robert Elliott 2,834 '74-'77	3. Chuck Hughes 2,882 '64-'66

STADIUM: SUN BOWL (51,500) (#56)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	2-9	2-10	2-11	8-4	8-4	5-7	4-8	39-57
Home	5-0	2-3	2-3	1-6	5-1	5-1	3-3	3-3	26-20
Away	3-3	0-6	0-7	1-5	3-2	3-2	2-4	1-5	13-34
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3
vs Conf	7-1	1-7	1-7	1-7	6-2	5-3	3-5	2-6	26-38
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-4	2-2	3-1	2-2	2-2	13-19
ATS	6-6	2-8	3-8	6-5	7-4	4-7	5-7	7-4	40-49
Home Fav (Gary Nord)	3-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-1 (Mike Price)	2-3	1-4	0-1	9-11
Home Dog (Gary Nord)	1-0	1-2	1-3	2-3	1-0 (Mike Price)	0-0	1-0	3-1	10-9
Away Fav	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-3	0-1	0-2	4-8
Away Dog	1-3	1-5	2-5	4-2	2-1	0-0	3-2	4-0	17-18
Neutral	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-3
vs Conf	6-2	2-6	3-5	5-3	6-2	2-6	3-5	4-4	31-33
vs Non-Conf	0-4	0-2	0-3	1-2	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-0	9-16
Off SU Win	4-4	0-2	0-2	2-0	6-2	2-5	2-3	3-1	19-19
Off SU Loss	2-1	2-5	3-6	4-4	1-1	1-2	2-4	3-3	18-26

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
67	Sun		NL	Mississippi	14-7
88	Independence		-1	S Mississippi	18-38
00	Humanitarian		+9	Boise St	23-38
04	Houston		+4	Colorado	28-33
05	GMAC		+3	Toledo	13-45

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
UTEP's All-Time Bowl Record 5-7

UTEP'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	33.6	21	148	4.3	275	55.0	12.6	+9	2007	2	37.1	26	203	4.8	302	61.9	13.6
7*	27.3	18	58	2.4	313	64.9	13.6	0	2006	9	31.3	22	152	4.2	243	64.6	12.6
6*	31.8	23	122	3.7	301	58.5	13.3	-10	2005	5	25.9	20	161	3.9	213	57.0	14.4
8*	35.8	20	142	3.8	251	58.3	11.0	+2	2004	9	25.1	20	154	3.7	207	52.3	14.4
8*	22.2	19	169	4.1	198	50.6	16.6	-15	2003	6	38.3	22	191	4.7	257	56.7	11.7
6	18.3	18	154	3.6	179	45.3	18.2	-19	2002	10	42.6	22	194	4.9	246	56.5	10.3

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Marcus Thomas	227	1210	44	1166	16	5.1
Lorne Sam	60	372	33	339	3	5.7
Terrell Jackson	39	212	10	202	1	5.2
Jason Williams	19	73	4	69	0	3.6
Donald Buckram	14	70	6	64	0	4.6
Johan Givens	9	59	0	59	0	6.6
Trevor Vittatoe	42	104	236	-132	0	-3.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Trevor Vittatoe	407	224	55.0	3101	25	7
Lorne Sam	19	12	63.2	144	2	2
Kyle Wright	13	5	38.5	44	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jeff Moturi	65	891	13.7	13	78	
Joe West	41	734	17.9	6	77	
Lorne Sam	42	589	14.0	1	42	
Fred Rouse	25	379	15.2	2	76	
Marcus Thomas	20	268	13.4	2	42	
Jamar Hunt	12	135	11.2	1	28	
Jake Sears	13	108	8.3	2	15	
Kris Adams	5	49	9.8	0	15	
Josh Fematt	2	32	16.0	0	19	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Kyle Petersen	51	2075	40.7	9	35.4(t)	0	12
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jose Martinez	44-46	4-4	4-5	7-7	2-4	17-20	57

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Braxton Amy	112	2	2.5	5	3
Da'Mon Cromartie-Smith	93	0	3	7	2
Jeremy Jones	92	2	9	1	0
Adam Vincent	75	1	3.5	1	0
Quintin Demps	70	0	4.5	9	5
Cornelius Brown	46	0	3	9	4
Torrey Huckaby	40	0	2.5	1	0
Anthony Morrow	31	2	1.5	0	0
Steve Riddick	29	1.5	1.5	0	0
Mel Stephenson	26	0	1	1	0
James Olalekan	24	0.5	0	0	0
Nuuese Punimata	23	1	1	0	2
Jason Boyce	20	0.5	4	1	1
Ja-Boy Leomiti	17	1	1	1	0
Rob Soleyjacks	16	1	1	1	0
Brandis Dew	13	1	3	0	0
Craig Wood	13	1	1.5	0	0
Isaiah Carter	13	0.5	0	1	0
Tim McCullouch	13	0	0	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Quintin Demps	15	200	13.3	0	
Chris Day	3	74	24.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Fred Rouse	23	502	21.8	0	
Quintin Demps	22	492	22.4	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

UTEP 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
43,326	New Mexico	12	25-114	4.6	8-25	81	2	23	51-193	3.8	25-40	190	0	-1
52,403	at Texas Tech	21	46-215	4.7	14-28	216	1	34	21-77	3.7	48-64	484	1	+2
30,343	at New Mex St	13	29-79	2.7	16-28	266	2	25	32-113	3.5	36-48	434	2	0
35,336	Texas Southern	21	36-206	5.7	15-30	243	1	16	27-95	3.5	21-43	189	1	+4
16,464	at SMU	32	52-308	5.9	18-36	250	2	29	45-257	5.7	15-29	259	0	0
35,676	Tulsa	28	48-219	4.6	23-29	351	1	29	43-239	5.6	27-45	409	0	+2
41,365	East Carolina	31	37-133	3.6	40-57	456	3	24	32-208	6.5	19-34	299	2	+1
35,116	Houston	17	37-193	5.2	11-26	176	0	28	56-306	5.5	23-36	214	4	-1
12,313	at Rice	23	33-49	1.5	30-57	373	3	26	34-163	4.8	32-58	395	3	+4
15,479	at Tulane	20	24-104	4.3	28-45	308	4	19	45-208	4.6	16-23	277	1	-1
28,592	S Mississippi	21	30-124	4.1	19-42	290	3	29	62-363	5.9	10-22	205	0	0
41,967	at UCF	17	19-28	1.5	20-37	292	2	27	55-213	3.9	19-28	267	2	-1
TOTALS		256	416-1772	4.3	242-440	3302	24	309	503-2435	4.8	291-470	3622	16	+9
AVERAGES		21.3	35-148	4.3	20-37	275	2.0	25.8	42-203	4.8	24-39	302	1.3	0.8

2003 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	at Arizona	+21'	7-42	–
–	Cal Poly	NL	13-34	–
–	San Diego St	+19'	0-34	–
–	at Louisville	+37	14-42	–
–	Sam Houston St	NL	59-14	–
–	at SMU	+8'	21-19	–
–	Louisiana Tech	+15'	35-38	–
–	at Hawaii	+27'	15-31	–
–	Tulsa	+8'	28-56	–
–	San Jose St	+3	41-69	–
–	at Boise St - #24	+40'	21-51	–
–	at Rice	+14'	14-45	–
–	Fresno St	+20'	20-23	–

2004 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	at Arizona St	+24'	9-41	–
–	Weber St	NL	32-0	–
–	Boise St - #23	+29'	31-47	–
–	New Mexico St	-7'	45-0	–
–	at Fresno St	+17'	24-21	–
–	Hawaii	-3'	51-20	–
–	at Louisiana Tech	+2	44-27	–
–	at San Jose St	-14'	38-20	–
#23	Rice	-16	35-28 2OT	#24
#24	SMU	-21'	57-27	#23
#24	at Tulsa	-8'	35-37	–

2005 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	at New Mexico St	-9'	34-17	–
–	Houston	-12	44-41 2OT	–
–	New Mexico	-2'	21-13	–
–	at Memphis	-3'	20-27	–
–	at Tulane	-7	45-21	–
–	Marshall	-13'	31-3	–
–	at Rice	-20	38-31	–
–	Tulsa	-8	41-38	–
–	Texas Southern	NL	45-0	–
#24	UAB	-7'	23-35	–
–	at SMU	-7	27-40	–

2006 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	at San Diego St	+2'	34-27	–
–	Texas Tech - #24	+8	35-38 OT	–
–	at New Mexico	-9'	13-26	–
–	New Mexico St	-16'	44-38	–
–	SMU	-12'	24-21	–
–	Tulane	-12'	34-20	–
–	at Houston	+6	17-34	–
–	at Tulsa	+15	20-30	–
–	Rice	-8'	31-37	–
–	at UAB	+2	36-17	–
–	at Marshall	+3	21-49	–
–	Memphis	-13	19-38	–

2007 RESULTS

UTEP Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Post-Rank
–	New Mexico	+3'	10-6	–
–	at Texas Tech	+25	31-45	–
–	at New Mexico St	+5'	24-29	–
–	Texas Southern	NL	52-12	–
–	at SMU	+1	48-45 OT	–
–	Tulsa	+3	48-47	–
–	East Carolina	-3	42-45 OT	–
–	Houston	+6	31-34	–
–	at Rice	-7'	48-56	–
–	at Tulane	-4	19-34	–
–	S Mississippi	+3	30-56	–
–	at UCF	+21	20-36	–

HOUSTON COUGARS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - QB Kevin Kolb played for HC Briles in HS and in 2003 as a "true" led all frosh in the NCAA in completions, attempts, yards, TD's and wins. He became just the 4th QB in NCAA history to top 400 yards passing and 100 yards rushing in a single game and set a CUSA record for int % (1.67%) while throwing for 3,131 (61.1%). After 4 years Kolb replaced David Klingler as the school's all-time leading passer with 12,964 and in his senior season, completed 68% with an amazing 30-4 ratio. Three of those 4 int bounced off the WR's hands. His backup in 2006 was Blake Joseph (PS#265) who played in 2 (56 yds). Last year Joseph battled Case Keenum (PS#317) for the starting job. The two QB's alternated starts and at times alternated series over the first 8. They have contrasting styles as Joseph has a big arm while Keenum is a mobile, cerebral QB with an average arm. Keenum took the majority of the snaps in games 9, 10 and 11 and split snaps in the reg season finale vs overmatched Texas Southern. For the season Keenum threw for 2,259 (68.5%) with a 14-10 ratio (542 rush) and Joseph threw for 1,324 (64.5%) with a 9-4 ratio (248 rush). This year both QB's return and added to the mix are Bryan Hill (5'11" 190 rFr), Austin Elrod (5'11" 175 rFr) and Andrew Stewart (6'0" 200 So). This unit is a lot more experienced than '07.

RUNNING BACKS - The Cougars have had some top-notch RB's in recent years. In the year prior to Briles' arrival, Joffrey Reynolds set a CUSA record for rushing yards in a single season (1,545). They produced 1,000 yard rushers in '03 and '05. In '06 Anthony "Quick Six" Alridge rushed for 959 with an amazing 10.1 ypc! Alridge had some huge games last year including 205 vs Oregon, 205 vs Rice, 204 vs UTEP, 154 vs SMU and 157 in limited action vs Texas Southern and he finished with 1,597 (6.2) while adding 42 rec (10.2). He was the first player at UH since 1977 (Alois Blackwell) to have 5 straight 100 yard games. His main backup was true frosh Terrance Ganaway who rushed for 550 (5.0) and rFr Andre Kohn added 146 (5.2). Not listed below is Jovan Davis (6'3" 230 rFr). This year they must replace Alridge, Jessie Harrison (0 yds) along with FB's Kenneth Atkins (2 st) and Brandon Richard (1 st). I do not see a back with Alridge's explosiveness on the roster.

RECEIVERS - The Cougars had to replace two of their top 4 receivers last year including their all-time career receiving leader Vincent Marshall who led in '06 with 979 (12.2). Returning was Donnie Avery (4.3 spd), who was #2 in '06 with 852 (14.9) and #3 Jeron Harvey (6'5") had 671 (16.4). Avery had some phenomenal games. He set CUSA and school records with 350 all-purp yards vs EC then had astonishing numbers vs Rice with a CUSA and school record 346 receiving yards (427 all-purp). He finished with 1,456 (16.0) while Harvey added 673 (12.2). TE Mark Hafner started 5 and had 445 (11.1). Last year former-HS QB rFr Teric Williams, who played DB in the spring, moved to WR and had 2 starts and 154 (8.1). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Patrick Edwards (5'9" 165 rFr) and Anthony Reasno (5'11" 185 So) who played in 1 gm on the DL last year. This year they bring in Tim Monroe from the FS spot but lose WR's Avery (12 st, #2DC STL), Harvey (13 st), Perry McDaniel (7 st, 189), Williams, Jordan Brown (1 st, 0 rec) and Jake Ebner (2 st) who moves over to the DL. Their speed and size will be extremely difficult to replace.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004 UH had an inexperienced O-line and had their weakest totals in the Briles era opening holes for 3.3 ypc rush. They were a little more experienced in '05 and improved to 4.2 ypc. They had 3 starters back in 2006 but lost their star OT SirVincent Rogers to injury after 4 games but surprisingly climbed to 4.8 ypc while allowing 33 sacks (7.4%). Last year they had 3 starters back and brought in 2 JUCO's that I projected as starters but both quit the team after spring. In last year's magazine, I called it UH's most talented O-line in years and they opened holes for 224 ypg rushing, their best since joining CUSA (4.9) allowing 34 sacks (7.8%). OT Sebastian Vollmer who is from Germany and light on experience, started 13 at LT (HM CUSA, 18 career gm). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA LT Jeff Akeroyd (13 st, 2Y st'r), HM CUSA LG Dustin Dickinson (13 st, 3Y st'r) but do have 8 of the top 10 back and get a tremendous addition with Rogers who sat out last year. Even with the new offense, this line could be stronger than last year's fine version.

DL Phillip Hunt

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Cougars' rush D improved in each of Briles' 5 years going from allowing 209 ypg (5.1) in 2003 to 140 (3.8) last year (see right hand page). Briles used a 3-4 D and had 2 starters back in '07. This year the unit returns intact with 3 veteran senior starters but do move to a 4-3 and Cody Pree, who had 16 starts in '05-'06, figures to fill the open spot. Despite the coaching change, I look for continued improvement and the star of this group is 1st Tm CUSA DE Phillip Hunt who led the CUSA in sacks (10.5) last year. The only losses are backups Brian West (5 tkl) and Fred Agho (4 tkl, 2 tfl). Not listed in the PSL are Mamood Barbandi (6'2" 240 Jr) and Charles Foster (5'11" 305 rFr).

LINEBACKERS - In the last 7 years, UH has gone from a 4-2-5 to a 3-4 and is now back to a 4-3 D. They had all 4 starters back at LB in '06. Last year UH had seven of the top 8 back but did have to replace a 1st Tm CUSA LB. Okla St trans Stephen James (PS#112DB) was expected to take the open LB spot but suffered a torn ACL. This year they lose OLB Brendan Pahulu (12 st, 43 tkl, 6.5 sk), WLB Trent Allen (13 st, 60 tkl, 5.5 tfl), backups Rodney Rideau (55 tkl, 4.5 tfl '07, 118 tkl '05-'06), JT Rudd (missed '07 with inj, 5 tkl '06) and Baylor transfer James Francis (1 st, 14 tkl). Also Ernest Miller (12 st) and James, who are returning from injury, have moved over to SS. They have one less position to fill and battling for the open spot are Tyrell Graham, who sat out last year after transferring from Arkansas and Britton Maxwell, who sat out after a season ending injury. They also add in some solid signees and not listed in the 3 deep below is Marc Woods (5'10" 185 rFr). Despite the loss of two starting LB's, this is a deep and talented group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UH was #62 in my pass D rankings in 2006 and last year had to replace a 2nd Tm CUSA CB (19 pbu) and 1st Tm CUSA FS (#1 tkl'r). They did get back 2005 starter Rocky Schwartz who was injured in 2006. The Cougars moved up slightly to #55 allowing just 52.1% but with a 28-14 ratio. This year they lose FS Schwartz (12 st, 103 tkl), CB Harry Simon (10 st, 23 tkl), backup Broderic Bean (12 tkl, 2 pbu) and 3rd stringers Kellen Yancy (2 tkl), Joseph Gonzales (6 tkl) and Dazmond Payne (7 tkl). Despite the loss of the team's #1 tackler by far, this unit could improve in my pass D rankings as they bring over Miller (63 tkl, 11 pbu) and James from LB. Not listed in the PSL below is Tim Mercer (5'10" 180 Jr) who also moves over from LB.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Briles' best finish in my ST rankings was his first season at #47. His final 4 years were #115, #106, #92 and #90. Anthony Alridge was the team's top KR in '06 (22.3) but as the feature back only had 9 KR's (25.9) in '07. Speedy Donnie Avery was the top KR with an explosive 28.3 ypc including a 100 yd KR TD vs EC. Teric Williams was the top PR (8.3). UH had a net punting of just 30.0 in '06 and Chase Turner took over and avg'd 42.7 but a net of only 31.2 in '07. Ben Bell was the returning K after hitting 14 of 18 with a long of 42 in '06. Last year he had an illness and redshirted. TJ Lawrence missed 2 FG's in the final 2:00 vs EC which basically cost them the win and the CUSA West Title. Lawrence hit just 13 of 22 with a long of 46 but did have 2 misses from 50+. This year they must replace Lawrence, Avery, Alridge and Williams.

COACHES - Art Briles did a great job here in his five years guiding the team to four bowl games and left for Baylor. They had a tough situation in the bowl with an interim HC, OC and DC. Keep in mind, Briles kept the playbook in his head. This year the new HC is Kevin Sumlin, who was Oklahoma's special teams coach in '03-'04 before being elevated to co-OC in 2006 and 2007. His OC is Dana Holgorsen, who was the OC at Texas Tech the last 3 years. The co-OC is Jason Phillips who was the WR coach here in '07. The DC is John Skladany who was at Iowa St for 10 years and the DC at UCF last season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Art Briles took over a team that won 3, 0 and 5 games the previous 3 seasons and had just 7 returning starters. His brand-new multiple offense dumbfounded opponents and they averaged 34.5 ppg and 459 ypg despite using a true frosh at QB. Only six IA schools had gone from zero wins to a bowl the next season and UH accomplished that by playing in the '03 Hawaii Bowl. It was a magical season in 2003 as UH achieved their record despite the fact that only four CUSA foes they faced had winning records and they lost all 4 by an average of 20 ppg. With a tougher schedule including Oklahoma (#2), Miami (#4) and Louisville (#8) they dropped to 3-8 in 2004. In 2005 I called for UH to return to a bowl and while they had 3 net close losses, they did just that going 6-5 before losing to Kansas in the Fort Worth Bowl. They were my pick to win the CUSA West in 2006 (media picked them #3) and they delivered, not only winning the West, but the CUSA Title going 10-3 in the regular season with one of their losses being to ULL (Hail Mary TD on the final play). Last year was Briles' first year without Kevin Kolb as starting QB but surprisingly they avg 34.5 ppg tying 2003 for his most productive offense. The Cougars piled up 545 yards offense in Autzen Stadium vs a team that might have won the National Title had QB Dennis Dixon not gotten injured. They suffered a tough loss to EC where they missed 2 FG's in the last 2:00 and had either gone through, they would have won the CUSA West Title. They did trail Alabama 23-0 in the 1Q but rallied and Bama needed an int in the EZ with :05 left to avoid the upset. After winning their next 4 CUSA games, they could have clinched the CUSA West Title with a win at Tulsa but shockingly were dominated 56-7. They beat Marshall and then a winless IAA team to finish 8-4. As mentioned in the coaches paragraph, they had a very tough situation in the bowl but actually played well. UH achieved their 8-5 record despite being -7 in TO's, although they did have just 2 starts lost due to injury. UH has just 12 returning starters (2nd fewest in CUSA) but has my #3 rated D in the conf and 2 veteran QB's so the offense will be explosive. How quickly they adapt to the coaching change will be the key to their season. Keep in mind UH outgained CUSA foes by 137.3 ypg (2nd best) and 6 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to achieve bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB **7 CASE KEENUM SO.** 6-1 210 PS#317. 7 st as rFr, 2259 (69%) 14-10, 542 rush. **15 Blake Joseph** (6'2" 215 Jr) 5 st LY, 1324 (65%) 9-4, 248 rush. Tramaine Dorsey (6'3" 200 Sr).
RB **20 Terrance Ganaway So.** 6-0 220 PS#236.1 st true, 550 (5.0). **6** Andre Kohn (5'10" 195 So) 146 (5.2) rFr. **3** Justin Johnson (6'1" 233 rFr) PS#96QB. Chris Wilson PS#184.
WR **8 Chris Gilbert Jr.** 5-8 170 PS#364. 3 st, 7 rec LY. **9** Demetrius Woods (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#101QB. **FB** **44** Jordan Shoemaker (6'3" 270 So). 1 st FB '07. Playing C & FB spg '08.
WR **88 EJ Smith rFr.** 6-1 185 PS#95. **84** Joseph Florence (6'4" 190 rFr) PS#294. Isaiah Sweeney PS#214. **34** Blake Patton (6'0" 190 rFr). Thomas Orr (6'2" 180 Sr).
WR **10 LJ Castile So.** 6-3 210 PS#77QB. 1 st rFr, 178 ttl yds. **24** Tim Monroe (6'2" 185 Jr) PS#284. FS LY, 14 tkl. Chaz Rodriguez (6'2" 185 So) 1 st rFr, 2 rec. Tyron Carrier (5'7" 150 rFr).
TE **87 MARK HAFNER SR.** 6-3 230 PS#125. 2 st, 214 (11.3) '06. 5 st, 445 (11.1) LY. **18** Wesley Scourten (6'6" 225 So) 1 st, 3 rec LY. **43** Brian Smelek (6'4" 210 Jr). 1 tkl, 1 gm LY.
C **57 CARL BARNETT JR.** 6-2 285 13 gm rFr **CUSA Fr Tm.** 13 st C LY, **HM CUSA. 68** Michael Sanchez (6'2" 248 rFr). **LS** **81** Norbie Juist (6'5" 265 Sr) 3Y LS. **2nd Tm CUSA '07.**
RG **64 MICHAEL BLOESCH SR.** 6-2 295 10 gm rFr. L/10 st '06. 13 st RG in '07, **HM CUSA. 65** Justin Freeman (6'3" 295 rFr). **76** Chad Mullen (6'5" 295 rFr) PS#443. Robert Buycks (6'3" 291 Jr).
LG **75 Isaiah Agson Sr.** 6-3 335 11 gm LY. **70** Chris Thompson (6'2" 295 rFr) PS#319. **60** Jaryd Anderson (6'4" 280 So) 4 gm Fr. Ken Van Heule (6'4" 265 Fr) PS#344.
RT **59 SEBASTIAN VOLLMER SR.** 6-8 290 8 gm rFr. Inj'd '06. 13 st LT '07, **HM CUSA. 79** Matt Hart (6'6" 310 Jr) PS#268. 7 gm rFr. 13 gm LY. Ari Tatum (6'5" 240 Fr). Jacolby Ashworth PS#434.
LT **74 SirVincent Rogers Sr.** 6-4 315 PS#160. 8 st true. 12 st LT '05, **3rd Tm CUSA.** 1st 4 st '06 until inj. RS LY. **71** Josh Bell (6'5" 315 Jr) **PS#27TE. Kansas trans.** 8 gm here LY.
K **14 Ben Bell Jr.** 6-0 175 8 of 12 FG true, long 36. Hit 14 of 18 FG '06, long 42, **2nd Tm CUSA.** RS LY. Jordan Mannisto PS#55. Jonathan Gibson (5'8" 175 Jr).

DE **53 PHILLIP HUNT SR.** 6-2 260 23 tkl, 5 tfl rFr. 14 st '06, 58 tkl, 8 sk. 13 st LY, **1st Tm CUSA,** 55 tkl, **10.5 sk.** Chris Pilot (6'0" 230 Sr) PS#286. 2 st, 56 tkl 3Y. Michael Ray (6'3" 250 rFr).
DT **91 TATE STEWART SR.** 6-3 250 8 st '05-'06, 46 tkl, 5 tfl. 13 st '07, 39 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **97** Isaiah Thompson (6'4" 295 So) 6 tkl rFr. **48** Raymond Alake (6'3" 260 So) 8 gm, 4 tkl rFr.
DE **90 ELL ASH SR.** 6-5 275 **PS#83OL Tennessee.** 21 tkl, 3 sk here '06. 10 st LY, 42 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **72** Demarcus Lattier (6'2" 285 rFr) PS#264. 560 squat. Jake Ebner (6'2" 270 Sr) TE/FB LY.
SLB **56 Cody Pree Sr.** 6-2 310 8 st rFr, 42 tkl, 4 sk, **CUSA Fr Tm.** 8 st '06, 35 tkl. 1 st LY, 32 tkl. **92** Billy Hartford (6'2" 260 Sr) 2 st, 27 tkl 2Y. Jasmine Martel (6'2" 250 Jr) PS#428JC. PS#103. Anthony Lewis (6'1" 200 Fr) PS#89. 4.5 speed. **47** John McIntyre (6'0" 230 rFr).
MLB **43 Tyrell Graham Jr.** 6-3 225 PS#154. **Ark. 45** Britton Maxwell (6'0" 225 So) Cavness (6'1" 210 Jr) 13 gm, 28 tkl LY. **42** Chris Mitchell (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#324. 19 tkl, 11 gm 2Y.
WLB **34 CODY LUBOJASKY SR.** 6-3 230 PS#153. 12 st rFr, 74 tkl. 14 st '06, 90 tkl, 7 tfl. 13 st LY, 59 tkl, 2 tfl. **33** Shomari Williams (6'2" 245 Jr) 1 st, 17 tkl LY. Clint Leal. PS#433JC. Late signee.
SLB **30 Matt Nicholson Jr.** 6-3 225 7 tkl, 13 gm, ST POY true. 36 tkl, 4 tfl '07. **40** CJ
CB **8 Quinte Williams Sr.** 5-11 165 PS#298. 7 st 3Y, 51 tkl, 9 pbu. **35** Loyce Means (5'10" 170 So) 3 st true. 13 tkl, 1 int, **CUSA Fr Tm. 17** Ryan Tennison (5'11" 205 rFr) PS#372.
CB **21 BRANDON BRINKLEY JR.** 5-11 175 19 tkl rFr. 9 st LY, 29 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu. **13** AJ Edwards (6'1" 178 rFr). **32** Jamal Robinson (5'10" 180 So) 1 tkl, 3 gm LY. Jackie Hinton PS#108RB.
SS **5 ERNEST MILLER SR.** 6-0 195 9 st '06, 83 tkl, 7 tfl. 13 st in '07, 63 tkl, 6 tfl. **11 pbu. 27 Stephen James** (5'9" 215 Sr) PS#112. **Okla St.** Carson Blackmon (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#242, 34 tkl 2Y.
FS **28 KENNETH FONTENETTE SR.** 6-0 185 PS#231. 10 st, 76 tkl, 4 int. 14 st '06, 72 tkl, 13 pbu. 13 st, 69 tkl, 4 int, **2nd Tm CUSA.** Ricardo Bates (5'11" 165 rFr) PS#138. BK Johnson (5'10" 170 rFr) PS#397.
P **80 CHASE TURNER JR.** 6-4 250 JUCO. 45 punts here in '07, 42.7 avg. **HM CUSA,** 31.2 net. **45** Tommy Skinner (6'4" 215 So) 6 punts 29.2 LY. **83** Jonathan Gibson (5'8" 175 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Anthony Lewis 6-1 200 PS#89
DB	Jackie Hinton Jr. 5-11 187 PS#108RB
WR	Michael Benson 5-8 160 PS#217JC '07
LB	Jarvis Smith 6-2 215 PS#151DL
DL	Kyle Thomas 6-4 275 PS#347JC
DB	Kris Johnston 6-0 190 PS#212
RB	Chris Wilson 5-11 208 PS#184
DB	Nick Saenz 5-11 185 PS#230
LB	Clint Leal 6-5 225 PS#433JC
OL	Ari Tatum 6-5 240 PS#74TE
WR	Ronnie Williams 5-11 180 PS#204
WR	Isaiah Sweeney 5-9 160 PS#214
WR	Demetrius Woods 6-0 195 PS#101QB '07
RB	Bryce Beall 5-11 195 PS#301DB
OL	Blake Sargent 6-3 275 PS#292DL
DL	David Hunter 6-2 270 PS#322OL
LB	Nick Thurston 6-0 245 PS#478JC
OL	Ken Van Heule 6-4 265 PS#344
K	Jordan Mannisto 6-0 175 PS#55
DB	Gino Collins 5-11 185 PS#408
OL	Jacolby Ashworth 6-3 275 PS#434
LB	Marcus McGraw 5-10 210 PS#368
DL	Doran Guillory 6-3 245 PS#421
DL	Mohammed Usman 6-1 235 PS#421
DL	Doug Winfield 6-1 285 PS#433 '06

HOUSTON COUGARS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#110

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30	Southern	G					The Jaguars finished 8-3 LY in the SWAC. Southern QB Bryant Lee had a 23-4 ratio LY. Houston is 4-1 in home openers winning by an average of 24 ppg.
Sep. 6	at Oklahoma St	A					The Cougars hold the all-time lead 9-8-1 as they won the last meeting 34-25 in '06. Houston is 1-14 when visiting a current BCS school S/'00. They did beat Miss St in '05.
Sep. 13	Air Force	G					This is the first ever meeting between these two schools. The Cougars are 6-2 vs Service Academies. Houston has won 5 of 6 at home vs non-conf opponents.
Sep. 20	at Colorado St	A					Last year Houston overcame a 17-3 HT deficit outscoring CSU 35-10 in the 2H. The Cougars are 32-13 all-time vs current MWC foes & 3-0 vs the Rams.
Sep. 27	at East Carolina	G					The visitor is 6-2 in this series. LY the Cougars lost 37-35 as they missed two FG's in the final 2:00. WR Donnie Avery had 350 all-purpose yds.
Oct. 4							
Oct. 9	UAB (Thur)	G					Last year Houston won 49-10 marking the largest road margin of victory since a 64-0 win in 1989 (Rice). Houston is just 2-4 vs the Blazers all-time.
Oct. 18	at SMU	A					Last year the Cougars raced to a 31-14 HT lead & held on for the 38-28 win. Houston is 13-9-1 vs SMU but is currently on an 8-2-1 run.
Oct. 28	at Marshall (Tues)	A					Coming into '08, the Cougars are just 16-34 on the road since 2000. Houston is 18-7 in CUSA play since the conference was split into East/West Divisions in 2005.
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	Tulane (HC)	G					UH has won 5 straight vs Tulane & have outgained them 1,126-537 & outscored them 79-17 L/2. Houston is 8-3 in regular season November games the last 3 years.
Nov. 15	Tulsa	G					LY Houston needing a win to wrap up the West but got crushed by Tulsa 56-7. The loss was the worst since the #2 Sooners beat them 63-13 in 2004.
Nov. 22	UTEP	G					LY Houston outgained UTEP 520-369 but needed a TD mid-4Q to seal the win. Houston is 43-17-1 (72%) all-time in home finales including winning 5 of the L/6.
Nov. 29	at Rice	A					Houston holds a 25-9 edge over these old SWC rivals & has won 3 straight. These 2 explosive offenses have avg'd 73 ppg the last 3. LY UH gained 748 yds & the 2 totaled 1,189.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kevin Kolb 12,964 '03-'06	1. Ketric Sanford 3,636 '96-'99	1. Vincent Marshall 3,770 '03-'06
2. David Klingler 9,430 '88-'91	2. Chuck Weatherspoon 3,247 '87-'90	2. Elmo Wright 3,347 '68-'70
3. Jason McKinley 8,694 '97-'00	3. Robert Newhouse 2,961 '69-'71	3. Donne Avery 3,286 '04-'07

KEVIN SUMLIN (Career 0-0)
1st Year at Houston — Sumlin's Bowl Record: 0-0

Sumlin's records AT HOUSTON

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 49 (19,26,4)
Lost: 26 (12,13,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,955 (#90)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION

TE Mark Hafner

STADIUM: ROBERTSON STADIUM (32,000) (#91)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	0-11	5-7	7-6	3-8	6-6	10-4	8-5	42-55
Home	2-2	0-6	3-3	3-3	3-2	3-3	7-1	5-1	26-21
Away	1-6	0-5	2-4	3-2	0-5	3-2	3-2	3-3	15-29
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-5
vs Conf	2-5	0-7	3-5	4-4	3-5	4-4	8-1	6-2	30-33
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-4	2-2	3-2	0-3	2-2	2-3	2-3	12-22
ATS	2-9	4-7	5-7	7-5-1	3-8	6-5	8-5	4-8	39-54-1
Home Fav (Dare Ortrie)	0-2	0-1	1-3	(Al Bristo) 2-1	1-2	2-2	5-1	1-4	12-16
Home Dog	1-1	2-3	1-1	1-2	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	7-9
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	0-0	1-1	1-2	2-1	6-5-1
Away Dog	1-5	2-2	3-3	0-2	1-4	3-0	1-1	1-2	12-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-4
vs Conf	2-5	2-5	2-6	4-4	2-6	5-3	6-3	(Al Bristo/Chris Thomas/Dave Dowl) 2-6	25-38
vs Non-Conf	0-4	2-2	3-1	3-1-1	1-2	1-2	2-2	2-2	14-16-1
Off SU Win	1-2	0-0	2-2	4-3	1-2	2-4	7-2	2-5	19-20
Off SU Loss	1-6	4-6	2-5	2-2-1	2-5	4-0	1-2	2-2	18-28-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Alridge	259	1678	81	1597	14	6.2
Terrance Ganaway	109	562	12	550	6	5.0
Case Keenum	103	542	130	412	9	4.0
Andre Kohn	28	147	1	146	2	5.2
Blake Joseph	61	248	139	109	1	1.8
LJ Castile	9	72	0	72	0	8.0
Teric Williams	3	22	0	22	0	7.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Case Keenum	273	187	68.5	2259	14	10
Blake Joseph	155	100	64.5	1324	9	4
Anthony Alridge	4	2	50.0	28	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Donnie Avery	91	1456	16.0	7	77
Jeron Harvey	55	673	12.2	3	49
Mark Hafner	40	445	11.1	3	62
Anthony Alridge	42	428	10.2	5	86
Perry McDaniel	19	189	9.9	2	30
Teric Williams	19	154	8.1	1	36
LJ Castile	7	106	15.1	1	30
Andre Kohn	4	85	21.3	1	67
Chris Gilbert	7	38	5.4	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chase Turner	45	1921	42.7	3	31.2(t)	0	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
TJ Lawrence	54-55	3-4	8-11	2-5	0-2	13-22	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Rocky Schwartz	103	0	4	8	2
Ken Fontenette	69	0	1	6	4
Ernest Miller	63	2	4	11	0
Trent Allen	60	0	5.5	1	0
Cody Lubojasky	59	0	2	1	1
Rodney Rideau	55	0	4.5	2	0
Phillip Hunt	55	10.5	7.5	10	1
Brendan Pahulu	43	6.5	3.5	2	2
Eli Ash	42	1	3.5	1	0
Tate Stewart	39	1.5	3	2	0
Matt Nicholson	36	0	4	0	0
Cody Pree	32	0	4	2	0
Brandon Brinkley	29	0	0.5	10	2
CJ Cavness	28	0	1.5	0	0
Harry Simon	23	0	0.5	1	0
Quinte Williams	23	0	0	4	0
Carson Blackmon	21	0	0	0	0
Shomari Williams	17	1.5	0.5	0	0
Chris Pilot	16	0	1	2	0
Billy Hartford	15	0.5	0.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Teric Williams	19	157	8.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Donnie Avery	15	424	28.3	1
Teric Williams	13	239	18.4	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
96	Liberty	+17	Syracuse - #23	17-30
03	Hawaii	+10'	Hawaii (3OT)	48-54
05	Fort Worth	+3	Kansas	13-42
06	Liberty	+5	South Carolina	36-44
07	Texas	+6	TCU	13-20

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Houston's All-Time Bowl Record 7-10-1

HOUSTON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	34.5	26	224	4.9	278	66.6	14.5	-7	2007	7	29.2	18	140	3.8	226	52.1	12.5
7*	33.0	22	168	4.8	278	67.4	13.5	+9	2006	9	23.5	18	143	4.2	208	57.4	15.0
8*	28.1	22	166	4.2	272	60.4	15.6	-4	2005	6	27.0	21	177	4.6	220	52.8	14.7
5*	20.9	21	138	3.3	251	55.9	18.6	+6	2004	8	32.2	20	192	4.7	207	60.4	12.4
3	34.5	24	216	4.3	243	60.8	13.3	-6	2003	4	36.0	22	209	5.1	232	54.7	12.2
6	26.7	19	170	3.9	223	51.5	14.7	-16	2002	6	32.8	19	134	3.7	269	55.8	12.3

2007 STATS BY GAME

UH 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS vs	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
57,662	at Oregon	30	49-315	6.4	22-39	230	1	22	49-339	6.9	9-15	134	3	-4
21,311	at Tulane	24	35-201	5.7	24-34	304	1	16	29-85	2.9	18-43	228	0	-1
22,468	Colorado St	22	44-153	3.5	22-31	247	3	13	39-115	2.9	16-26	227	2	0
20,719	East Carolina	23	46-139	3.0	30-41	345	4	14	40-173	4.3	11-26	156	2	-1
92,138	at Alabama	24	38-143	3.8	21-38	261	5	21	46-190	4.1	15-27	157	1	-2
26,514	Rice	28	45-274	6.1	26-36	474	2	23	34-86	2.5	24-44	355	1	-3
11,588	at UAB	33	59-335	5.7	21-34	205	2	12	18-26	1.4	12-34	198	2	+3
35,116	at UTEP	28	56-306	5.5	23-36	214	4	17	37-193	5.2	11-26	176	0	+1
22,774	SMU	32	60-264	4.4	20-30	288	1	20	29-109	3.8	19-33	351	3	+3
25,428	at Tulsa	17	43-198	4.6	15-24	126	4	22	46-202	4.4	15-28	313	2	-4
21,116	Marshall	24	46-174	3.8	24-32	298	0	24	36-136	3.8	20-32	260	3	-2
12,139	Texas Southern	28	48-377	7.9	20-24	287	2	9	32-48	1.5	12-26	131	4	+2
62,097	† TCU	20	30-32	1.1	23-38	335	5	19	39-116	3.0	21-30	249	2	+1
TOTALS		333	599-2911	4.9	291-437	3614	34	232	474-1818	3.8	203-390	2935	25	-7
AVERAGES		25.6	46-224	4.9	22-34	278	2.6	17.8	36-140	3.8	16-30	226	1.9	-0.5

2003 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Rice	-4'	48-14
–	at Michigan - #5	+27'	3-50
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-7	21-14
–	Mississippi St	+4'	42-35
–	at East Carolina	-1'	27-13
–	† Tulane	+1'	45-42
–	Memphis	-5	14-45
–	TCU - #15	+6	55-62
–	S Mississippi	+5'	10-31
–	at Army	-10'	34-14
–	at Louisville	+11'	45-66
–	UAB	-1	56-28

2004 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Rice	-4	7-10
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+37	13-63
–	Army	-15'	35-21
–	Miami, FI - #4	+29'	13-38
–	at Memphis	+13	14-41
–	at S Mississippi	+17	29-35 OT
–	at TCU	+6'	27-34
–	Tulane	-9'	24-3
–	East Carolina	-16'	34-24
–	at UAB	+9'	7-20
–	Louisville - #8	+22	27-65

2005 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Oregon	+7'	24-38
–	Sam Houston St	NL	31-10
–	at UTEP	+12	41-44 2OT
–	at Tulsa	+2'	30-23
–	at Tulane	-1'	35-14
–	Memphis	-10'	20-35
–	at Mississippi St	+2	28-16
–	at UCF	-2	29-31
–	S Mississippi	-2	27-24
–	SMU	-13	24-29
–	Rice	-15'	35-18

2006 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Rice	-14'	31-30
–	Tulane	-14	45-7
–	Grambling St	NL	42-22
–	Oklahoma St	-1	34-25
–	at Miami, FI	+16'	13-14
–	Louisiana-Lft	-17	28-31
–	at S Mississippi	+2	27-31
–	UTEP	-6	34-17
–	UCF	-17	51-31
–	Tulsa	+3'	27-10
–	at SMU	-3	37-27
–	at Memphis	-17	23-20 OT
–	S Mississippi	-5'	34-20

2007 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Oregon	+16	27-48
–	at Tulane	-14'	34-10
–	Colorado St	-7	38-27
–	East Carolina	-13'	35-37
–	at Alabama	+11	24-30
–	Rice	-22'	56-48
–	at UAB	-13'	49-10
–	at UTEP	-6	34-31
–	SMU	-19	38-28
–	at Tulsa	+1	7-56
–	Marshall	-12	35-28
–	Texas Southern	NL	59-6

RICE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QB Chase Clement

QUARTERBACKS - Usually when a team moves from the option to a spread offense, it's a 3 to 4 year process but Rice has gone against the grain. In 2005 in the option offense, Chase Clement had one start throwing for 582 (42.7%). In 2006, their first year of the switch, they had to deal with Clement being injured. Rice was 6-2 with Clement in the lineup and 1-4 without. Clement threw for 1,707 (57.7%) with an outstanding 21-5 ratio. Last year Clement was healthy all year and he practically rewrote the Rice record books topping marks that were established by Randy Hertel (1977-'80) and Tommy Kramer (1973-'76). He already holds the career records for TD passes, all-purp yards and total TD's. Clement did not have a great start to 2007 with a 3-7 ratio after 4 but finished throwing for 3,377 (59.1%) with a 29-16 ratio while also being the leading rusher. If he stays healthy, he should have another record breaking year.

RUNNING BACKS - In the first year of the new spread offense, it was surprising that they produced a 1,000 yard rusher in Quinton Smith (1,096, 5.2). Smith left last year as the team's #2 all-time career leading rusher. The leading returning RB was CJ Ugokwe who had just 16 yards (2.7). True frosh Justin Hill (PS#327) did have 100 vs S Miss but the next best game by a Rice RB in '07 was Ugokwe with 64 vs Nicholls St. On the season Hill led the RB's with 321 (3.6), Ugokwe had 263 (4.1) and TE/FB/QB/DE James Casey added 121 (2.7). This year the only losses are Bio Bilaye-Benibo (11, 2.2) and Bubba Heard (0 yd). Not listed in the PSL are Jeramy Goodson (5'9" 180 Jr), Tyler Smith (5'7" 185 rFr), Taylor Dupree (6'1" 214 So) and FB Casey Marchbanks (6'0" 210 Jr). Rice's RB's combined for just 766 yds last year and can only improve.

RECEIVERS - Jarett Dillard came to Rice despite the fact that they ran the option offense and as a rFr had an outstanding 524 (15.0). I say outstanding because that was the most by a Rice receiver in 12 years. Dillard adapted to the spread offense quickly and was a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award as a soph. He had a streak of 15 straight games with a TD (2nd longest in NCAA history) and set a CUSA single season record for TD's with 21. Last year the top 3 receivers returned but Joel Armstrong missed the first 5 with an injury. Opposing teams made Dillard a big part of their defensive game plan and he avg just 4.2 catches in the first 5 but increased that to 8.3 over the 2H of the year. Part of the reason for the improvement was TE/FB/QB/DE James Casey. Casey, a "true frosh" spent 3 years in the White Sox farm system. He is 6'4" 245 and became the team's #2 receiver with 585 (12.7). Toren Dixon had 448 (9.7). Tommy Henderson, who had 245 in '06, had 348 (9.7). Armstrong's numbers, despite playing just 7 games, rose to 334 (10.8). This year they lose Armstrong (4 st) but have everyone else back. Dillard, who is already the team's career leader in rec and the first Rice AA WR since Buddy Dial (1958), should have his best season yet as a senior.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Rice had to replace 7 players who combined for 41 starts in '04. After leading the NCAA in rushing (307 ypg, 4.9 ypc), the inexperienced line opened holes for only 4.3 ypc rushing (lowest S/'00) allowing 21 (10%) sacks. In 2006 they only lost one starter but had to change blocking schemes from the option to the spread offense. The unit was banged up and had 7 different starting lineups in the first 8 weeks. Even with a more experienced group they dropped to 3.9 ypc rush and allowed 35 sacks (8.0%). Last year they had 9 of the top 10 back and Bailiff brought in 5 true frosh that he wanted to RS. Five players were back with 5 or more starts. C Austin Wilkinson missed the last 5 and while the unit improved its pass protection (5.7%), the rushing totals dropped to 111 ypg and their 3.5 ypc was their lowest since 1989. This year they must replace 2nd Tm CUSA LG Robby Heos (12 st, 3Y st'r), OT Lute Barber (12 st, 2Y st'r) and G David Perkins (5 st in '06). Once again 5 players are back who started 5 or more. While this group is less experienced, their 83 career starts returning are tied for 27th best in the NCAA and they are now in the 3rd year of the new blocking schemes.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Rice had 6 of their top 8 DL back from a unit that allowed just 4.2 ypc in '04. Taking on teams with great rush attacks like Texas and Navy saw them yield a Hatfield era high of 5.4 ypc rushing. In 2006 they had 5 players back with starting experience but only improved to 188 ypg allowed (5.3). The team did however record 33 sacks. Last year they had just one returning starter up front. TE Will Moss moved to DE but was injured after 5 games. Two true frosh started at times. Dietrich Davis started the first 4 at DE but then suffered a career ending concussion. While Rice allowed more yards rushing (198 ypg), they trimmed the ypc to 4.8 but the sack total dropped to 19. This year they lose DT George Chukwu (12 st, 29 tkl, 6 tfl), NG Jonathan Cary (11 st, 18 tkl, 4.5 tfl) and DE Davis (4 st, 12 tkl, 2 tfl). The 5 true frosh that played last year are now soph and despite the loss of two starters, this unit is more experienced and should continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - The four starters at the beginning of 2006 combined for zero career LB starts. Graham wanted speed over size and Brian Raines (4.5 spd) finished #2 in the conference in tackles (118). True frosh Terrance Garmon had 35 tackles and a pair of int in his 3 starts. I list the KAT safety position in the LB's. Last year they went from a 4 to a 3 man LB crew and had to replace one starter but returned 3. Raines was injured in the 2H vs S Miss and was not 100% the rest of the year. Garmon was also injured and played in just 8. Bencil Smith started the opener but was lost for the year with a foot injury. Not listed in the PSL are Brandon Tolbert (5'11" 195 So), Matthew Nordstrom (5'11" 195) and Ryan Craig (5'10" 210 Jr). This year they lose KAT Justin Abt (7 st, 44 tkl, 3 tfl) but return 6 players with starting experience and figure to be stronger.

DEFENSIVEBACKS - In 2006 Rice's secondary returned intact but the CB's were banged up and Rice only finished #96 allowing a 32-11 ratio. Last year they had to replace two starters then surprisingly their shutdown corner, Ja'Corey Shepherd, lost his spot (after 4 st). Rice dropped to #102 allowing 312 ypg passing (58%) with just 12 int. This year they lose CB Gary Anderson (7 st, 35 tkl, 15 pbu), SS Aubrey White (2 st, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and CB Jon Turner (3 tkl). Not only do six players return with starting experience but Shepherd should do fine retaking his job. Not listed in the PSL are Martin Uwah (5'8" 155 rFr), Christopher Douglas (5'9" 175 Jr), Patrick Randolph (5'11" 170 So) and Dustin Hufsey (5'10" 185 Jr). I look for solid improvement in the Owls' pass D.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rice was #86 in my ST rankings in 2006 and had to replace their P and top KR last year. K Clark Fangmeier made the CUSA Frosh Team hitting 8 of 11 FG's as a true in 2006 but hit just 7 of 12 last year although he did have a miss from 50. Luke Juist, who has a strong leg and had hit 4 of 7 FG's in 2006, took over as punter and avg 39.1 (31.7 net). He had 7 TB's on 64 KO's. Rice was below avg on KR and PR and were -2 in the TD/blk category. Add it all up, they finished near the bottom at #116. This year they must find a new punter but can only improve.

COACHES - Rice had been the pillar of stability with Ken Hatfield as the HC for 12 straight years. In 2006 Todd Graham took over as the HC and did a great job taking a 1-10 team to its first bowl in 45 years. Graham left for Tulsa and Rice got its 3rd coach in 3 years. The new HC was David Bailiff who had spent the prior three seasons as the HC at Texas St (21-15). The OC is Tom Herman, who followed Bailiff from Texas St. His co-DC's last year were Chuck Driesbach and Craig Naivar. Driesbach spent the previous two years as the DB coach at Mich St and was DC at Ole Miss (2002-04). Naivar was the DC at Texas St (3 yr) and held the same title for two years at Sam Houston St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

A 45 year drought ended in 2006 as Rice had not been to a bowl since 1961. The Owls had just 6 winning seasons in that time frame with Ken Hatfield being responsible for 3 in his 12 years here. Rice is a small school with just 46,509 alumni and an enrollment of only 5,087. They must try to fill a 70,000 seat home stadium and in 2005 averaged just 10,072. Not much went right for Rice in '05 as they had their worst year since 1988 (0-11) going 1-10. Some things had them poised for a turnaround as they were -17 in turnovers (pg 312) and 29 of their top 44 players were either frosh or soph with just 10 seniors. In 2006 Graham switched the offense from the wishbone to a spread pass attack. With 10 starters back on offense and the emergence of QB Chase Clement, they were able to improve their ppg to 26.9. Those numbers would have been greater if they had not played such a tough non-conf slate (UCLA, Texas, Fla St) and lost Clement for 5 starts. The Owls did refurbish Rice Stadium including a new $1.1 million FieldTurf surface which kept them healthier after playing on rock-hard artificial turf. They did have 5 net close wins in their 7-5 regular season record including 3 wins on the last offensive snap and they were +8 TO's during 2006. Rice was 6-2 in CUSA play but was outgained by 28 ypg and Graham left for Tulsa. Rice was now learning their 3rd system in 3 years. Despite QB Clement and WR Dillard both returning, I called for Rice to drop below .500 last year. Rice's 3-5 CUSA record was tied for 3rd in the CUSA West but they were outgained by 59.2 ypg (conf 3rd worst overall). Rice was outgained by Nicholls St 281-218 in the season opener, -3 in TO's and lost by 2. After an 0-4 start they benefitted from S Miss being banged up at QB and having 5 TO's which equalled 24 pts and won despite being outgained 422-236. Thanks to turnovers again, Rice led UH 34-28 in the 1H and 48-35 before UH scored the game's final 21 points. UH did have a 748-441 yd edge. After a 1-5 start in 2006 they rebounded for a bowl so Rice was optimistic but lost to Memphis and Marshall the next two weeks. Rice trailed by 20 in the 4Q vs UTEP but rallied for a miracle win and got a 31 yd FG on the last play to beat SMU by 1. Taking on former Coach Graham in the finale, they were on an emotional high but despite 700 yards of offense, they came up 5 pts short. It was Rice's 50th Anniversary of their last outright conf title (1957). Of the 43 players on the depth chart, 34 return this year. With 16 returning starters and just 18 lettermen lost, this is Rice's best team since 2001 which means they have a shot at a 2nd bowl in three years.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 16 CHASE CLEMENT SR. 6-1 208 **2nd Tm CUSA**. 8 st '06 (inj). 12 st LY. 5666 career yds (56%) 55-27 ratio, 1048 rush. **17** John Thomas Shepherd (6'1" 192 Jr) 98 ttl yds, 2 gm LY.

TB 28 CJ UGOKWE JR. 5-11 213 PS#203. 6 st LY, 263 (4.1). **5** Justin Hill (5'11" 205 So) PS#327. **6 st true**, 321 (3.6). **27** Marcus Knox (5'10" 202 Jr) 7 gm, 121 all-purp yds.

WR 3 TOREN DIXON JR. 6-2 208 PS#271 DB. 2 st, 5 rec true. 11 st, 448 (9.7) '07. **82** John Welch (6'2" 185 Jr) 2 st, 134 (9.6) 2Y. **83** Michael Fuda (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#143.

WR 7 TOMMY HENDERSON SR. 5-9 183 PS#199 QB. 24 st 3Y, 782 (8.8). **11 Pierre Beasley** (6'3" 217 So) **PS#48QB**. 2 rec rFr. **19** Ahmad Sweeney (5'10" 180 Jr). Jaimin Shah (6'0" 195 rFr).

WR 81 JARETT DILLARD SR. 5-11 185 **2nd Tm AA '06**, 13 st, 1274 (14.0). **1st Tm CUSA** LY. 1057 (13.4). Patrick Randolph (5'11" 170 So) 3 rec rFr. Corbin Smiter (6'2" 210 Jr) 2 st, 13 rec 2Y.

TE 12 JAMES CASEY SO. 6-4 245 PS#257 QB '03. Baseball. 4 st, 12 gm true, 585 (12.7). 121 rush (2.7). **84** Taylor Wardlow (6'6" 230 Jr) PS#126. 9 st 2Y, 298 (12.9).

C 73 AUSTIN WILKINSON SR. 6-2 275 11 st C rFr. 13 st C '06. **HM CUSA**. 1st 7 st C until inj LY. **75** Cameron Vester (6'3" 270 So). **LS 51** Brandon Long (6'0" 230 So) 12 gm rFr.

RG 63 DAVID BERKEN SR. 6-4 295 PS#446. 11 st RG rFr. 12 st '06. 12 st RG LY. Travis Mason (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#389DL. 12 gm, 2 tkl 2Y. Keshawn Carrington (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#186TE.

LG 60 Jimmy Miller Sr. 6-3 305 11 gm true. 2nd string '06, 13 gm. Last 5 st C LY. **79** Charlie Wiebusch (6'2" 310 Jr) 10 gm LY. **66** Jake Hicks (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#520.

RT 67 PRESTON THOMPSON JR. 6-6 290 PS#223. 2nd string rFr. First 7 st RT LY, 9 gm. **64** Tyler Parish (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#329. Bench 225 21x. **72** Stefan Nazar is PS#481.

LT 56 Scott Mitchell So. 6-4 270 L/5 st LT true. **CUSA Fr Tm. 65** Kody Emmert (6'6" 255 rFr) PS#136TE. Bench 225 23x, moved from TE. **54** Scott Nimmons (6'2" 260 Jr).

K 46 CLARK FANGMEIER JR. 5-11 185 PS#103. 8 of 11 FG true, long 43. 7-12 FG LY, long 46. Kyle Martens PS#38. **94** Brandon Yelovich (6'1" 175 rFr) 3 gm winning FG in HS.

DE 13 SCOTT SOLOMON SO. 6-3 250 9 st true, 49 tkl, 4.5 sk, 6.5 tfl, **CUSA Frosh Tm. 92** Kramer Lucio (6'4" 240 So) PS#67TE. 2 gm true. Will Shoppa (6'3" 230 So) PS#390LB. 5 tkl rFr.

DT 89 Chance Talbert Jr. 6-6 250 4 st TE rFr, also RT. 3 st TE, 4 rec LY. **97** Cameron Thompson (6'0" 285 So) PS#313. 10 tkl true. **71** Davon Primus (6'2" 325 rFr). Michael Smith PS#213.

DT 74 Chris Ptaszek Sr. 6-5 302 PS#312 OL. 9 tkl LY. **91** Todd Mohr (6'2" 285 Sr) 1 st, 5 tkl. **88** Will Moss (6'4" 265 Sr) 7 st TE '05. 4 tkl DL 2Y (inj). Brian Stacey (6'1" 270 rFr) PS#306.

DE 55 CHETA OZOUGWU SO. 6-2 240 PS#246 LB. 8 st true, 43 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **90** Victor Brooks (6'5" 260 Jr) PS#227. 2 tkl, 2 sk '06. 3 st, 13 tkl, 2 tfl LY. **47** Aaron Williams (6'3" 218 So) PS#258WR.

SLB 31 BRIAN RAINES SR. 6-1 222 **2nd Tm CUSA '06-'07**. 13 st '06, 118 tkl, 4.5 sk, 8 tfl. 11 st LY, 81 tkl, 10 tfl. Terrance Garmon (6'2" 220 Jr) 5 st 2Y, 61 tkl. Jonathan Arceneaux (6'0" 220 rFr).

MLB 36 VERNON JAMES SR. 6-1 220 4 st '06, 41 tkl, 3 tfl. 7 st LY, 74 tkl, 5 tfl. **42** Robert Calhoun (6'1" 220 Jr) 4 st, 10 gm LY, 31 tkl, 4 tfl. **45** Tanner Shuck (5'11" 215 rFr) PS#209.

KAT 20 Bencil Smith Sr. 5-11 200 4 st, 33 tkl, 1 int '05-'06. 1 st LY but inj. **29** Chris Jones (6'3" 190 So) PS#270. 3 st LY, 38 tkl, 1.5 sk. **53** Travis Bradshaw (6'1" 190 rFr).

CB 15 BRANDON KING SR. 5-9 182 Last 7 st rFr, 24 tkl, 1 int. 10 st '06, 33 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 12 st LY, 46 tkl, 3 int, **16 pbu**. **29** Carl Taylor (6'1" 195 Sr) PS#142. 5 st, 47 tkl, 2 int 3Y.

CB 9 Ja'Corey Shepherd Sr. 5-11 190 Shutdown CB. 7 st rFr, 46 tkl, 2 int. 11 st CB '06. 40 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. 5 st LY, 42 tkl, 3 pbu. **2** Joseph Leary (5'11" 180 So) PS#211. 4 st, 28 tkl LY.

SS 32 WILLIE GARLEY SO. 5-11 195 5 st, 10 gm rFr, 33 tkl, 1 tfl. **25** Joseph Agnew (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#192. 15 tkl, 17 gm 2Y. **33** Max Anyiam (6'2" 210 So) PS#349. 4 tkl rFr.

FS 30 ANDREW SENDEJO JR. 6-1 213 PS#323. 11 st true, 53 tkl, 2 sk, 5 tfl. 12 st LY, 107 tkl, 5 int, 7 pbu. **8** Brent Hotard (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#366QB. Randy Kitchens (6'3" 195 So) PS#181QB. 8 tkl true.

P 96 Mark Brundage rFr. 5-10 170 41.7 avg in HS, also soccer & baseball teams. #1 post spring. Kyle Martens (6'6" 190 Fr) PS#38. 42.6 avg in HS and 82% of KO were TB.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Ryan Lewis 6-3 200 PS#80
OL	Clay Hebert 6-3 290 PS#214
DL	Michael Smith 6-1 270 PS#213
DB	Xavier Webb 5-11 200 PS#213
WR	Roddy Maginot 5-10 170 PS#177
DB	Jarrett Ben 5-10 160 PS#262
OL	Eric Ball 6-3 270 PS#285
RB	Shane Turner 5-9 170 PS#227
TE	Jared Williams 6-3 230 PS#81
K	Kyle Martens 6-6 190 PS#38
WR	Michael Patterson 5-11 170 PS#250
DB	Chris Jammer 6-1 175 PS#408
DL	John Gioffre 6-1 293 PS#421
WR	Denzel Wells 5-11 180 PS#360
WR	Derek Clark 6-2 170 PS#360
OL	Stefan Nazar 6-5 290 PS#481
TE	Luke Willson 6-5 240 PS#154

RICE OWLS

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#113

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score RICE	Final Score Opp	W/L	
Aug. 29	SMU (Fri)	A					Last year Rice overcame a 15 pt 4Q deficit & won on a last second 31 yd FG. Rice is 15-4 vs SMU since 1989 & has won 9 straight at home.
Sep. 6	at Memphis	A					The Owls are 13-37 on the road the last 8 years but 5-3 the L2Y in conf road gms. Rice has dropped their last 6 "true" road openers with the avg score 40-15.
Sep. 13	at Vanderbilt	G					Rice is 0-13 their L/13 gms vs BCS schools losing on avg by 32 ppg. Rice who plays its home games on artificial turf is just 2-14 on grass since 2004.
Sep. 20	at Texas	G					Rice has lost 37 of L/38 to Texas. Rice has been outscored by 39 ppg the last 5. Bailiff after LY's gm "the best, most athletic, biggest, fastest & strongest tm we are going to play all yr."
Sep. 27	North Texas	A					This is the 2nd ever meeting as NT won the '88 game 33-17. Rice is just 2-5 life-time vs current SBC schools. Rice is 2-17 vs non-conf opponents the L5Y coming into '08.
Oct. 4	at Tulsa	A					LY QB Clement set a conf record with 601 total yds of offense including 541 pass yds in a 48-43 loss. LY the 2 QB's combined for 982 pass yds & 1,292 total yds.
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	S Mississippi	A					Rice was outgained 422-236 but were +5 TO's in last year's upset. Coming into '08, the Owls are 5-7 in CUSA home games with 5 losses by a TD or less.
Oct. 25	at Tulane	A					Last year Clement became the single ssn rec holder for total offense although they lost 45-31. Rice has won 3 of the last 4 games in the Superdome.
Nov. 1	at UTEP	A					These tms have avg'd 73 ppg L6Y (73, 59, 63, 69, 68 &104 pt ttl's). LY Rice wiped out a 48-28 4Q deficit scoring four 4Q TD's as QB Clement accounted for 8 TD's (a CUSA rec).
Nov. 8	Army	A					They last played in 2006 only 5 days after DB Dale Lloyd passed away at practice & whipped Army 48-14. Rice is 14-8 since 1996 in November home games.
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Marshall	A					Marshall (MAC) & Rice (WAC) both began play as CUSA members in 2005. LY Rice was down 17-0 at the half but cut the lead to 27-21 before allowing a TD w/1:23 left and lost 34-21.
Nov. 29	Houston	A					Rice is 9-25 vs Houston (1st gm '71) & these schools are just 5 miles apart. The last time Rice lost to Houston in 4 straight yrs was from 1989-1992.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tommy Kramer 6,197 '73-'76
2. Randy Hertel 6,161 '77-'80
3. Chase Clement 5,666 '05-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Trevor Cobb 4,948 '89-'92
2. Quinton Smith 2,505 '03-'06
3. Michael Perry 2,496 '95-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jarett Dillard 2,855 '05-Present
2. David Houser 2,358 '74, '76-'78
3. Eric Henley 2,199 '88-'91

DAVID BAILIFF (Career 3-9) (IAA 21-15)

2nd Year at Rice

Bailiff's Bowl Record: 0-0

Bailiff's records AT RICE

3-9	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
1-5	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
2-4	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-0	Off A Bye
3-5	Vs Conference	2-6	Off A Loss

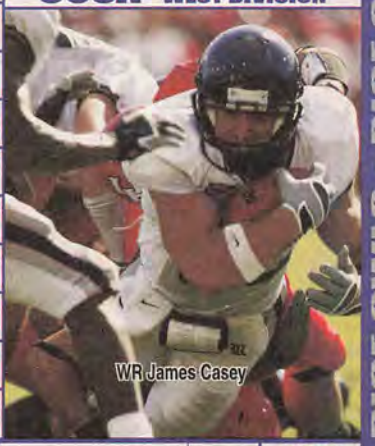
2007 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (24,27,2)
Lost: 18 (10,7,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,353 (#114)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION


WR James Casey

STADIUM: RICE STADIUM (70,000) (#29)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	8-4	4-7	5-7	3-8	1-10	7-6	3-9	34-59
Home	3-2	5-0	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-4	3-1	1-5	19-18
Away	0-6	3-4	2-4	2-4	0-6	0-6	4-3	2-4	13-37
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	3-5	5-3	2-6	1-7	6-2	3-5	27-37
vs Non-Conf	1-2	3-1	1-2	0-4	1-2	0-3	1-4	0-4	7-22
ATS	5-6	6-6	6-5	8-3-1	6-5	3-8	9-4	5-6	48-43-1
Home Fav (Ken Hatfield)	2-1	1-3	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-2	8-7
Home Dog (Todd Graham)	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-1-1	1-1	2-2	4-0	2-1	14-5-1
Away Fav (David Bailiff)	0-1	1-1	1-2	1-0	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-0	3-8
Away Dog	1-4	3-2	1-2	4-1	3-0	0-6	5-1	3-3	20-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	2-4
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	5-3	7-0-1	3-5	3-5	7-1	5-3	37-26-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-2	1-2	1-3	3-0	0-3	2-3	0-3	11-17
Off SU Win	0-3	3-5	1-3	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	5-2	2-1	16-16-1
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-1	5-1	6-1	3-4	2-7	3-2	3-5	28-24

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
53	Cotton	NL	Alabama	28-6
57	Cotton	NL	Navy	7-20
60	Sugar	NL	Mississippi	6-14
61	Bluebonnet	NL	Kansas	7-33
06	New Orleans	-5	Troy	17-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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RICE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
9*	31.4	23	111	3.5	293	59.1	12.9	-2	2007	6	42.9	24	198	4.8	312	58.0	11.9
10*	26.9	20	131	3.9	214	57.0	12.8	+8	2006	7	33.2	20	188	5.3	227	56.4	12.5
5*	21.9	20	234	4.3	103	42.4	15.4	-17	2005	7	40.6	21	212	5.4	243	65.5	11.2
8*	25.4	22	307	4.9	75	43.4	15.1	-4	2004	7	34.3	19	150	4.2	215	57.2	10.6
6*	28.6	21	317	5.5	80	47.7	13.9	-3	2003	3	31.5	23	208	5.0	225	61.3	13.7
4*	23.0	19	248	4.5	99	44.4	15.1	0	2002	4	26.9	21	143	3.8	242	61.2	14.3

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chase Clement	144	811	276	535	8	3.7
Justin Hill	88	370	49	321	3	3.6
CJ Ugokwe	64	273	10	263	3	4.1
James Casey	45	144	23	121	5	2.7
Marcus Knox	13	49	6	43	1	3.3
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Chase Clement	508	300	59.1	3377	29	16
John Thomas Shepherd	9	8	88.9	91	0	0
James Casey	7	2	28.6	32	0	1
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Jarett Dillard		79	1057	13.4	14	60
James Casey		46	585	12.7	4	61
Toren Dixon		46	448	9.7	5	26
Tom Henderson		36	348	9.7	3	34
Joel Armstrong		31	334	10.8	1	36
Taylor Wardlow		13	156	12.0	1	39
CJ Ugokwe		16	124	7.8	0	39
John Welch		10	93	9.3	0	24
Justin Hill		10	82	8.2	0	28
Corbin Smiter		4	67	16.8	0	33
Marcus Knox		7	62	8.9	0	25

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Luke Juist	67	2618	39.1	10	31.7	2	22

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Clark Fangmeier	46-47	1-1	3-5	3-5	0-1	7-12	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andrew Sendejo	107	0	5.5	7	5
Brian Raines	81	3	7	2	0
Vernon James	74	1	4	3	0
Scott Solomon	49	4.5	6.5	0	0
Brandon King	46	0	1	16	3
Justin Abt	44	0	3	1	0
Cheta Ozougwu	43	0	2.5	1	0
Ja'Corey Shepherd	42	0	1	3	1
Chris Jones	38	1.5	0.5	2	0
Gary Anderson	35	0.5	0	15	1
Willie Garley	33	0.5	0.5	0	0
Robert Calhoun	31	0	4	1	0
George Chukwu	29	1	5	1	0
Joseph Leary	28	0	1	2	0
Terrance Garmon	26	2	1	0	0
Aubrey White	22	3	2.5	0	0
Carl Taylor	20	0	0	2	1
Jonathan Cary	18	1	3.5	1	0
Luke Juist	14	0	0	0	0
Victor Brooks	13	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ja'Corey Shepherd	22	120	5.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Ja'Corey Shepherd	27	473	17.5	0
Tyler Smith	14	305	21.8	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

RICE 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
11,859	Nicholls St	20	39-117	3.0	11-28	101	2	15	55-194	3.5	3-7	87	1	-3
29,107	at Baylor	21	38-110	2.9	23-30	239	4	27	26-98	3.8	30-51	423	2	0
21,543	Texas Tech	25	42-99	2.4	20-38	212	6	26	27-111	4.1	34-48	481	1	-1
84,571	at Texas	17	30-(-11)	-0.4	23-38	279	5	25	40-227	5.7	20-31	333	1	-1
25,656	at S Mississippi	14	41-169	4.1	9-21	67	3	21	37-189	5.1	25-45	233	4	+5
26,514	at Houston	23	34-86	2.5	24-44	355	1	28	45-274	6.1	26-36	474	2	+3
11,122	Memphis	22	20-105	5.3	29-45	313	1	30	51-247	4.8	25-38	324	1	-1
31,768	at Marshall	24	27-130	4.8	30-49	298	2	22	46-254	5.5	15-33	227	1	-1
12,313	UTEP	26	34-163	4.8	32-58	395	3	23	33-49	1.5	30-57	373	3	-4
13,902	at SMU	30	26-181	7.0	35-53	364	1	25	50-320	6.4	13-31	165	1	0
11,539	Tulane	19	15-23	1.5	35-55	353	0	19	54-267	4.9	11-22	188	2	+1
11,742	Tulsa	38	37-159	4.3	40-67	541	2	28	37-151	4.1	22-39	441	0	0
TOTALS		279	383-1331	3.5	311-526	3517	30	289	501-2381	4.8	254-438	3749	19	-2
AVERAGES		23.3	32-111	3.5	26-44	293	2.5	24.1	42-198	4.8	21-37	312	1.6	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
-	at Houston	+4'	14-48
-	at Duke	+11	24-27 OT
-	† Texas - #13	+30'	7-48
-	at Hawaii	+21	21-41
-	San Jose St	-3'	28-24
-	Navy	+3'	6-38
-	at Fresno St	+20	28-31
-	Nevada	+6	52-42
-	Tulsa	+3	28-31
-	at SMU	-5'	41-20
-	UTEP	-14'	45-14
-	at Louisiana Tech	+7'	49-14

2004 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
-	† Houston	+4	10-7
-	Hawaii	+1'	41-29
-	at Texas - #5	+32'	13-35
-	at San Jose St	-14'	63-70
-	SMU	-13	44-10
-	at Nevada	-8	10-35
-	at Navy	+9'	13-14
-	at Tulsa	-1	22-39
-	Fresno St	+7	21-52
-	at UTEP - #23	+16	28-35 2OT
-	† Louisiana Tech	-3	14-51

2005 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
-	at UCLA	+24'	21-63
-	at Texas - #2	+40'	10-51
-	at UAB	+17'	26-45
-	at East Carolina	+4	28-41
-	Tulsa	+7'	21-41
-	Navy	+7	9-41
-	UTEP	+20	31-38
-	at SMU	+7'	7-27
-	Tulane	-1	42-34
-	UCF	+11	28-31
-	at Houston	+15'	18-35

2006 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
-	Houston	+14'	30-31
-	at UCLA	+27'	16-26
-	† Texas - #8	+33	7-52
-	at Florida St - #18	+31	7-55
-	at Army	+11	48-14
-	at Tulane	-2'	24-38
-	UAB	+5	34-33
-	at UCF	+5'	40-29
-	at UTEP	+8'	37-31
-	at Tulsa	+14'	41-38 2OT
-	East Carolina	+2'	18-17
-	SMU	+1	31-27

2007 RESULTS

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
-	Nicholls St	NL	14-16
-	at Baylor	+7	17-42
-	Texas Tech	+28	24-59
-	at Texas - #7	+38	14-58
-	at S Mississippi	+20'	31-29
-	at Houston	+22'	48-56
-	Memphis	-1	35-38
-	at Marshall	+9	21-34
-	UTEP	+7'	56-48
-	at SMU	+6'	43-42
-	Tulane	-3	31-45
-	Tulsa	+13'	43-48

TULANE GREEN WAVE

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - It probably will surprise most that Tulane has an excellent tradition of producing NFL QB's in recent years. In 1998 Shaun King set a school record for passing yards in a season and took his talents to the NFL. Patrick Ramsey broke King's record (3,410, 60.4%) en route to setting 20 records in '99 and was a #1DC in '01. JP Losman (PS#6) had two fine seasons and was also a #1DC. In 2004 Lester Ricard (PS#26) took over and in '06 threw for 2,795 (57.2%) with an 18-10 ratio as a senior. Ricard was not drafted but made the practice squad of JAX. Scott Elliott actually started the last 3 over Ricard during their Hurricane plagued 2005 season and played in 13 over 2 years throwing for 647 (50%) with a 4-5 ratio. Anthony Scelfo played in 4 (6 att) in '06. With Scelfo spending the '07 spring playing baseball, Elliott (PS#85) was the starter. HC Toledo's offense does not need a big armed QB but does need one that has a full understanding of the offense as they have 3 options on every play call that comes from the sideline. They also must be accurate. Elliott has the knowledge but unfortunately struggled with his accuracy (47.7%) in six games last year. Scelfo took over the starting job in Wk 4 vs LSU. Toledo wanted to run a 2-QB offense and went to rFr Kevin Moore (PS#137) to split duties with him. Moore has a bigger arm and is a better pocket passer than the fiery, shifty Scelfo. Moore did suffer a couple of shoulder injuries limiting his time but in his best game he hit 9 of 10 for 110 vs UTEP. For the season Scelfo threw for 1,396 (54.1%) but with a 6-7 ratio (284 rush) while Moore threw for 432 (55.6%) with a 2-0 ratio. This year everyone returns and added to the mix is Joe Kemp (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#148) who was very impressive with the scout team and is a Toledo recruit. Moore, Elliott and Kemp got a ton of work in the spring with Scelfo again missing camp due to baseball. I look for much better numbers from the Tulane QB's in the second year of the offense.

RUNNING BACKS - In '04 Tulane had an inexperienced and injury plagued RB corps. True frosh Matt Forté was forced to start and had 216 vs Army and 97 and 70 in his other 2 starts finishing with 624 (4.5) on the season. Former Coach Scelfo called him a young Eddie George. He returned in '05 along with 8 game starter Jovon Jackson (624, 5.0 '04). Forté was not 100% until the finale when he rushed for 137 but led with 655 (3.9). Jackson was leading with 428 (4.2) when he was injured vs Rice and missed the final 2. Forté had a solid 2006 with 859 (5.3) but missed the final 3. Ray Boudreaux played in 8 and rushed for 175 (4.0) and Ade Tuyo added 123 (3.7). Toledo commented about how the powerful 225 lb Forté who has 4.45 speed. He was an NFL prospect and did not disappoint. Forté had the 7th best rushing total ever in the NCAA with 2,127 (5.9) and 23 TD's while adding 32 rec (8.8). Boudreaux was kicked off the team after 2. Tuyo had 72 (3.4) and André Anderson (PS#110) only had 91 (6.5). Impressive on the scout team was Andre Agers (PS#296) who Toledo called a scatback. Forté set the CUSA and school records by rushing for 303 vs SEL and then reset those records with 342 vs SMU. He also had 4 straight 200+ games (5 for the year) with just 3 players in NCAA history having five. He also set school and CUSA records with 44 rush att vs Memphis. Forté (#2DC CHI) is a huge loss and I expect some of this year's true frosh to play immediately.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Green Wave had to replace two of their top 3 receivers but returned Jeremy Williams who had 484 (12.1) in 2006. Toledo said the WR's had the best depth of any position. Williams, who Toledo believes has the best talent of the WR's, suffered two drops vs Houston and went into the doghouse. Later he had 8 rec for 188 vs UTEP and led with 773 and an impressive 16.8 ypc. Brian King was #2 with 446 (14.9). TE Gabe Ratcliff had 125 (10.4) but lost his spot after a key missed block vs Army and true frosh Tyler Helm (3 rec) started the final 2. This year they must replace Kenneth Guidroz (1 st, 10 rec) and TE Ratcliff (8 st). If Williams gains consistency, this unit could be much improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Not much went right for Tulane in their tumultuous 2005 season and despite a veteran O-line, they only opened holes for 2.9 ypc rush (23 sacks). In 2006 they only had 2 starters returning but got back 2003 starter Donald Madlock. The younger OL yielded 17 sacks in the first 5 but just 12 over the last 7. Tulane only avg 92 ypg rush (3.1) but yielded just 6.6% sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters (both HM CUSA) but had 8 of the top 10 back. Toledo shuffled the O-line in August. LG Michael Parenton limited LSU's DT Glen Dorsey to 3 asst tackles and 0 sacks. RT Scott Holt was injured after 3 starts and 3 players started all 12 showing dramatic improvement to 201 ypg rush (4.9) while allowing just 19 sacks (5.3%), their lowest total since 1997. This year they must replace Holt (3 st) and HM CUSA C Aryan Barto (12 st, 2Y st'r) but 8 of the top 10 are back. The Green Wave have 80 career starts returning (#32 NCAA) and are in the 2nd year of Toledo's system but do not figure to match last year's rushing stats with the loss of their star RB.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Tulane had an experienced D-line in 2006 and allowed 150 ypg rush (4.2) with the D having just 19 sacks. In 2007 DE Reggie Scott missed spring but was impressive in Aug and earned HM CUSA honors. Toledo used a rotation of 8-9 players. They were banged up at times with just 6 healthy DL's vs UTEP but still improved to 133 ypg (3.9) with 28 sacks. This year they lose DT Avery Williams (12 st, 45 tkl, 4 sk, 7 tfl), DT Antonio Harris (12 st, 49 tkl, 6 sk, 2 tfl) and DT Frank Morton (1 st, 16 tkl, 11 st '06). While this is the second year of the new system, this group is down a few notches with the loss of two DT's who combined for 83 career starts.

LB Evan Lee

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Green Wave had to replace all 3 starters including the #3 all-time tackler in CUSA history in Anthony Cannon (#7DC). Last year the unit was more experienced. This year the unit returns intact again and they add in David Skehan, who had 11 starts at FS last year, giving Tulane seven players back with starting experience including 4 who have been full-time starters. This is one of the most experienced LB corps in the NCAA and should continue to improve.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - When Tulane had super CB Lynaris Elpheage they finished #11 in my pass D rankings ('02). Since then they have finished #65, #96, #93, #106 and #116. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's but FS David Skehan had a big year snagging 4 of the team's 8 int with 10 pbu. Unfortunately, Skehan moves to WLB. Also gone this year is SS Joe Goosby (11 st, #2 tkl'r, 10 tfl), CB Carlis Jackson (7 st, 26 tkl, 1 int), CB O'Lindsey Brown (4 tkl) and FS Louis Thomas (7 st '06, 3 tkl '07). Despite the losses, they can really only move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Tulane was just #110 in my ST rankings in 2006 and last year had to replace their punter. They then lost Fred Smith, who was the top KR and PR in '06 to injury. Barrett Pepper, who punted in '05, was expected to apply for a 6th year but decided not to. K Ross Thevenot, who hit 9 of 15 FG's in '06, took over both duties. Thevenot hit 10 of his last 12 FG's and was 13 of 18 incl 4-4 from 40-49. Toledo had signed true frosh Darren deRochemont (PS#14) hoping he would win the P job. He took over in the 2H and the two punters combined for 33.2 net. The two K's had a combined 2 TB on 57 KO and the team allowed 22.5 on KR's. The return game was average. This year basically everyone returns and I look for significant improvement (#114 in '07).

COACHES - In the 14 seasons prior to Chris Scelfo taking over, some pretty good coaches in Tommy Bowden, Buddy Teevens, Greg Davis and Mack Brown combined for just a 54-103 record. Scelfo won 37 games in just 9 years. He had to go through the hurricane disruptions of 2005 which affected the program the following year as well. Last year they brought in a new HC in Bob Toledo. He was the HC at UCLA for 7 years until 2002. His Bruins rattled off a school record 20 straight wins ('97-'98). In 2006 he was the OC at New Mexico. His OC ironically is Dan Dodd, who was the OC at NM for six years prior to Toledo's arrival. The DC last year was Thom Kaumeyer who left for Kentucky after the team finished #1 in CUSA in rush D and #3 in sacks. The new DC is O'Neill Gilbert who was the DL coach here in '07 and has been as asst with UNLV, Illinois, Cincy and 3 NFL teams after playing one year with the 49ers.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Only one coach since 1982 has had consecutive winning seasons here. Former Coach Scelfo did lead the team to winning records in 2 out of 3 years from 2000-'02 but had 4 losing seasons to end his tenure. In 2005 the team was hurt by a hurricane ravaged season. In 2006 they showed improvement but were still feeling the effects. They did upset Miss St on the road but some players were allowed to transfer without sitting out a year. The team also lost 10 players to season ending injuries including six starters and was -11 in TO's. Those were all good factors for 2007 but a tough schedule kept me from calling for Tulane to top their previous year's four wins. Tulane had been outgained by 117.9 ypg in 2006 and improved to -14.0 last year. They also improved their conf mark from 2-6 to 3-5. Tulane was the last Div IA team in the country to begin their preseason drills as their first game was on Sept 8th and with being a game behind in preparation, they lost their first two to bowl squads. They trailed SEL 20-14 at the half but rallied for the win and sacked LSU six times and only trailed 10-9 at the half. They played in the first night game in Michie Stadium history losing in OT by 3 vs Army in their road opener. It was a tough loss as they led 17-7 and the Black Knights got a Hail Mary TD pass when 2 DB's hit the ball in the air on the last play of regulation. The Green Wave shockingly lost to UAB despite a 504-372 yd edge and got a CUSA record 342 yards rushing by Forté and an OT win vs SMU. SMU had a TD pass with :08 left in regulation to force OT. They led Memphis 27-21 but missed a 22 yd FG with 5:07 left and lost by 1. Tulane knocked off UTEP 34-19 and beat Rice but lost the season finale at EC. They have 15 starters back and Toledo said they needed to get bigger, stronger and faster. He also said that '07's strength and conditioning was the worst of any team he'd been a HC of. This year they are shifting to more of a zone D after playing mostly man to man in '07. They could have easily had a winning record in '07 losing 3 close games. While 2 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to be bowl eligible this year, the other six do not. I think replacing a player like Matt Forté, who was THE offense last year, puts them at least another year away from a winning record.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN GREEN | 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN GREEN | DEFENSE

QB **2 KEVIN MOORE So.** 6-4 232 PS#137. **9 Anthony Scelfo** (5'10" 189 Jr) 8 st LY, 1396 (54%) 6-7 ratio, 284 rush. **4 Scott Elliott** (6'2" 219 Sr) PS#85. 6 st 3Y, 1154 yd.
RB **32 André Anderson Jr.** 6-0 207 PS#110. 91 (6.5). **5** Andre Agers (5'9" 180 rFr) PS#296. JT McDonald (5'9" 222 rFr). Cody Blackwelder (6'2" 225 So) 2 st, 14 yd ttl off true.
WR **19 CASEY ROBOTTOM So.** 5-11 183 PS#247.7 st rFr, 182 (16.5). Chandler Davis (6'2" 172 rFr) PS#376. **FB Jeremy McKinney** (6'0" 235 Jr) 6 st LY, 45 rec yd. Jordan Stephany (6'0" 240 So) 1 st LY.
WR **83 BRIAN KING SR.** 6-1 185 PS#208. 3 st '05-'06. 461 (14.9). 9 st LY, 446 (14.9). **15** Michael Batiste (6'3" 190 Sr). 2 st, 363 (13.4) 3Y. **81** Taylor Echols (6'2" 175 rFr).
WR **20 JEREMY WILLIAMS JR.** 6-1 203 8 st rFr, 484 (12.1), **HM CUSA**. 4 st LY, 773 (16.8). **3** Chris Dunn (6'2" 213 Jr) 3 st, 225 (11.8) 2Y. **85** Charles Gaspard (6'1" 175 rFr).
TE **88 Tyler Helm So.** 6-4 238 4 st LY, 3 rec. **80** Justin Kessler (6'4" 260 Sr) 2 st, 1 rec '07. **89** Antoine Duplessis (6'3" 265 rFr). **87** Alan Mitchell (6'3" 160 So).
C **75 TYLER RICE JR.** 6-5 296 5 st RT, 12 gm LY. **63** Kevin Leary (6'2" 300 So). Joey Ray (6'3" 317 rFr). **LS 69** Craig Gelhardt (6'3" 250 Sr) 3Y LS, **HM CUSA** LY.
RG **68 ANDREW NIERMAN SO.** 6-1 300 PS#259. 12 st RG true, **CUSA Fr Tm. 70** Travis Olexa (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#213. 1 st, 8 gm 2Y. **76** John Landa (6'3" 325 Jr) PS#184. 16 gm 2Y.
LG **65 MICHAEL PARENTON SR.** 6-2 292 **PS#97**. 11 st rFr RT. 11 st C '06. 12 st LG LY. **62** Oscar Ponce de Leon (6'3" 311 So) 3 tkl true. **59** Dhamari Thomas (6'2" 300 rFr) PS#320.
RT **78 Nick Landry Jr.** 6-7 295 PS#355. 1 st C true, **CUSA Fr Tm.** 2 st LY, 11 gm. **58** Pete Hendrickson (6'7" 285 So) 2 st RT rFr. **73** Duke Krause (6'6" 335 rFr).
LT **77 TROY KROPOG SR.** 6-6 290 8 gm rFr. 12 st LT '06. 11 st LT '07. **HM CUSA. 64** Andrew Higgins (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#236, bench 225 25x. Harris Howard PS#249.
K **47 ROSS THEVENOT JR.** 6-0 180 PS#57. 9-15 FG true, L/45. 13-18 FG LY, long 48. 4-4 from 40-49. **40** Darren deRochemont **PS#14**. 15-21 FG in HS. Drew Villar (6'0" 180 Fr) PS#100.

DE **92 REGGIE SCOTT SR.** 6-3 255 Inj plagued '05-'06. 12 st LY, 27 tkl, 4 sk, 5 tfl, **HM CUSA. 93** Logan Kelley (6'2" 245 Jr) PS#221. 29 tkl, 3 sk 2Y. **94** Sean Carney (6'3" 252 Sr) 2 st 3Y.
DT **97 Julian Shives-Sams Sr.** 6-3 280 3 tkl true but ACL. 1 st '06, 15 tkl. 9 tkl LY. Big spg. **98** Cedric Wilson (6'2" 260 rFr). Emmanuel Aluko PS#243OL. **48** Josh Smith (6'2" 255 rFr).
DT **95 Justin Adams So.** 5-11 255 PS#205LB. 14 tkl true. One of tm's strongest. **96** Tony Bryant (6'3" 256 So) 2 tkl, 6 gm rFr. Rich Bell PS#215OL. Kadeem Taylor PS#421.
DE **90 ADAM KWENTUA JR.** 6-3 249 PS#162LB. 8 tkl true. 10 st DE LY, 20 tkl, 4 sk. **52** Troy Wilson (6'2" 240 Jr) 1 st, 20 tkl, 1.5 tfl 2Y. Brooks Cunningham (6-2 230 rFr) PS#381.
WLB **33 DAVID SKEHAN SR.** 6-0 205 10 st SS '06, 80 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu. 11 st FS LY, 66 tkl, 4 int, 10 pbu. **10 James Dillard** (6'1" 230 Sr) 18 st WLB 2Y, 94 tkl. **6** Travis Burks (6'0" 206 Jr) 20 tkl.
MLB **34 EVAN LEE SR.** 6-1 230 7 st '06, 45 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 12 st LY, #1 w/99 tkl, 8 tfl. **44** Jordan Ellis (6'1" 223 Sr) 9 st 3Y, 67 tkl. **53** James McMurchy (6'1" 226 Jr) 1 st, 12 tkl 2Y.
SLB **55 DAVID KIRKSEY JR.** 6-1 225 6 st LY, 27 tkl. **41** Cody Sparks (6'4" 235 Jr) 4 st LY, 7 tkl. 3 gm until inj true. **45** Lamont Simmons (6'2" 203 rFr) PS#392DL. Logan CoBell (5'10" 220 rFr).
CB **12 JOSH LUMAR SR.** 5-10 176 4 st '06, 35 tkl, 3 pbu. 11 st LY, 73 tkl, 2 int, 13 pbu. **1** Matt Harding (5'10" 180 Jr) PS#216. 14 tkl LY. **23** Dominique Dade (5'9" 190 rFr). 4.42 spd.
CB **13 Phillip Davis So.** 5-10 160 PS#264. 4 st as true, 32 tkl, 2 pbu. 4.43 speed. **21** Charles Harris (6'2" 175 Sr) PS#355WR. 2 st LY, 11 tkl, 3 pbu. Ian Harson PS#376.
SS **31 Devin Holland So.** 6-0 196 PS#266LB. 1 st true, 10 gms, 24 tkl, 2 pbu. **38** Cory Sonnier (5'10" 195 Jr) 8 gm '06. 9 gms, 4 tkl LY. Kristofar Rhymes is PS#229.
FS **24 CHINONSO ECHEBELEM JR.** 6-1 208 PS#465. 4 st true, 31 tkl, 3 pbu. 3 st '07, 61 tkl, 1 int. Alex Wacha (6'0" 183 So) PS#259. 1 st '06, 21 tkl until inj. RS LY. Alex Lauricella PS#206.
P **40 DARREN deROCHEMONT SO.** 5-8 185 **PS#14**. 44.0 avg in HS. 30 punts as true, 38.7 avg, team net 33.2. **47** Ross Thevenot 44 punts LY, 38.9 avg, 1 punt as true. 47.1 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Ryan Griffin 6-4 211 PS#45
LB	Darryl Farley 5-11 228 PS#148
DL	Rich Bell 6-1 270 PS#215OL
DB	Alex Lauricella 6-0 180 PS#206
LB	Sule Osagiede 6-0 190 PS#170
RB	Nathan Austin 6-1 206 PS#187
RB	Kasey Stelly 6-1 231 PS#189
DB	Kristofar Rhymes 6-0 200 PS#229
DL	Emmanuel Aluko 6-3 280 PS#243OL
OL	Harris Howard 6-4 288 PS#249
OL	Eric Jones 6-6 290 PS#330
OL	Rafael Vazquez 6-5 321 PS#343
DB	Ian Harson 5-11 175 PS#376
RB	Albert Williams 5-11 190 PS#306
DL	Kadeem Taylor 6-4 235 PS#421
DL	Chris Asumnu 6-1 271 PS#421
QB	DJ Ponder 6-2 185 PS#253
TE	Troy Wainwright 6-3 230 PS#129
DL	Casey Blum 6-3 245 PS#464
LB	David Allen 6-2 200 PS#417
K	Drew Villar 6-0 180 PS#100

TULANE GREEN WAVE

New Orleans, Louisiana
Louisiana Superdome

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#90

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30						
Sep. 6	at Alabama	G				
Sep. 13	East Carolina	A				
Sep. 20	ULM	A				
Sep. 27	SMU	A				
Oct. 4	Army	A				
Oct. 11	at UTEP	A				
Oct. 18						
Oct. 25	Rice	A				
Nov. 1	at LSU	G				
Nov. 8	at Houston	G				
Nov. 15	UAB	A				
Nov. 22	at Tulsa	A				
Nov. 29	at Memphis	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Patrick Ramsey 9,205 '98-'01
2. Shaun King 8,419 '95-'98
3. Terrence Jones 7,684 '85-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mewelde Moore 4,364 '00-'03
2. Matt Forté 4,265 '04-'07
3. Eddie Price 3,095 '46-'49

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Marc Zeno 3,725 '84-'87
2. Roydell Williams 3,207 '00-'04
3. JaJuan Dawson 3,048 '96-'99

Last met in '94 as Bama leads the series 26-11-3. TU has lost 5 straight ssn openers. Tulane has won just 5 of 17 RG's the L4Y but 2 of those were LY (SMU, Rice).

Tulane is just 2-7 all-time vs the Pirates but both wins have been in the Superdome. LY EC jumped out to a 21-6 HT lead & coasted to a 35-12 win outgaining TU 441-336.

Tulane is 21-4 vs current SBC teams including a 52-9 win vs ULM in 2002. The Wave have won 16 of 21 at home vs non-conference opponents since 1998.

Tulane is 11-5 all-time vs the Mustangs including wins in 6 of the last 7 games. LY Sr RB Forté rushed for a CUSA record 342 yds (9.0) in the 41-34 OT win.

Tulane is 5-1-1 all-time at home vs Army (30-16 avg score). Last year Army scored twice in the last 1:40 to force & win it in OT.

LY TU jumped to a 17-0 lead & cruised to a 34-19 win outgaining UTEP 485-412. This is the 4th meeting as each gm has been decided by 14+ pts with the winner scoring 34+.

LY vs Rice, Tulane RB Forté tied a school rec with 5 TD's & surpassed the 2,000 yd rush barrier in a 45-31 win. These 2 have avg'd 71 ppg since Rice joined CUSA in '05.

LY the Wave was down just 10-9 vs then #2 LSU at the half (shutout in 2H w/just 101 yds). The Tigers have won the L/16 gms vs Tulane outscoring them on avg by 34-15.

TU has lost the L/4 (L/5 overall) to the Cougars by 21+ pts being outscored by an avg of 26 ppg. The Wave have been outgained 1,126-537 by the Cougars over the past 2 ssns.

These tms have avg'd 63 ppg their 6 meetings w/4 of 6 being decided by a TD or less. LY Tulane outgained UAB 504-372 but couldn't overcome 12 penalties & a 92 yd KR for a TD in the loss.

Tulane has been dominated by Tulsa in CUSA play losing all 3 gms (outscored by 24+ pts). LY Tulane trailed just 21-18 before Tulsa scored TD's on 4 of their next 6 drives to pull away.

The Green Wave is 3-10 vs UM S/'90 as this is the 28th all-time meeting. LY TU missed a 22 yd gm clinching FG as the Tigers drove 80 yds scoring the gm winning TD with just :36 left.

BOB TOLEDO (Career 53-40) (IAA 29-36)
2nd Year at Tulane — Toledo's Bowl Record: 1-2

Toledo's records AT TULANE

4-8	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
2-5	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
2-3	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
3-5	Vs Conference	3-4	Off A Loss

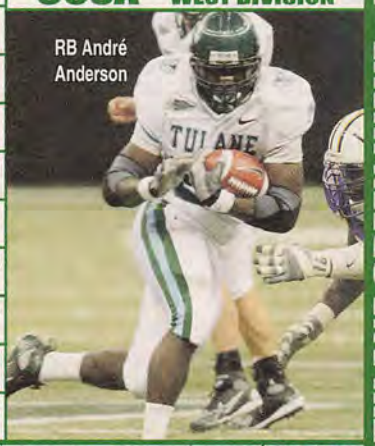
2007 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (23,22,3)
Lost: 15 (8,7,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26,112 (#84)

CUSA - WEST DIVISION



RB André Anderson

STADIUM: LOUISIANA SUPERDOME (69,703) (#30)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	3-9	8-5	5-7	5-6	2-9	4-8	4-8	37-57
Home	4-1	2-3	5-2	3-2	4-2	1-5*	3-2	2-5	24-22
Away	2-4	1-6	2-3	2-4	1-4	1-4	1-6	2-3	12-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-4	1-6	4-4	3-5	3-5	1-7	2-6	3-5	20-42
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-3	4-1	2-2	2-1	1-2	2-2	1-3	17-15
ATS	6-5	3-8	9-3	6-5	5-5	2-7-1	4-8	5-6	40-47-1
Home Fav	2-1	0-0	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	7-4
Home Dog	1-1	1-3	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-4-1	1-2	2-3	11-17-1
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	4-3
Away Dog	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-3	2-3	1-3	2-5	3-2	17-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	5-2	2-5	6-2	5-3	4-4	2-5-1	1-7	3-5	28-33-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	3-1	1-2	1-1	0-2	3-1	2-1	12-14
Off SU Win	2-3	1-2	7-0	3-1	2-3	0-1	0-4	2-2	17-16
Off SU Loss	4-1	2-5	2-3	2-4	3-1	2-5-1	4-3	3-3	22-25-1

Orville Scelfo (Straight Up) · Hurricane Katrina Season (Straight Up) · Bob Toledo (Straight Up)

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Matt Forté	361	2200	73	2127	23	5.9
Anthony Scelfo	57	284	113	171	1	3.0
André Anderson	14	95	4	91	1	6.5
Ade Tuyo	21	79	7	72	1	3.4
Scott Elliott	4	4	17	-13	0	-3.2
Kevin Moore	8	1	35	-34	0	-4.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Anthony Scelfo	205	111	54.1	1396	6	7
Scott Elliott	88	42	47.7	507	2	5
Kevin Moore	54	30	55.6	432	2	0
Matt Forté	10	1	10.0	4	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jeremy Williams	46	773	16.8	5	67	
Brian King	30	446	14.9	2	47	
Matt Forté	32	282	8.8	0	28	
Michael Batiste	13	215	16.5	0	43	
Casey Robottom	11	182	16.5	0	42	
Gabe Ratcliff	12	125	10.4	0	24	
Kenneth Guidroz	10	118	11.8	1	35	
Jeremy McKinney	7	45	6.4	1	13	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Ross Thevenot	44	1713	38.9	8	33.2(t)	1	9
Darren deRochemont	30	1162	38.7	3	–	0	9
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ross Thevenot	34-34	3-4	6-9	4-4	0-1	13-18	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Evan Lee	99	2	6	1	0
Joe Goosby	91	1	9	4	0
Josh Lumar	73	0	3.5	13	2
David Skehan	66	0	4	10	4
Chinonso Echebelem	61	0	3	1	1
Antonio Harris	49	6	2	2	0
Avery Williams	45	4	7	0	0
James Dillard	39	0	0.5	0	0
Phillip Davis	32	0	0	2	0
David Kirksey	27	0	2	0	0
Reggie Scott	27	4	5	2	0
Carlis Jackson	26	1	0.5	1	1
Devin Holland	24	0	0.5	2	0
Jordan Ellis	22	0	1	0	0
Travis Burks	20	0	1	0	0
Adam Kwentua	20	4	1	0	0
Logan Kelley	17	3	2	0	0
Frank Morton	16	1.5	3	1	0
Matt Harding	14	0	0	1	0
Justin Adams	14	0.5	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Casey Robottom	13	55	4.2	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Ade Tuyo	30	697	23.2	0
André Anderson	8	127	15.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
79	Liberty - #15	+2'	Penn St	6-9
80	All-American	+2'	Arkansas	15-34
87	Independence	+6	Washington	12-24
98	Liberty - #10	-7	BYU	41-27
02	Hawaii	+14	Hawaii	36-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Tulane's All-Time Bowl Record 4-6

TULANE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	24.4	18	201	4.9	195	51.1	16.2	-3	2007	8	31.3	20	133	3.9	288	65.0	13.4
6*	18.7	19	92	3.1	247	55.7	18.1	-11	2006	4	33.3	21	150	4.2	250	64.0	12.0
7*	21.3	18	89	2.9	232	51.5	15.1	-12	2005	9	31.6	18	194	4.6	179	58.4	11.8
8	27.3	19	127	3.7	234	59.8	13.2	-6	2004	8	32.8	23	195	4.4	227	61.1	12.8
9*	28.1	22	132	3.9	258	59.5	13.9	+5	2003	3	35.3	25	244	4.9	221	53.8	13.1
5	27.8	19	109	3.0	204	55.9	11.3	+22	2002	9	21.7	21	180	4.4	192	52.5	17.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

TU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
31,076	Mississippi St	8	17-44	2.6	16-29	199	1	27	54-266	4.9	20-31	223	2	-1
21,311	Houston	16	29-85	2.9	18-43	228	0	24	35-201	5.7	24-34	304	1	+1
17,611	SE Louisiana	22	43-300	7.0	12-30	110	0	19	29-63	2.2	31-48	278	5	-2
58,769	LSU	12	33-88	2.7	12-32	139	2	16	38-134	3.5	17-32	257	6	-2
30,022	at Army	17	45-247	5.5	16-25	154	1	14	37-47	1.3	21-29	193	5	-1
24,144	at UAB	24	45-240	5.3	19-39	264	5	15	25-110	4.4	17-32	262	0	-1
14,901	at SMU	21	50-361	7.2	13-24	160	3	23	32-84	2.6	28-37	354	4	+1
23,267	Memphis	25	58-350	6.0	8-16	105	1	17	25-59	2.4	27-40	379	0	0
15,271	Tulsa	21	38-114	3.0	23-39	287	2	27	49-281	5.7	18-27	319	0	+2
15,479	UTEP	19	45-208	4.6	16-23	277	1	20	24-104	4.3	28-45	308	4	+1
11,539	at Rice	19	54-267	4.9	11-22	188	2	19	15-23	1.5	35-55	353	0	-1
35,362	at E Carolina	17	32-108	3.4	20-38	228	1	22	46-219	4.8	14-21	222	1	0
TOTALS		221	489-2412	4.9	184-360	2339	19	243	409-1591	3.9	280-431	3452	28	-3
AVERAGES		18.4	41-201	4.9	15-30	195	1.6	20.3	34-133	3.9	23-36	288	2.3	-0.3

2003 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	TCU - #25	+6'	35-38
–	Northwestern St	NL	27-24 OT
–	Mississippi St	+3	31-28
–	at Army	-16'	50-33
–	at Texas - #14	+29'	18-63
–	† Houston	-1'	42-45
–	at Louisville	+15	28-47
–	Memphis	+4'	9-41
–	at Navy	+10	17-35
–	at UAB	+13'	38-24
–	at S Mississippi	+17'	14-28
–	East Carolina	-9	28-18

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi St	+6'	7-28
–	Florida A&M	NL	39-19
–	S Mississippi	+14	14-32
–	at East Carolina	+3'	25-27
–	at Memphis	+23	24-49
–	UAB	+18	59-55
–	at Houston	+9'	3-24
–	Navy	+11	42-10
–	Army	-6'	45-31
–	at TCU	+13'	35-31
–	Louisville - #7	+30'	7-55

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi St	+2'	14-21
–	at SMU	-3'	31-10
–	SE Louisiana	NL	28-21
–	Houston	+1'	14-35
–	UTEP	+7	21-45
–	at UCF	+6	24-34
–	Marshall	+1	26-27
–	at Navy	+11	21-49
–	at Rice	+1	34-42
–	Tulsa	+15	14-38
–	at S Mississippi	+21	7-26

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Houston	+14	7-45
–	at Mississippi St	+11	32-29
–	at LSU - #10	+36	7-49
–	SMU	+3	28-33
–	Rice	+2'	38-24
–	at UTEP	+12'	20-34
–	at Auburn - #8	+31	13-38
–	Army	-5'	42-28
–	at Marshall	+4'	21-42
–	S Mississippi	+4'	3-31
–	UCF	-2	10-9
–	at Tulsa	+17	3-38

2007 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi St	+5'	17-38
–	Houston	+14'	10-34
–	SE Louisiana	NL	35-27
–	LSU - #2	+41	9-34
–	at Army	+6'	17-20 OT
–	at UAB	+2'	21-26
–	at SMU	+6'	41-34 OT
–	Memphis	-2'	27-28
–	Tulsa	+6'	25-49
–	UTEP	+4	34-19
–	at Rice	+3	45-31
–	at East Carolina	+12	12-35

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - E Carolina has had some fine QB's including David Garrard, Jeff Blake and Marcus Crandall. James Pinkney was a 3 year starter who threw for the 2nd most career yards in school history. In '05 he threw with 2,773 (60.7%) and a 14-8 ratio in '05 then topped that with 2,783 (58.4%) but with just a 12-10 ratio (418 rush) in '06. Rob Kass played in 5 including the bowl where he was 10-19 for 138. Last year Kass won the starting job but was charged with a DUI in late August. Holtz alternated QB's in the opener with Brett Clay (6'3" 210 Jr, PS#159) getting the start. Both played one series vs VT alternating every couple of plays. After Clay hit just 2 of 6, Patrick Pinkney (no relation to James) took charge. Pinkney in his first start hit 31-41 for 406 vs NC and had a solid game vs SM but struggled vs WV with Kass seeing his first action. After Pinkney threw for just 46 in the 1H vs Houston, Kass played the 2H, engineering the comeback win and took the job. Holtz alternated QB's vs UAB, but Pinkney retook control after hitting 6 of 7 for 159 yds. Pinkney had 37 attempts to Kass' 17 in the next 2 outings but it was Kass that hit 12 of 18 for 177 vs Tulane with 3 TD's. Kass is more of a pocket passing QB but completed just 55% with a 9-4 ratio while Pinkney, who is a dangerous runner and was the leading rusher after 3, completed 61% with an 11-4 ratio (402 rush). This year Pinkney and Kass return while Clay quit football in the spring after suffering a knee injury. Adding depth are Rodney Cox (6'6" 225 rFr, PS#47), Miss St transfer Taylor Mazzone (6'1" 197 Jr) and Joseph Sloan (5'11" 174 Jr). This group is vastly more experienced than '07.

RUNNING BACKS - Chris Johnson, who ran a 10.62 in the 100m in HS, led in rushing as a true frosh in '04 (561, 4.2). In '05 he had 684 (3.9) and was injury plagued in 2006 rushing for just 314 (4.0). Brandon Fractious, who led with 660 (4.3) departed last year. Johnson got off to a slow start but after having just 92 rush yards after 3, he had some big efforts including a school record 372 all-purp yards (Scott Harley 1996, 356) vs UCF. Johnson then had the 2nd best rushing performance in school history with 301 vs Memphis (Harley 351 '96). He rushed for 1,423 with an outstanding 6.0 ypc and 17 TD's. He also set a NCAA bowl record with 408 all-purp yards. QB Pinkney was the #2 rusher while Dominique Lindsay finished #3 with 205 (3.1) and WR Dwayne Harris was #4 (197, 9.9). True frosh Jonathan Williams had just 150 (6.8). Not listed in the PSL are Norman Whitley (5'9" 187 So, 44 yd), Derrick Jones (6'1" 235 Sr), David Ward (5'11" 242 Sr), Justin Brockmeyer (5'10" 201 Jr) and Darnell Ballard (5'7" 190 Jr). This year they lose Johnson (#1DC TEN) and FB Jay Sonnhalter (9 st, 54 ttl yd). While the talent looks decent, it will be tough to match the production of Johnson, who leaves as the school's all-time leader in all-purp yards and #3 in rushing yards.

RECEIVERS - EC had a veteran receiving corps in '06 but had to replace their star WR Aundrae Allison last year as well as their #3 and #5 rec. The top returnees were Phillip Henry who had 484 (14.2) and Steven Rogers who had 378 (17.2). Jamar Bryant, who played as a true frosh (11 rec), was supposed to be the feature WR. The entire unit suffered from drops including Bryant but he still led with 704 (14.7). Henry was #3 with 279 (10.3) and rFr Dwayne Harris (PS#60QB) opened the year in the mix at QB but had 246 (9.5) including an 80 yard TD pass vs UTEP. This year they lose Henry (2 st), Rogers (13 st, 252), Juwon Crowell (144), Mike Hickman (4 rec) and Kyle Johnson (2 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Javon Brumsey (6'4" 191 So), Erik Nowell (5'9" 163 Jr), Wes Pittman (5'11" 203 So), Terrance Terrell (5'10" 173 So), Anthony Green (6'2" 192 So) and TE's Kevin Gidrey (6'2" 260 So), Martin Tanski (6'3" 245 Jr) and Will Towery (6'5" 282 rFr). I look for more production out of Harris so this unit is in better shape than 2007's and one of CUSA's best!

OFFENSIVE LINE - EC had an inexperienced OL in '06 and as expected, dropped to 116 ypg (3.3) but allowed a respectable 27 sacks (6.3%) thanks in part to a mobile QB in James Pinkney (418 gross yd rush). Last year they only had to replace one starter and 2 backups who combined for 15 starts but then starting RT Terence Campbell (13 st '06) missed the year with a heart condition. LG Cory Dowless (8 st '06) took a RS so they basically had 2 returning starters. Starting OT Josh Coffman missed 3 and C Fred Hicks started the first 5 but was lost after 9 (inj). With NFL caliber RB Chris Johnson, EC had their best rushing numbers since 2001 (183, 4.9) and trimmed the sack total to 26 (6.6%). This year they lose HM CUSA LG Matt Butler (13 st, 3Y st'r) and 2nd Tm CUSA OT Coffman (10 st, 2Y st'r). If Campbell and Dowless both return they have 8 players with starting experience including 7 who have been full-time starters making this unit one of CUSA's best. Holtz said, "I think we have the opportunity to have one of the best O-line's we've had since we've been here.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year EC had 7 players back with starting experience. Khalif Mitchell (2 st UNC) drew comparisons to Julius Peppers! Mitchell battled huge true frosh Linval Joseph (6'6" 358) for the starting job most of the year. Surprisingly EC only improved slightly to 3.9 ypc allowed but did increase the sack total to 27 (18 '06). This looks like the strength of the team this year as they only lose NG Mark Robinson (4 st, 8 tkl). Last year they lost Marcus Hands (PS#34) after 4 starts and 8 others return with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL below are Maurice Mercer (6'5" 259 rFr), Antonio Allison (6'4" 297 rFr), Kwaku Danso (6'6" 345 Jr), Antwan Jones (6'6" 320 rFr), Willie Smith (6'6" 276 So), Chris Atkins (6'3" 242 So) and AJ Johnson (6'2" 256 So). EC should have their best ypc rush allowed since 2001 (3.1).

#50 LB Quentin Cotton

LINEBACKERS - EC had to replace their top 4 LB's in 2006 then lost a projected starter in August. The 3 starters had a combined 2 career starts. SLB Quentin Cotton was the #1 tackler until an ankle injury and finished #2. Last year the unit returned intact but injuries plagued the group again with Jeremy Chambliss and Cotton missing time and Pierre Bell playing banged up. This year they lose MLB Fred Wilson (12 st, 81 tkl, 1.5 sk), Danny Muhwezi (13 tkl), Orlando Farrow (1 st, 9 gm, 0 tkl) and Durwin Lamb (6 tkl). They move in a pair of safeties in Melvin Patterson and Matt Thompson. While Holtz says this unit is a question mark, it is probably due to the fact that Bell and Chambliss missed spring. If they return 100% healthy, there will be six players with starting experience and two others who have combined for 81 tackles. Not listed in the PSL are Cliff Perryman (6'1" 225 rFr), Austin Haynes (6'2" 212 rFr) and Dustin Lineback (5'11" 229 So).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - EC basically had 3 starters back in 2006 and moved up to #71 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 3 starters but CB Travis Williams turned down a shot at the NFL and they moved in OLB Van Eskridge (6 st '06) to SS. CB Leon Best moved to SS (Wk 4) and at that point 4 of the top 5 players were in their first year of experience at their current position. Not surprisingly EC dropped to #98. This year they lose their star CB Williams (12 st, 2 int, 77 tkl) but have 7 of the top 8 back including six with starting experience. EC should have their best finish in my pass D rankings in over 5 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year they had to replace their star K and P. Appalachian St transfer Matt Dodge took over at P and avg 41.3 per punt (32.8 net). K Ben Hartman missed 3 FG's vs NC but did boot the game winner. He hit 13 of 22 (long of 52) and has hit a school record 59 straight xp's. The return game was solid with rFr PR Dwayne Harris avg 8.1 and Chris Johnson avg a super 28.0 on KR. True frosh Jonathan Williams added 22.3. Holtz went to a group he called the dirty dozen with 12 non-starters playing all the ST snaps and the coverage units improved. Despite the loss of their all-time KR leader in Johnson, EC can only move up in my ST rankings (#106).

COACHES - Louis "Skip" Holtz took over for John Thompson who was here for just 2 years (3-20). Holtz had success as a HC at Connecticut ('94-'98) with final Top 25 IAA rankings his last 4 seasons and a 34-23 overall record. He was the OC at S Carolina from '99-'03 and it was thought he was being groomed for that HC spot. He has done a fine job here as EC has been to 2 straight bowls and was given a contract extension thru 2012. He has co-OC's in Steve Shankweiler (3rd yr) and Todd Fitch. Fitch had been the QB coach at Iowa St ('04-'06) and worked with Holtz for 10 years. He was Holtz's OC at Conn and will take over most of the play calling. Greg Hudson is now in his 4th year as DC after holding the same position at Minnesota from '02-'04.

PHIL'S FORECAST

E Carolina had a streak of 4 straight winning seasons snapped in 2002 and surprisingly fired the school's all-time winningest HC Steve Logan and brought in John Thompson. When a team changes HC's generally it means a rebuilding phase due to attrition and it takes a year or two to adjust to the new systems on both offense and defense. In 2004 EC was outgained in league play by a CUSA worst 128.8 ypg and Thompson was let go after just 2 years! Holtz did inherit a veteran squad with 17 starters returning in '05. He brought discipline into the program suspending numerous players, including two for the season. EC showed great improvement in CUSA play only being outgained by 6.4 ypg and finishing 4-4 (5-6 overall). In 2006 they had a tough non-conf slate including 3 BCS schools and Navy but Holtz did another fine job getting them to 5-3 in CUSA play and their first bowl since 2001. They had been picked #6 in CUSA East by the media but finished 2nd and outgained CUSA foes by 16.3 ypg (6th best). Had Rice not hit a FG with :03 left, they would have been in the CUSA Title game! That squad did have 22 seniors. Last year EC had a fine opener down only 10-7 in 1H to #9 VT, despite their starting QB being susp'd. After knocking off ACC member N Carolina, S Miss got a TD with :32 left and EC lost by 7. Two weeks later Houston missed a pair of FG's in the final 1:55 and EC prevailed 37-35 on the road. They trailed UCF 28-17 but benefitted from an amazing 5 TO's in the 3Q and a KR TD and won 52-38. After a brutal opening schedule they were very beat up along the DL, OL and LB's but got a Hail Mary 34 yd TD pass on the last play to force OT and beat UTEP. After blowout CUSA wins over UAB and Memphis it looked like they would win the CUSA East but they lost at Marshall 26-7 being outgained 477-259. After beating Tulane 35-12 they upset Boise 41-38 in the Hawaii Bowl. Boise was without their top RB and WR and it was a game EC led 38-14 in the 3Q. EC did win 7 of their last 9 and set the single season school record for points (403). This year EC has 16 returning starters and 2 veteran QB's. EC benefitted from an amazing +17 in TO's and 3 net close wins plus had an offensive ypp of 12.4. They were 6-2 in CUSA play but were outgained by 29.3 ypg! Normally those factors would have me calling for a downturn especially with the loss of RB Chris Johnson. However, EC has the best schedule of any CUSA East contender, playing 3 of the league's weakest 4 on the road and getting their toughest opponents at home. I'll call for a 3rd straight bowl game and an appearance in the CUSA Title game.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

QB 15 PATRICK PINKNEY SR. 6-0 198 PS#88. 5 st LY, 1358 (61%) 11-4 ratio. 402 rush. 1 gm '06. **14 Rob Kass** (6'4" 255 Jr) PS#197. 7 st 2Y, 1348 (54%) 9-5 ratio, 118 rush.

RB 24 Dominique Lindsay Sr. 5-10 210 PS#166. 607 (4.2) 14 rec 3Y. **Jonathan Williams** (6'1" 196 So) PS#117. **4.37 spd.** 150 (**6.8**) true. JR Rogers PS#222JC. DaRonte McNeil (6'2" 217 rFr) PS#102.

WR 45 Reyn Willis Jr. 6-3 215 PS#307. **Alabama trans.** Alex Taylor (6'4" 207 Jr). Nick Adams (6'1" 184 rFr) PS#232DB. **FB** Ben Herlocker (6'0" 219 rFr). Jason Simmons (6'0" 237 Sr).

WR 10 JAMAR BRYANT JR. 6-2 208 **PS#35.** Orig Georgia. 108 (9.8) '06. 13 st LY, 704 (14.7). **12** DJ McFadden (6'2" 217 rFr) PS#81QB. Darryl Freeney (5'11" 196 rFr) PS#278.

WR 17 Dwayne Harris So. 6-0 198 PS#60QB. 2 st rFr, 246 (9.5) 782 all-purp. TJ Lee (6'0" 207 Sr) PS#122JC. 5 rec LY. **22** Michael Bowman (5'9" 165 rFr). **85** DeMorio Waymon (6'3" 185 rFr).

TE 3 DAVON DREW SR. 6-4 254 PS#64QB. 6 st, 187 (11.7) '06. 12 st, 196 (10.3) LY. **JR Kraemer** (6'5" 243 Sr) **PS#21, Illinois trans. 86** Michael Byrd (6'4" 235 rFr) PS#121.

C 72 STEPHEN HEIS JR. 6-5 285 PS#530. 8 gm rFr. L/8 st, 576 snap, 29 kd LY. **57 Fred Hicks** (6'0" 304 Sr) PS#163DL. 3 st DT, 23 tkl 2Y. **First 5 st LY. LS** Wilson Raynor (6'2" 235 Sr).

RG 70 DOUG PALMER JR. 6-3 300 NCSt trans. 3 tkl DL '06. 13 st RG LY, 673 snaps, **HM CUSA. 54 Sean Allen** (6'3" 307 Jr) PS#200. 2 st true, 197 plays. 13 gm, 279 snap LY.

LG 75 Cory Dowless So. 6-5 287 PS#259. 8 st LG true, 446 snap, **CUSA FrTm.** RS '07. **TJ Harper PS#138JC** in spg. Andrew Farr (6'4" 279 So) 4 gm. Doug Polochak (6'4" 284 So).

RT 66 DJ SCOTT SO. 6-6 324 PS#462. First 8 as rFr, 605 snap, **CUSA FrTm. 74 Terence Campbell** (6'5" 320 Jr) 13 st '06 Inj LY. Travis Melvin (6'6" 291 So) PS#530DL.

LT 78 STANLEY BRYANT SR. 6-5 282 L/8 st at LT in '07, 584 snaps, 40 kd. DL '06. **69** Willie Barton (6'5" 340 Sr) PS#366JC. 5 gm, 74 snap LY. **65** Travis Bastin (6'1" 304 So).

K 30 BEN HARTMAN JR. 5-11 210 3-5 FG, L/47 rFr. Hit 13-22 FG LY, L/52, 7 TB on 69 KO. Sch rec 59 st xp. Murphy Paderick (5'11" 211 So). Austin Kingrey (5'11" 158 Fr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN PURPLE)

DE 41 ZACK SLATE SR. 6-5 221 4 tkl true. 5 st '06, 24 tkl, 1.5 sk. 13 st, **2nd Tm CUSA LY**, 49 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7 tfl. **53** Scotty Robinson (6'4" 246 Jr) 6 st '06. 39 tkl, 3 sk, 4.5 tfl 2Y.

DT 97 LINVAL JOSEPH SO. 6-6 358 PS#136OL. 4 st true, 40 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **CUSA FrTm. 98 Khalif Mitchell** (6'6" 306 Sr) PS#243. NC trans. 2 st, 28 tkl first 2Y. 6 st LY, 19 tkl, 5.5 tfl.

DT 90 JAY ROSS JR. 6-3 306 2 st true, 7 tkl. 12 st LY, 38 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **79 Brandon Setzer** (6'6" 335 Sr) PS#157. **13 st 3Y**, 39 tkl. Wendell Chavis (6'2" 280 Sr) 5 st '06, 39 tkl.

DE 92 MARCUS HANDS SR. 6-5 281 **PS#34!** Orig NC. 5 st '05, 21 tkl, 5.5 sk (inj). 8 st '06, 30 tkl. 4 st LY (inj), 14 tkl. **95** CJ Wilson (6'4" 271 Jr) 29 tkl, 7 st true. 9 st LY, 36 tkl, 7 sk, 3.5 tfl.

WLB 9 Melvin Patterson So. 6-3 219 PS#87WR. 1 st FS rFr, 20 tkl, 2 tfl. **48** Jeremy Chambliss (6'0" 227 Jr) 4 st LY (inj), 38 tkl, 3 tfl. Juan Quintanilla (6'0" 241 Sr). Matt Thompson (6'2" 203 rFr) PS#283DB.

MLB 34 PIERRE BELL SR. 6-2 231 PS#274RB. 2 st '05, 28 tkl. 11 st '06, 66 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 97 tkl, 5 tfl. **55** Dalvon Mack (6'0" 220 Sr) 2 st LY, 28 tkl. Lorenzo Osborne (6'3" 202 Jr) 1 st, 22 tkl LY.

SLB 50 QUENTIN COTTON SR. 6-2 224 PS#146. 9 st '06, 68 tkl, 8 tfl. 7 st LY, 66 tkl, 11 tfl. **44** Nick Johnson (6'1" 215 Jr) 55 tkl 2Y, 4.5 tfl. **55** Steve Spence (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#404.

CB 35 JEREK HEWETT SR. 5-11 195 10.4 100M. 9 rec true. 2 rec '06. 9 st CB LY, 49 tkl, 2 int. Emanuel Davis (5'11" 187 rFr) PS#199. Derek Blacknall (5'11" 187 rFr). Stacy Walls PS#167.

CB 13 Travis Simmons So. 5-10 179 PS#391WR. 4 st true, 27 tkl, 1 int. Darryl Reynolds (6'1" 189 So) 15 tkl, 3 pbu true. **40** Kurtis von Bargen (5'10" 195 Sr). **27** Spencer Hampton (5'10" 202 So).

SS 20 JJ MILLBROOK SR. 5-9 191 PS#317. 6 tkl rFr. L/3 st SS LY, 47 tkl, 4 tfl. **Leon Best** (6'0" 205 Sr) 2 st CB '06, 20 tkl. 6 st (1 CB, 5 SS) LY, 41 tkl. Dekota Marshall (6'1" 195 So) PS#163RB.

FS 4 VAN ESKRIDGE JR. 6-0 200 PS#173WR. 6 st rFr at OLB, 60 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 12 st FS LY, #1 tkl'r 104, 6.5 tfl, **2nd Tm CUSA.** Chris Mattocks (6'0" 210 Jr) 5 st SS LY, 39 tkl. Julian Carter (6'2" 191 rFr).

P 14 MATT DODGE JR. 6-2 220 39.7 as Fr '05 App St. 80 punts here LY, 41.3 avg, net of 32.8, 24 inside the 20. **5** Nathan Przestrzelski (6'5" 195 So). Walk-on.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	TJ Harper 6-2 315 PS#138JC
DB	Adrian Jones 5-11 180 PS#159
DL	Anthony Garner 6-1 290 PS#177
QB	Josh Jordan 6-4 210 PS#105
WR	Joe Womack 6-1 195 PS#107QB
DL	Allen Crowder 6-2 260 PS#202
DB	Justin Venable 6-1 185 PS#216
OL	CJ Brown 6-4 315 PS#308
OL	Dalton Faulds 6-3 285 PS#319
OL	Josh Clark 6-4 265 PS#334
DB	Rahkeem Morgan 6-0 180 PS#341
DL	Robert Jones 6-3 260 PS#325
WR	Dayon Arrington 6-2 205 PS#285
DB	Leonard Paulk 5-11 180 PS#393
WR	Jacobi Jenkins 6-0 175 PS#408DB
LB	Max Joyner 6-2 191 PS#408DB
TE	Mike Brown 6-4 230 PS#132
OL	Grant Harner 6-6 300 PS#481
OL	Logan Kudlinski 6-5 265 PS#481

EAST CAROLINA PIRATES

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SKIP HOLTZ (Career 20-17) (IAA 34-23)
4th Year at East Carolina — Holtz's Bowl Record: 1-1

Holtz's records AT EAST CAROLINA

20-17	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
11-6	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
8-10	Away	4-7	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	3-3	Off A Bye
15-9	Vs Conference	10-6	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (21,24,3)
Lost: 18 (9,8,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 41,537 (#56)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.25
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#89

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score EC	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	† Virginia Tech (Charlotte)	G					
Sep. 6	West Virginia	G					
Sep. 13	at Tulane	A					
Sep. 20	at NC State	G					
Sep. 27	Houston	G					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Virginia	G					
Oct. 18	Memphis	G					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 2	at UCF (Sun)	G					
Nov. 8	Marshall (HC)	G					
Nov. 15	at S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 22	at UAB	G					
Nov. 28	UTEP (Fri)	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Garrard 9,029 '98-'01
2. James Pinkney 8,173 '03-'06
3. Marcus Crandell 7,198 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Junior Smith 3,745 '91-'94
2. Leonard Henry 3,089 '98-'01
3. Chris Johnson 2,982 '04-'07

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Smith 1,982 '95-'98
2. Mitchell Galloway 1,754 '93-'96
3. Aundrae Allison 1,732 '05-'06

East Carolina is 3-12 since 1993 in road/neutral openers having lost 6 straight. This is the 2nd straight year EC plays 3 teams from the ACC (NCSt & UVA).

The Pirates are just 2-17 all-time vs WV (7 straight losses) with the last win in '99. LY EC was outgained 599-160 gaining 67 of their yds on their only TD drive (4Q).

EC is 7-2 all-time vs Tulane with both losses being in the dome. The HT is now 8-1 in this series. TU RB Forté came in as the nation's leading rusher & was "held" to 120 yds.

EC is 10-15 all-time (3-3 L/6) in this instate rivalry winning its last trip here to Raleigh. East Carolina trailed 21-0 but closed it to 21-20 before losing by 14 last year.

EC escaped with the win as UH missed 2 FG's (37 & 38 yds) in the final 2:00 of the gm. E Carolina is 5-3 vs Houston but the home team is just 2-6.

This is the 3rd meeting between these 2 schools with EC winning the 1st two. Coming into '08, Pirates are 1-7 visiting current ACC tms being outscored by 13 ppg.

These tms have played 16X S /'90 (1st gm) & the winner has won by an avg of 14 ppg. LY EC ran for 491 yds as Sr RB Johnson had a career high 301 rush yds in the 56-40 win.

LY the Pirates forced five 3Q TO's in their 52-38 win vs UCF. EC trailed 28-17 at the half but scored, 28 3Q pts. East Carolina is 6-1 all-time vs the Knights.

LY EC lost 26-7 to Marshall knocking the Pirates out of the CUSA Champ game. The HT has won 6 of 7 reg ssn gms by an avg of 21 ppg. EC is 43-10 on Homecoming.

EC is just 2-10 S/'96 (8-25 overall) vs SM but did win in Hattiesburg their last trip in '06. LY SM ate up 6:08 on their final possession on a 15 play/80 yd TD drive for the win.

The home team is 6-1. EC held UAB without a TD (last time Duke 2000). Last year EC dominated UAB 41-6 in the most lopsided score in this series.

LY was the 1st ever meeting as EC won a thriller in OT 45-42 scoring a TD on the last play of reg. EC has won all 3 home finales under Holtz & are 5-7 since 1986.

DB Van Eskridge

STADIUM: DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM (43,000) (#73)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	6-6	4-8	1-11	2-9	5-6	7-6	8-5	41-55
Home	4-2	2-3	3-2	0-6	2-3	3-2	4-2	4-2	22-22
Away	3-2	4-2	1-6	1-5	0-5	2-4	3-3	3-3	17-30
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-3
vs Conf	5-2	5-2	4-4	1-7	2-6	4-4	5-3	6-2	32-30
vs Non-Conf	3-2	1-4	0-4	0-4	0-3	1-2	2-3	2-3	9-25
ATS	6-6	5-6	3-8-1	5-7	5-6	8-3	10-3	8-5	50-44-1
Home Fav (Steve Logan)	2-3	1-3	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	4-0	2-2	11-11
Home Dog (John Thompson)	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-5	4-0	2-1	1-1	1-1	10-10
Away Fav (Skip Holtz)	1-2	3-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	7-7
Away Dog	2-0	1-1	1-3-1	3-2	1-4	5-1	4-0	3-1	20-12-1
Neutral	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-3
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	3-5	3-5	4-4	5-3	6-2	6-2	34-28
vs Non-Conf	3-2	1-3	0-3-1	2-2	1-2	3-0	4-1	2-3	16-16-1
Off SU Win	3-4	2-3	0-4	0-1	1-1	4-0	4-3	4-3	18-19
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-2	3-3-1	5-5	4-4	3-3	5-0	3-2	28-21-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Chris Johnson	236	1468	45	1423	17	6.0
Patrick Pinkney	79	402	96	306	1	3.9
Dominique Lindsay	66	225	20	205	5	3.1
Dwayne Harris	20	197	0	197	1	9.9
Jonathan Williams	22	153	3	150	1	6.8
Norman Whitley	6	44	0	44	0	7.3
Rob Kass	33	101	82	19	2	0.6
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Patrick Pinkney	200	121	60.5	1358	11	4
Rob Kass	175	96	54.9	1164	9	4
Brett Clay	13	5	38.5	26	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jamar Bryant	48	704	14.7	6	80	
Chris Johnson	37	528	14.3	6	78	
Phillip Henry	27	279	10.3	0	20	
Steven Rogers	25	252	10.1	2	39	
Dwayne Harris	26	246	9.5	2	22	
Davon Drew	19	196	10.3	2	26	
Juwon Crowell	11	144	13.1	1	34	
TJ Lee	5	83	16.6	1	34	
Mike Hickman	4	79	19.8	0	31	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Dodge	80	3307	41.3	12	32.8	2	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Ben Hartman	50-50	5-7	6-12	1-2	1-1	13-22	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Van Eskridge	104	0	6.5	3	1
Pierre Bell	97	0	5	2	2
Fred Wilson	81	1.5	0	1	0
Travis Williams	77	0	2.5	4	2
Quentin Cotton	66	1.5	9.5	2	1
Jerek Hewett	49	0	2	5	2
Zack Slate	49	4.5	7	1	0
JJ Milbrook	47	0	4	0	3
Leon Best	41	0	1	3	2
Linval Joseph	40	1	7.5	0	0
Chris Mattocks	39	0	1	1	0
Jay Ross	38	2	2.5	4	0
Jeremy Chambliss	38	0	3	1	1
CJ Wilson	36	7	3.5	0	0
Dalvon Mack	28	0.5	0	1	0
Nick Johnson	28	0	1.5	1	0
Travis Simmons	27	0	0	2	1
Lorenzo Osborne	22	2	0	0	0
Melvin Patterson	20	0	2	0	0
Khalif Mitchell	19	2	3.5	1	1
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dwayne Harris	31	250	8.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Chris Johnson	34	1009	28.0	1	
Jonathan Williams	14	312	22.3	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Mobile Alabama - #20	-4'	TCU	14-28
00	galleryfurniture.com	+1	Texas Tech	40-27
01	GMAC	-2	Marshall (2OT)	61-64
06	Papajohns.com	+5	USF	7-24
07	Hawaii	+10'	Boise St - #24	41-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E Carolina's All-Time Bowl Record 5-4

EAST CAROLINA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	31.0	19	183	4.9	203	56.7	12.4	+17	2007	8	30.4	23	142	3.9	289	64.2	14.2
7*	21.5	20	116	3.3	233	57.7	16.2	+4	2006	6	20.8	19	145	4.0	184	59.0	15.9
9*	24.3	20	137	3.8	256	60.5	16.2	0	2005	8	28.8	21	218	4.8	185	59.2	14.0
4*	21.0	17	93	2.8	216	54.2	14.7	-4	2004	6	39.9	21	233	4.9	224	60.1	11.4
7*	18.1	18	138	3.3	173	58.6	17.2	-12	2003	4	35.7	21	210	4.8	200	58.1	11.5
6	27.9	19	124	3.4	215	48.8	12.1	-10	2002	6	33.2	22	207	4.6	239	53.8	13.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

EC 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
66,233	at Virginia Tech	12	35-142	4.1	16-31	119	0	16	31-33	1.1	22-33	245	4	+2
43,387	North Carolina	21	33-64	1.9	31-42	406	2	20	30-79	2.6	20-32	344	3	+2
43,041	S Mississippi	21	37-97	2.6	20-35	203	3	21	43-146	3.4	18-28	237	2	+2
60,021	at W Virginia	13	33-106	3.2	9-18	54	4	30	54-397	7.4	22-25	202	1	-1
20,719	at Houston	14	40-173	4.3	11-26	156	2	23	46-139	3.0	30-41	345	4	+1
42,777	UCF	16	37-160	4.3	15-27	210	1	30	42-182	4.3	28-48	313	1	+5
41,365	at UTEP	24	32-208	6.5	19-34	299	2	31	37-133	3.6	40-57	456	3	-1
43,527	NC State	21	34-72	2.1	28-53	254	6	21	28-49	1.8	29-44	335	1	0
41,125	UAB	22	35-216	6.2	20-31	255	0	19	35-168	4.8	17-37	128	2	+2
27,186	at Memphis	24	44-491	11.2	12-26	150	0	24	28-77	2.8	34-61	416	2	+2
26,718	at Marshall	14	28-108	3.9	16-29	151	3	26	42-239	5.7	24-32	238	2	0
35,362	Tulane	22	46-219	4.8	14-21	222	1	17	32-108	3.4	20-38	228	1	0
30,467	† Boise St	22	50-322	6.4	13-22	154	2	22	24-98	4.1	30-44	270	1	+3
TOTALS		246	484-2378	4.9	224-395	2633	26	300	472-1848	3.9	334-520	3757	27	+17
AVERAGES		18.9	37-183	4.9	17-30	203	2.0	23.1	36-142	3.9	26-40	289	2.1	1.3

2003 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Cincinnati	+8	3-40
–	West Virginia	+9'	7-48
–	at Miami, Fl - #2	+41	3-38
–	at Wake Forest	+19'	16-34
–	Houston	+1'	13-27
–	North Carolina	+7'	17-28
–	at Army	-5'	38-32
–	Louisville	+15'	20-36
–	at Memphis	+17'	24-41
–	USF	+11	37-38 OT
–	at Tulane	+9	18-28
–	S Mississippi	+14'	21-38

2004 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at W Virginia - #10	+28'	23-56
–	Wake Forest	+14'	17-31
–	Cincinnati	+11'	19-24
–	at Louisville - #22	+30	7-59
–	Tulane	-3'	27-25
–	at S Mississippi	+19'	10-51
–	Army	+3	38-28
–	at Houston	+16'	24-34
–	at USF	+13	17-41
–	Memphis	+16'	35-38
–	† NC State	+21	14-52

2005 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Duke	+3	24-21
–	at Wake Forest	+13	34-44
–	at West Virginia	+22'	15-20
–	S Mississippi	+7'	7-33
–	Rice	-4	41-28
–	at SMU	+2	24-17
–	at Memphis	+7'	24-27
–	UCF	-1'	20-30
–	at Tulsa	+9	13-45
–	at Marshall	+5'	34-29
–	UAB	+5'	31-23

2006 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Navy	+12'	23-28
–	at UAB	+7	12-17
–	Memphis	-3	35-20
–	West Virginia - #4	+21	10-27
–	Virginia	-6'	31-21
–	Tulsa	+2'	10-31
–	SMU	-5	38-21
–	at S Mississippi	+6	20-17 OT
–	at UCF	-5'	23-10
–	Marshall	-7'	33-20
–	at Rice	-2'	17-18
–	at NC State	+3	21-16

2007 RESULTS

EC Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Virginia Tech - #9	+28	7-17
–	North Carolina	-5'	34-31
–	S Mississippi	+1	21-28
–	at West Virginia - #5	+24	7-48
–	at Houston	+13'	37-35
–	UCF	+3'	52-38
–	at UTEP	+3	45-42 OT
–	NC State	-6	20-34
–	UAB	-14'	41-6
–	at Memphis	-5'	56-40
–	at Marshall	-7	7-26
–	Tulane	-12	35-12

UCF KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - UCF has produced some fine QB's over the years including Duante Culpepper. VHT Steven Moffett (PS#28) started 3 in 2003 as a true frosh and began '04 as the starter. He was eventually replaced by true frosh Kyle Israel (PS#110). Israel suffered a stress fracture and Moffett started the last 7. Israel threw for 129 (38.9%). Moffett kept his starting job in '05 throwing for 2,925 (59.5%) with a 22-9 ratio (Israel 17 passes). Moffett started again in '06 but Israel played often and started 4 including vs Rice (324 yd). Israel had the job to himself last year but they did bring in JUCO Michael Greco (PS#39) who originally signed at NCSt. Greco did not att a pass in the first 3 weeks of August due to injury. He fell behind and true frosh Joe Weatherford (PS#75) was listed as the backup. Greco saw his first action vs Mem and hit 11 of 12 for 151. Israel struggled vs USF hitting just 5 of 11 for 13 while Greco hit 6 of 16 for 71. In the 1H of the season, Israel threw for just 140.5 ypg (52.6%) with a 5-4 ratio. Over the remainder of the reg season he threw for 185.7 ypg (69.0%) with a 10-4 ratio. Greco had just 11 att's in that span. This year they lose Israel and Greco will battle Weatherford and Nate Tice (PS#145). Greco has a shot at improving upon last year's stats but this group is less experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, Alex Haynes became the school's all-time career leading rusher. The top returnee in '05 was Dontavius Wilcox who had 215 (3.5) in '04. True frosh Kevin Smith, who did not play RB as a senior in HS, emerged. He was the first frosh RB to start here in 13 years and was named CUSA's Frosh of Year rushing for 1,178 (4.7). In 2006 Smith had 934 (4.5) despite playing in just 9 (inj) and topped 100 four times (all vs CUSA foes). Last year Smith stayed healthy and broke the NCAA record for rushes in a season (450) and had the 2nd best rushing yard total with 2,567 (5.7) not to mention an amazing 29 TD's. Smith accomplished this despite sitting out most of the 2H vs Memphis and SMU and all of the 4Q vs Marshall. Amazingly Smith was not one of the 3 finalists for the Doak Walker Award although I personally had him #3 on my Heisman ballot. He became the entire state of Florida's all-time leading rusher (Errict Rhett, Florida 4,163, 1990-'93). The #2 rusher was Phillip Smith (PS#166) who had 246 (4.7). Kevin Smith opted to leave early for the NFL (#3DC DET) and also gone is Curtis Francis (214, 6.3). Not listed in the 3 deep is Jayson Williams (6'0" 206 Jr). Naturally with the loss of an outstanding player like Smith, this unit is much weaker.

RECEIVERS - Last year they had to replace Mike Walker (#3DC) who set a school record for rec (90). The leading returnee was Rocky Ross (531, 14.8). O'Leary signed 6 WR's and 2 TE's in his '07 recruiting class. They also moved OL Dominic Ignelzi (2 st LG '06) to TE. Needing to add speed, frosh played early and often. Ross led with 658 (13.2) but true frosh Kamar Aiken (PS#87DB) led in ypc (584, 17.7). True frosh AJ Guyton (PS#42) added 253 (11.0) while Sergio Joachim, who was not listed in the fall media guide but returned and had 236 (12.4). Sidney Haynes is good sized (6'4" 214) and played in 6 as a true frosh (1 rec). This year they lose Joachim (3 st), HM CUSA TE Mike Merritt (14 st, 12 rec, #7DC KAN), Javid James (2 st, 1 rec) and Ignelzi (1 st, 1 rec). UCF also suffered a tragedy when rFr Ereck Plancher died during conditioning drills in March. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chad Alexander (6'2" 208 rFr), Jevaughn Reams (6'2" 187 So), Jamar Newsome (6'2" 195 So), JT McArthur (5'10" 184 rFr) and Anthony Davis (5'9" 155 Sr). While I'm not ready to call the Aiken/Ross combo equal to the level of Walker/Marshall (see Hardcore) quite yet, I think this unit will be more productive as their best players are now experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Two frosh and three soph started a good portion of 2004 as they struggled with 2.5 ypc rushing and 50 sacks allowed. In 2005 three starters lost their jobs and once again two frosh started. The O-line improved to 3.9 ypc (37 sk). In 2006 everyone returned, but C Cedric Gagne-Marcoux, who played every snap the previous two years, was injured (6 st). Surprisingly the more experienced line opened holes for 28 ypg less rushing (3.8) with 22 sacks. Last year they had 124 combined starts returning. I called for significant improvement and they delivered with 235 ypg rush (4.9), their best in IA ball (20 sk, 5.8%). O'Leary even shuffled the O-line at midyear moving RT Sitton to LG then RG and 6'7" 320 rFr Jah Reid to RT (1st start). Altogether four players earned CUSA All Conf accolades. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA C Kyle Smith (14 st, 4Y st'r), 1st Tm CUSA OL Sitton (14 st, 3Y st'r, #4DC GB), 1st Tm CUSA LS Michael Buscemi (2nd Tm CUSA '06) and RG LJ Anderson (11 st, 3Y st'r). They do have 7 of their top 10 back including 5 with starting experience. I would expect the rushing numbers to drop with the loss of RB Smith and this group is less experienced than last year.

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DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the DL had to replace one starter but had six back with starting experience and O'Leary used an 8 man rotation which included 4 veteran seniors. UCF improved allowing 3.8 ypc with 39 sacks. This year half the unit departs. Gone are 1st Tm CUSA DE Leger Douzable (14 st, 49 tkl, 7.5 sk), 2nd Tm CUSA DT Keith Shologan (14 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl), DE Emeka Okammor (28 tkl, 3.5 sk) and DT Rex Hill (11 tkl, 1.5 sk). Five players do return with starting experience and they also add JUCO Jarvis Geathers(PS#139JC) whose father Jumpy played 13 years in the NFL. This looks like a solid group but only has one senior and loses its top two DL's so it will be down a few notches.

LINEBACKERS - UCF had inexperienced units in both '04 and '05 but in 2006 had two starters returning. True frosh Chance Henderson had just 5 tackles in the first 8 but started the last 4 averaging 7 tpg. Last year they had to replace one starter then Jordan Richards (11 st '05-'06) missed the season with injury. This year they have one of the most experienced LB corps in the country as six players are back with starting experience including all three '07 starters. The only losses are Steven Baker (2 tkl), Robenson Jean (2 tkl) and Blake Carter (9 tkl).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - UCF was inexperienced in 2004 and ranked #110 in my pass D rankings with four frosh seeing plenty of action. They climbed to #89 in 2005 as Joe Burnett was FWAA Frosh AA with 5 int and 9 pbu. UCF surprisingly dropped to #97 in 2006 but returned basically intact last year. This is the most experienced secondary in the country as amazingly all four starters had started at least six games in each of the last three years and the starting lineup has a combined 135 starts and 35 int. As you would expect, UCF climbed to #14 in my pass D rankings with 24 int last year and could move even higher in 2008.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year UCF had to replace their P but moved all the way up to #8. Michael Torres connected on 20 of 24 FG's, Robert Batista hit a 41 yd FG and Jake Howard a 44 yarder so the team had an impressive 22-26 FG's combined and were 9 of 9 from 40-49. Blake Clingan was leading CUSA in punting (45.5) after 3 weeks but finished with a 40.7 avg. Parker Langley punted vs ULL (38.2) and the team finished with a net of 36.3. UCF had not had a KR TD since 1997 but Curtis Francis did it on the opening KO vs EC then Khymest Williams had a 99 yarder to open vs SMU. Joe Burnett (11.1) leads all current IA players in career PR yards. This year they must replace Torres and Francies but have everyone else back and they should finish near the top again.

COACHES - George O'Leary was on top of the world after leading Georgia Tech to a 52-33 record and five bowls in 7 years. He took the HC job at Notre Dame but a resume snafu knocked him out of that job and he was an NFL asst prior to UCF. In just four years he has two trips to the CUSA Title game and took home one title. His OC is Tim Salem who was the OC at E Mich in 2003. He was also the QB coach at Ohio St from 1997-2000 and the OC at Purdue for three years. Last year O'Leary brought in a new DC in John Skladany who departed this year for Houston. The new DC is Dave Huxtable who has been the LB coach for 4 years here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

George O'Leary inherited a 3-9 team and a tough non-conf schedule (first 3 foes were BCS). There was a large amount of attrition over the summer with the new HC (just 73 scholarship players) and UCF finished 0-11. In 2005 I did not make a lot of friends in Greenville, NC or Huntington, WV when I forecasted UCF to finish ahead of EC and Marshall. I picked the Knights higher than any other preseason magazine (most had them last). Nine of their top 68 players were walk-ons but UCF, after extending their losing streak to 17 with an 0-2 start, became the 7th team in NCAA history to go from being winless to bowl-eligible. They had the biggest turnaround in the NCAA in 2005 finishing the regular season 8-3 before dropping the CUSA Title game and their first bowl in their 10 year history. They had 51,978 on hand for the CUSA Title game at home. With an enrollment of 47,000+, they are the 6th largest IA university. In 2006 I pointed out that despite their 7-1 record in 2005 in CUSA play, they only outgained league foes by 2.9 ypg. They also benefitted from +12 turnovers and 3 net close wins (pg 299). Despite having the second most returning starters (17), those factors had UCF pointed towards a disappointing 2006 (4-8). Last year numerous factors had me calling for UCF to be back in the post season. They had 3 net close losses and were -7 in TO's. UCF also opened Bright House Networks Stadium and that energized the fan base. The first play of their season was an 80 yd TD run by Kevin Smith as they upset NCSt on the road (led 25-3 half). In their first ever game at Bright House (first ever sellout at UCF), they nearly upset #6 Texas. They were 3-1 and led EC 28-17 at the half but had five 3Q TO's and allowed a KR TD losing by 14. The next week they mailed it in vs #5 USF on the road but would rebound to win their last 6 and once again host the CUSA Title game where they whipped Tulsa 44-25 (first ever conf title). O'Leary was the CUSA Coach of the Year and it was the team's first 10 win season since 1990. They did have a 7 game win streak snapped with their bowl loss to Miss St. Prior to Kevin Smith announcing he was leaving, O'Leary thought that 2008 would be his best football team yet. That is quite a statement since last year's squad outgained CUSA foes by 139.1 ypg which was the best mark in the conference. Despite the loss of Smith and a tough non-conf slate (USF, BC, Miami Fl), I'll call for the Knights to get their 3rd bowl bid in four years.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 2 Michael Greco Jr. 6-3 211 **PS#39 NCSt '05.** PS#89 JC. 303 pass (53.3%) 0-1 ratio, 168 rush. **17** Joe Weatherford (6'4" 198 rFr) PS#75. **16** Nate Tice (6'4" 203 rFr) PS#145.

RB 1A Latavius Murray Fr. 6-3 215 PS#43. Phillip Smith (6'1" 194 Jr) PS#166. 422 (4.2) 2Y. **35** Ronnie Weaver (6'0" 202 rFr). Brandon Davis PS#71. James Jamison (5'11" 215 So) PS#126.

TE 88 John Lubischer So. 6-4 252 PS#45. Duke trans. **86** Ricky Yates (6'5" 238 So) PS#123. **FB 48 Ricky Kay** (6'3" 245 So) 2 st, 60 yd. **WR** Austin Hudson (6'1" 195 So) PS#360QB.

WR 81 KAMAR AIKEN SO. 6-2 205 PS#87DB. 13 st true, 584 (17.7). **3** AJ Guyton (5'11" 188 So) **PS#42.** 1 st true, 253 (11.0). **82** Khymest Williams (5'10" 171 So) PS#322RB.

WR 5 ROCKY ROSS SR. 6-2 196 **PS#76.** 3 st, 154 (9.1) true. 6 st '06, 531 (14.8). 14 st LY, 658 (13.2). **6** Brian Watters (6'2" 180 So) 1 st rFr, 161 (11.5). **80** Sidney Haynes (6'4" 214 So) PS#108.

TE 84 COREY RABAZINSKI JR. 6-3 238 PS#119. 8 st true, 12 gms, 145 (12.1). 7 st LY, 66 (6.6). **88** Adam Nissley (6'6" 260 rFr) PS#128. **40** Willie Gaetjens (6'5" 225 rFr) PS#100.

C 62 Mike Lavoie Sr. 6-5 292 PS#327. 2 gm '06. 2nd string in '07, 11 games. **79** Ian Bustillo (6'2" 312 Jr) PS#127. 2nd string 3Y, 4 game. **LS 60** Ryan Khawly (6'0" 218 So).

RG 68 CODY MINNICH SR. 6-3 296 PS#328DL. 1 st TE '06. 4 gm OL LY. **65** Cliff McCray (6'2" 290 Jr) PS#562. Last 7 st LG LY. **67** Jake Goray (6'5" 260 rFr) PS#82TE.

LG 66 Jeramy DeVane Jr. 6-3 300 **PS#92.** Last 3 st LG true. First 6 st LY. **77** Nick Pieschel (6'7" 298 rFr) PS#520. Steven Robinson is PS#133. **64** David Faile (6'2" 302 rFr).

RT 76 Jah Reid So. 6-7 320 PS#363. 4 st RT rFr. **CUSA Frosh Tm. 72** Billy Offutt (6'6" 305 rFr) PS#300. Jarien Moreland PS#197. **71** Dean Wegerif (6'5" 248 rFr).

LT 78 PATRICK BROWN SR. 6-5 292 12 st LT true, **CUSA Frosh Tm.** 12 st LT '06. 14 st LT LY, **1st Tm CUSA. 38 st LT most in NCAA. 75** Mike Buxton (6'8" 314 So) PS#326.

K 49 Salvatore Dimauro rFr. 6-3 200 **PS#15.** 13-14 FG Sr HS, L/52. **45** Jordan Dodds (5'11" 210 So). 2 gm S Carolina 2-2 on xp '06. Transfer. **44** Kyle Iketani (5'7" 158 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 44 Antonio Wallace Sr. 6-2 251 12 tkl, 5 tfl '06. 4 st LY, 30 tkl, 2.5 sk. **53** Darius Nall (6'3" 230 So) 4 st true, 22 tkl, 4 tfl, **CUSA Fr Tm. 52** Jack Carter (6'2" 219 rFr) PS#365.

DT 95 Travis Timmons Jr. 6-4 285 PS#164. 6 tkl, 2 tfl true. 3 st '07, 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **94** Wes Tunuffi Sauvao (6'3" 300 So) PS#138. 1 tkl LY. **97** Jeremy Green (6'5" 263 Jr) JUCO.

DT 98 TORRELL TROUP JR. 6-3 320 PS#141. 3 st true, 2 tkl. 11 st in '07, 19 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **47** TJ Harnden (6'3" 242 Jr) PS#364LB, 1 tkl. Chris Martin PS#69. Rashidi Haughton (6'3" 255 So).

DE 49 BRUCE MILLER SO. 6-4 249 PS#409LB. 10 st rFr. 38 tkl, 7 sk, **2nd Tm CUSA. 99** Jarvis Geathers PS#139JC. **43** David Williams (6'2" 234 So). Marquis Johnson (6'5" 249 Jr).

WLB 38 DERRICK HALLMAN SO. 6-0 205 PS#234DB. 50 tkl true, 3 sk, 6.5 tfl, **CUSA Fr Tm. 36 Jordan Richards** (6'2" 226 Jr) **11 st 2Y.** 72 tkl, 8 tfl. RS LY (inj). **59** Josh Linam PS#112 LY. GS.

MLB 34 CHANCE HENDERSON JR. 6-1 241 PS#167. 4 st true, 32 tkl, 2 sk. 12 st LY, 74 tkl, 7 tfl. Alex Thompson (6'2" 231 Jr) PS#65QB. 2 st, 20 tkl, 2Y. Jay McCahill (6'1" 211 So) PS#257 W Mich trans.

SLB 59 CORY HOGUE SR. 6-1 228 PS#303. 6 st true, 34 tkl. 10 st '06, 50 tkl, 2.5 sk. 12 st LY. 72 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **57** Lawrence Young (6'0" 212 So) 2 st, 31 tkl true. **58** Tom Lewis (6'2" 205 rFr).

CB 31 JOHNELL NEAL SR. 5-10 176 13 st rFr, 12 st '06. 13 st '07. 191 tkl, 8 int, 23 pbu 3Y. Emery Allen (5'9" 176 Jr) 3 st, 37 tkl, 3 pbu 2Y. Chad Keys PS#199WR LY. GS.

CB 19 JOE BURNETT SR. 5-11 185 **1st Tm CUSA.** 12 st '05, **Fr AA.** 8 st '06, 14 st LY. 177 tkl. 12 int, 24 pbu 3Y. Darin Baldwin (5'11" 190 So) PS#67. 17 tkl true. Jordan Becker (6'4" 206 rFr).

SS 29 SHA'REFF RASHAD SR. 6-0 198 **2nd Tm CUSA.** 6 st '05, 12 st '06, 14 st LY. 185 tkl, 9 int, 18 pbu 3Y. Justin Boddie (6'2" 190 So) 20 tkl true. **32** Fendson Dorvilus (5'10" 200 Sr).

FS 45 JASON VENSON SR. 5-10 211 9 st rFr. 7 st '06. 14 st LY. 240 tkl, 6 int, 18 pbu 3Y. **37** Breon Rogers (6'3" 207 Sr) 2 st, 12 tkl, 3Y. **40** Reggie Weams (6'0" 187 So) PS#189.

P 41 BLAKE CLINGAN SO. 6-3 221 PS#66. 59 punts as true. 40.7 avg, net of 36.4, 14 inside 20. 325 bench. **16** Parker Langley (5'11" 176 So). 4 punts rFr, 38.2.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Latavius Murray 6-3 215 PS#43
DL	Jarvis Geathers 6-2 215 PS#139JC
DL	Chris Martin 6-5 290 PS#69
RB	Brandon Davis 5-9 190 PS#71
TE	Brendan Kelly 6-3 235 PS#70LB
DB	Vance King 6-0 195 PS#96
OL	Steven Robinson 6-3 305 PS#133
OL	Chad Hounshell 6-4 300 PS#143
QB	Rob Calabrese 6-2 215 PS#78
LB	David Williams 6-1 205 PS#136
OL	Jarien Moreland 6-4 330 PS#197
LB	Loren Robinson 6-3 195 PS#147
LB	Josh Linam 6-3 224 PS#112 '07
RB	Brynn Harvey 5-11 215 PS#166
DL	Robert Pritchard 6-4 225 PS#223
QB	Marquee Williams 6-0 195 PS#121
DB	Chad Keys 6-0 177 PS#199WR '07
OL	John Oliver 6-6 270 PS#434
DL	Theo Goins 6-4 285 PS#421
TE	Kyle Madden 6-3 250 PS#129

UCF KNIGHTS

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#81

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UCF	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	South Carolina St	G					
Sep. 6	USF	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	at Boston College	A					
Sep. 27	at UTEP	A					
Oct. 4	SMU	G					
Oct. 11	at Miami, Fl	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 26	at Tulsa (Sun)	A					
Nov. 2	East Carolina (Sun)	G					
Nov. 8	S Mississippi	G					
Nov. 15	at Marshall	A					
Nov. 22	at Memphis	A					
Nov. 29	UAB	G					

Bulldogs finished 7-4 in the MEAC including losses to IA Air Force & S Carolina. UCF is 10-3 in home openers S/'95 with losses to 3 BCS teams (TX, WV & Pur).

LY the then #5 Bulls held UCF to a season low 145 ttl yds in a 64-12 mauling. This is the 4th straight yr they've met with UCF losing all 3 by an avg of 25 ppg.

UCF is 1-8 vs current ACC teams with this being the 1st vs Boston College. The Knights are 1-15 vs BCS teams on the road S/'01 with a win at NCSt LY.

LY UCF had a 480-320 yd & 27-17 FD edges in their East clinching 36-20 win vs the Miners. RB Smith carried a school record 46 times last year totaling 219 yds.

LY UCF had 3 scoring plays of 72+ yds in a 49-20 rout of the Mustangs. Knights are 10-4 in CUSA HG's winning 6 straight with an avg score of 33-24.

1st meeting. UCF is 0-4 visiting instate schools losing by 36 ppg S/'96. As UCF fights for the top Fla recruits, the L3Y they trail USF w/24 wins as they have 22 (FSU 22 & Miami 21).

UCF & Tulsa have met in the CUSA Champ gm 2 of its 3 yrs. Last year in the title gm, UCF exacted revenge in the 44-25 win after losing the inaugural champ game to Tulsa in '05.

UCF is 1-6 all-time vs the Pirates with 6 of those games decided by double digits. LY UCF blew an 11 pt HT lead having 5 3Q TO's result in 28 pts for EC in a 52-38 loss.

Last year the Knights used 4 TO's to beat SM for the 1st time in their 3 matchups, 34-17. It was also their first win on ESPN after having lost their first 7.

LY UCF coasted to a 27-3 HT lead winning easily 47-13 outgaining the Herd 472-337. While in the MAC, Marshall won all 3 meetings & since joining CUSA the Knights have won all 3.

LY UCF set a school record w/7 rushing TD's & led MU 49-0 before winning 56-20. UCF has won all 3 meetings since they joined CUSA winning by an avg of 40-20.

Knights are a perfect 5-0 all-time vs the Blazers outscoring them on avg 32-19. LY UCF won 45-31 rushing for a ssn high 402 yds including 320 yds by RB Smith.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Daunte Culpepper 11,412 '95-'98	1. Kevin Smith 4,679 '05-'07	1. David Rhodes 3,618 '91-'94
2. Ryan Schneider 10,976 '00-'03	2. Alex Haynes 3,359 '01-'04	2. Mark Nonsant 2,809 '95-'98
3. Darin Hinshaw 9,000 '91-'94	3. Willie English 3,131 '89-'91, '93	3. Mike Walker 2,561 '03-'06

GEORGE O'LEARY (Career 74-61)
5th Year at UCF — O'Leary's Bowl Record: 2-4

O'Leary's records AT UCF

22-28	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
12-12	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
10-14	Away	1-11	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	1-6	Off A Bye
18-16	Vs Conference	7-18	Off A Loss

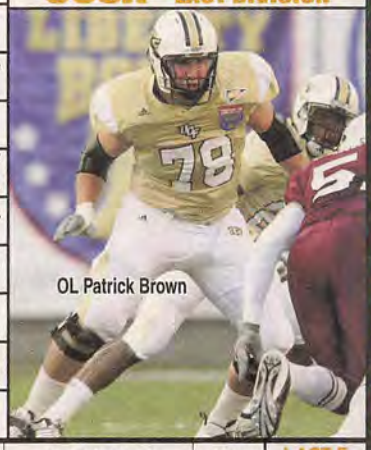
2007 RECORD: (10-4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (15,20,2)
Lost: 23 (10,10,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 44,018 (#49)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS STADIUM (45,323) (#67)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003 (Mike Knoozek)	2004	2005	2006	2007 (George O'Leary)	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	7-5	3-9	0-11	8-5	4-8	10-4	45-51
Home	4-1	5-0	4-2	3-2	0-5	4-1	2-5	6-1	28-17
Away	3-3	1-5	3-3	0-7	0-6	4-3	2-3	4-2	17-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-2
vs Conf	–	–	6-2	2-6	0-8	7-2	3-5	8-1	26-24
vs Non-Conf	7-4	6-5	1-3	1-3	0-3	1-3	1-3	2-3	19-27
ATS	4-4	6-4	6-5	2-9	3-8	8-5	4-7	8-6	41-48
Home Fav	1-0	3-0	1-4	1-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	4-2	12-9
Home Dog	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2	2-2	3-1	1-3	1-0	8-9
Away Fav	1-2	1-1	2-0	0-2	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	5-11
Away Dog	2-1	1-3	3-1	1-4	1-4	3-2	2-2	2-1	15-18
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1
vs Conf	–	–	5-3	1-7	3-5	6-3	4-4	6-3	25-25
vs Non-Conf	4-4	6-4	1-2	1-2	0-3	2-2	0-3	2-3	16-23
Off SU Win	3-4	1-3	3-3	1-2	0-0	4-4	1-2	5-5	18-23
Off SU Loss	0-0	4-1	2-2	1-6	3-7	3-1	3-5	2-1	18-23

(Mike Knoozek (1-0)/Alan Gooch (11-12))

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kevin Smith	450	2678	111	2567	29	5.7
Phillip Smith	52	262	16	246	4	4.7
Curtis Francis	34	215	1	214	1	6.3
Kyle Israel	90	328	150	178	5	2.0
Michael Greco	31	168	40	128	2	4.1
Steven Baker	2	5	0	5	0	2.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kyle Israel	298	174	58.4	2173	15	11
Michael Greco	45	24	53.3	303	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Rocky Ross	50	658	13.2	2	53	
Kamar Aiken	33	584	17.7	5	72	
AJ Guyton	23	253	11.0	2	39	
Kevin Smith	24	242	10.1	1	42	
Sergio Joachim	19	236	12.4	0	36	
Brian Watters	14	161	11.5	3	30	
Mike Merritt	12	161	13.4	0	31	
Corey Rabazinski	10	66	6.6	2	18	
Ricky Kay	6	60	10.0	0	19	
Sidney Haynes	1	38	38.0	0	38	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Blake Clingan	59	2404	40.7	19	36.3(t)	0	14
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Michael Torres	50-51	9-9	4-7	7-7	0-1	20-24	48
Jake Howard	7-7	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Sha'reff Rashad	103	1	7	7	4
Jason Venson	92	0	5	7	2
Chance Henderson	74	1.5	5.5	1	1
Cory Hogue	72	1	5.5	3	0
Joe Burnett	64	0	3	12	6
Johnell Neal	56	0	1	10	6
Derrick Hallman	50	3	6.5	4	1
Leger Douzable	49	7.5	6.5	0	0
Bruce Miller	38	7	2	1	0
Keith Shologan	33	2.5	3.5	0	0
Lawrence Young	31	1.5	1	3	1
Antonio Wallace	30	2.5	1.5	0	0
Emeka Okammor	28	3.5	1.5	1	0
Darius Nall	22	1	3	1	0
Justin Boddie	20	0	0	0	2
Torrell Troup	19	2	4.5	0	0
Darin Baldwin	17	1	1	3	1
Travis Timmons	17	1.5	2	1	0
Emery Allen	11	0	0	1	0
Rex Hill	11	1.5	1	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Joe Burnett	31	331	10.7	1
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Curtis Francis	22	643	29.2	1
Emery Allen	13	311	23.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT		SCORE
05	Hawaii	+2'	Nevada	(OT)	48-49
07	Liberty	-3	Mississippi St		3-10

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UCF's All-Time Bowl Record 0-2

UCF'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	35.9	21	235	4.9	177	57.2	11.5	+1	2007	9	26.6	19	133	3.8	233	54.9	13.8
8*	19.3	19	139	3.8	234	59.6	19.3	-7	2006	9	28.8	21	149	4.5	249	62.2	13.8
9*	28.7	22	167	3.9	234	59.1	14.0	+12	2005	7	28.7	22	179	4.9	242	59.2	14.7
6	15.9	16	97	2.5	183	58.3	17.6	-3	2004	6	32.9	20	186	4.5	217	60.5	12.3
4*	18.7	17	98	3.3	222	61.6	17.1	-22	2003	8	31.1	22	192	4.2	211	65.4	13.0
7*	32.6	22	116	3.9	320	61.1	13.4	-6	2002	3	26.3	20	150	3.6	204	56.8	13.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

UCF 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
57,283	at NC State	13	43-206	4.8	12-24	93	1	16	32-85	2.7	24-38	272	4	+2
45,622	Texas	17	41-192	4.7	9-26	134	1	25	43-229	5.3	32-47	259	2	0
42,153	Memphis	28	59-313	5.3	17-21	288	1	19	36-130	3.6	16-33	173	2	-3
42,646	Louisiana-Lft	23	50-300	6.0	13-24	166	1	15	39-160	4.1	14-29	154	2	-2
42,777	at E Carolina	30	42-182	4.3	28-48	313	1	16	37-160	4.3	15-27	210	1	-5
65,948	at USF	12	40-61	1.5	11-27	84	4	23	44-178	4.0	20-36	365	1	-3
45,510	Tulsa	24	48-229	4.8	21-29	224	1	25	25-59	2.4	35-61	320	5	+3
27,103	at S Miss	21	53-219	4.1	12-16	162	2	21	31-159	5.1	20-29	144	1	+4
46,103	Marshall	24	52-269	5.2	14-22	203	0	14	26-88	3.4	19-35	249	7	+2
12,621	at UAB	24	52-402	7.7	12-20	104	1	22	35-168	4.8	20-41	175	1	+1
10,271	at SMU	19	39-262	6.7	14-24	222	1	25	54-228	4.2	18-38	176	4	+2
41,967	UTEP	27	55-213	3.9	19-28	267	2	17	19-28	1.5	20-37	292	2	+1
44,128	Tulsa	18	49-308	6.3	6-13	128	1	24	35-32	0.9	29-57	438	6	+2
63,816	† Miss St	13	47-131	2.8	10-24	88	3	10	41-160	3.9	8-20	39	1	-3
TOTALS		**293**	**670-3287**	**4.9**	**198-346**	**2476**	**20**	**272**	**497-1864**	**3.8**	**290-528**	**3266**	**39**	**+1**
AVERAGES		**20.9**	**48-235**	**4.9**	**14-25**	**177**	**1.4**	**19.4**	**36-133**	**3.8**	**21-38**	**233**	**2.8**	**0.1**

2003 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Virginia Tech - #9	+20'	28-49
–	Florida Atlantic	NL	33-29
–	at Syracuse	+4'	14-38
–	at Kent St	-8'	16-36
–	Buffalo	-23'	19-10
–	at Ohio	+1'	0-28
–	at Akron	+6'	24-38
–	C Michigan	-7	31-13
–	at West Virginia	+20'	18-36
–	at E Michigan	-7	13-19
–	Marshall	+11'	7-21
–	Miami, Oh - #15	+24	21-56

2004 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at Wisconsin - #21	+23	6-34
–	West Virginia - #10	+21	20-45
–	at Penn St	+23	13-37
–	at Buffalo	-7'	20-48
–	N Illinois	+18	28-30
–	Akron	-2'	21-26
–	at Miami, Oh	+22	7-43
–	at Marshall	+26	3-20
–	Ohio	+3	16-17 OT
–	at Ball St	+3'	17-21
–	Kent St	+8'	24-41

2005 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at South Carolina	+21	15-24
–	at USF	+7'	14-31
–	Marshall	+3'	23-13
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-3'	24-21
–	Memphis	+1'	38-17
–	at S Mississippi	+8'	31-52
–	Tulane	-6	34-24
–	at East Carolina	+1'	30-20
–	Houston	+2	31-29
–	at UAB	+7'	27-21
–	at Rice	-11	31-28
–	Tulsa	+2'	27-44

2006 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	Villanova	NL	35-16
–	at Florida - #7	+23	0-42
–	USF	+1'	17-24
–	S Mississippi	+6	14-19
–	at Marshall	+3'	23-22
–	Pittsburgh	+10'	7-52
–	Rice	-5'	29-40
–	at Houston	+17	31-51
–	East Carolina	+5'	10-23
–	at Memphis	-2'	26-24
–	at Tulane	+2	9-10
–	UAB	-3'	31-22

2007 RESULTS

UCF Rank	Pre-Game Opponent	Line	Post-Game Score
–	at NC State	+8	25-23
–	Texas - #6	+17	32-35
–	Memphis	-7	56-20
–	Louisiana-Lft	-22	37-19
–	at East Carolina	-3'	38-52
–	at USF - #5	+10'	12-64
–	Tulsa	-2'	44-23
–	at S Mississippi	+3	34-17
–	Marshall	-14	47-13
–	at UAB	-20'	45-31
–	at SMU	-12'	49-20
–	UTEP	-21	36-20
–	Tulsa	-7'	44-25

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - The Thundering Herd has had a couple of special QB's in Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich (both #1 NFL DC's). Since Leftwich departed in 2002 they have struggled. In 2005 Bernard Morris started the last 7 and threw for 1,121 (52.8%) with a 6-6 ratio. Morris got stronger, faster and studied a lot of film and had the starting job to himself in '06. He became the first QB to rush for over 100 yards (151 vs Hofstra) since 1978 (Danny Wright). Foot and ankle injuries shelved him again and over the final six he missed one and played just parts of others (43 att). Morris threw for 1,346 (61.7%) with an 8-12 ratio (451 rush). He enrolled at 179 lbs and was up to 211 in '07. Last year they had to replace Jimmy Skinner, who had 5 starts in Morris' absence, and the new backup was rFr Brian Anderson (PS#105). Morris suffered turf toe vs WV and Anderson started vs UNH. The rFr struggled hitting 7 of 14 for 58 and Morris came off the bench and in a little over 2Q's had 417 and 3 TD's. Morris was not completely healthy until the last few games but still managed to rush for 691 while throwing for 3,149 (63.6%) with a 17-10 ratio. He is Marshall's only QB to top 1,000 yards rushing in his career. Anderson saw action in just 5 games finishing with 94 (42.9) with an 0-3 ratio while Wesley Beardain (6'1" 207 Jr, PS#91) hit 1 of 2 for 10. Those two are the most experienced QB's but my frontrunners for the job are Mark Cann (6'4" 237 rFr, PS#85), GT transfer Jonathan Garner (PS#20) and Chris Smith (6'3" 220 rFr, PS#28). Morris had a productive season and will be tough to replace but I like the stable of QB's that Snyder has to choose from.

RUNNING BACKS - Marshall had only one 1,000 yard rusher since Doug Chapman in 1998 but Ahmad Bradshaw (PS#34) was arguably the top RB the Herd has ever had. The Virginia transfer rushed for 1,523 (6.1) as a junior in '06 but opted to leave early for the NFL and helped lead the Giants to their Super Bowl win. Chubb Small (PS#101) has blazing speed and had 390 rushing with 961 return yards in his first two years. He was the frontrunner out of spring but the star in the fall was true frosh Darius Marshall (PS#51). Marshall rushed for 631 (5.1) while Small had 424 (6.1). Kelvin Turner (5'10" 200 Sr, PS#131) added 158 (3.0). This year all 3 return and added to the mix is Jo Jo Cox (5'10" 209 rFr, PS#48) who originally signed at Clemson, Tyler Shick (5'8" 185 So), FB Cody Tominack (5'11" 220 Sr), Payden Ludwick (5'11" 215 So) and this year's fine crop of true frosh. This unit is vastly more experienced with good depth and looks like one of the top RB units in CUSA.

RECEIVERS - Marshall has always had great receivers including their most famous alumni, Randy Moss. In 2004 they had to replace Darius Watts who was the MAC's all-time career leader in rec and yards. Josh Davis topped those totals finishing #2 all-time in the NCAA in career rec in '04. They had an experienced unit in '06 and TE Cody Slate led with 684 (15.9). WR Emmanuel Spann added 383 (10.1). They did have to replace their #3 and #4 receivers last year. Darius Passmore (PS#85JC) was the fastest player on the team (4.39). Snyder said, "I don't think you can overthrow that guy." Slate led with 818 (12.4) and Passmore, despite missing one game, had 660 (14.7). Spann was #3 with 442 (17.7). This year they must replace Marcus Fitzgerald (2 st, 5 rec), Shawn Lauzon (1 st, 305) and TE Brian Shope (6 st, 7 rec). Passmore and Slate probably make up the best WR/TE combo in the CUSA but they also add in S Carolina transfer OJ Murdock (PS#16 '05). Not listed in the PSL are Seth Oskin (6'1" 190 So) and TE Andrew Skiles (6'3" 260 Fr). Marshall's #2 and #3 TE's, Lee Smith (PS#9) and JUCO Maurice Graham, would start for most other CUSA schools.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 the Herd replaced one starter, a backup and one starter lost his job. It was a deeper O-line that actually had a 3rd string. The veteran front opened holes for 4.9 ypc rushing (best S/'96) and allowed just 19 sacks (6.4%). Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 24 starts. Returning 2-year starter LG David Ziegler hurt his shoulder in Aug and did not start but John Inman, who was the '05 starter that lost his spot, won the starting LT job. Despite having a mobile QB, Marshall's rushing numbers dropped to 142 (4.2) and they allowed 38 sacks (8.8%). This year they lose their star in 1st Tm CUSA C Doug Legursky (12 st, 3Y st'r) and LT Inman (11 st). Four players return with starting experience and they add large JUCO Jimmy Rogers (6'4" 325, PS#15) and some solid rFr including a PS#64, PS#101 and PS#114. Despite the loss of a star OL, I look for improved numbers.

OL Josh Evans

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Marshall had an inexperienced front but thanks to the emergence of Albert McClellan, who earned CUSA Def POY honors (11.5 sk, 77 tkl), they trimmed the ypg rush allowed to 139 (4.1). Last year they had to replace 2 starters and McClellan suffered an ACL injury over the summer. JUCO Montel Glasco was also lost after 3 starts. As you would expect, they allowed 191 ypg rush and their 4.8 ypc allowed was their weakest since 2001. The D also saw its sack total drop to 13. This year they lose DE Ryland Wilson (12 st, 41 tkl, 1.5 tfl) and DT Byron Tinker (12 st, 66 tkl, 6.5 tfl). They switched to a 3-4 at the start of spring and since McClellan is listed at the new "LB" spot, I'll include that position in the D-line for this year. Despite losing two starters this is a deep group that has 8 players back with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are DeMetrius Thompson (6'2" 225 So), Joshua Wallace (6'2" 260 So), Vinny Cury (6'5" 246 Fr) and Brandon Bullock (6'3" 320 rFr). This unit goes from a weakness to a strength.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Herd had to replace one starter and two backups who combined for 5 starts (51 tkl). Georgia transfer Josh Johnson (PS#17) was the star of the unit and in 8 games (7 st) had 51 tackles and 3.5 tfl but he was susp'd for the rest of the year. This year they must replace Johnson, Will Albin (2 st, 33 tkl) and Ian Hoskins (8 st) who moves to DL. They opened in a 5 DB set four times so Mario Harvey technically only had 3 starts but played in 9 games. He finished with more tackles (53) than did Johnson so I list them as having two starters returning (top 2 LB tkl'r). I'll call this unit improved.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Marshall had to replace three starters in 2006 and finished #93 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm CUSA SS but had 5 players back with starting experience. The unit was shuffled with 9 different players drawing starts and the DB's finished with a COMBINED one int of the team's 4 with DE Ryland Wilson having 2! This year the only loss is CB Jon Moravec (1 st, 12 tkl). Not listed below are Pete Culicerto (6'1" 197 So), Kevin Perry (5'10" 180 So) and Stuart Lips (6'3" 206 So). FS CJ Spillman is the 2nd fastest on the team and I think the Herd will make a huge jump in my pass D rankings (#112 '07).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Snyder does place an emphasis on ST. In fact he holds a scrimmage where they draft players for the ST's unit in August. Marshall has blocked 7 punts in Snyder's 3 years. He inherited a group that was #54 in 2004 and in his first two years only molded finishes of #62 and #72. Last year they had to replace their P and expected replacement Marty Biagi was injured in Aug and had just 17 punts. K Anthony Binswanger (Cal trans) took over and avg 39.6 (33.8 tm net). Binswanger hit just 5 of 13 FG's (long of 50) in '06 and in '07, he was 13 of 18 FG's with a long of 42. Surprisingly despite his strong leg he was just 1 of 6 from 40+ and had just 2 TB on 59 KO. Emmanuel Spann has avg 12.0 and 10.2 on PR the last 2 years. Darius Marshall was taken off the KR duties for a few weeks but reinserted vs UAB and produced a 91 yd KR TD and avg 29.3. DeQuan Bembry (PS#90) will be added to the return game. Overall the unit finished just #80 and should move up despite losing their kicker and punter.

COACHES - In 2005 Mark Snyder stepped into a tough situation, having to replace Marshall's revered HC Bob Pruett. Snyder was not even hired until after spring practice. He was a standout DB here and had a school record 10 int's in '87. He was Youngstown St's DC in 1996, Minny's DE coach from 1997-'00, Ohio St's LB coach from 2001-'03 and their DC in 2004. Since Marshall was #10 in CUSA in scoring offense LY, they bring in OC John Shannon. Shannon spent 5 years at Toledo, the last 3 as the OC and was also the OC at Troy from 2001-'02. They also made an excellent hire in Rick Minter as DC. Minter has been the DC at Notre Dame and South Carolina and was the HC at Cincy from 1994-2003 compiling a 53-63-1 record.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The last time Marshall made a conference move it was from IAA to the MAC. They stepped right in and dominated winning the MAC in 5 of the first 6 years. In 2004 Marshall appeared to have the MAC wrapped up but suffered some close losses. They stunningly fell to 6-6 after their bowl loss. In 2005 Snyder stepped into the HC role for the first time in his career and inherited a team that had just 5 returning starters. He did not take over until after spring practice and it was the team's first year in CUSA. Marshall also removed their AstroTurf and reduced the huge crown (elevation at midfield) from 20 to 6 inches which was a big part of their home edge. I didn't make a lot of fans in Huntington when I called for Marshall to finish LAST in the CUSA East, even below UCF who was 0-11 the previous year! They had a record of 102-7 at home in the history of Joan C. Edwards Stadium, but were just 3-3 in '05 with 6 senior starters (5th lowest in NCAA). The Herd trailed in all 11 games including IAA William & Mary (24-23 3Q). They had three very fortunate wins and managed a 4-7 record. In 2006 they had 13 returning starters but also had a tough non-conf road schedule (WV, Kan St, Tenn). They were 5-6 and needed a win vs S Miss to become bowl eligible but were thumped 42-7. The Herd finished 3rd in the CUSA East (4-4). They did so despite being -9 in turnovers. Last year Marshall had 13 returning starters but suffered a huge loss in the offseason when 2006 CUSA Def POY Albert McClellan tore his ACL. MU actually held WV to 3 FD's in the 1H and led 16-13 in the 3Q but gave up some late TD's in a 25 pt loss. After such an emotional game, they did not come focused for IAA New Hampshire and lost 48-35 (trailed 24-0 half). MU stumbled to an 0-7 start, their longest losing streak since 1979. The Herd did manage to win 3 of their last 5 with the losses at the hands of CUSA powerhouses UCF and Houston. MU was -10 in TO's making this year's Turnovers=Turnaround article (pg 312) and had 2 net close losses. 28 scholarship players have left the program over the last 3 years which has thinned the Herd. With the return of DE McClellan, Marshall makes my list of most improved teams which means I think they will attain bowl eligibility this year.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

QB 10 Mark Cann rFr. 6-4 237 PS#85. **18 Jonathan Garner** (6'4" 218 Jr) **PS#20. GTech trans. 7** Chris Smith (6'3" 220 rFr) **PS#28. 12** Brian Anderson (6'3" 209 So) PS#105.

RB 5 DARIUS MARSHALL SO. 5-10 193 **PS#51**. 10.5 100m. 9 st true, 631 (5.1). **28** Chubb Small (5'9" 193 Sr) PS#101. 4.32 spd. 814 (4.8) 3Y. **2** Terrell Edwards (6'2" 211 rFr) PS#142.

WR NA OJ MURDOCK JR. 6-0 185 **PS#16 SC!** Taravis Thompson (6'2" 180 Jr). **TE 19** Maurice Graham (6'5" 300 Jr) PS#201JC. **FB 83 Matt Parkhurst** (6'3" 226 Sr) PS#45TE 5 st 3Y.

WR 1 DARIUS PASSMORE SR. 6-3 186 PS#85JC. 10 st in '07, 660 (14.7). **4.3 speed. 23** Bryant Milligan (6'1" 185 So) PS#235DB. 5 rec rFr. Charles Walker PS#150JC. 4.4 speed.

WR 24 EMMANUEL SPANN SR. 5-11 195 **27 st 3Y**, 1058 (11.8). 442 (17.7) LY. **3** EJ Wynn (5'11" 165 Sr) 7 st LY, 309 (10.0). **80** Courtney Edmonson (6'0" 184 Jr) 4 st, 380 (14.6) 2Y.

TE 85 CODY SLATE JR. 6-4 220 **1st Tm CUSA '06-'07**. 685 (15.9) rFr. 818 (12.4) LY. **16 Lee Smith** (6'6" 245 So) **PS#9 Tenn.** 11 gm, 1 st LY. **47** Robert Henry (5'11" 224 So).

C 65 BRIAN LEGGETT SR. 6-1 287 PS#232. 1 st C true. 12 st RG '06. 12 st RG LY. John Bruhin (6'5" 304 rFr). **LS 39** Sean McClellan (5'11" 237 Jr) 12 gm LY. Jeremy James (6'0" 192 rFr).

RG 76 Jimmy Rogers Jr. 6-4 325 PS#225 '06. **PS#15JC.** Recruited by Miss, Miss St. **82** Matt Altobello (6'1" 301 Sr) 8 gm '06. 4 gm LY (inj). **70** Sergio Glenn (6'6" 330 rFr) PS#285.

LG 61 JOSH EVANS SO. 6-4 324 PS#148. 12 st LG rFr, **CUSA FrTm. 71** Chad Schofield (6'4" 320 So) **PS#127.** 2nd string all yr rFr. **67** Erik Vint (6'4" 285 So). **52** Adam Bare (6'2" 305 So).

RT 79 DANIEL BALDRIDGE JR. 6-9 307 6 gm rFr. 11 st RT LY. Missed spg inj. +10 lbs. **75** CJ Wood (6'5" 300 rFr) **PS#114. 73** Ryan Tillman (6'5" 280 rFr) PS#520.

LT 66 Branden Curry rFr. 6-6 315 **PS#64DL**. 335 bench. **78** Brandon Campbell (6'5" 319 So) 2 st LT rFr, 10 games. **68** Micah Carter (6'4" 312 Fr) PS#101. GS.

K 92 Craig Ratanamorn Jr. 6-3 184 Goalie on Marshall soccer team. Strong leg. **82** Elliot Boyd (6'0" 190 So) PS#492DB. **60** Calvin Purchase (6'2" 179 rFr) PS#96 LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GREEN)

DE 48 JOHN JACOBS JR. 6-3 253 PS#118RB. 9 st. 38 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **21 Ian Hoskins** (6'2" 256 Sr) **22 st LB 3Y**, 80 tkl, 7 tfl. **90** Michael Janac (6'4" 271 So) 12 gm, 3 st, 37 tkl LY.

DT 95 Montel Glasco Sr. 6-3 290 PS#315JC. First 3 st, 13 tkl until ACL LY. **91** Johnny Jones (6'5" 289 So) PS#373. 1 st, 6 tkl true. **50** Joe Bragg (6'4" 284 Sr) PS#38TE. 11 gm 3Y.

DT 58 JAMES BURKES JR. 6-1 311 PS#422. 7 st LY, 22 tkl. **97** Shane Moore (6'2" 286 So) PS#365. 1 st, 6 tkl true. **75** Brett Traylor (6'3" 280 So). Delvin Johnson (6'3" 285 Fr) PS#202. GS.

DE 96 ALBERT McCLELLAN JR. 6-2 259 6 st, 40 tkl, 7 tfl true. **CUSA Def POY '06**, 77 tkl, 11.5 sk, 7.5 tfl. RS LY-ACL. **27** Antawn Booker (6'1" 255 Jr) PS#189LB. 8 gm, 17 tkl LY.

WLB 30 MARIO HARVEY JR. 6-0 252 PS#361. Hargrave. 9 gm, 3 st "true" 53 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **28** Phillip Gamble (5'11" 225 Sr) 25 tkl 3Y. 38 tkl, 8 tfl LY. **51** BJ Evans (6'0" 224 rFr).

MLB 45 MAURICE KITCHENS SR. 6-3 247 PS#211. 10 gm, 1 st, 17 tkl '06. 11 st LY, 90 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **35** Kellen Harris (6'3" 224 rFr) PS#234. 340 bench. Tyson Gale (6'3" 230 Fr). PS#393.

SLB 33 Andre Portis Jr. 6-3 240 **PS#252JC. 44** Corey Hart (6'2" 223 Sr) PS#173. 7 gm true, 1 tkl. **56** Howard King (6'2" 213 So) 1 gm rFr. Scott Gray (6'0" 200 So). Devin Arrington (6'2" 205 Fr).

CB 11 ZEARRICK MATTHEWS JR. 5-9 186 PS#150, 12 st rFr, 43 tkl, 6 pbu. 6 st LY, 25 tkl, 3 pbu. **17 DeQuan Bembry** (5'10" 174 rFr) **PS#90. 14** Josh Miller PS#279JC. In for spg.

CB 8 JJ JOHNSON SR. 5-11 188 PS#293. 2 st, 42 tkl true. 12 st '06, 66 tkl, 10 pbu. 10 st LY, 56 tkl, 7 pbu. DJ Wingate (6'2" 185 So) 3 st LY, 22 tkl, 4 pbu. **40** DeNathian Robinson PS#121.

SS 26 AARON JOHNSON SR. 5-11 184 6 st SS LY, 38 tkl, 3 pbu. **20** Ashton Hall (5'10" 197 Jr) PS#285. 1 st true, 16 tkl. **8 st CB LY**, 66 tkl, 2 pbu. **13** TJ Drakeford (5'11" 187 rFr) 1 st true.

FS 4 CJ SPILLMAN SR. 6-0 193 4.4 spd. 9 st, 79 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu '06. **2nd Tm CUSA**, 12 st FS LY, 131 tkl, 6 pbu. **19** John Saunders (6'0" 192 Jr) 5 st LY, 68 tkl, 4 pbu.

P NA Kase Whitehead Fr. 5-10 180 PS#43.41.7 avg HS. Tennessee Mr Football finalist. **51** Cody Ochoa (6'1" 183 So) PS#96. Walk-on LY. **60** Calvin Purchase (6'2" 179 rFr) PS#96.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Jimmy Rogers 6-4 325 PS#15JC
WR	OJ Murdock 6-0 185 PS#16 '05
WR	Charles Walker 5-10 185 PS#150JC
RB	Martin Ward 5-9 188 PS#57
DB	Brandon Burns 6-4 215 PS#168JC
TE	Maurice Graham 6-5 300 PS#201JC
LB	Andre Portis 6-3 240 PS#252JC
DB	Josh Miller 5-9 185 PS#279JC
DB	Ahmed Shakoor 5-11 189 PS#127
WR	Corey McCutchen 6-4 178 PS#133
DL	John Youboty 6-4 246 PS#182
WR	Jamal Wilson 5-11 176 PS#163
RB	Demetrius Thomas 6-1 200 PS#196
TE	Jamie Hatten 6-5 233 PS#89
K	Kase Whitehead 5-10 180 PS#43
DB	Leshawan Henderson 6-1 180 PS#343
RB	Jordan Taylor 6-1 205 PS#316
LB	Devin Arrington 6-2 205 PS#408DB
LB	Tyson Gale 6-3 230 PS#393
TE	Zach Tenuta 6-3 230 PS#154

MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

Huntington, West Virginia
Weather (304) 529-5100

MARK SNYDER (Career 12-23)
4th Year at Marshall Snyder's Bowl Record: 0-0

Snyder's records AT MARSHALL

12-23	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
10-7	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
2-16	Away	0-8	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-4	Off A Bye
10-14	Vs Conference	9-12	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,22,1)
Lost: 15 (8,5,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,020 (#77)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

RB Darius Marshall

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#61

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Illinois St	A					
Sep. 6	at Wisconsin	A					
Sep. 13	Memphis	A					
Sep. 20	at S Mississippi	A					
Sep. 27	at West Virginia	A					
Oct. 3	Cincinnati (Fri)	A					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at UAB	G					
Oct. 28	Houston (Tues)	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at East Carolina	G					
Nov. 15	UCF (HC)	A					
Nov. 22	at Rice	A					
Nov. 29	Tulsa	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Chad Pennington 13,143 '95-'99
2. Byron Leftwich 11,903 '98-'02
3. Michael Payton 9,411 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Chris Parker 5,924 '92-'95
2. Doug Chapman 4,016 '96-'99
3. Ron Darby 3,903 '86-'89

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Mike Barber 4,262 '85-'88
2. Darius Watts 4,031 '00-'03
3. Josh Davis 3,889 '01-'04

Marshall is 22-3 in home openers since 1984 but did lose 2 of 4 including last yr. The Redbirds were 4-7 last year including a 38-17 loss to Missouri.

The Herd is 0-4 all-time vs the Big Ten with the last game, a 24-21 loss to the Buckeyes in '04 where Snyder was the DC. Marshall is 0-8 vs BCS teams under Snyder.

LY Marshall had their last drive fall short on a 4th down incomplete pass at the UM 41. LY this gm was almost postponed due to the tragic death of Memphis DL Taylor Bradford.

Marshall has never beaten SM as they are 0-3 all-time being outscored on avg 34-18. Last year Marshall was done in by 4 TO's as they fell behind 20-0 in Huntington.

Marshall is 0-7 all-time vs the Mountaineers in this renewed instate rivalry. The Herd led 13-6 at HT but WV wore them down & outscored them 42-10 in the 2H.

These schools are just 153 miles apart & have only met 3x S/'46, 2 of those in bowls ('00 & '04). LY each tm recorded a safety but UC reeled off 26 straight pts to put the gm away 40-14.

Marshall has won all 3 meetings by a combined 15 pts with an avg score of 32-27. Marshall blew a 28-7 HT lead needing a TD w/1:07 left to pull out the victory LY.

Coming into 2008, Marshall is 8-4 vs CUSA opponents at home under Snyder. In their 1st ever meeting LY, UH held off a late MU charge to pull out the win.

LY Marshall crushed EC's dreams of winning the CUSA East with a 26-7 win as QB Morris had 364 yds of offense & became the 1st MU QB to gain 1,000 yds rushing in his career.

Mark Snyder was a graduate asst/LB coach for 2 seasons at UCF (1989-'90). Marshall has now lost 3 straight to UCF including LY's 47-13 thrashing.

Owls are just 1 of the 2 FBS tms on the Herd schedule that didn't go to a bowl LY (UAB). LY's 34-21 win vs Rice was the first win of the season snapping an 0-7 start.

Last year Marshall was outgained 578-444 in a 38-31 loss at Tulsa. Marshall is 16-1 in regular season home finales since 1991 with the only loss in 2005.

STADIUM: JOAN C. EDWARDS STADIUM (38,019) (#80)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-5	11-2	11-2	8-4	6-6	4-7	5-7	3-9	56-42
Home	5-1	6-0	7-0	4-1	4-1	3-3	4-1	3-3	36-10
Away	2-4	4-2	3-2	4-3	2-4	1-4	1-6	0-6	17-31
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	6-3	8-1	8-1	6-2	6-2	3-5	4-4	3-5	44-23
vs Non-Conf	2-2	3-1	3-1	2-2	0-4	1-2	1-3	0-4	12-19
ATS	4-8	5-5-1	5-6-1	6-5	4-8	4-5-1	4-7	4-6-1	36-50-4
Home Fav (Bob Pruett)	2-2	1-2-1	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	0-2	3-1	1-1	13-15-2
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-1-1	6-1-1
Away Fav (Mark Snyder)	0-2	3-2	1-3	2-2	0-3	0-1-1	0-0	0-0	6-13-1
Away Dog	0-4	0-1	0-1	2-1	2-1	1-2	1-6	2-4	8-20
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1
vs Conf	3-6	4-4-1	4-4-1	4-4	2-6	2-5-1	4-4	4-4	27-37-3
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	2-0	0-3	0-2-1	9-13-1
Off SU Win	2-5	4-4-1	4-5-1	4-3	1-5	3-1	2-3	1-1	21-27-2
Off SU Loss	2-3	1-0	1-1	2-2	3-2	1-4-1	2-3	3-4-1	15-19-2

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Darius Marshall	123	670	39	631	3	5.1
Bernard Morris	130	691	203	488	4	3.8
Chubb Small	69	435	11	424	5	6.1
Kelvin Turner	52	173	15	158	7	3.0
Darius Passmore	8	65	9	56	0	7.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Bernard Morris	398	253	63.6	3149	17	10
Brian Anderson	28	12	42.9	94	0	3
Wesley Beardain	2	1	50.0	10	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cody Slate	66	818	12.4	5	80
Darius Passmore	45	660	14.7	5	47
Emmanuel Spann	25	442	17.7	2	36
EJ Wynn	31	309	10.0	1	33
Shawn Lauzon	23	305	13.3	2	33
Courtney Edmonson	21	276	13.1	1	32
Darius Marshall	14	119	8.5	0	32
Kelvin Turner	8	89	11.1	1	26
Chubb Small	14	76	5.4	0	11
Marcus Fitzgerald	5	71	14.2	0	30
Brian Shope	7	50	7.1	0	10

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Anthony Binswanger	44	1742	39.6	7	33.8(t)	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Anthony Binswanger	33-35	4-4	8-8	1-6	0-0	13-18	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
CJ Spillman	131	0	2.5	6	0
Maurice Kitchens	90	4	3.5	2	1
John Saunders	68	0	2.5	4	1
Ashton Hall	66	0	2.5	2	0
Byron Tinker	66	2	4.5	1	0
JJ Johnson	56	0	1	7	0
Mario Harvey	53	1	2.5	0	0
Josh Johnson	51	1	2.5	0	0
Ryland Wilson	41	0	1.5	0	2
Aaron Johnson	38	0	0.5	3	0
Ian Hoskins	38	2.5	3	1	0
John Jacobs	38	2.5	5.5	0	0
Michael Janac	37	0	4	0	0
Will Albin	33	0	0	1	0
Zearrick Matthews	25	0	0	3	0
James Burkes	22	0	1.5	0	0
DJ Wingate	22	0	0	4	0
Phillip Gamble	17	0	0	0	0
Antawn Booker	17	0	0.5	0	0
Montel Glasco	13	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Emmanuel Spann	9	92	10.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Emmanuel Spann	31	603	19.5	0
Darius Marshall	19	556	29.3	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
99	Motor City - #11	-3	BYU	21-3
00	Motor City	+2'	Cincinnati	25-14
01	GMAC	+2	E Carolina (2OT)	64-61
02	GMAC	-2'	Louisville	38-15
04	Fort Worth	+1	Cincinnati	14-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Marshall's All-Time Bowl Record 5-2

MARSHALL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	24.8	21	142	4.2	271	61.6	16.6	-10	2007	6	34.3	24	191	4.8	260	63.9	13.2
8*	25.9	18	167	4.9	187	61.0	13.7	-9	2006	5	29.3	21	139	4.1	252	63.8	13.4
2	18.5	20	127	3.7	205	56.0	17.9	-6	2005	3	25.9	18	162	4.0	178	56.2	13.1
5*	24.2	18	113	3.4	209	58.4	13.2	+2	2004	8	22.2	18	111	3.0	223	56.4	15.1
6	29.2	23	195	4.7	245	67.6	15.1	-19	2003	6	23.2	15	152	4.0	177	53.6	14.2
9*	35.2	25	126	3.9	370	66.6	14.1	-7	2002	6	24.2	18	173	4.2	161	47.8	13.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

MU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
39,830	at Miami, Fl	13	32-51	1.6	19-35	183	6	20	40-260	6.5	9-21	81	0	-3
40,383	West Virginia	17	32-121	3.8	20-32	266	4	27	51-362	7.1	13-18	149	1	-1
27,255	New Hampshire	29	23-87	3.8	38-58	475	3	27	49-213	4.3	23-33	289	2	0
35,097	at Cincinnati	19	35-80	2.3	21-32	257	3	22	39-217	5.6	20-27	219	2	-2
25,324	at Memphis	25	34-185	5.4	23-32	220	2	24	35-99	2.8	30-46	346	0	-2
20,255	at Tulsa	20	38-184	4.8	21-37	260	4	31	42-193	4.6	24-39	385	2	0
27,234	S Mississippi	20	31-99	3.2	20-38	309	2	21	41-160	3.9	23-30	310	1	-4
31,768	Rice	22	46-254	5.5	15-33	227	1	24	27-130	4.8	30-49	298	2	+2
46,103	at UCF	14	26-88	3.4	19-35	249	7	24	52-269	5.2	14-22	203	0	-2
26,718	East Carolina	26	42-239	5.7	24-32	238	2	14	28-108	3.9	16-29	151	3	0
21,116	at Houston	24	36-136	3.8	20-32	260	3	24	46-174	3.8	24-32	298	0	+2
26,762	UAB	27	33-177	5.4	26-36	309	1	24	25-107	4.3	27-50	389	0	0
TOTALS		256	408-1701	4.2	266-432	3253	38	282	475-2292	4.8	253-396	3118	13	-10
AVERAGES		21.3	34-142	4.2	22-36	271	3.2	23.5	40-191	4.8	21-33	260	1.1	-0.8

2003 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Pre- Line	Post- Score
–	Hofstra	NL	45-21
–	at Tennessee - #12	+19'	24-34
–	Toledo	-5'	17-24
–	at Kansas St - #6	+19'	27-20
–	at Troy	-12'	24-33
–	Kent St	-20	49-33
–	at Buffalo	-29	26-16
–	at W Michigan	-8'	41-21
–	Akron	-14	42-24
–	at Miami, Oh - #23	+12'	6-45
–	at UCF	-11'	21-7
–	Ohio	-17	28-0

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Pre- Line	Post- Score
–	Troy	-14'	15-17
–	at Ohio St - #9	+16'	21-24
–	at Georgia - #3	+18'	3-13
–	Miami, Oh	-7	33-25
–	at Ohio	-8'	16-13
–	at Kent St	-13'	27-17
–	Buffalo	-25	48-14
–	UCF	-26	20-3
–	at Akron	-9	28-31
–	at Bowling Green	+10	35-56
–	W Michigan	-27	31-21

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Pre- Line	Post- Score
–	William & Mary	NL	36-24
–	Kansas St	+9	19-21
–	at UCF	-3'	13-23
–	SMU	-11'	16-13 OT
–	at Virginia Tech - #3	+35	14-41
–	UAB	+2	20-19
–	at UTEP	+13'	3-31
–	at Tulane	-1	27-26
–	S Mississippi	+7	24-27 OT
–	East Carolina	-5'	29-34
–	at Memphis	+10'	3-26

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Pre- Line	Post- Score
–	at West Virginia - #5	+22	10-42
–	Hofstra	NL	54-31
–	at Kansas St	+9'	7-23
–	at Tennessee - #15	+21	7-33
–	UCF	-3'	22-23
–	at SMU	+4'	21-31
–	at UAB	+6	31-24
–	Memphis	-9'	41-27
–	Tulane	-4'	42-21
–	at East Carolina	+7'	20-33
–	UTEP	-3	49-21
–	at S Mississippi	+6	7-42

2007 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Pre- Line	Post- Score
–	at Miami, Fl	+17'	3-31
–	West Virginia - #3	+25	23-48
–	New Hampshire	NL	35-48
–	at Cincinnati	+24	14-40
–	at Memphis	+2'	21-24
–	at Tulsa	+13'	31-38
–	S Mississippi	+3'	24-33
–	Rice	-9	34-21
–	at UCF	+14	13-47
–	E Carolina	+7	26-7
–	at Houston	+12	28-35
–	UAB	-14'	46-39

MEMPHIS TIGERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Tommy West has recently moved to a pass oriented offense and in 2004 Danny Wimprine (4 yr starter) finished as the school's career leader in passing yards with 10,215 (almost double that of the old leader). Patrick Byrne, who also handled KO's in '04, was the fastest QB ever here beating out good-sized Will Hudgens (6'4" 235, PS#112) in '05. After waiting 3 years to become the starter, Byrne broke his leg on just the 3rd play of the season and unfortunately the offense was based around his mobility. Hudgens (dropback passer, strong arm) started the next two and West took the RS off true frosh Billy Barefield who is a stark contrast to Hudgens at 5'10". Hudgens was also lost for the season (broke leg vs Tulsa). Barefield started 2 then West opted to go with WR Maurice Avery who led a ground/option oriented offense. Bryne, Hudgens and Barefield all returned in '06 but I projected SEL transfer Martin Hankins as the starter. Hankins threw for 2,550 (59.9%) with an 18-13 ratio. Hudgens once again broke his leg and Bryne was once again 2nd string (6 att). Bryne departed last year and battling Hudgens for #2 was Matt Malouf (6'3" 212 So, PS#60). Hankins dropped 12 lbs and added much needed mobility in '07. His 41 completions vs Ole Miss set a UM single game record. Hudgens, who was also the team's LS and has the strongest arm on the team, came in to throw a Hail Mary pass vs The Rebels. Malouf was brought in "Tim Tebow" fashion to run the ball out of the QB slot. Hankins missed Marshall and Hudgens started, hitting 30-45 for 346 but vs MT hit just 13-35 for 134. Hankins returned vs Rice throwing for 306 and later a school record 416 vs EC. He threw for 3,220 (61%) with a 25-12 ratio while Hudgens threw for 587 with a 5-0 ratio. Malouf had 12 pass att's while rushing for 169. Brett Toney (6'1" 190 Jr) did not see any action. This year they lose Hankins and added to the mix are Dallas Walker (6'6" 228 rFr, PS#76) and Arkelon Hall (PS#17) who orig signed at Wash St and is my favorite to win the job. He threw for 2,398 yards at JC last year, and while not as experienced, he could come close to Hankins numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - DeAngelo Williams had a storied 4 year career (see Hardcore). In '06 the offense changed back to the spread and Joseph Doss (PS#94) led with 910 (4.1) and 25 rec (8.2). Much was expected of Doss last year who trimmed some weight. He was hoping to regain his 2005 form (440, 5.2). Doss was slowed by injury until midseason when he broke out with 175 vs Rice, finally breaking tackles like he used to. Doss had 168 vs UAB and finished with 806 (4.6) on the season. TJ Pitts, who had just 98 (4.5) in '06 as a rFr, led in rushing 4 times with his best game being vs SMU (110). Pitts finished with 481 (4.5). Miguel Barnes had 194 (4.0). This year they must replace Doss (12 st), FB Greg Hinds (PS#17DB, 76 ttl yd) and Barnes. Not listed in the 3 deep are Greg Ray (PS#316JC), and FB's Stacy Jones (6'2" 245 Jr, PS#36TE) and Jonathan Simpson (6'3" 210 rFr). Pitts missed spring with two offseason ankle surgeries making him a question mark. This unit is less experienced and I do not see a feature back in the bunch.

WR Duke Calhoun

RECEIVERS - Last year they only had to replace their #2 WR and possessed outstanding size. The biggest of the starters were 6'8" Carlos Singleton, 6'4" Duke Calhoun (#1 rec '06, 681), 6'4" Maurice Jones, 6'3" Carlton Robinzine and 6'3" JUCO Steven Black. Calhoun led again with 890 (14.4) while Singleton had 767 (15.0) and also doubled his bench press. Jones had 639 (17.3) and newcomer Black added 477 (11.4). Not listed in the PSL are Henry Rodgers (6'2" 188 rFr), Lucian Godwin (6'0" 185 Jr), LaBradford Jackson (6'5" 193 rFr), Cam Baker (6'0" 170 rFr), Curtis Echols (6'3" 190 So) and Brian Hall (5'11" 190 Jr, PS#198QB). This year the only losses are Taz Knockum (PS#95RB, 4 rec), Dave Thomas (8 rec) and Antonio McCoy (3 st '06, inj LY). They add in 2 JUCO's including Todd Cox (PS#24DB) who originally signed at Tenn. This is one of, if not the best, receiving corps in CUSA.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Tommy West has done a good job on the O-line. In 2004 the O-line avg just 270 lbs per man but paved the way for 5.1 ypc rushing while allowing a miniscule 5 sacks (1.2%). They had to replace 4 starters in 2005 but were a lot bigger (300 lb avg) and were nicknamed 'The Pit Crew' in reference to Williams' Heisman campaign (race car). With a more mobile QB, they improved to 5.4 ypc with just 9 sacks (3.8%). They had 8 players back with starting experience in 2006 but were switching to a pass offense so naturally the ypc numbers dropped (3.6) but they still allowed just 14 sacks (3.6%). Last year they had to replace two starters but brought in Tenn transfer Malcom Rawls (PS#46) and some good-sized JUCO's. Despite Hankins not being mobile (76 gross yds rush), they improved to 138 ypg rush (3.8) and allowed the 4th best sacks allowed % in the NCAA (2.5%). This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA RG Andy Smith (13 st, 3Y st'r) and LT Abraham Holloway (13 st, 2Y st'r) but do have 8 of the top 10 back including 6 with starting experience. They also add in 2 JUCO's. West said, "We are bigger and stronger than we have ever been up front, I don't see any reason this can't be our best O-line ever."

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year West felt it could be the best DL he'd fielded here. They shifted to the 4-3 full-time. They had to replace 2 players who combined for 11 starts but basically had 3 starters back. They did not run a pure 4-3 all year, many times starting 4 LB's. Ark trans Freddie Barnett took some time to get acclimated but started the last 7. The team suffered the tragic loss of DL Taylor Bradford (0 tkl) in Sept. Seven DL return with starting experience including 4 players who originally signed at SEC schools. This year the only losses are Ryan Williams (4 tkl) and DE Josh Weaver who moves to OLB which is why I list 3 starters back to the 4-man front. Memphis allowed 4.5 ypc rush in 2006, their highest in over 15 years and surprisingly dropped again last year (5.1) but their sacks (15 LY) decreased for the 4th straight year. I look for significant improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Memphis LB's were banged up in 2006 but the unit returned intact in 2007. Full-time starter Quinton McCrary tore a bicep in the spring then quit after 7. The LB corps was once again decimated by injuries with 6 different players earning starts. Returning starter Greg Jackson was lost after 2 starts and Winston Bowens was lost after 6 starts. The other returning starter, Heath Grant, broke his back in Jan and did not start until the last 5. This year they lose 2nd Tm CUSA OLB Jake Kasser (13 st, #1 tkl'r), MLB Grant (5 st, 39 tkl) and McCrary (4 st, 41 tkl). Three LB's return with starting experience and they also add in DE Josh Weaver (12 st). While the unit starts off the year less experienced than 2007, they can only remain healthier.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Memphis was #64 in my pass D rankings in '05 and in 2006 returned 3 starters. Injuries hurt the unit and 10 different players started in the secondary. West tinkered with moves between FS and CB all year and the most any player started at the same position was Brandon McDonald with 6 at FS. Memphis finished #117 in my pass D rankings allowing 65% in '06 with an injury plagued group (see Hardcore). Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups then lost Rod Smith (13 st 2Y) to a career ending neck injury prior to the season so just one starter returned. SS Tony Bell (PS#18LB) was injured early and only started the last six. The inexperienced unit finished just #105 allowing a 25-13 ratio. They lose CB LaKeitharun Ford (13 st, 45 tkl, 2 int), Dontae Reed (9 st, 67 tkl), CB Brandon Hunt (4 tkl) and Bernard Key (14 tkl). I list 4 starters below because Bell started the last 6 at SS and LeRico Mathis started the last 9 at CB. Four players return that started six or more games last year including VHT Bell. The Tigers should make a big improvement in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - After finishing no higher than #86 in my ST rankings in West's first 4 years. They moved up to #12 in '05 thanks to K Stephen Gostkowski (#4DC NE). They dropped to #69 in '06 as they had to replace their P, top PR and LS. Ole Miss blocked a punt for a TD in the 2007 opener and the unit finished #110. New P, JUCO Brent Sutherland, avg 40.7 (tm net 31.1, #115 NCAA). Matt Reagan and Joey Mack combined for just 1 TB on 72 KO's. Reagan, who hit 12 of 17 (long of 42) in '06, missed a 25 yd FG vs Ole Miss and West announced he was opening up the spot to competition. Mack was 2 of 3 for FG's on the year. Reagan hit 15-22 (long of 38). KR Michael Grandberry (24.6 in '06) avg 21.8 and the team allowed 2 PR TD's. This year, basically everyone returns so they can only improve.

COACHES - Chuck Stobart was let go in '94 after three straight 6-5 seasons. The team failed to achieve a winning record until '03 when Tommy West did it in his 3rd year. West has now accomplished it in 4 of the last 5 seasons. Last year they brought in a new OC in Clay Helton who was the WR coach. They moved to a 4-3 defense. West said they'd never have the defensive numbers they used to have due to their style of offense. If they went to a 2-back set and ran the ball, their defensive numbers would be better, but with the wide open pass attack, the defense unit is on the field for more plays. The new DC this year is Tim Walton who was Miami, Fl's DC last year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After going -14 in turnovers in 2002 and finishing with a 3-9 record, Memphis was the typical Turnovers=Turnaround team in 2003. They won 7 games for the first time since 1976, with their first bowl appearance since 1971. They outgained league foes by 151.3 (CUSA best). In '03 & '04 they had back-to-back 8+ win seasons including being ranked for the first time ever in the AP poll in '04 (#25). In 2006 they had 11 returning starters (3rd fewest in the league). I shockingly called for them to finish last in the CUSA East on these pages and Memphis did just that. They not only went 1-7 in CUSA play (outgained by 68.2 ypg, 2nd worst), but were just 2-10 overall. They had 20 different players miss games due to injury and their 10 losses were the most in any season since 1986. That team did have 6 net close losses (pg 299) and were actually 10 plays away from being bowl eligible. Last year I called Memphis one of the most improved teams in the country. West said it was mostly a Sophomore/Junior team as they had just 13 seniors. In the opener, Memphis had a 467-275 yd edge vs Ole Miss but lost by 2. Later in a postponed game, which meant the Tigers had to play an amazing 3 games in 11 days, they led ASU 31-6 at the half but lost 35-31 with 5 def starters inj'd and out in the 2H. Two weeks later, a tired team lost to MT 21-7 but then they beat Rice and rallied with a TD with :36 left to get past Tulane 28-27. They won at "The Rock" for a 2nd straight time beating SM 29-26 and won their reg season finale vs SMU in 3OT in Phil Bennett's final game as coach. In the bowl they trailed just 30-27 but gave up a blocked punt and also lost their starting QB to injury and ended up losing by 17. Memphis still managed 5 more wins and being bowl eligible lived up to their most improved billing. Memphis benefitted from +10 TO's (pg 312) and 3 net close wins. UM however, was actually outscored by 23 total pts in conf play despite the 6-2 mark. Regardless of those factors, this team is even stronger with 15 returning starters and they should have their 5th winning season in 6 years and are a contender in the CUSA East.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB **8 Arkelon Hall Jr.** 6-3 220 **PS#17 '05. RS Wash St. 10** Matt Malouf (6'3" 212 So) 46 (58.3%) 169 rush. **7** Will Hudgens (6'4" 235 Sr) 4 st, 18 gms, 1014 (51%), 8-2 ratio 3Y.

RB **3 TJ Pitts Jr.** 5-10 203 PS#108. 1 st, 481 (4.5) LY. **26** Curtis Steele (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#422JC. RS LY. **20** Mike Davis (5'11" 230 rFr). Jeremy Longstreet (6'1" 200 So) 2 tkl LB LY.

WR **2 STEVEN BLACK SR.** 6-3 213 PS#113 '05 L'ville. 477 (11.4). **80 Maurice Jones** (6'4" 225 Sr) 2 st LY, 639 (**17.3**). Todd Cox (6'2" 210 So) PS#24DB. Orig w/Tenn-DNQ.

WR **22 DUKE CALHOUN JR.** 6-4 195 PS#189.2 st true, 681 (16.2). 11 st LY, 890 (14.4), **2nd Tm CUSA. 87 Carlton Robinzine** (6'3" 218 Sr) 6 st 3Y, 368 (12.7). **17** Turner West (6'3" 185 So).

WR **89 CARLOS SINGLETON JR.** 6-8 215 300 (13.6) rFr. 1 st LY, 767 (15.0), **HM CUSA. Earnest Williams** (6'0" 192 Sr) PS#142DB. **23 st** 3Y, 812 (10.7). Steven Joachim PS#300JC in spg.

TE **85 BRETT RUSSELL SR.** 6-3 245 PS#64. 11 st '05-'06, 156 (14.2). 13 st LY, 157 (7.1). **81** Deven Onarheim (6'7" 255 So) 1 st, 1 rec rFr. **WR 88 Todd Cox PS#24DB. Orig at Tenn.**

C **57 PHILIP BELILES SR.** 6-5 290 1 gm as rFr. 2 st, 235 snaps '06. 13 st at C in '07. **61** Michael Antonescu (6'4" 290 rFr) PS#151. **LS 52 Keenan Bratcher** (6'2" 235 So) 9 gm true.

RG **77 Malcom Rawls Jr.** 6-5 315 **PS#46. RS at Tenn.** 3 st LG here LY, 183 snap (miss 3 inj). **70** Michael Denning (6'5" 305 Sr) JC. 1 st 3Y, 278 snap. **74** Ken Anderson (6'3" 280 So).

LG **54 TERRENCE ECHOLS SR.** 6-3 307 PS#445JC. 12 gm LY, last 3 st. **64 Dominik Riley** (6'4" 305 So) PS#231. 7 st LG rFr, 502 snap. **CUSA Frosh Tm.** Larry Landry PS#345JC.

RT **71 BRANDON PEARCE SR.** 6-6 300 PS#283. L/8 st rFr. **CUSA Fr Tm.** 12 st RT '06, **3rd Tm CUSA.** 13 st RT LY, 96% of snap. **66** Cody Stubblefield (6'4" 305 Sr) PS#166JC. 91 snaps.

LT **55 Brent Todd Sr.** 6-3 320 PS#160JC. 13 gm, 99 snap LY. **75** Ronald Leary (6'4" 345 rFr) PS#272. 415 bench. **79** Paul Edwards (6'6" 275 Jr) **PS#99.** Robbie Hardie (6'4" 290 rFr) PS#485.

K **43 MATT REAGAN JR.** 6-1 210 PS#78. 12 of 17 FG true, long 42. Miss first 4 FG LY, Hit 15 of last 18, long 38. 1 TB on 51 KO. **CUSA all-Frosh. 92** Nick Berra (6'3" 205 So) PS#96.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE **41 Corey Mills Sr.** 6-4 260 **PS#52. Miss.** 10 st here '06, 29 tkl, 2 sk. 1 st LY, 23 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **Demetrius Culpepper** PS#68JC. Orig L'ville. Tommy Walker (6'3" 270 So) 7 tkl true.

DT **53 CLINTON McDONALD SR.** 6-3 265 PS#178LB. 41 tkl, 2 tfl. 13 st LY, 55 tkl, 4 sk, 5.5 tfl. **97** Steven Turner (6'3" 270 Jr) **First 6 st DT LY,** 24 tkl, 7 tfl. **95** Colton Jenkins PS#142JC.

DT **99 FREDDIE BARNETT SR.** 6-2 300 **PS#44 Arkansas.** JUCO. L/7 st LY, 33 tkl, 8.5 tfl. Brandon Douglas (6'3" 291 Sr) 4 st '06. 42 tkl, 5.5 tfl 3Y. Lionel Henderson (6'4" 275 rFr) PS#265OL.

DE **94 GREG TERRELL JR.** 6-4 255 7 st rFr, 11gm, 43 tkl, 5 sk. 13 st LY, 38 tkl, 1 sk, 4.5 tfl. Jada Brown (6'2" 265 Jr) PS#377 **Miss.** 2 st, 45 tkl, 4.5 tfl 2Y here. **58** Lester Lawson (6'2" 244 rFr).

OLB **90 JOSH WEAVER JR.** 6-3 210 1 st true, 14 tkl. 12 st DE LY, 32 tkl, 5 tfl. **25** Jeremy Rockette (6'3" 220 Jr) PS#432DB. **Last 4 st LY,** 37 tkl. Tyler Griffin (5'11" 205 Sr) 11 tkl 3Y.

ILB **50 WINSTON BOWENS SO.** 6-0 250 PS#314. 6 st rFr til inj. 39 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **45** Tommy Phelps (6'3" 245 Sr) PS#298JC. 31 tkl, 3 tfl. **23** Terrence Thomas (5'11" 230 rFr) PS#103. Roger Terry (6'1" 218 So).

OLB **59 Greg Jackson Jr.** 6-2 205 PS#431DL. 9 st '06, 69 tkl, 7 tfl. 2 st LY until inj, 8 tkl. **48** Corderick Govan (6'2" 220 So) **PS#105.** 8 tkl rFr. **Ricky Holloway** PS#58. John Hill (5'9" 200 So).

CB **7 Alton Starr Jr.** 6-0 195 PS#250WR. 2 st, 16 tkl rFr. 7 st LY, (4CB, 3SS) 58 tkl, 1 int, 7 pbu. **16** Deante' Lamar (5'9" 180 Jr) 2 tkl LY. **46** Bryan Wright (6'1" 180 So) PS#348.

CB **21 LeRICO MATHIS SR.** 6-1 185 PS#211JC. L/9 st LY, 48 tkl, 3 int. **4** Darius Davis (6'0" 180 So) PS#108. 2 tkl true. **27** Michael Grandberry (5'10" 171 Sr) 44 tkl 3Y, 1826 KR yards.

SS **8 TONY BELL SR.** 6-2 215 **PS#18LB.** 9 tkl **Auburn** true. 4 tkl '05. Trans. L/6 st LY, 40 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 2 int. Malcolm Jones (6'2" 210 So) PS#405LB. 14 tkl rFr. Moncel Wooten (6'3" 195 So).

FS **2 BRANDON PATTERSON SR.** 6-1 195 13 tkl rFr. 9 st '06, 47 tkl, 3 int. 13 st LY, 77 tkl, 3 int. **9** Jermaine Richardson (6'1" 190 rFr). PS#252, 4.55 spd. **27** John McArthur (5'11" 180 So).

P **49 BRENT SUTHERLAND SR.** 6-4 210 PS#387JC. 42.0 at JC. 52 punts here LY, 40.7 avg, 31.1 net. **10** Matt Malouf (6'3" 212 So) PS#60QB. 7 punts rFr, 30.1 avg, 169 rush at QB, 46 yd pass.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Demetrius Culpepper 6-5 245 PS#68JC
QB	Arkelon Hall 6-3 220 PS#17 '05
DL	Colton Jenkins 6-6 290 PS#142JC
QB	Ricky Holloway 6-2 225 PS#58
OL	Kindly Jacques 6-7 325 PS#248JC
DL	Maurice Holloway 6-7 300 PS#111OL '07
WR	Steven Joachim 6-4 205 PS#300JC
RB	Greg Ray 5-10 205 PS#316JC
OL	Larry Landry 6-3 285 PS#345JC
DL	Dontari Poe 6-3 315 PS#215
WR	Marcus Rucker 6-3 180 PS#203
RB	Brandon Ross 6-0 205 PS#269
DL	Frank Trotter 6-2 260 PS#313
DB	Mike Shepard 6-2 205 PS#340LB
LB	Clay Lee 6-1 215 PS#368
WR	Marcus Hightower 6-2 180 PS#326
WR	Curtis Johnson 6-0 182 PS#360
TE	Donald Law 6-5 260 PS#154

MEMPHIS TIGERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#114

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Mississippi	A					
Sep. 6	Rice	A					
Sep. 13	at Marshall	A					
Sep. 20	Nicholls St	A					
Sep. 27	Arkansas St	A					
Oct. 2	at UAB (Thur)	G					
Oct. 10	Louisville (Fri)	A					
Oct. 18	at East Carolina	G					
Oct. 25	S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	at SMU	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	UCF	A					
Nov. 29	Tulane	A					

Series began in '21 & UM has opened the ssn vs the Rebels 30 times. Memphis dropped the 1st 17 gms in this series. LY Memphis trailed 23-0 on a blk'd punt TD & IR.

LY was the 1st ever meeting & UM won 38-35 outgaining the Owls 571-418. The Tigers are 6-3 vs the CUSA West Division since it formed in 2005.

The Tigers were playing just 2 days after DL Taylor Bradford's death last year. LY UM used Hudgens at QB & he threw for a career-high 346 yds in the 24-21 win.

First ever meeting. The Colonels beat CUSA foe Rice last year 16-14. Nicholls St went 6-5 LY as a member of the FCS Southland Conference.

Last year Memphis blew a 31-6 HT lead being outscored 29-0 in the 2H. Memphis had 10 straight wins vs the Red Wolves but have lost the last 2 years.

LY in the 25-9 win over UAB, Memphis had a 563-338 yd edge & became bowl eligible. Memphis is 3-7 all-time vs UAB & LY's win halted a 7 game series losing streak.

These 2 played almost yearly from 1961-2004 with UL leading series 21-19. Memphis is 2-10 since 1992 (11.2) with 6 of 8 decided by 7 pts or less.

The home team is 7-4 since 1995 with Memphis dropping the last 2. Last year Memphis allowed 491 rush yds the most since Georgia in '82 (408 yds).

LY UM went to Hattiesburg getting just the 4th win in 22 tries there ('60, '84, & '05). Memphis overcame a 12 pt 4Q deficit scoring the gm winning TD with just 1:04 left.

LY Memphis won a 3OT thriller 55-52 as the teams piled up over 1,100 yds. Memphis set school records for 107 combined pts, 14 third down conv & 108 total plays.

The Tigers were outgained 601-303 & were down 49-0 early 3Q last year. Memphis is just 1-3 all-time vs UCF including dropping all 3 in CUSA play.

The Tigers won 28-27 LY scoring the game winning TD with just :36 left. Ten of the last 12 games have been decided by double digits in this series.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Danny Wimprine 10,215 '01-'04	1. DeAngelo Williams 6,026 '02-'05	1. Earnest Gray 2,123 '75-'78
2. Martin Hankins 5,770 '06-'07	2. Dave Casinelli 2,636 '60-'63	2. Damien Dodson 2,096 '96-'99
3. Danny Sparkman 4,311 '83-'85	3. Gerard Arnold 2,378 '97-'99	3. Russell Copeland 1,753 '89-'92

TOMMY WEST (Career 72-72) (IAA 4-7)

8th Year at Memphis — West's Bowl Record: 3-5

West's records AT MEMPHIS

41-44	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
25-19	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
14-23	Away	2-10	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	9-7	Off A Bye
27-28	Vs Conference	20-20	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 52 (22,26,4)
Lost: 18 (10,7,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 29,670 (#79)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

OT Brandon Pearce

STADIUM: LIBERTY BOWL MEMORIAL STADIUM (62,380) (#40)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001 (Rip Scherer)	2002 (Tommy West)	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	5-6	3-9	9-4	8-4	7-5	2-10	7-6	45-51
Home	2-4	4-2	3-3	5-2	4-1	4-2	1-6	4-3	27-23
Away	2-3	1-4	0-6	3-2	4-2	2-3	1-4	3-2	16-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-6	5-3	5-3	5-3	1-7	6-2	29-33
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-3	4-1	3-1	2-2	1-3	1-4	16-18
ATS	4-7	5-5	5-6	6-6	5-6	6-5	3-7-1	7-5	41-47-1
Home Fav	1-1	2-2	2-2	1-4	2-1	1-3	0-1	2-2	11-16
Home Dog	2-2	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-3	1-1	10-6
Away Fav	1-3	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-4	0-1	0-0	0-0	4-9
Away Dog	0-1	1-3	2-3	2-2	1-0	3-1	1-3-1	4-1	14-14-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	4-4	3-5	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	28-34
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-1	1-2	3-1	1-2	2-1	0-2-1	2-2	13-13-1
Off SU Win	1-3	2-3	1-2	3-5	2-5	2-4	0-1	2-5	13-28
Off SU Loss	3-3	3-1	4-4	3-1	2-1	4-0	3-6	4-0	26-16

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Joseph Doss	174	851	45	806	5	4.6
TJ Pitts	106	495	14	481	1	4.5
Miguel Barnes	48	207	13	194	1	4.0
Matt Malouf	38	169	3	166	3	4.4
Will Hudgens	27	66	17	49	2	1.8
Martin Hankins	35	76	77	-1	0	0.0
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Martin Hankins	428	261	61.0	3220	25	12
Will Hudgens	104	52	50.0	587	5	0
Matt Malouf	12	7	58.3	46	2	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Duke Calhoun	62	890	14.4	5	70	
Carlos Singleton	51	767	15.0	11	52	
Maurice Jones	37	639	17.3	2	58	
Steven Black	42	477	11.4	1	80	
Earnest Williams	33	368	11.2	5	47	
Carlton Robinzine	19	224	11.8	1	48	
Brett Russell	22	157	7.1	2	16	
Joseph Doss	24	145	6.0	0	17	
Dave Thomas	8	90	11.2	1	23	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brent Sutherland	52	2115	40.7	8	31.1(t)	3	12
Matt Malouf	7	211	30.1	0	–	0	4
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt Reagan	35-38	8-9	7-10	0-3	0-0	15-22	38

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jake Kasser	100	0	3	3	0
Brandon Patterson	77	0	0	0	3
Dontae Reed	67	0	2	2	0
Alton Starr	58	0	2	7	1
Clinton McDonald	55	4	5.5	1	0
LeRico Mathis	48	0	1	3	3
LaKeitharun Ford	45	0	1.5	1	2
Quinton McCrary	41	1	1	0	0
Tony Bell	40	0	4.5	4	2
Winston Bowens	39	0	1.5	1	0
Heath Grant	39	0	1.5	2	0
Greg Terrell	38	1	4.5	0	0
Jeremy Rockette	37	0	0	1	0
Freddie Barnett	33	2.5	6	3	0
Josh Weaver	32	2	3	0	0
Tommy Phelps	31	0	3	1	0
Jada Brown	27	2	1	2	0
Steven Turner	24	1.5	5.5	1	1
Corey Mills	23	1	1.5	1	1
Malcolm Jones	14	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Earnest Williams	13	117	9.0	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Michael Grandberry	59	1286	21.8	0	
Earnest Williams	4	137	34.2	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
71	Pasadena	NL	San Jose St	28-9
03	New Orleans	-4	North Texas	27-17
04	GMAC	+3	Bowling Green	35-52
05	Motor City	-4	Akron	38-31
07	New Orleans	+3	Florida Atlantic	27-44

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Memphis' All-Time Bowl Record 3-2

MEMPHIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	29.2	24	138	3.8	306	58.6	15.2	+10	2007	8	32.2	23	202	5.1	239	63.1	13.7
6	23.4	19	112	3.6	225	59.4	14.4	0	2006	5	30.4	20	178	4.5	231	65.1	13.4
3	27.2	20	268	5.4	130	56.5	14.6	+7	2005	7	23.0	21	126	3.6	280	55.0	17.6
10*	35.8	23	203	5.1	257	55.8	12.8	0	2004	5	31.3	23	142	3.7	276	57.0	13.4
4*	30.2	22	182	4.5	263	55.3	14.7	-4	2003	8	19.2	15	110	3.0	185	47.5	15.4
9*	25.3	20	116	3.6	239	53.3	14.1	-14	2002	7	27.3	21	197	4.4	166	60.1	13.3

2007 STATS BY GAME

UM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
45,457	Mississippi	30	35-124	3.5	41-61	343	2	19	29-74	2.6	19-30	201	2	-2
28,298	Jacksonville St	24	35-184	5.3	17-27	301	1	23	45-164	3.6	24-43	228	1	0
42,153	at UCF	19	36-130	3.6	16-33	173	2	28	59-313	5.3	17-21	288	1	+3
27,774	at Arkansas St	17	45-177	3.9	12-25	218	0	23	39-134	3.4	16-37	255	2	+2
25,324	Marshall	24	35-99	2.8	30-46	346	0	25	34-185	5.4	23-32	220	2	+2
30,101	Middle Tenn	13	28-91	3.3	14-36	157	2	21	47-260	5.5	16-27	230	0	+3
11,122	at Rice	30	51-247	4.8	25-38	324	1	22	20-105	5.3	29-45	313	1	+1
23,267	at Tulane	17	25-59	2.4	27-40	379	0	25	58-350	6.0	8-16	105	1	0
27,186	East Carolina	24	28-77	2.8	34-61	416	2	24	44-491	11.2	12-26	150	0	-2
29,354	at S Miss	27	26-26	1.0	35-49	396	2	16	38-147	3.9	12-18	159	1	-1
31,138	UAB	25	43-265	6.2	14-28	298	0	23	30-105	3.5	25-39	233	0	+2
20,184	SMU	35	47-196	4.2	32-61	343	1	28	41-189	4.6	35-48	375	3	+1
25,146	† Fla Atlantic	24	32-117	3.7	26-46	281	1	25	33-115	3.5	26-33	350	1	+1
TOTALS		309	466-1792	3.8	323-551	3975	14	302	517-2632	5.1	262-415	3107	15	+10
AVERAGES		23.8	36-138	3.8	25-42	306	1.1	23.2	40-202	5.1	20-32	239	1.2	0.8

2003 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	40-10
–	Mississippi	+8	44-34
–	at S Mississippi	+5	6-23
–	Arkansas St	-16	38-16
–	UAB	-9'	10-24
–	at Mississippi St	+4	27-35
–	at Houston	+5	45-14
–	at Tulane	-4'	41-9
–	East Carolina	-17'	41-24
–	at Louisville	+6'	37-7
–	Cincinnati	-10	21-16
–	USF	-10	16-21

2004 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi	+4	20-13
–	Chattanooga	NL	52-21
#25	at Arkansas St	-23	47-35
–	at UAB	-2'	28-35
–	Houston	-13	41-14
–	Tulane	-23	49-24
–	at Cincinnati	-6	10-49
–	Louisville - #14	+13'	49-56
–	S Mississippi	-6	30-26
–	at East Carolina	-16'	38-35
–	at USF	-3'	31-15

2005 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi	-2'	6-10
–	Chattanooga	NL	59-14
–	at Tulsa	+1'	31-37 OT
–	UTEP	+3'	27-20
–	at UCF	-1'	17-38
–	at Houston	+10'	35-20
–	East Carolina	-7'	27-24
–	UAB	-2'	20-37
–	at Tennessee	+18'	16-20
–	at S Mississippi	+7	24-22
–	Marshall	-10'	26-3

2006 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Mississippi	+3	25-28
–	Chattanooga	NL	33-14
–	at East Carolina	+3	20-35
–	Tennessee - #15	+13	7-41
–	at UAB	+5	29-35
–	Arkansas St	-8'	23-26
–	Tulsa	+13'	14-35
–	at Marshall	+9'	27-41
–	S Mississippi	+7	21-42
–	UCF	+2'	24-26
–	Houston	+17	20-23 OT
–	at UTEP	+13	38-19

2007 RESULTS

UM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Mississippi	+3	21-23
–	Jacksonville St	NL	35-14
–	at UCF	+7	20-56
–	at Arkansas St	+5	31-35
–	Marshall	-2'	24-21
–	Middle Tenn	-3	7-21
–	at Rice	+1	38-35
–	at Tulane	+2'	28-27
–	East Carolina	+5'	40-56
–	at S Mississippi	+17	29-26
–	UAB	-10'	25-9
–	SMU	-7	55-52 3OT

S MISSISSIPPI GOLDEN EAGLES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - When I think of SM's QB position I of course think back to their most famous alum, Brett Favre, who is the Golden Eagles' career passing leader. In 2005 Dustin Almond broke Lee Roberts' single season yardage mark (2,680 in '98) with 2,860 (54.8%) and a 23-12 ratio. Jeremy Young (PS#63) was the backup in '04 and '05 (1 st, 10 gm) with 275 yards passing (100 rush). He battled Mich St transfer Stephen Reaves (2 st in '04). Reaves injured his knee in '05 which set him back in '06. Surprisingly in '06, the game high for a QB passing was Young's 193 vs Memphis and he was also plagued by numerous drops. Young threw for 1,769 (57.3%) with a 12-6 ratio (354 rush). Reaves played in 8 throwing for 488 (51.4%) with a 2-1 ratio. Martevious Young has the biggest arm of the QB's but RS. Last year Jeremy threw for a career high 254 vs Tenn but was injured and missed 3. Reaves suffered an abdominal injury so Martevious Young started vs Rice but unfortunately broke his leg on the 3rd play. Reaves was forced to play while injured. As usual, in the national TV game, SM had a ton of drops by the receiving corps. In Reaves' 3 starts he hit 61 of 75 (81%) but with a 2-4 ratio and when Jeremy Young returned, he started. Jeremy completed just 53.6% with an 11-8 ratio (448 rush). This year they lose Jeremy Young and Reaves. Martevious Young will battle Austin Davis (PS#285) and this year's true frosh who have a shot after the coaching change. RFr Randy Hardin (PS#77) broke his foot in spring, putting him behind. Last year I said SM could only improve statistically and they did with 27 ypg more passing but this year's group is a lot less experienced.

RB Damion Fletcher

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 true frosh Damion Fletcher broke Derrick Nix's frosh rushing record with 1,388 (5.0) which was the 2nd highest total in school history behind Sam Dejarnette (1,545 in '82). Fletcher's rapid rise was aided by the top 4 RB's either quitting or getting injured. Last year they added Antwain Easterling (PS#17). Easterling's eligibility was a question mark so it appeared he would RS. Tory Harrison was #2 and rushed for 393 (4.1) despite having 4 fumbles in 2 games early. With 3rd string true frosh VJ Floyd (PS#209) injured, they took the RS off of Easterling vs UAB and he rushed for 85 but was susp'd for the final two. Fletcher had 211 vs UTEP and became just the 3rd SM player to have consecutive 1,000 yard seasons joining Nix and Ben Garry. Garry rushed for a school record 2 year total 2,340 ('76 & '77) and Fletcher topped that and broke the school's record for single season rushing (1,586). This year they lose FB's Marcus Raines (3 st, 26 yds), Don Loehr (6 yd) and RB Seth Michaelson (3 yd). Also, both Harrison and Easterling were suspended in the spring and are very questionable for the fall. Not listed in the PSL are RB's Daren Turner (5'11" 230 So), Joshua Adams (5'11" 239 rFr), Isaac Bryant (5'11" 212 Jr), Josh Hurd (6'0" 214 So) and Kameron Roan (5'8" 160 Jr). Fletcher should become the first player in SM history to top 1,000 yds for 3 straight years.

RECEIVERS - Dropped passes have plagued this unit the past few years. The team did lose 3 players from the 2 deep prior to 2007 in true frosh Rashod Henry (PS#91), So Rodney Gray (16 rec '06) and rFr Ralph Turner (4.39 spd). QB J. Young was very high on rFr Torris Magee who is a thickly muscled 204 lb WR with speed and he lived up to Young's claims leading with 632 (14.4). Chris Johnson (PS#135) was the leading returning WR (253 in '06) and was leading with 405 (12.7) when he was lost for the last 5 regular season games with an injury. TE Shawn Nelson had 451 (13.7) and became the school's all-time career leading receiving TE as a junior. Magee had a school record 85 yd TD rec vs Marshall. Last year they had to replace 2 of their top 3 receivers and this year the only losses are Johnson (6 st), TE's Derek Chapman (9 gm) and Thomas Webb (2 st, 1 rec). They get two significant signees in Freddie Parham (PS#44JC) and DeAndre Brown (PS#7) although Brown might not qualify. With more experience I look for improvement from the SM receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - SM was last in CUSA in sacks allowed in both 2001 (38) and 2002 (48) but in 2004 with 4 starters back allowed just 19 sacks, their best in ten years. They had to replace 3 starters in 2005 and slipped to 3.3 ypc but did allow just 15 sacks (3.7%). They had 4 starters returning and 84 career starts in 2006 and Bower said they had a chance to be as good as ever on the O-line. As you would expect, it was the first time they had over 4.0 ypc rush since Bower took over in 1991 at 4.4 (5.4% sacks). Last year they had to replace 3 starters who started for a total of 7 seasons. They did get a HUGE addition in Miss St transfer Calvin Wilson (PS#37, 352 lbs) who started the last nine (HM CUSA). RT Ryan McKee did not allow a sack and earned 2nd Tm CUSA. SM had the least penalized O-line in CUSA and the rush totals improved to 202 ypg (4.6) with just 5.8% sacks. This year they lose C Rick Thompson (13 st, 841 snaps), 1st Tm CUSA LG Chris Clark (13 st, 833 snaps), RG Nick Dean (12 st) plus backups Johnathan Landor (4 gm, 45 snaps) and Dwayne Paulin (47 snaps). Their 45 career starts returning ranked #94 in IA which is better than last year in terms of experience (39 career st) but they are learning a new offense.

DEFENSIVE LINE - SM is known for its strong rush D's but surprisingly in Bower's final six years, they allowed 3.8 ypc or higher five times. Last year they had a veteran front with six seniors in the 2 deep including all 4 starters. Naturally this year the losses are heavy. Gone are 1st Tm CUSA DE Matt Chatelain (13 st, 33 tkl, 7.5 sk, 9.5 tfl), 1st tm CUSA DT Martavius Prince (13 st, 40 tkl, 6.5 sk), NT Sean Merrill (13 st, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl), DE Robert Henderson (13 st, 64 tkl, 10 tfl, #6DC NYG), Vontre Mason (4 tkl) and Chris J Johnson (1 tkl). Fedora signed a nice class of newcomers and most will be on the field immediately as this group is the polar opposite of 2007 in terms of experience.

LINEBACKERS - LB's have been the focal point of the Golden Eagles' D. In 2005 they had to replace all 3 starters but Kevis Coley was the 3rd straight SM LB to win CUSA POY honors. In 2006 they had to replace Coley and Gerald McRath "only" earned 3rd Tm CUSA honors leading with 104 tackles. Last year the unit returned intact. McRath (PS#138) made it 4 out of 5 for the CUSA Def POY honors for an SM LB and had a monster game vs UCF where he had 21 tackles and finished with 139 (12 tfl). McRath returns but must learn a new system. The only loss is SLB James Denley (13 st, 53 tkl, 2 tfl). This is one of CUSA's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - SM's lowest finish in my pass D rankings from 1995-2004 was #41! An injury plagued unit in 2005 slipped to #70. They had to replace 2 starters in 2006 but moved up to #9. Last year they had to replace both starting CB's, two backups and they moved S Brandon Sumrall to CB and it was one of my two biggest concerns on the team. SM slipped to #47 allowing a 24-17 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm CUSA CB Sumrall (13 st, 98 tkl, 6 int, 8 pbu) and SS LeVance Richmond (12 st, 66 tkl, 6 pbu, 3 int). Six of the top 8 are back plus Ivory Bradshaw (PS#137WR), who tore an ACL last year, returns and despite the losses SM could move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coach Bower almost always had a fine ST unit. In 2004 they finished #25 in my ST rankings and #23 in '05. Surprisingly SM dropped to #84 in '06. Last year they had to replace their K Darren McCaleb, who set SM's career record in scoring at 345 and FG % (78.4%). True frosh Justin Estes won the FG job and hit just 4 of his first 8 but connected on 11 of his last 14. Britt Barefoot (PS#18) improved his punting avg from 38.6 to 42.5 and his net from 33.9 to 37.0 while hitting a 51 yard FG (1 of 1). Surprisingly SM was -1 in net TD blocks but still moved up to #43. This year they only lose their top 2 PR's but it will be interesting to see if Fedora puts the same priority on this unit that Bower did.

COACHES - I scratched my head when Grant Teaff was fired from Baylor after his first losing season and the Bears have never recovered. I also scratched my head when Ole Miss got rid of David Cutcliffe who had taken the team to 4 bowls in 5 years but with an inexperienced squad suffered a rare losing season. I now wonder what will happen at S Miss. Jeff Bower is an SM alum and spent 17 years here as the head man. They have been to a bowl game in 10 of their last 11 years. There are only 5 teams that have had 14 straight winning years in SM, Florida, Fla St, Michigan and Virg Tech. He was forced to resign prior to the bowl. The new HC is Larry Fedora who was the OC at Okla St from 2005-'07, the OC at Florida in '04 and the MT OC in '99-'01. Under Fedora, OSU was balanced this past year with 243 yards rushing and 243 yards passing. His OC is Darrell Wyatt who was Arizona's WR and passing game coord last year. His DC is Todd Bradford who was an LB coach at Okla St the last 3 years. He has 20 years coaching experience at 8 different schools and was the OC at BYU for 2 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Jeff Bower spent 29 years either as an asst or head coach and was forced to resign after his 17th season. In the first four years of CUSA play, SM was an outstanding 21-2 but in the next 3 years stunningly lost 9 out of 22 league games. They rebounded to go 8-0 in the CUSA in 2003 and after a couple of 5-3 CUSA finishes, won the CUSA East with a 6-2 record in 2006 but came up short in the title game vs Houston. It was actually the first time in 5 years they had outgained league foes (+29.6 ypg). Last year SM was the preseason favorite to win CUSA but they surprisingly finished 4th in the East. They outgained foes by 69.6 ypg (2nd best in the East). SM opened at 2-2 with expected losses to #24 Tennessee and on the blue turf to Boise St. They suffered 7 TO's vs Rice and lost 31-29 despite a 422-236 yd edge. It was a game in which their top 2 QB's were out. After beating SMU and Marshall they lost at home to UCF and rebounded with a win at UAB. Memphis got 2 TD's in the final 4:21 and upset SM 29-26. They closed the season with a pair of wins and were actually 4-0 on the road in CUSA play. They played a great bowl game vs #20 Cincinnati but came up short in Bower's last game. SM not only has to go through the coaching change, but has just 10 starters back (fewest in CUSA) and their 22 lettermen lost are 2nd most. Sometimes with a coaching change, more players leave in the summer and fall so that number may rise. My biggest question marks for this year's team are the coaching change and the depleted D-line. I will actually call for SM's streak of 14 straight winning seasons to end this year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	DeAndre Brown 6-6 215 PS#7
WR	Freddie Parham 6-0 175 PS#44JC
DL	Bo Tillman 6-6 305 PS#39
OL	RJ Brown 6-3 300 PS#124JC
TE	Jonathan Massey 6-3 250 PS#21 '06
DB	Jamison Hughes 6-1 200 PS#72 '07
DB	Andre Watson 5-10 180 PS#133JC
OL	Kyle Burkhart 6-4 280 PS#148JC
DL	Terrance Conner 6-4 234 PS#160JC
DL	Willie Packer 6-1 275 PS#91
DL	Josh Tillman 6-5 245 PS#100
DL	Rolando Barragan 6-3 295 PS#264JC
DB	Kendrick Presley 6-1 195 PS#63QB
DB	Marcal Robinson 6-0 175 PS#117
DL	Joel Ross 6-1 300 PS#161
OL	Quin Sanford 6-1 295 PS#177
DB	Bud Barksdale 6-0 190 PS#166
RB	Desmond Johnson 5-11 190 PS#141
TE	Leroy Banks 6-3 230 PS#417JC
QB	Bret Jefcoat 6-1 200 PS#108
WR	Bruce Wilbourn 6-0 185 PS#168
OL	Nick Chartain 6-5 325 PS#292
WR	Quinton Pierce 6-0 175 PS#158QB
OL	Austin Quattrochi 6-3 265 PS#326
RB	Bubba Kirksey 5-10 180 PS#478JC
WR	Deon Hodges 6-2 210 PS#479JC
WR	Jordan McNair 6-2 170 PS#272
OL	Joe Duhon 6-3 284 PS#394
DL	Terrance Pope 6-1 280 PS#393
WR	Jerrod Sims 5-9 170 PS#509JC
DL	Darius Barnes 6-4 285 PS#464
QB	Austin Davis 6-2 205 PS#285
LB	Ronnie Thornton 6-3 215 PS#391 '07

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 14 Martevious Young So. 6-1 185 PS#166. 1 st rFr, 1 pass, 1 rush. Inj'd out yr. **18** Austin Davis (6'2" 205 rFr) PS#285. **16** Randy Hardin (5'11" 202 rFr) PS#77. Bret Jefcoat PS#108.

RB 25 DAMION FLETCHER JR. 5-10 175 11 st true, **1st Tm CUSA**, 1388 (5.0). 12 st LY, 1586 (5.4). Bubba Kirksey (5'10" 180 Jr) PS#478JC. **2** VJ Floyd (5'10" 191 So) PS#209. 93 (3.9) true.

WR 26 Ed Morgan Sr. 5-9 160 6 st 3Y, 283 (11.3). **8** Freddie Parham (6'0" 175 Jr) PS#44JC. In spg. Quinton Pierce (6'0" 175 Fr) PS#158QB. **27** William Spight (5'10" 160 rFr).

WR 80 TORRIS MAGEE SO. 6-2 204 PS#213. 9 st rFr, 632 (14.4). **81** Chris Rhoden (6'4" 194 Sr) PS#115. 3 rec 3Y. **9** Todd Wilson (6'3" 209 Sr) QB/WR. **26** Justin Whiddon (5'10" 165 Sr).

WR 86 GERALD BAPTISTE JR. 6-0 171 PS#194QB. 11 st So, 283 (10.1). **DeAndre Brown PS#7. 88** Johdrick Morris (6'3" 195 So) PS#330. 10 rec true. Ryan Ellis (6'2" 184 So) PS#76.

TE 1 SHAWN NELSON SR. 6-5 240 PS#50. **1st Tm CUSA** '06 & '07. 35 st 3Y, 1497 (14.4). **19** Jonathan Massey PS#21. Vandy '06. Kane Wommack (6'0" 230 Jr) Ark trans.

C 59 Cameron Zipp So. 6-1 289 PS#170. 3 gm, 53 snap rFr. **55** Alex Michael (6'2" 310 So) PS#221. 1 gm, 5 snap LY. **LS 52** Andy Hill (6'2" 218 Jr) 12 gm. Cody Tawater (6'3" 244 Jr).

RG HM Kyle Burkhart Jr. 6-4 280 PS#148JC. **71** Ryan Hebert (6'5" 305 Jr) PS#196. 9 gm, 107 snap LY. **69** Micah Brown (6'2" 275 Jr) 1 st RG LY. **75** Sam Coleman (6'1" 357 Jr).

LG 76 Wesley Housley Sr. 6-2 287 PS#447. 60 snaps rFr. 3 st LG '06. First 4 st LG LY, 250 snaps. **60** RJ Brown (6'3" 300 Jr) PS#124JC. In for spg. **61** James Brady (6'4" 275 rFr).

RT 68 RYAN McKEE SR. 6-6 275 13 st LY, 817 snaps. **2nd Tm CUSA '07.** 14 st RT '06, 961 snaps, **HM CUSA. 70 Brennan Houston** (6'4" 301 Jr) **PS#49JC.** RS LY.

LT 72 CALVIN WILSON JR. 6-6 352 **PS#37.** 1 st RT true **Miss St.** Trans. Last 9 st LT LY, **HM CUSA**, 643 snaps. **65** Jimmy Driskell (6'2" 307 Sr). Nick Chartain is PS#292.

K 13 JUSTIN ESTES SO. 5-9 160 PS#75. Hit 15 of 22 FG as true, long 43. **HM CUSA.** Britt Barefoot PS#18. 51 yd FG. Barrett Cobb (6'0" 200 Jr). John Sablich (5'11" 180 Sr).

DE 96 David Boyce So. 6-6 243 PS#86. 2 gm rFr. Terrance Conner (6'4" 234 Jr) PS#160JC. 8 sk JC LY. **94** Andrew Burns (6'4" 245 rFr). **91** Demar Dotson (6'9" 260 Sr).

DT 92 Eric Phillips Sr. 6-7 280 PS#212. 7 tkl 3Y. **98** Rolando Barragan (6'3" 295 Jr) PS#264JC. **97** Mam Nyang (6'3" 250 Sr) PS#105. Willie Packer is PS#91. Joel Ross PS#161.

NT 95 Anthony Gray So. 6-0 311 PS#258. 7 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 485 bench. **Bo Tillman PS#39. 93** Logan Hickman (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#343. **77** James McDevitt (6'3" 240 So) 2 gm LY.

DE 45 Roshaad Byrd So. 6-3 258 **PS#54LB.** 8 tkl rFr, 163 snaps. Josh Tillman PS#100. **90** Cordarro Law (6'2" 230 rFr) PS#451. **80** Deddrick Jones (6'3" 230 rFr) PS#265.

SLB 21 Brandon Davis Jr. 6-1 205 PS#162DB. 14 tkl 2Y. **42** Korey Williams (6'2" 220 rFr) PS#63. Blake Spiers (6'2" 225 Sr) PS#301JC. Tim Green (6'3" 190 rFr). Jeremy Snowden (6'3" 195 rFr).

MLB 24 GERALD McRATH JR. 6-3 220 12 st, 139 tkl, 12 tfl. **CUSA Def POY LY.** 9 st '06, 104 tkl, 11 tfl. **48** Jerome Lyons (6'1" 224 Sr) **PS#70JC.** 7 st, 71 tkl L2Y, 26 tkl. Octavious Everett PS#296RB.

WLB 41 TOKUMBO ABANIKANDA SR. 6-0 217 14 st '06, 59 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 58 tkl, 8 tfl. Martez Smith (6'0" 210 So) **PS#65.** Antonio Leonard (6'2" 195 So). Ken Dailey (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#258DB.

CB 39 CJ BAILEY SO. 5-10 182 PS#103. 11 st rFr, 40 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu. **23** Eddie Willingham (5'10" 179 Sr) 4.3 spd. 3 st 3Y, 38 tkl. **16** Kevin North (5'11" 207 Sr) 7 tkl LY.

CB 17 Ivory Bradshaw Sr. 6-1 185 PS#137WR. 11 gm '06. ACL LY. **28** Michael McGee (5'10" 181 Jr) 22 tkl LY. Antrone Harris (5'11" 200 Sr). **1** Paul Inoa (5'11" 183 Sr).

ROV 30 Chico Hunter So. 6-0 190 PS#190. 1 st, 12 gm, 19 tkl LY. Andre Watson (5'10" 180 So) PS#133JC. **5** Cameron O'Neal (6'0' 180 rFr). **2** Micah Pellerin (6'1" 182 rFr).

FS 10 EDDIE HICKS JR. 6-2 185 2 st rFr, 26 tkl, 1 int. 13 st LY, 84 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **8** Justin Wilson (5'11" 185 So) PS#294WR. 3 st rFr. 43 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Kendrick Presley (6'1" 195 Fr) PS#63QB.

P 9 BRITT BAREFOOT SR. 6-0 181 **PS#18.** 52 punts, 38.6 avg, net 33.9. 48 punt LY, 42.5 avg & net of 37.0. Barrett Cobb (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#86K. Dylan Lanphere (6'3" 205 So).

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#88

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Louisiana-Lft	A					
Sep. 6	at Auburn	G					
Sep. 13	at Arkansas St	A					
Sep. 20	Marshall	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	UTEP	A					
Oct. 11	Boise St	A					
Oct. 18	at Rice	A					
Oct. 25	at Memphis	A					
Nov. 1	UAB (HC)	A					
Nov. 8	at UCF	G					
Nov. 15	East Carolina	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	at SMU	A					

Last met in '03 a 48-3 thrashing by SM as they have a 38-11-1 record vs ULL including 7 straight wins. The Golden Eagles have won 9 straight home openers by 25 ppg.

Last played in 1993 & S Miss is 5-16 vs Auburn & 34-96-3 vs the SEC. S Mississippi's last win vs a tm from the SEC was a 21-0 win over Bama in 2000.

S Miss is 8-2 vs Ark St including a 31-19 win in the 2005 New Orleans Bowl. S Miss was outgained 360-300 in last yr's win as the teams were tied into the 4Q.

Last yr S Miss built a 20-0 lead behind bkup QB Reaves & held on to win, 33-24. Golden Eagles are a perfect 3-0 vs Marshall who joined CUSA in '05 from the MAC.

Last year the Golden Eagles rolled to a 56-30 win gaining 568 yds (most S/'03). RB Damion Fletcher rushed for a career high 211 yards last year.

LY S Miss allowed a season high 506 yds to Boise in a 38-16 loss on ESPN. S Mississippi is 36-17 all-time vs curent teams from the WAC & are 18-6 at home.

LY SM was down 31-7 & roared back scoring a TD w/2:46 left but the 2 pt conv was NG in a 31-29 loss. SM is 10-3 on the CUSA road since the East/West div split in '05.

The Golden Eagles have dominated this series going 26-8 S/'73 but just 1-3 the L/4. LY S Miss blew a 12 pt 4Q lead & allowed a 52 yd TD pass w/1:04 left & lost 29-26.

S Mississippi is a perfect 8-0 all-time vs UAB with an avg score of 25-16. Last year the Golden Eagles dominated 37-7 outgaining UAB 456-244.

Last year S Mississippi couldn't overcome 4 TO's in the 34-17 loss to UCF. These 2 schools have represented the East in all 3 CUSA Champ gms, SM 1 & UCF 2.

S Mississippi is 25-8 all-time vs EC including winning 10 of the last 12 games. LY tied at 21 SM went on a 15 play/80 yd drive eating up 6:08 scoring a TD w/:32 left.

LY S Mississippi scored 21 2Q pts as SMU never threatened in the 28-7 SM win. S Miss allowed a 75 yd, 7 play drive in the 4Q losing the shutout.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brett Favre 7,695 '87-'90	1. Ben Garry 3,595 '74-'77	1. Sherrod Gideon 3,214 '96-'99
2. Dustin Almond 7,342 '02-'05	2. Derrick Nix 3,584 '98-'00, '02	2. Todd Pinkston 2,366 '96-'99
3. Jeff Kelly 7,095 '98-'01	3. Sammy Winder 3,114 '78-'81	3. LeRoy Handy 1,890 '99-'02

LARRY FEDORA (Career 0-0)

1st Year at S Mississippi

Fedora's Bowl Record: 0-0

Fedora's records AT S MISSISSIPPI

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (18,19,4)
Lost: 22 (14,8,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 26,768 (#83)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION

LB Tokumbo Abanikanda

STADIUM: M.M ROBERTS STADIUM (36,000) (#88)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Momentum Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	8-4	6-5	7-6	9-4	7-5	7-5	9-5	7-6	60-40
Home	2-2	4-1	5-1	5-1	3-2	3-2	5-1	3-3	30-13
Away	5-2	2-4	2-4	4-2	3-3	3-3	3-4	4-2	26-24
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	4-3
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	5-3	8-0	5-3	5-3	6-3	5-3	42-21
vs Non-Conf	4-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	2-2	2-2	3-2	2-3	18-19
ATS	6-5	4-7	2-8-2	8-5	8-4	5-6	6-7	6-6	45-48-2
Home Fav	1-2	2-3	2-2	4-1	2-2	1-3	3-2	1-4	16-19
Home Dog	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
Away Fav	2-3	1-1	0-3-1	3-0	2-1	1-1	2-1	4-0	15-10-1
Away Dog	2-0	1-3	0-2	1-2	2-1	3-1	0-3	0-2	9-14
Neutral	1-0	0-0	0-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	4-3-1
vs Conf	2-5	3-4	2-5-1	7-1	5-3	3-5	4-5	5-3	31-31-1
vs Non-Conf	4-0	1-3	0-3-1	1-4	3-1	2-1	2-2	1-3	14-17-1
Off SU Win	3-3	2-4	1-5-1	5-4	3-3	3-3	3-5	2-5	22-32-1
Off SU Loss	2-2	2-2	1-3-1	3-0	4-1	1-3	3-1	4-1	20-13-1

Jeff Bower

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Liberty	+2	Utah - #25	0-17
04	New Orleans	-6	North Texas	31-10
05	New Orleans	-15'	Arkansas St	31-19
06	GMAC	-6	Ohio	28-7
07	Papajohns.com	+11	Cincinnati - #20	21-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Damion Fletcher	295	1649	63	1586	15	5.4
Tory Harrison	95	413	20	393	5	4.1
Jeremy Young	81	448	99	349	4	4.3
VJ Floyd	24	94	1	93	0	3.9
Antwain Easterling	16	86	1	85	0	5.3
Torris Magee	6	87	3	84	0	14.0
Chris Johnson	5	55	0	55	2	11.0
Stephen Reaves	13	24	77	-53	1	-4.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jeremy Young	224	120	53.6	1464	11	8
Stephen Reaves	151	95	62.9	943	3	8

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Torris Magee	44	632	14.4	3	85
Shawn Nelson	33	451	13.7	5	40
Chris Johnson	34	418	12.3	3	69
Gerald Baptiste	28	283	10.1	1	53
Damion Fletcher	29	227	7.8	0	48
Ed Morgan	17	152	8.9	2	36
Johdrick Morris	10	98	9.8	0	25
Tory Harrison	8	60	7.5	0	18
Marcus Raines	5	47	9.4	0	36

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Britt Barefoot	48	2039	42.5	14	37.0(t)	0	14

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Justin Estes	39-41	5-5	6-10	4-7	0-0	15-22	43

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Gerald McRath	139	4.5	7.5	3	0
Brandon Sumrall	98	1	4	8	6
Eddie Hicks	84	0	1.5	5	3
LeVance Richmond	66	1	2	6	3
Robert Henderson	64	4	6	2	0
Tokumbo Abanikanda	58	0.5	7.5	1	0
James Denley	53	1	1	1	1
Justin Wilson	43	0	1.5	6	2
Martavius Prince	40	6.5	4.5	0	0
CJ Bailey	40	0	2	10	2
Matthew Chatelain	33	7.5	9.5	2	0
Sean Merrill	31	0	3.5	0	0
Jerome Lyons	26	0	0.5	0	0
Michael McGee	22	0	3	1	0
Chico Hunter	19	1.5	0	0	0
Brandon Davis	13	0	0	0	0
Eddie Willingham	11	0	0	1	0
Roshaad Byrd	8	0.5	0	0	0
Kevin North	7	0	0	0	0
Anthony Gray	7	1	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Chris Johnson	9	91	10.1	0
Brandon Sumrall	15	68	4.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tory Harrison	38	870	22.9	0

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OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	27.8	21	202	4.6	188	57.1	14.0	-1	2007	8	24.2	20	134	3.8	232	56.9	15.2
9	25.4	19	170	4.4	161	56.1	13.0	+6	2006	6	18.6	16	128	3.9	180	52.4	16.6
4*	29.6	19	111	3.3	246	54.8	12.1	+14	2005	5	22.7	21	160	3.9	234	57.6	17.4
9*	25.8	18	145	3.7	181	48.4	12.7	+5	2004	4	24.8	19	175	4.4	201	51.4	15.1
4*	22.5	16	122	3.0	203	51.6	14.4	+5	2003	8	17.4	17	156	3.6	174	51.9	19.0
7	21.7	18	144	3.6	189	50.1	15.3	-3	2002	9	18.3	17	167	3.8	169	46.8	18.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

SM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
29,253	Tenn Martin	25	55-310	5.6	12-29	122	1	15	24-72	3.0	18-31	185	1	0
106,311	at Tennessee	17	32-90	2.8	21-41	264	2	22	39-193	4.9	23-36	276	1	-1
43,041	at E Carolina	21	43-146	3.4	18-28	237	2	21	37-97	2.6	20-35	203	3	-2
30,159	at Boise St	15	36-116	3.2	16-31	202	2	23	41-199	4.9	19-28	307	1	+1
25,656	Rice	21	37-189	5.1	25-45	233	4	14	41-169	4.1	9-21	67	3	-5
31,534	SMU	25	40-209	5.2	18-27	206	0	26	38-170	4.5	19-31	191	3	+3
27,234	at Marshall	21	41-160	3.9	23-30	310	1	20	31-99	3.2	20-38	309	2	+4
27,103	UCF	21	31-159	5.1	20-29	144	1	21	53-219	4.1	12-16	162	2	-4
13,348	at UAB	25	56-338	6.0	11-24	118	1	13	26-65	2.5	17-37	179	3	+1
29,354	Memphis	16	38-147	3.9	12-18	159	1	27	26-26	1.0	35-49	396	2	+1
28,592	at UTEP	29	62-363	5.9	10-22	205	0	21	30-124	4.1	19-42	290	3	0
17,705	Arkansas St	19	46-177	3.8	13-24	123	3	19	42-242	5.8	9-23	118	1	0
35,258	† Cincinnati	19	49-217	4.4	18-32	122	4	21	26-71	2.7	30-52	334	3	+1
TOTALS		274	566-2621	4.6	217-380	2445	22	263	454-1746	3.8	250-439	3017	28	-1
AVERAGES		21.1	44-202	4.6	17-29	188	1.7	20.2	35-134	3.8	19-34	232	2.2	-0.1

2003 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at California	+4	2-34
–	at UAB	-3	17-12
–	Memphis	-5	23-6
–	Nebraska - #15	+10'	14-38
–	at Cincinnati	+7'	22-20
–	at Alabama	+10'	3-17
–	USF	-2'	27-6
–	Louisiana-Lft	-23'	48-3
–	at Houston	-5'	31-10
–	Tulane	-17'	28-14
–	TCU - #10	-3	40-28
–	at East Carolina	-14'	38-21

2004 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Nebraska	+14'	21-17
–	at Tulane	-14	32-14
–	at USF	-6	27-20
–	Houston	-17	35-29 OT
#24	at Alabama	+7	3-27
–	East Carolina	-19'	51-10
#21	Cincinnati	-6	24-52
–	at Memphis	+6	26-30
–	at TCU	-1	17-42
–	UAB	-1	26-21
–	California - #4	+24'	16-26

2005 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Alabama	+12'	21-30
–	McNeese St	NL	48-20
–	at East Carolina	-7'	33-7
–	Tulsa	-12'	17-34
–	UCF	-8'	52-31
–	at UAB	+2'	37-28
–	at NC State	+6'	17-21
–	at Marshall	-7	27-24 OT
–	at Houston	+2	24-27
–	Memphis	-7	22-24
–	Tulane	-21	26-7

2006 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Florida - #7	+20'	7-34
–	SE Louisiana	NL	45-0
–	NC State	-3	37-17
–	at UCF	-6	19-14
–	at Tulsa	+5	6-20
–	Houston	-2	31-27
–	at Virginia Tech	+16'	6-36
–	East Carolina	-6	17-20 OT
–	at Memphis	-7	42-21
–	at Tulane	-4'	31-3
–	UAB	-14'	25-20
–	Marshall	-6	42-7
–	at Houston	+5'	20-34

2007 RESULTS

SM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Tenn-Martin	NL	35-13
–	at Tennessee - #24	+11	19-39
–	at East Carolina	-1	28-21
–	at Boise St	+10'	16-38
–	Rice	-20'	29-31
–	SMU	-9	28-7
–	at Marshall	-4	33-24
–	UCF	-3	17-34
–	at UAB	-10'	37-7
–	Memphis	-17	26-29
–	at UTEP	-3	56-30
–	Arkansas St	-14	16-10

UAB BLAZERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Chris Williams won the starting job but was injured. He still led with 1,112 (56.5%) with a 9-7 ratio. Middle Tenn transfer Sam Hunt, who is one of the fastest players on the team, got his first start in Wk 5. He started 5 and threw for 655 (58.5%) with a 2-5 ratio and rushed for 262. Joseph Webb did not play in the first 10 but hit 33 of 51 for 426 (64.7%) in the final 2 after Hunt was injured. Hunt missed most of the '07 spring with back injury so Webb got in plenty of reps with the first string. Callaway's plan was to use both players at QB and WR. Hunt edged ahead of Webb in Aug and took the majority of the snaps at QB in the 1H of the season. Webb suffered a sprained non-throwing shoulder and with the exception of Tulsa (9), had just 7 att's in the first seven. Webb began to see more action at QB as the season progressed and with an eye to the future, had 71 att in the final 3. The two QB's combined for 389 vs Marshall which was the first 300 yard effort by the UAB QB's. This year Hunt departs but Webb should fill in fine. Adding depth are Anthony Speight (6'3" 205 So) who played in two (0 att), Callaway recruit Bryan Ellis (6'2" 200 rFr, PS#273), N Alabama transfer Rodney Bivens (6'0" 195 Sr) and this year's true frosh. Callaway says that Webb gives them a different dimension at QB with his running ability. I look for increased production from the UAB passing game despite the loss of its starter.

RUNNING BACKS - Watson Brown liked to use a TB-by-committee approach and with the unit banged up for four straight seasons, they have not had a 1,000 yard rusher since Carl Sanders ('96). In 2006 the leading rusher, Dan Burks, had just 432 (4.0) and last year they had to replace their top 4 RB's. I expected Bama transfer Aaron Johns (PS#107) to start but he DNQ. Rashaud Slaughter, who had 16 rec at WR as a true, became the starter but only led with 325 (3.2) with 22 rec (5.6). Miss St trans Brandon Thornton (PS#113) was a late addition. Thornton had the RB's best game with 89 vs Alcorn St and also led vs EC but finished with just 267 (4.2) and was dismissed in the offseason. True frosh Dexter Barnett (PS#236) had 36 (1.9) and Jim Mitchell (5'10" 185 Jr) added 83 (4.6). This year they must replace Thornton and Slaughter (who moves back to WR). They add in Troy transfer Justin Brooks (5'10" 190 So) and Jae Fitzgerald (5'11" 195 rFr, PS#127) plus Tenn transfer Emmanuel Allen (5'9"195 So). Not listed in the PSL are Jimmie Blair (6'1" 200 rFr) and FB's Julian Smith (6'2" 245 Jr) and Willie Prince (6'1" 230 Fr). Johns also re-signed and you can expect more production from this unit.

RECEIVERS - Just like the rest of the team, this unit was very inexperienced last year with the leading returnee being Sylvester Mencer who was #2 in 2006 with 400 (12.9) as 4 of the top 5 receivers departed. They suffered some attrition over the summer. Joseph Webb was playing QB and WR and finished #2 with 459 (15.3). RFr Frantrell Forrest emerged and set frosh records for rec's (49) and yards with 563 (11.5). Mario Wright was a true frosh that started the first 4 games and although he missed 2 and disappeared in parts of others, he still finished with 272 (10.1). FB/TE David Sigler added 250 (14.7) and Mencer 134 (10.3). This year they must replace Sigler (9 st), Nick Coon (2 st, 218, 27.2) and Blake Thackston (5 rec). Also last year's leading rusher Slaughter returns to WR. This unit is much more experienced and even with Webb full-time at QB figures to be improved.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they only had to replace one starter and avg 312 lbs. Unfortunately, the unit was hit hard by injuries with just one player starting all 12 (C Jake Seitz). UAB avg just 3.5 ypc rush and saw the sack total rise to 28 (9.2%). Last year they had to replace six players who combined for 40 starts but they did have 2 players back with 30 combined career starts. New HC Callaway was the OL coach at 3 SEC schools so you know this position is a priority. Seven of the top 10 spots were held down by underclassmen and three frosh started (5+ gm). One of their returning starters, Adam Truitt, missed 3 and rFr Adam Hollifield who started the first 5 was lost for the year. Terence Edge is a natural OG but was forced to play tackle due to injuries. Surprisingly, they allowed zero sacks to Miss St and Tulane at midseason with both being known for their pass rushing ability. For the season UAB climbed to 3.7 ypc rush and only allowed 16 sacks (3.6%) which was 13th best in IA. This year they must replace G Joseph Arnold (11 st), Truitt (9 st), RG JaMarius Dismuke (1 st) and LG Daniel Turner (3 st). This is a more experienced unit and with the 3 true frosh now soph's this line looks stronger.

WR Frantrell Forrest
(Jersey #7 in 2008)

DEFENSIVE LINE - UAB's D was nicknamed "The Steel Shield" and allowed just 1.9 ypc rushing in 2001. That D-line included 1st and 2nd round DC's. UAB's D's slipped, allowing 3.7, 4.4, 3.9, 3.9 and 4.3 the next five years. Last year they lost 6 of their top 8 including 3 starters and avg just 251 lbs. The only returning starter, Brandon Jeffries, lost his spot and 4 of the 6 DT's did not make it to the fall roster. As you would expect, the Blazers were run over for 257 ypg rush, their worst in IA ball and an outlandish 5.7 ypc while the D recorded just 17 sacks. This year the only losses are DE Jeffries (24 tkl, 7 tfl) and LaDarrius Stanley (6 tkl). While the group was just 2-deep in the spring, it is more experienced than 2007 when 3 frosh earned starting spots. This should be one of the most improved D-lines in the country.

LINEBACKERS - In 2004 UAB had one of their most veteran LB corps in the country with 5 seniors in the top 6. Naturally, it was very inexperienced in 2005 with a combined 19 career tackles. The unit returned intact for 2006. Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 24 starts. Kris Guyton, who was #4 tackler in '06 was dismissed in July, and 2 players from my projected 2 deep did not make it to the fall. Stanley Lykes was the #1 SLB coming into Aug but dropped to 3rd string. This year they lose SLB Jacob Tauanuu (12 st, 48 tkl, 2 sk) and Lykes (0 tkl). They add in 3 top-notch JUCO's that could all have an impact. With the top 2 LB's back and being much more experienced than 2007, this is another improved group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2004 UAB finished #95 in my pass D rankings and also had 0 int's in the final 8 games (290 straight passes). In 2005 they had 3 starters back and had 7 int's in the first 2 games finishing with 16 but still finished only #97. In 2006 they had 7 players back with starting experience but were #98. Last year they returned their top cover CB in Kevin Sanders but had to replace 3 starters and had an inexperienced front 7. Surprisingly UAB moved up to #81 and went from allowing 63% completions to 59%. This year they lose CB Zach Britten (9 st, 57 tkl, 2 int), FS Durrell Fuqua (3 st, 52 tkl, 4 pbu) and CB Carnell Williams (12 tkl). I'll call for UAB to have their best finish in my pass D rankings in over 5 years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2006 UAB finished just #93 in my ST rankings and the team was decimated by injuries. Last year they had to replace their P as well as top KR. Callaway did not want one player handling all 3 duties but Swayze Waters (PS#59) did just that. Waters, who hit on 9 of 12 FG's (long of 42) in '06, had a solid year hitting 22 of 28 FG's including 3 from 50+ (long of 52). Waters boomed 19 TB on 57 KO and avg 41.4 on punts increasing the team's net to 35.6. The return game was also solid with UAB avg 20.5 on KR and 11.5 on PR. Frantrell Forrest had UAB's first KR TD since 1994 and Kevin Sanders added a 58 yd PR TD. Despite an inexperienced squad with depth issues, UAB surprisingly finished #29. This year all of the key players return and with better depth overall, UAB is a surprise Top 20 contender.

COACHES - Watson Brown was the team's 2nd ever HC and the team had moved from Div III to Div IAA just 2 years prior. They then moved up to IA during his 12 year tenure which ended in '06. Neil Callaway played for Bear Bryant in 1977 and had asst coaching jobs at EC, WY, Aub and Houston. He was the OL coach at Aub ('81-'92), the OC at Bama ('98-'00) and the OC at UGA ('01-'06). Last year was his first as a HC. He made a great hire in DC Eric Schumann who had been Tulane's DC from '02-'06. Schumann was the DC at SMU and E Tenn St. Callaway also made an excellent hire in OC Kim Helton who was the HC at Houston from '93-'99 and also the OC at Miami, Fl from '79-'82. He was a Toronto Argonauts RB coach in the CFL in '06.

PHIL'S FORECAST

UAB did not have a football team until 1991. When Watson Brown showed up in January of 1995, they had only filled half of their allotted scholarships, and did not have a football office or locker room. They joined CUSA five years later and had an amazing record (for such a young program) of 30-29 in conference play under Brown. In the span from 2001-'04, UAB was 18-13 in CUSA play. In 2005 they were just 3-5 despite outgaining CUSA foes by 60.3 ypg (3rd best). They had 5 close losses and only needed to win their season finale to get back to a bowl but lost on the road to EC. In 2006 UAB had just 12 returning starters (2nd lowest in CUSA). They opened 3-3 (2-0 in conf play) but lost their final 6. They had 5 close losses and could have finished as high as 8-4 but they were outgained by 53.5 ypg, (3rd weakest) in conf play. Sixteen starters missed at least one game and by Wk 12, thirteen were out for the season. It was UAB's worst season in their short history. Last year they had to replace 27 scholarship seniors and 31 overall and with the coaching change, suffered a large amount of attrition over the summer. Not counting freshmen, only 40 players on the team were scholarship players when the new coaches arrived. Last year's squad had just 8 returning starters (2nd fewest NCAA) and had 6 frosh starters and 6 senior starters by seasons end. As expected, they were on the short end of many blowouts and in CUSA play, went just 1-7 being outgained by 188.1 ypg which was 109.6 ypg worse than the #11 team. They did beat Tulane at home and also defeated IAA Alcorn St. This year they are a more veteran unit with 16 starters back. Last year UAB finished the season with 60 scholarship players and this year should have about 73 in the fall. While UAB is much stronger than their 2007 version, they have just 4 senior starters and 7 overall on the 2 deep with a lot of ground to make up in the conference making this a 2nd straight rebuilding year.

DEFENSE | JERSEY # IN GREEN | 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN GREEN | DEFENSE

QB 5 **Joseph Webb Jr.** 6-4 220 1 st QB '06. 8 st WR LY. 1105 pass (58%) 6-1 ratio, 470 yd rush, 30 rec (15.3) 2Y. 9 Anthony Speight (6'3" 205 So). 10 Bryan Ellis (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#273.

RB NA **Aaron Johns Jr.** 5-10 190 PS#107 '04.200 (3.8). **True at Ala.** 914 (5.5) JC '06. DNQ LY. 38 Dexter Barnett (5'10" 180 So) PS#236. 1 st, 36 (1.9) true. Justin Brooks 72 (4.2) @ Troy.

WR 7 **FRANTRELL FORREST SO.** 6-2 195 6 st rFr, #1 w/563 (11.5), 573 KR yds. 22 Mike Jones (6'1" 180 So) 2 st, 122 (8.1). Rodell Carter PS#282JC. 36 Paul Schoolar (6'1" 205 Jr).

WR 11 **MARIO WRIGHT SO.** 6-5 200 4 st true, 272 (10.1). **Mark Ferrell PS#157JC.** 82 Justin Johnson (6'3" 200 So) PS#196. 1L on ST. 89 Darryl Harris (5'10" 175 So) 1 rec as rFr.

WR 1 **RASHAUD SLAUGHTER JR.** 5-9 185 1 st true, 16 rec. 10 st RB LY, 325 rush (3.2). 15 Sylvester Mencer (5'11" 185 Sr) PS#339QB. 4 st, 534 (12.1) 2Y. 83 Brandon Heath (6'2" 195 Sr).

TE 86 **JEFFREY ANDERSON SO.** 6-3 255 PS#52. 5 st rFr, 216 (14.4), **CUSA Frosh Tm.** 81 Cory Powers (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#67. 84 Zach Lankford (6'4" 245 Jr) PS#166. 4 rec 2Y.

C 73 **Caleb Thomas rFr.** 6-3 290 PS#163. 1 st RG true, inj. Med RS. 59 Sean Dailey (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#320DL. **LS** 62 Jeff Hamby (6'1" 205 Sr). 60 Nick Haddad (5'10" 205 Sr).

RG 68 **Adam Hollifield Jr.** 6-3 300 First 5 st LG rFr until foot inj out year. Miss spg. 72 Logan Creel (6'5" 290 So) 2nd string rFr, 11 gm. Tyler Fowler (6'6" 290 Fr) PS#434.

LG 53 **JAKE SEITZ JR.** 6-2 290 12 st rFr (11C, 1LT). 12 st C in '07, **HM CUSA.** 67 Joseph Waller (6'4" 290 So) 4 gm rFr. 56 Ryan Roget (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#275JC.

RT 55 **TERENCE EDGE SO.** 6-4 295 PS#271. 10 gm, L/8 st true. 4.75 speed. Jared Koechner (6'5" 285 Jr) PS#322JC. In fall. 64 Greg Calhoun (6'5" 300 rFr) PS#534.

LT 71 **MATT McCANTS SO.** 6-7 295 PS#520.11 gm true, 7 st LT. 63 Willie Thompson (6'6" 295 Jr) PS#420. 1 st LT rFr. 3 st LT, 7 gm (inj) LY. 75 Daniel Seahorn PS#297JC.

K 94 **SWAYZE WATERS SR.** 6-0 170 PS#59. 9-12 FG '06, long 42, 17 TB on 47 KO. **2nd Tm CUSA** LY, 22-28 FG and 3 from 50+! Long 52. 24 Trey Ragland (5'11" 175 rFr).

DE 90 **JOE HAPPE JR.** 6-4 250 PS#387.11 st '07, 30 tkl, 7.5 tfl. 95 Richard Carter (6'6" 240 Sr) PS#467. 3 tkl '06. 14 tkl, 1 sk LY. Anthony Barnes PS#414JC. 85 tkl, 6 sk JC LY.

NT 97 **DJ REESE SO.** 6-4 280 PS#341. 11 st true, 33 tkl. 99 Jerrickus Speights (6'5" 255 Sr) PS#361. 28 gm, 34 tkl, 2.5 sk 3Y. 96 Xavier Smith (6'0" 270 Sr) 6 tkl, 7 gm LY.

DT 91 **TIM DAVIS SO.** 6-0 265 PS#322.10 st true, 25 tkl, 2.5 tfl. David Decordova (6'2" 280 Jr) PS#295JC. 2 sk, 6 tfl JC LY. Sam Accuriso (6'2" 225 Fr) PS#322RB.

DE 87 **BRYANT TURNER SO.** 6-2 260 PS#171LB. 9 st rFr, 31 tkl, 8 tfl. 52 Kelvin Quarles (6'2" 230 Jr). Connecticut trans. 1 st, 12 gm LY, 22 tkl, 1 sk. Elliott Henigan is PS#421.

WLB 51 **JOE HENDERSON SR.** 6-2 220 35 tkl rFr. 8 st '06, 61 tkl, 8.5 tfl, **3rd Tm CUSA.** 11 st LY, 109 tkl, 5 sk, 4.5 tfl. 13 Keon Harris (5'11" 205 So) 26 tkl true. 46 Terry Thomas (6'1" 230 Sr).

MLB 45 **BJ Steed Jr.** 6-1 230 PS#274RB. 1 st '06, 21 tkl, 2 tfl. 2 st LY, 31 tkl, 1.5 tfl. Dominique Roulach (6'1" 240 So) PS#122JC. Terry Thomas (6'1" 230 Sr). Jordan Wilczewski (6'3" 240 rFr).

SLB 33 **MIKE TASHMAN SO.** 6-0 210 10 st true, 64 tkl, 7 tfl, **CUSA Fr Tm.** 44 Kyle Roget PS#377JC. **Chris Assily PS#114JC** LY. Kattrell Watters PS#223. 49 Bradley Dukes (6'0" 218 So).

CB 21 **KEVIN SANDERS SR.** 5-11 185 12 st '06, 32 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. 12 st LY, 54 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. Reggie Jones (5'9" 185 Jr) The Citadel. Michael McRae (5'11" 175 So). Justin Smart (5'11" 175 So).

CB 4 **Brandon Carlisle Jr.** 5-10 180 PS#316.3 st LY, 40 tkl, 6 pbu. Terrell Springs PS#219. 19 Ugonna Amarikawa (6'0" 180 rFr). 17 Jeff Witt (5'11" 170 So). 42 Ferson Stafford (5'9" 170 rFr).

SS 43 **MATT TAYLOR SR.** 5-11 185 1 st rFr, 7 tkl. 10 tkl, 12 gm '06. 12 st LY, 70 tkl, 3 pbu. 8 Marquis Coleman (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#124. 4.5 spd. 36 Jeremy Clever (5'10" 180 rFr).

FS 18 **WILL DUNBAR SR.** 6-1 195 6 st '06, 65 tkl, 3 int. 9 st LY, **122 tkl,** 5 tfl, 2 pbu. **1st Tm CUSA.** 25 Brock Ferguson (6'2" 200 So) 10 tkl, 1 tfl true. Drew Luker is PS#342.

P 94 **SWAYZE WATERS SR.** 6-0 170 42.1 avg HS on punts. 7 TB on 61 KO as true. 17 TB on 47 KO '06. 69 punts LY, 41.4 avg and net of 35.6, 22 inside the 20, **2nd Tm CUSA.**

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Dominique Roulach 6-1 240 PS#122JC
WR	Mark Ferrell 6-2 220 PS#157JC
LB	Chris Assily 6-2 215 PS#114JC in '07
OL	Ryan Roget 6-3 285 PS#275JC
WR	Rodell Carter 6-4 220 PS#282JC
DL	David Decordova 6-2 280 PS#295JC
OL	Daniel Seahorn 6-2 300 PS#297JC
OL	Jared Koechner 6-5 285 PS#322JC
RB	Aaron Johns 5-10 190 PS#107 '04
LB	Kyle Roget 6-1 235 PS#377JC
DL	Anthony Barnes 6-3 255 PS#414JC
DB	Terrell Springs 5-9 175 PS#219
LB	Kattrell Watters 6-0 235 PS#223
LB	Daniel White 6-2 220 PS#228
WR	Josh Brinson 6-1 165 PS#229
LB	Lamanski Ware 6-2 205 PS#279
DB	Drew Luker 6-3 180 PS#342
QB	David Isabelle 6-3 185 PS#200
DB	Andre Hicks 5-9 165 PS#302RB
DB	Chase Daniel 6-2 200 PS#395
LB	Sam Accuriso 6-2 225 PS#322RB
LB	Jarrell Watters 6-0 225 PS#360
OL	Tyler Fowler 6-6 290 PS#434
DL	Nick Davidson 6-0 275 PS#421
DL	Elliott Henigan 6-4 240 PS#421
DB	Patrick Reynolds 5-9 175 PS#343WR

UAB BLAZERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#54

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UAB	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	Tulsa	G					
Sep. 6	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Sep. 13	at Tennessee	G					
Sep. 20	Alabama St	G					
Sep. 27	at South Carolina	G					
Oct. 2	Memphis (Thur)	G					
Oct. 9	at Houston (Thur)	G					
Oct. 18	Marshall (HC)	G					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at S Mississippi	A					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	at Tulane	A					
Nov. 22	East Carolina	G					
Nov. 29	at UCF	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Darrell Hackney 9,886 '02-'05
2. John Whitcomb 7,420 '92-'94
3. Daniel Dixon 3,085 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Pat Green 2,817 '91-'94
2. Dan Burks 2,277 '02-'06
3. Jegil Dugger 1,979 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Derrick Ingram 3,379 '91-'94
2. Roddy White 3,112 '01-'04
3. Cedrick Buchannon 1,694 '92-'95

UAB Blazers are 11-1 since 1996 in home openers (loss to S Miss in '03). Blazers were 14-8 in CUSA home games (1st 6 yrs) but 4-8 the last 3 years.

UAB is 13-7 all-time vs current members of the SBC with this being the 1st between these 2. The Blazers are 3-9 away vs non-conf tms but 11 of 12 opponents were BCS tms.

Blazers are 2-10 all-time vs the SEC with a near upset of the #3 Vols in '05 (17-10 loss). UAB has lost 4 straight road openers by an average of 20 ppg.

The Hornets were 5-6 LY & last played a FBS team in 2006 (lost to Troy 38-0). UAB has beaten all 8 FCS teams by 18 ppg since moving up to IA.

Second meeting. SC won the '03 gm 42-10. The Blazers are 8-38 vs current BCS schools. UAB has played the BCS schools tough losing the L/7 but 4 of those were by 10 pts or less.

LY MU won the "Battle of the Bones" & it's the 1st time the 100 lb bronze rack of ribs headed to Memphis. Before LY's loss, UAB had reeled off 7 straight wins vs MU.

LY UH jumped out to a 35-10 HT lead & outgained UAB 540-224 in a 49-10 win. The HT is 4-2 in this series & the winner has won each gm by 13 or more pts.

UAB has lost all 3 to MU with all 3 gms decided by a TD or less. LY UAB down 28-10, battled back to take a 4Q lead but allowed a TD w/1:07 left in the 46-39 loss.

UAB is 0-8 vs the Golden Eagles but 6 of the 8 gms have been decided by 7 pts or less. LY UAB was dominated down 30-0 at the half & was outgained 456-244 on the day.

LY Tulane had 504-372 yd & 24-15 FD edges but UAB had a 92 yd KR TD and a fumb rec TD winning 26-21. UAB trailed 14-13 at HT & the win tied the series at 3 each.

The HT has dominated this series winning 6 of 7 with an avg win by 16 ppg. The Blazers are 11-6 in home finales all-time but have lost 3 straight.

UAB has dropped all 5 gms in this series being outscored 162-94. LY UAB cut the deficit to 38-31 but didn't rec the onside kick & allowed a 41 yd TD run w/1:17 left in a 45-31 loss.

NEIL CALLAWAY (Career 2-10)

2nd Year at UAB — Callaway's Bowl Record: 0-0

Callaway's records AT UAB

2-10	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
2-3	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-7	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
1-7	Vs Conference	2-7	Off A Loss

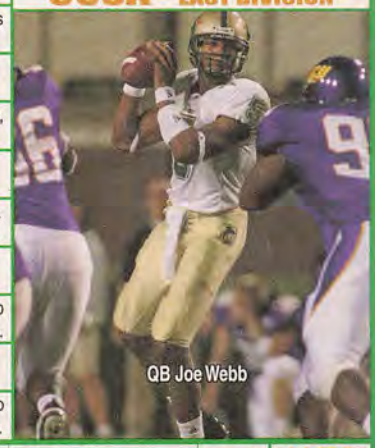
2007 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (22,15,2)
Lost: 17 (11,6,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,706 (#102)

CUSA - EAST DIVISION


QB Joe Webb

STADIUM: LEGION FIELD (72,000) (#26)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS (SureTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	6-5	5-7	5-7	7-5	5-6	3-9	2-10	40-53
Home	4-2	4-1	4-2	2-3	4-1	2-3	3-3	2-3	25-18
Away	3-2	2-4	1-5	3-4	3-3	3-3	0-6	0-7	15-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	3-3	5-2	4-4	4-4	5-3	3-5	2-6	1-7	27-34
vs Non-Conf	4-1	1-3	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	13-19
ATS	7-3	6-4	5-6-1	5-7	6-6	5-5	4-8	6-5	44-44-1
Home Fav (Watson Brown)	1-2	2-2	1-1	0-3	3-1	1-3	2-4	1-0	11-16
Home Dog (Watson Brown)	2-0	0-0	3-0-1	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	8-3-1
Away Fav (Neil Callaway)	1-0	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-1	0-0	4-9
Away Dog (Neil Callaway)	3-1	3-1	1-3	4-2	1-2	3-0	2-3	4-3	21-15
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-2	5-2	4-3-1	4-4	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	30-30-1
vs Non-Conf	3-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	2-2	2-0	2-2	2-1	14-14
Off SU Win	3-3	5-1	2-2-1	2-3	3-4	1-3	1-2	1-1	18-19-1
Off SU Loss	4-0	1-3	3-3	3-3	2-2	3-2	2-6	5-3	23-22

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Hawaii	+4	Hawaii	40-59

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

UAB's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

UAB'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4*	19.6	18	110	3.7	215	49.1	16.6	-5	2007	4	35.1	24	257	5.7	231	58.6	13.9
5	18.8	18	126	3.5	185	58.2	16.5	+6	2006	7	24.8	19	147	4.3	213	63.1	14.5
8*	27.9	22	143	4.3	292	63.0	15.6	+5	2005	6	24.0	21	148	3.9	224	61.0	15.5
8*	31.0	21	147	4.1	256	55.1	13.0	0	2004	10	29.3	21	142	3.9	270	60.1	14.1
7*	20.4	16	132	3.6	217	48.7	17.1	-5	2003	6	23.9	20	178	4.4	208	57.9	16.1
8*	22.3	18	130	3.4	185	48.7	14.1	+1	2002	2	30.8	20	154	3.7	228	56.4	12.4

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Rashaud Slaughter	100	370	45	325	1	3.2
Joseph Webb	67	348	60	288	1	4.3
Sam Hunt	68	388	101	287	2	4.2
Brandon Thornton	63	286	19	267	1	4.2
Jim Mitchell	18	87	4	83	0	4.6
Dexter Barnett	19	51	15	36	0	1.9
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Sam Hunt	331	155	46.8	1905	10	14
Joseph Webb	117	65	55.6	679	5	1
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
Frantrell Forrest	49	563	11.5	5	68	
Joseph Webb	30	459	15.3	3	33	
Mario Wright	27	272	10.1	4	28	
David Sigler	17	250	14.7	1	31	
Nick Coon	8	218	27.2	0	54	
Jeffrey Anderson	15	216	14.4	1	32	
Sylvester Mencer	13	134	10.3	1	32	
Rashaud Slaughter	22	123	5.6	0	31	
Mike Jones	15	122	8.1	0	19	
Blake Thackston	5	70	14.0	0	24	
Jim Mitchell	6	55	9.2	0	21	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Swayze Waters	69	2859	41.4	17	35.6	0	22
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Swayze Waters	21-23	5-5	6-9	8-10	3-4	22-28	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Will Dunbar	122	0	5	2	2
Joe Henderson	109	5	4.5	3	2
Matt Taylor	70	0	1.5	3	0
Mike Tashman	64	2	5	1	1
Zach Britten	57	0	4	3	2
Kevin Sanders	54	0	1	6	3
Durrell Fuqua	52	1	1	4	0
Jacob Tauanuu	48	2	1.5	0	0
Brandon Carlisle	40	0	0.5	6	0
DJ Reese	33	0	0	0	0
BJ Steed	31	1	0.5	2	0
Bryant Turner	31	1	7	1	0
Joe Happe	30	1	6.5	0	0
Keon Harris	26	0	1.5	0	0
Tim Davis	25	1	1.5	0	0
Brandon Jeffries	24	3	4	3	0
Kelvin Quarles	22	1	0.5	0	0
Terry Thomas	15	0	1	0	0
Jerrickus Speights	14	1	0.5	0	0
Richard Carter	14	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Kevin Sanders	15	159	10.6	1	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Frantrell Forrest	26	573	22.0	1	
Reggie Jones	25	521	20.8	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

UAB 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
67,796	at Michigan St	17	32-12	0.4	21-39	214	3	28	48-298	6.2	22-30	295	1	-1
78,673	at Florida St	19	28-119	4.3	17-36	226	3	24	46-188	4.1	22-35	332	0	+1
21,828	Alcorn St	16	45-211	4.7	9-22	121	0	11	29-96	3.3	14-26	137	3	+1
22,710	at Tulsa	20	36-161	4.5	22-46	242	2	34	49-362	7.4	19-37	333	2	+1
45,259	at Miss St	11	23-71	3.1	16-35	217	0	16	45-165	3.7	11-20	119	1	+1
24,144	Tulane	15	25-110	4.4	17-32	262	0	24	45-240	5.3	19-39	264	5	+1
11,588	Houston	12	18-26	1.4	12-34	198	2	33	59-335	5.7	21-34	205	2	-3
41,125	at E Carolina	19	35-168	4.8	17-37	128	2	22	35-216	6.2	20-31	255	0	-2
13,348	S Mississippi	13	26-65	2.5	17-37	179	3	25	56-338	6.0	11-24	118	1	-1
12,621	UCF	22	35-168	4.8	20-41	175	1	24	52-402	7.7	12-20	104	1	-1
31,138	at Memphis	23	30-105	3.5	25-39	233	0	25	43-265	6.2	14-28	298	0	-2
26,762	at Marshall	24	25-107	4.3	27-50	389	0	27	33-177	5.4	26-36	309	1	0
TOTALS		211	358-1323	3.7	220-448	2584	16	293	540-3082	5.7	211-360	2769	17	-5
AVERAGES		17.6	30-110	3.7	18-37	215	1.3	24.4	45-257	5.7	18-30	231	1.4	-0.4

2003 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Baylor	-9	24-19
-	S Mississippi	+3	12-17
-	Troy	-11'	9-20
-	at South Carolina	+14	10-42
-	at Memphis	+9'	24-10
-	Cincinnati	+5'	31-14
-	at TCU - #16	+10'	24-27
-	at Georgia - #4	+29	13-16
-	Army	-21'	24-9
-	Tulane	-13'	24-38
-	at USF	+6'	22-19
-	at Houston	+1	28-56

2004 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Baylor	-14	56-14
-	at Florida St - #8	+23	7-34
-	Memphis	+2'	35-28
-	at Cincinnati	+1	30-27
-	at Mississippi St	-12	27-13
-	TCU	-7	41-25
-	at Tulane	-18	55-59
-	USF	-19	20-45
-	Houston	-9'	20-7
-	at Army	-11'	20-14
-	at S Mississippi	+1	21-26

2005 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Tennessee - #3	+21'	10-17
-	at Troy	-9'	27-7
-	Jacksonville St	NL	35-28
-	Rice	-17'	45-26
-	SMU	-20	27-28
-	at Marshall	-2	19-20
-	S Mississippi	-2'	28-37
-	at Memphis	+2'	37-20
-	UCF	-7'	21-27
-	at UTEP - #24	+7'	35-23
-	at East Carolina	-5'	23-31

2006 RESULTS

UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Oklahoma - #10	+22'	17-24
-	East Carolina	-7	17-12
-	at Georgia - #10	+17	0-34
-	Mississippi St	-10	10-16 OT
-	Troy	-5'	21-3
-	Memphis	-5	35-29
-	at Rice	-5	33-34
-	Marshall	-6	24-31
-	at SMU	+5	9-22
-	UTEP	-2	17-36
-	at S Mississippi	+14'	20-25
-	at UCF	+3'	22-31

2007 RESULTS

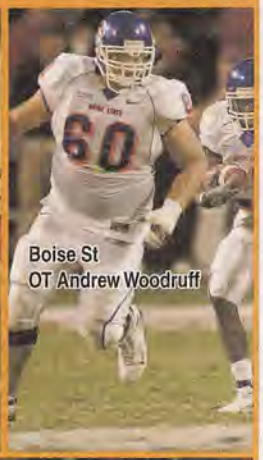
UAB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Michigan St	+22	18-55
-	at Florida St	+34'	24-34
-	Alcorn St	NL	22-0
-	at Tulsa	+23	30-38
-	at Mississippi St	+18'	13-30
-	Tulane	-2'	26-21
-	Houston	+13'	10-49
-	at East Carolina	+14'	6-41
-	S Mississippi	+10'	7-37
-	UCF	+20'	31-45
-	at Memphis	+10'	9-25
-	at Marshall	+14'	39-46

WAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 WAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Chase Holbrook, N Mexico St	Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	Tom Brandstater, Fresno St	Tyler Graunke, Hawaii
RB	Ian Johnson, Boise St	Patrick Jackson, Louisiana Tech	Deonte' Jackson, Idaho	Leon Wright-Jackson, Hawaii
RB	Luke Lippincott, Nevada	Ryan Mathews, Fresno St	Yonus Davis, San Jose St	Lonyae Miller, Fresno St
WR	Chris Williams, N Mexico St	Kevin Jurovich, San Jose St	AJ Harris, N Mexico St	Chastin West, Fresno St
WR	Jeremy Childs, Boise St	Daniel Lofton Hawaii	Mike McCoy, Nevada	Malcolm Lane, Hawaii
WR	Marko Mitchell, Nevada	David Richmond, San Jose St	Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech	Eddie Williams, Idaho
TE	Bear Pascoe, Fresno St	Anthony Harrison, Louisiana Tech	Rob Myers, Utah St	Peter Bjorvik, Idaho
C	John Estes, Hawaii	Dominic Green, Nevada	Adam Korby, Idaho	Ryan Tonnemacher, Utah St
OG	Cole Popovich, Fresno St	Polo Gutierrez, N Mexico St	Chuck Taylor, N Mexico St	David Accardo, Louisiana Tech
OG	Andrew Woodruff, Boise St	Mike Iupati, Idaho	Keith AhSoon, Hawaii	Isaac Leatiota, San Jose St
OT	John Bender, Nevada	Bobby Lepori, Fresno St	Fred Koloto, San Jose St	Joe Suder, N Mexico St
OT	Kris Anderson, Idaho	Bradis McGriff, San Jose St	Kenny Avon, Fresno St	Kyle Smith, N Mexico St
DE	David Veikune, Hawaii	Jarron Gilbert, San Jose St	Ben Calderwood, Utah St	Ryan Winterswyk, Boise St
DT	Jon Monga, Fresno St	Fale Laeli, Hawaii	Adonis Davis, San Jose St	Mundrae Clifton, Nevada
DT	D'Anthony Smith, Louisiana Tech	Rolando Melancon, Louisiana Tech	Sioeli Fakalata, N Mexico St	Keala Watson, Hawaii
DE	Jeff Schweiger, San Jose St	Rhyan Anderson, N Mexico St	Mike T. Williams, Boise St	Kevin Basped, Nevada
LB	Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	Paul Igboeli, Utah St	Jerome Johnson, Nevada	Dallas Dobbs, Boise St
LB	Adam Leonard, Hawaii	Ben Jacobs, Fresno St	Zach Schreiber, Louisiana Tech	Chris Nwoko, N Mexico St
LB	Joshua Mauga, Nevada	Brannon Jackson, Louisiana Tech	La'Auli Fonoti, N Mexico St	Blaze Soares, Hawaii
LB	Jake Hutton, Utah St	Quin Harris, Louisiana Tech	Kyle Gingg, Boise St	Justin Cole, San Jose St
CB	Coye Francies, San Jose St	Weldon Brown, Louisiana Tech	Chris Woods, N Mexico St	Joshua Taylor, Utah St
CB	Christopher Owens, San Jose St	Kyle Wilson, Boise St	Ryan Mouton, Hawaii	Davon House, N Mexico St
SS	Shiloh Keo, Idaho	James Brindley, Utah St	Uche Anyanwu, Nevada	Deon Young, Louisiana Tech
FS	Antonio Baker, Louisiana Tech	Virdell Larkins, Idaho	Derrick Richardson, N Mexico St	Caleb Taylor, Utah St
K	Dan Kelly, Hawaii	Brett Jaekle, Nevada	Tino Amancio, Idaho	Kyle Brotzman, Boise St
P	Chris Keagle, Louisiana Tech	TJ Conley, Idaho	Tim Grasso, Hawaii	Brad Elkin, Boise St
KR	AJ Jefferson, Fresno St	Malcolm Lane, Hawaii	Ryan Mouton, Hawaii	Phillip Livas, Louisiana Tech
PR	Philip Beck, Louisiana Tech	Shiloh Keo, Idaho	Chris Williams, N Mexico St	Michael Washington, Hawaii

Nevada
RB Luke Lippincott


Boise St
OT Andrew Woodruff

Fresno St
TE Bear Pascoe

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 WAC FORECAST

1. Boise St - Boise won the WAC Title five straight years but last year, despite outgaining WAC foes by 136.4 ypg, they came up short in their showdown at Hawaii. Boise is an amazing 46-2 vs WAC foes since 2002 and since they get both Fresno and Hawaii at home, I will call for them to run the table again. If Boise beats Oregon on Sept 20th, it could be a 2nd BCS bowl game in 3 years for the Broncos.

2. Fresno St - FSU was -9 in turnovers last year and one of the most injury-plagued teams in the country. They still knocked off a couple of teams from BCS conferences and ended their season on the blue turf of Boise with a bowl win over GT. Amazingly, Pat Hill has not won a single conference title but this year he has the most veteran squad in the league with 17 returning starters and they are even more experienced thanks to last year's injures. This is a team capable of giving Hill his first title, but the fact that they were outgained by 55.4 ypg in league play last year and have to end their season at Boise St in a game that will likely determine the WAC Title has me picking them second.

3. Nevada - Six of my 8 sets of power ratings call UN the best team in the WAC but they play the toughest schedule of the top teams. They not only have to face Hawaii and Fresno on the road, they also host my projected league champ Boise, who has won its last two games in Reno by 37 and 31 points, respectively. Still, the Wolf Pack has the most explosive offense in the WAC and last year outgained league foes by 123.5 ypg, which was the 3rd best mark in the league. They also lose just 15 lettermen (3rd lowest) and have a good shot at landing their 3rd straight bowl.

3. Hawaii - Last year was a dream season for Hawaii as they had 5 net close wins which were nerve-racking for me as I had pegged the Warriors to land a BCS bowl bid and play in the Sugar Bowl and needed them to go undefeated. That they did. This year they not only lose HC June Jones, but they lose their super QB Colt Brennan and their top 4 receivers. They have just 8 starters returning which is the fewest in the WAC. They also have to play Boise and Fresno St on the road. They will likely lose more games this year than they did the last two years combined (4). The WAC's 3rd guaranteed bowl spot likely comes down to their home game vs Nevada on Oct 25th.

5. New Mexico St - The Aggies caught some tough breaks last year like losing QB Chase Holbrook for 2 games and then their star WR Chris Williams for the last 5. They did almost beat Fresno St, Nevada and Louisiana Tech and were -15 in TO's and had poor ypp's (see pg 299). The switch from an option offense to a pass attack is a 3-4 year process and the Aggies could finally be bowl eligible in the 4th year of the switch.

6. San Jose St - It's tough picking a Dick Tomey team 6th in the conf and he does have 3 major BCS transfers coming plus two of the top WR's in the league. The Spartans did benefit from +13 in TO's last year and lose 20 lettermen with their 13 starters back being the 3rd fewest. Their top two RB's Yonus Davis and Patrick Perry are questionable as I write this and that is part of the reason I place them in this spot. It would not surprise me if Tomey got them to a winning record.

7. Louisiana Tech - I was way off on LT last year picking them last in the WAC while Derek Dooley's squad achieved a 4-4 record finishing tied for 4th. Unfortunately, my power ratings call for them to be near the bottom again and I hesitantly list them here at #7. I think there are four clear-cut top teams in the WAC in Boise, Fresno, Hawaii and Nevada and then the next level of bowl-caliber teams are SJSt, NMSt and LT. Unfortunately, LT has to face both of their 2 peers on the road which is why I pick them for 7th despite the fact that they have my #4 D in the WAC and are now in Dooley's second season.

8. Idaho - The Vandals were winless in the WAC last year but could have easily beaten Utah St in the finale, a game they had a 428-272 yard edge. They do have to play Utah St on the road this year while home games vs Boise and Nevada are probably unwinnable. The Vandals were -9 in TO's and are much more experienced in Rob Akey's second season but probably will not move up much in the standings.

8. Utah St - Brent Guy finally has some depth to work as he had just 56 players in for his first spring, but 97 in camp this year. I also like the Aggies' D which I rate #5 in the conference. The question marks come in the backfield where I rate their QB's and RB's both #9 in the league as well as having a difficult schedule. Last year Utah St was outgained by a league-worst 173.3 ypg in league play and despite being Guy's best team in his four years, it will be tough to top last year's two WAC wins.

WAC Notes: Interestingly, each of the last two years, SJSt has hosted a BCS hopeful but could have won both games but has actually benefited by losing. Had the Spartans knocked off either Boise St in 2006 or Hawaii in 2007, they would have gotten a great victory but with no BCS bid it would have cost the WAC a bowl slot and they would have been home for the postseason. SJSt blew an 8-pt lead late vs Boise falling 23-20 on a last-second FG and led 35-21 vs UH with 4:00 left but lost in OT. The WAC has produced two straight BCS bowl bids which is quite an accomplishment! Two years ago I pegged Boise to do it and there were a lot of close calls I sweated thru during the year, but they made it. Last year I called for Hawaii to be in the Sugar Bowl and once again sweated out some close calls but they made it. Boise has the best schedule to get there this year and it will be interesting to see if they can make it a three-peat for the WAC. During the regular season the WAC was just 2-11 vs BCS conf schools with Fresno knocking off Kansas St and Hawaii getting past Washington. They were 5-5 vs non BCS IA schools. They had been 4-14 in that category in 2006. In 2007, they had 17 players drafted which was the 6th best of all conferences but this year the number dropped to 8. The WAC landed 4 bowl bids in '07 but went just 1-3 with Fresno St upsetting Georgia Tech for the only win. Last year was the first time in 6 years that Boise did not at least share in the WAC Title. Boise still is the league's top team in that span as over SIX YEARS they have lost a grand total of TWO WAC games for a record of 46-2! Hawaii is #2 in that span at 35-13. Three Sun Belt teams joined the WAC in 2005 but have not had much success as Idaho, Utah St and New Mexico St are a combined 13-59 and last year they finished as the bottom 3 in the league for the 2nd time in three years. After Boise finished #5 in the country in 2006, the league had one Top 25 team at the end of last season in Hawaii at #19. They could of had two but Boise was #24 and was upset in their bowl. One surprising stat to me is despite Fresno St being one of the WAC's top teams they have zero conf titles under Pat Hill. Will this be the year?

2007 WAC vs WAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
6	Hawaii	42.6	2	529.3	1	71.6	9	3.31	7	457.6	1	67.8	2	12.4	2	21	8	21	7
18	Boise St	48.1	1	492.8	3	189.0	3	4.78	3	303.8	3	70.0	1	10.2	1	9	1	9	1
41	Nevada	39.4	3	514.3	2	247.5	1	5.24	1	266.8	5	55.3	8	13.1	5	13	5	15	4
62	Fresno St	31.5	4	391.6	6	219.4	2	5.19	2	172.3	8	58.5	6	12.4	3	10	2	13	3
82	N Mexico St	21.8	8	398.6	5	72.3	8	2.66	9	326.4	2	67.3	3	18.3	9	13	5	19	5
97	San Jose St	24.3	6	407.6	4	105.6	7	3.05	8	302.0	4	61.4	5	16.8	8	11	3	12	2
99	Louisiana Tech	24.9	5	389.9	7	166.9	4	4.01	4	223.0	6	57.8	7	15.7	6	13	5	22	8
109	Idaho	20.6	9	337.0	8	160.3	5	3.98	5	176.8	7	44.7	9	16.3	7	22	9	20	6
115	Utah St	24.0	7	299.1	9	133.4	6	3.45	6	165.8	9	63.9	4	12.5	4	12	4	23	9

2007 WAC vs WAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
31	Boise St	22.4	1	356.4	1	127.6	2	3.69	3	228.8	1	55.7	1	15.9	2	15	3	25	3
66	Hawaii	29.0	4	367.8	2	131.8	4	3.44	2	236.0	2	60.0	5	12.7	6	19	1	29	1
70	Fresno St	24.0	2	447.0	7	175.0	7	4.93	9	272.0	5	56.8	2	18.6	1	8	8	26	2
75	San Jose St	27.8	3	394.9	4	151.9	5	4.34	6	243.0	3	61.0	6	14.2	5	19	1	15	5
86	Louisiana Tech	29.6	5	428.8	5	116.5	1	3.38	1	312.3	9	58.6	3	14.5	3	14	5	12	7
95	Idaho	38.1	8	432.1	6	153.3	6	3.81	5	278.9	7	68.4	8	11.3	9	13	6	13	6
99	Utah St	32.9	6	472.4	9	188.1	8	4.60	7	284.3	8	72.5	9	14.4	4	15	3	7	9
99	Nevada	33.8	7	390.8	3	129.8	3	3.76	4	261.0	4	63.9	7	11.6	8	13	6	17	4
110	N Mexico St	39.6	9	470.1	8	192.0	9	4.88	8	278.1	6	59.9	4	11.9	7	8	8	10	8

Louisiana Tech
P Chris Keagle

Nevada
LB Joshua Mauga

2007 WAC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
Hawaii	8	0	341	232	12	1	564	331	+161.5	+162.0	+79.3
Boise State	7	1	385	179	10	3	551	281	+136.4	+137.7	+70.1
Fresno St	6	2	252	192	9	4	427	351	-55.4	-15.8	+137.0
Nevada	4	4	315	270	6	7	435	418	+123.5	+41.7	+59.6
Louisiana Tech	4	4	199	237	5	7	249	368	-38.9	-157.5	-11.1
San Jose St	4	4	194	222	5	7	245	352	+12.7	-11.9	-74.4
Utah State	2	6	192	263	2	10	247	406	-173.3	-142.2	-54.4
New Mexico St	1	7	174	317	4	9	312	471	-71.5	+35.3	-124.2
Idaho	0	8	165	305	1	11	258	443	-95.1	-49.1	-82.7

Coach of the Year: June Jones, Hawaii

2006 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Boise State	8	0	333	160	13	0	516	229
Hawaii	7	1	438	196	11	3	656	337
San Jose St	5	3	192	172	9	4	324	270
Nevada	5	3	260	142	8	5	391	249
Fresno St	4	4	203	214	4	8	276	339
Idaho	3	5	149	272	4	8	203	417
New Mexico St	2	6	230	262	4	8	374	369
Louisiana Tech	1	7	153	345	3	10	242	542
Utah State	1	7	123	318	1	11	130	462

Coach of the Year: June Jones, Hawaii

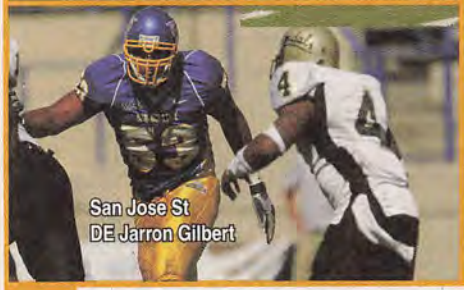
2005 WAC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Nevada	7	1	297	224	9	3	410	383
Boise State	7	1	339	178	9	4	469	317
Louisiana Tech	6	2	259	192	7	4	316	281
Fresno St	6	2	292	143	8	5	491	292
Hawaii	4	4	264	244	5	7	368	428
San Jose St	2	6	173	241	3	8	248	357
Utah State	2	6	167	270	3	8	208	360
Idaho	2	6	180	313	2	9	243	419
New Mexico St	0	8	147	313	0	12	198	465

Coach of the Year: Chris Ault, Nevada

Boise St
RB Ian Johnson

New Mexico St
WR Chris Williams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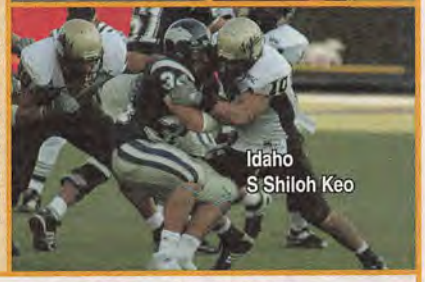
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2007 WAC CONF LEADERS

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Chris Keagle, LA Tech	**12**	**76**	**3139**	**41.3**
Leon Jackson III, Utah St	12	62	2558	41.3
Jared Kaufman, N Mexico St	13	62	2558	41.3
TJ Conley, Idaho	**12**	**67**	**2730**	**40.7**
Kyle Zimmerman, Fresno St	12	49	1947	39.7
Waylon Prather, San Jose St	12	62	2450	39.5
Zachary Whited, Nevada	13	61	2369	38.8

Utah St
DE Ben Calderwood

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	20	378	1	18.9
Philip Beck, LA Tech	**18**	**313**	**0**	**17.4**
Shiloh Keo, Idaho	**19**	**319**	**1**	**16.8**
Clifton Smith, Fresno St	22	317	2	14.4
Dwight Lowery, San Jose St	19	273	1	14.4
Marty Tadman, Boise St	35	398	0	11.4
Davone Bess, Hawaii	18	175	0	9.7
Alex Rosenblum, Nevada	21	183	0	8.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
AJ Jefferson, Fresno St	**26**	**930**	**2**	**35.8**
Ryan Mouton, Hawaii	**14**	**414**	**1**	**29.6**
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	43	1260	3	29.3
Malcolm Lane, Hawaii	**25**	**730**	**2**	**29.2**
Phillip Livas, LA Tech	**17**	**448**	**1**	**26.4**
Aaron Lesue, Utah St	16	394	0	24.6
Rashaun Scott, Boise St	27	623	0	23.1
Patrick Jackson, LA Tech	**21**	**472**	**0**	**22.5**
Devon Wylie, Fresno St	**14**	**311**	**0**	**22.2**

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Marcus Riley, Fresno St	15.5	43
Ezra Butler, Nevada	13.5	37
Chris Pugh, LA Tech	12.5	60
Matt Castelo, San Jose St	12.5	41
Dante Floyd, N Mexico St	12	48
Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	**12**	**38**
Nick Fuhr, Nevada	11.5	79
Kevin Basped, Nevada	**11.5**	**44**
Jon Monga, Fresno St	**11**	**54**
Adam Leonard, Hawaii	**11**	**44**

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Tyler Clutts, Fresno St	7.5	31
Jon Monga, Fresno St	**7**	**43**
David Veikune, Hawaii	**7**	**19**
Chris Pugh, LA Tech	6.5	43
Nick Fuhr, Nevada	6	58
Carl Singleton, Utah St	6	35
Mike T Williams, Boise St	**6**	**29**
Ryan Winterswyk, Boise St	**5.5**	**36**
Carl Ihenacho, San Jose St	**5**	**38**

*Numbers come from WAC final statistics.

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	RECAVG
Ryan Grice-Mullen, Hawaii	13	106	1372	13	105.5	8.2	12.9
Kevin Jurovich, San Jose St	**12**	**85**	**1183**	**9**	**98.6**	**7.1**	**13.9**
Jason Rivers, Hawaii	12	92	1174	13	97.8	7.7	12.8
Davone Bess, Hawaii	13	108	1266	12	97.4	8.3	11.7
Jeremy Childs, Boise St	**12**	**82**	**1045**	**9**	**87.1**	**6.8**	**12.7**
Marko Mitchell, Nevada	**13**	**53**	**1129**	**8**	**86.8**	**4.1**	**21.3**
David Richmond, San Jose St	**12**	**55**	**852**	**3**	**71.0**	**4.6**	**15.5**
CJ Hawthorne, Hawaii	13	61	859	6	66.1	4.7	14.1
Marlon Moore, Fresno St	**13**	**48**	**694**	**5**	**53.4**	**3.7**	**14.5**
Kevin Robinson, Utah St	12	55	640	5	53.3	4.6	11.6

Fresno St
OT Bobby Lepori

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	510	359	70.4	17	4343	8.5	38	159.9
Taylor Tharp, Boise St	423	289	68.3	11	3340	7.9	30	152.9
Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	**247**	**133**	**53.8**	**3**	**2175**	**8.8**	**19**	**150.8**
Tom Brandstater, Fresno St	**337**	**211**	**62.6**	**5**	**2654**	**7.9**	**15**	**140.5**
Chase Holbrook, N Mexico St	**543**	**381**	**70.2**	**18**	**3866**	**7.1**	**26**	**139.1**
Adam Tafralis, San Jose St	400	251	62.8	11	3022	7.6	18	135.6
Leon Jackson III, Utah St	231	151	65.4	4	1576	6.8	9	132.1
Zac Champion, LA Tech	395	227	57.5	10	2221	5.6	13	110.5
Nathan Enderle, Idaho	**298**	**132**	**44.3**	**18**	**1787**	**6.0**	**10**	**93.7**

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AV/G
David Vobora, Idaho	12	87	61	148	12.3
Matt Castelo, San Jose St	12	67	74	141	11.8
Solomon Elimimian, Hawaii	**13**	**68**	**68**	**136**	**10.5**
Marcus Riley, Fresno St	13	65	67	132	10.2
Antonio Baker, LA Tech	**12**	**55**	**63**	**118**	**9.8**
Dante Floyd, N Mexico St	13	50	74	124	9.5
Demetrius Jones, San Jose St	12	44	66	110	9.2
Jake Hutton, Utah St	**12**	**58**	**44**	**102**	**8.5**
Ezra Butler, Nevada	11	49	44	93	8.5
Quin Harris, LA Tech	**12**	**40**	**62**	**102**	**8.5**
Derrick Richardson, N Mexico St	**13**	**58**	**50**	**108**	**8.3**

TOTAL OFFENSE

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Colt Brennan, Hawaii	12	82	27	510	4343	4370	364.2
Chase Holbrook, N Mex St	**12**	**55**	**5**	**543**	**3866**	**3871**	**322.6**
Adam Tafralis, San Jose St	12	76	181	400	3022	3203	266.9
Taylor Tharp, Boise St	13	62	68	423	3340	3408	262.2
Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	**11**	**105**	**593**	**247**	**2175**	**2768**	**251.6**
Tom Brandstater, Fresno St	**13**	**48**	**118**	**337**	**2654**	**2772**	**213.2**
Zac Champion, LA Tech	12	88	-24	395	2221	2197	183.1
Nathan Enderle, Idaho	**10**	**52**	**-75**	**298**	**1787**	**1712**	**171.2**
Leon Jackson, Utah St	12	142	338	231	1576	1914	159.5
Luke Lippincott, Nevada	**13**	**267**	**1420**	**0**	**0**	**1420**	**109.2**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Luke Lippincott, Nevada	**13**	**267**	**1420**	**15**	**5.3**	**109.2**
Deonté Jackson, Idaho	**12**	**240**	**1175**	**7**	**4.9**	**97.9**
Ian Johnson, Boise St	**11**	**207**	**1041**	**16**	**5.0**	**94.6**
Patrick Jackson, LA Tech	**12**	**202**	**950**	**8**	**4.7**	**79.2**
Ryan Mathews, Fresno St	**11**	**145**	**866**	**14**	**6.0**	**78.7**
Lonyae Miller, Fresno St	**10**	**132**	**609**	**7**	**4.6**	**60.9**
Jeremy Avery, Boise St	**12**	**103**	**672**	**8**	**6.5**	**56.0**
Colin Kaepernick, Nevada	**11**	**105**	**593**	**6**	**5.6**	**53.9**
Daniel Porter, LA Tech	**12**	**99**	**592**	**6**	**6.0**	**49.3**
Brian Flowers, Idaho	9	91	434	2	4.8	48.2
Clifton Smith, Fresno St	13	100	625	5	6.3	48.1

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Kyle Brotzman, Boise St	**13**	**18**	**16**	**88.9**	**47**
Tino Amancio, Idaho	**12**	**18**	**14**	**77.8**	**51**
Brett Jaekle, Nevada	**13**	**21**	**16**	**76.2**	**50**
Dan Kelly, Hawaii	**13**	**17**	**12**	**70.6**	**54**
Clint Stitser, Fresno St	13	24	16	66.7	52
Paul Young, New Mexico St	**11**	**18**	**12**	**66.7**	**41**
Peter Caldwell, Utah St	**12**	**21**	**13**	**61.9**	**47**
Danny Horwedel, LA Tech	12	21	12	57.1	47
Jared Strubeck, San Jose St	**12**	**20**	**10**	**50.0**	**42**

PHIL'S WAC UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Boise St	5	1	3	8	3	2	4	4	2
Fresno St	3	2	4	1	3	6	6	3	2
Nevada	2	2	6	2	7	5	7	6	2
Hawaii	4	6	7	4	2	1	2	1	9
New Mexico St	1	8	1	6	7	6	9	9	5
San Jose St	6	7	2	4	1	8	1	8	1
Louisiana Tech	7	4	4	7	3	2	4	5	5
Idaho	7	5	8	3	6	9	7	2	8
Utah St	9	9	9	9	7	4	2	7	7

BOISE ST BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - HC Chris Petersen has had some fine QB's under his tutelage with Bart Hendricks being the Off MVP of the Big West in each of his final 2 years and Ryan Dinwiddie becoming the school's all-time leading passer (9,819). In 2003, Dinwiddie broke Danny Wuerffel's NCAA record for career pass efficiency. In 2004, Jared Zabransky won the starting job and turned the ball over more frequently than typical Broncos QB's with just a 16-12 ratio throwing for 2,927 (63%) with 570 rush. In 2005 Zabransky slumped to 2,562 (59.1%) with an 18-16 ratio. His primary backup was Taylor Tharp who threw for 271 (56.8%) with a 1-2 ratio. Bush Hamdan had 8 att. In 2006, Zabransky threw for 2,587 (66.3%) with a 23-8 ratio. Tharp (11-13 for 88 in '06) battled Hamdan, Nick Lomax (6'6" 216 Jr, PS#134) who was Scout Tm Off POY in '05, and Michael Coughlin (6'5" 216 So, PS#74). The four QB's split the snaps in the spring. Tharp eventually won the job and improved as the season went on throwing for 3,340 (68.3%) with a 30-11 ratio including 26-29 for 283 vs Utah St. Early in the year Coughlin was 4th string but he was first off the bench vs SM and led a TD drive vs NMex St. Coughlin played in 6 (14 att). Lomax played in 5 (13 att) and Hamdan 4 (4-6 for 98). This year they once again lose an outstanding senior QB and added to the mix is VHT Kellen Moore (PS#24). Every year you would think it would be tough to match the previous year's stats for Boise QB's but this unit is close to '07 in terms of talent and experience.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005, no RB topped 100 yards until the 9th game. Lee Marks had 7 starts and led with 759 (5.7). RFr Ian Johnson (PS#181) led in rushing 7 times finishing with 663 (5.6). Johnson was the only experienced returnee in '06 and burst onto the scene with 240 vs Oreg St winning the Walter Camp Off POW honors. Johnson set a school record with 1,713 (6.2) and led the NCAA in TD's with 25. He also was 8th in the Heisman balloting and finished with 100 yd efforts in 6 of the last 7 (DNP vs USU - inj). Last year Johnson missed two full games and only had 33 yards vs SJSt when he returned. He still managed to become the first Boise RB to have back-to-back 1,000 yards seasons (1,041, 5.0) since Brock Forsey (2001-'02). When he was out, Jeremy Avery (5'9" 172 So) rushed for 110 vs LT (79 yds rec) and 124 vs Fresno. True frosh DJ Harper (PS#292) had 153 vs Fresno. The only loss this year is FB Michael Lose (0 yds). Not listed in the PSL are Doug Martin (5'10" 195 rFr, PS#297), Jarvis Hodge (5'9" 195 So, 135 LY) and Stephen Gabbard (6'0" 210 rFr). Johnson should return to his '06 form and the unit has more experienced depth.

RECEIVERS - Boise had a streak of 4 straight years where they had a 1st or 2nd Tm All Conf TE but have had just 1 in the last 6 years. Last year they had to replace that TE as well as their top 3 WR's. Their top returning receiver was VHT Jeremy Childs (PS#39) who had just 152 (10.9) and Vinny Perretta who had 124 (7.3) in '06. Perretta was injured and played in just 4 games (9 rec) in '07. Childs lived up to his VHT billing and set a school record with 82 grabs (12.7) breaking Mike Wilson's 1992 mark. He just missed beating Tim Gilligan's 2003 mark for receiving yards in a season (1,192) as he was susp for the bowl. True frosh Titus Young (PS#152) and Austin Pettis (PS#127) cracked the 2 deep and finished #2 and #3 with 639 (14.5) and 465 (10.1), respectively. Their top TE was Ryan Putnam who had just 142 (14.2). Not listed in the PSL below are WR's Tanyon Bissell (5'10" 194 Sr) who had 46 (11.5) last year, Michael Choate (5'11" 184 Jr, PS#465JC) and Ricky Cookman (5'11" 176 rFr). This year the only losses are Putnam (13 st) and TE Sherm Blaser (9 rec). Childs was not on the spring roster but I expect him to return this summer. This unit is vastly more experienced than '07.

OFFENSIVE LINE - For the fourth time in the last seven years Boise has had to replace at least 3 starters on the O-line but BSU still opened holes for 4.1, 4.8 and 4.6 ypc rushing. In 2005, they had 3 starters back and avg'd 4.7 ypc rush (4.9% sk). In 2006, once again with 3 starters back (lost #2 NFL DC), the unit paved the way for 5.1 ypc, their best IA total ever (6.5% sk). Last year featured their most experienced line this decade with 4 starters back and they allowed just 4.1% sacks despite having a less mobile QB, Boise's ypg rush dropped to 185 ypg (4.6). This year they have their least experienced line of the decade as 5 of the top 6 are gone in LT Ryan Clady (AFCA AA, 13 st, 3Y st'r, #1DC DEN), C Jeff Cavender (13 st, 4Y st'r), LG Tad Miller (12 st, 4Y st'r), RT Dan Gore (13 st), 6th man Pete Cavender (3 st, 10 st '05) and backup Jeff Biedermann (4 gm). Only one player returns with starting experience (7th lowest in NCAA). This is my biggest question mark on the 2008 team.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Boise had 7 of their top 8 DL's returning for the 2nd straight year in 2006 and allowed just 89 ypg rush (3.2), their best since joining IA ball. Last year they had to replace two starters and three backups. They slipped to 131 ypg allowed, their most since 2000 (137), and 3.8 ypc but did record 34 sacks. This year they lose DT Ian Smart (10 st, 29 tkl, 2.5 sk), DE Nick Schlekeway (12 st, 29 tkl, 2 sk) and DT Sione Tavake (2 st, 19 tkl, 2.5 tfl). Five of the top 8 are back including 4 who started 3 or more last year making the group more experienced and improved.

LINEBACKERS - A big part of Boise's defensive short comings in 2007 were based on the LB corps. Last year they had to replace a pair of 3 year starters who finished #1 and #3 in tackles. This year all three starters return but any or all of them could lose their jobs. Five players are back with starting experience and they add in a JUCO and true frosh VHT's to the mix. The only losses were David Shields (6 st, 35 tkl) and backup Josh Bean (14 tkl, 1.5 tfl), I look for big improvement from the Bronco LB's.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Boise finished #8 in my pass D rankings in 2002, #6 in 2003 and #15 in 2004. They dropped to #52 in 2005 but with all 4 starters back in 2006 moved up to #15. Last year they had to replace two starters and but only fell to #20. This year they lose 1st Tm WAC SS Marty Tadman (13 st, 93 tkl, 10 pbu), CB Orlando Scandrick (13 st, 50 tkl, 7 pbu, #5DC DAL), FS Austin Smith (5 st, 30 tkl), CB Rashaun Scott (1 st, 18 tkl) and CB Ia Falo (8 tkl) and figure to slide downward in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Boise has always had a top-notch ST unit and from '99-'05 they had rankings of #32, #23, #28, #28, #2, #4 and #19 until sliding to #59 in '06. They had 22 blocked punts in that span but none in '06. Last year they had to replace their K, P and top KR but they managed to move back up to #10. They not only blocked 4 punts, but they blocked 11 overall kicks. Kyle Brotzman (PS#102) won WAC ST POW honors three times and hit an outstanding 16-18 FG with a long of 47. Brotzman had 6 TB on 89 KO. True frosh Brad Elkin (PS#45) played like a true at times and avg'd just 37.5 per punt with Brotzman avg 44.5. The team's net improved to 37.3. Marty Tadman improved his PR avg from 8.9 in '06 to 11.4 and Rashaun Scott had 27 KR (23.1). This year the only losses are Tadman and Scott and this group figures to be near the top again.

COACHES - When Dirk Koetter left for Ariz St, asst Dan Hawkins took over as HC and impressed. In Hawkins' 5 years he went 53-11, achieving the school's then-highest finish ever in the AP poll in 3 consecutive years including #12 in 2004. When he left for Colorado in '06, Chris Petersen, who had been Boise's OC the previous 5 years, took over. Petersen had been a Broyles' finalist twice and his offenses, in a 3 year stretch from 2002-'04 avg'd 45.6, 43.0 and 48.9 ppg. In his first year Petersen achieved a 13-0 record and #5 finish in the final polls. His OC is Bryan Harsin who is in his 8th season as a member of the Bronco staff (TE coach) and played here from '95-'99. The DC is Justin Wilcox who served as the Cal LB coach from '03-'05. Brent Pease, who was Baylor's OC from '03-'05, is the WR coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Boise St dominated the WAC from 2002-2004 with a perfect 24-0 record in league play. In 2002 they outgained WAC foes by 208.4 ypg and outscored them by 37.4 ppg. In 2003, despite having the fewest amount of returning starters (10) in the league and facing both Fresno St and Hawaii on the road, BSU went 8-0 outgaining WAC foes by 176.4 ypg (29 ppg). In 2004, they had just 10 starters back and had to replace their outstanding QB but outgained WAC foes by 191.3 ypg (25.6 ppg). In 2005 Boise had the fewest amount of lettermen lost in the league (13) so big things were expected. For the first time in history Boise was ranked in the preseason coaches' poll (#18). Not bad for a school that was in just its 10th year of IA ball. They had their streak of 31 straight WAC wins end at Fresno (27-7) and saw their home win streak end at 31 in their loss to BC in the bowl. Their 4 losses were the most in 5 years with 3 coming vs ranked foes. BSU still became the first team to win 4 straight WAC Titles since BYU (1989-'93). Boise outgained league foes by 70.1 ypg (3rd best). I pointed out that the last time they were -8 in turnovers, they rebounded with a 12-1 record (2002). **In 2006's magazine I projected Boise St to earn a BCS bowl berth.** I had to sweat out a couple close games (Wyoming and SJSt) but Boise ran the table and made it to the Fiesta Bowl. They then had their incredible hook-and-ladder play which sent the game to OT where they beat Oklahoma. They finished #5 in the AP poll (5th straight WAC Title) and outgained WAC foes by 137.7 ypg. They are now 52-4 in WAC play. Last year they had to replace the QB and had just 5 returning offensive starters. Ironically the last time they had to replace their QB and had very few returning starters, they avg 48.9 ppg ('04) which remains their best mark in IA ball. Boise came into 2007 ranked #24 but ran their record to 0-13 on the road vs BCS schools with their loss to Washington in Wk 2 which ended their win streak at 14. After dominating their next 3 they barely got past Nevada in 4OT. They beat Fresno on the road without RB Johnson and after 3 blowout wins, faced #14 Hawaii in the showdown for the WAC Title and a BCS bowl berth. They suffered their first loss to Hawaii since 1999 (outgained 574-332). In the bowl game they were basically without RB Johnson and their top WR Childs. It was their 6th straight bowl but they trailed EC 38-14 early in the 3Q after getting zero FD's on their first 5 poss of the game. They still rallied to tie it and EC needed a late FG for the win. They lost their last 2 of the season for the first time since 1993 and for the first time since 2001 they were not the WAC champs. Boise did outgain WAC foes by 136.4 ypg and are 46-2 vs the WAC since 2002! This year Boise is my pick to win the WAC and their Sept 20th road trip to Autzen Stadium will probably determine if they are the 3rd straight WAC team to play in a BCS bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN ORANGE — DEFENSE

QB 11 Kellen Moore rFr. 6-1 174 **PS#24.** 3 Bush Hamdan (6'1" 192 Sr) PS#182. 7 Michael Coughlin (6'5" 216 So) PS#74. 6 gm rFr. 95 yd. 15 Nick Lomax (6'6" 216 Jr) PS#134.

RB 41 IAN JOHNSON SR. 5-11 195 **3rd Tm AA '06.** 24 st 3Y, 3417 (5.7). 27 Jeremy Avery (5'9" 172 So) 1 st, 672 (6.5) LY. 34 DJ Harper (5'10" 191 So) PS#292. 1 st, 376 (4.3) LY.

FB 40 RICHIE BROCKEL JR. 6-2 249 PS#71TE. 2 st rFr, 2 rec. 13 st LY, 12 rec. 32 Andy Silsby (5'11" 204 Jr) PS#423DL. 7 tkl, 8 gm LY. Sean King (6'2" 214 Jr) PS#508JC.

WR 9 JEREMY CHILDS JR. 6-0 196 **PS#39.** 152 (10.9) rFr. 12 st LY, 1045 (12.7). Susp spg. 4 Titus Young (5'11" 165 So) PS#152. 639 (14.5) true. 21 Toshi Franklin (6'1" 180 Sr) 7 rec.

WR 19 VINNY PERRETTA SR. 5-9 190 7 st 3Y (inj LY). 413 (10.9). 87 Austin Pettis (6'3" 200 So) PS#127. 7 st, 465 (10.1) true. 82 Julian Hawkins (6'3" 222 Sr) PS#80TE. 208 (9.0) LY.

TE 88 Chris O'Neill Sr. 6-3 233 PS#131. 20 gm 2Y. 123 (11.2). 80 Kyle Efaw (6'4" 224 rFr) PS#102. 85 Tommy Gallarda (6'6" 237 So) 3 rec. WR 89 Tyler Shoemaker (6'1" 211 rFr).

C 65 Thomas Byrd rFr. 6-0 277 PS#316. #1C in spg. 71 Cory Yriarte (6'1" 289 rFr) PS#195. Bronson Durrant PS#219. LS 55 Jeff Lowe (6'1" 235 Sr) 2 gm LY. Also DL.

RG 60 ANDREW WOODRUFF SR. 6-3 336 3 st RG '05. 12 st RT '06. 11 st RG LY. 52 Kevin Sapien (6'4" 260 So). 59 Will Lawrence (6'2" 268 So) PS#303DL. 2 tkl, 2 gm at DT as rFr.

LG 76 Jon Gott Sr. 6-3 281 PS#352. 2 gm '06. 3 gm LY, 2nd string all yr. 77 Ben Iannacchione (6'3" 265 Sr) PS#224DL. GS at WV in '04. Joe Kellogg is PS#213.

RT 72 Matt Slater So. 6-5 261 PS#392. 2nd string as rFr but 0 gm. 78 Paul Lucariello (6'4" 249 Jr) PS#530. 1 gm rFr. ACL LY. Brenel Myers PS#218DL. Spencer Gerke PS#295.

LT 73 Nate Potter rFr. 6-6 269 PS#248. GS '06. Inj LY. 57 Garett Pendergast (6'3" 270 rFr) PS#161. 2 gm as true but RS. 70 Zach Waller (6'5" 264 rFr) PS#520.

K 35 KYLE BROTZMAN SO. 5-10 172 PS#102. **2nd Tm WAC LY**, hit 16-18 FG's rFr, long 47. 1 miss from 50+. 3-4 from 40-49. 14 Brock Jaramillo (5'7" 165 Sr). 6 gm, 3 xp LY.

DE 98 Ryan Winterswyk So. 6-4 259 PS#285DB. 210 lb true. 5 st DE LY, 43 tkl, 5.5 sk. 48 Kapono Rawlins-Crivello (6'1" 249 So). 99 Steven Reveles (6'1" 266 Sr). Jeff Lowe (6'1" 235 Sr).

DT 67 JOE BOZIKOVICH SR. 6-1 279 PS#105. 2 st, 4 gm, 4 tkl '06. 10 st LY, 18 tkl, 2 tfl. 74 Billy Winn (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#121. 53 Sean Bingham (6'3" 265 Sr) 8 tkl, 2 sk, 2 pbu 3Y.

DT 50 JP Nisby rFr. 6-2 308 PS#180OL. **620 squat.** 94 Phillip Edwards (6'4" 283 Sr). First 2 st DE '06, 10 tkl, 2 tfl. 3 st LY, 11 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 91 Chuck Hayes (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#159.

DE 93 MIKE T. WILLIAMS SR. 6-4 245 7 st '06, 22 tkl, 4 sk, 2.5 tfl. 9 st LY, 28 tkl, 6 sk, 1.5 tfl. 96 Jarrell Root (6'3" 233 rFr) PS#342. In for spg. 92 Shea McClellin PS#268. '07 GS.

WLB 24 TIM BRADY SR. 6-1 205 PS#386QB. 12 st LY, 57 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **Byron Hout PS#30.** 18 Ellis Powers (5'10" 206 Sr) 1 st, 3Y, 68 tkl, 8 tfl. 58 Dave Wilson (6'1" 212 rFr).

MLB 44 KYLE GINGG SR. 5-11 216 PS#177DB. 9 st '06, 50 tkl, 4 tfl. 12 st LY, 94 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **Daron Mackey PS#99JC.** Matt Wilson (6'1" 213 rFr). Aaron Tevis (6'3" 206 rFr) PS#72TE.

SLB 51 DALLAS DOBBS SR. 6-2 220 PS#235DB. 7 st LY, 71 tkl, 6 tfl, 3 int. 52 Derrell Acrey (6'2" 232 So) PS#329. 1 st, 17 tkl rFr. 25 Hunter White (5'11" 201 rFr) PS#134WR.

CB 1 KYLE WILSON JR. 5-10 190 PS#169. 4 st rFr, 41 tkl, 5 pbu. 13 st LY, 41 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. 17 Keith McGowen (5'10" 177 So) 4 tkl, 5 gm rFr. Raphiel Lambert PS#76RB.

CB 38 Brandyn Thompson So. 5-10 166 PS#406WR. 16 tkl true, 9 gm. 14 Garcia Day (6'2" 196 Jr) **PS#58JC.** RS LY. 31 Antwon Murray (5'11" 168 rFr) PS#235. Jamar Taylor PS#141.

SS 5 Jason Robinson So. 6-0 190 PS#410WR. 3 st rFr, 39 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. George Iloka is PS#264. In spg. 15 Shaun Jordan (6'3" 208 rFr). 32 Travis Stanaway (5'10" 190 rFr).

FS 23 JERON JOHNSON SO. 5-11 190 PS#618. 5 st, 9 games as rFr, 54 tkl, 5 tfl, 6 pbu. 29 Cedric Febis (6'3" 190 rFr) PS#473. '06 GS from Holland. Tyler Jackson (6'0" 185 Fr) PS#87.

P 49 BRAD ELKIN SO. 6-3 191 PS#45. 27 punts as true, 37.5 avg in 9 games. 35 Kyle Brotzman 21 punts LY, 44.5 avg, also K. 2 Tanyon Bissell (5'10" 194 Sr). Also WR.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Daron Mackey 6-0 230 PS#99JC
LB	Byron Hout 6-1 225 PS#30
WR	Chris Potter 5-11 170 PS#72
DB	Raphiel Lambert 5-9 185 PS#76RB
DB	Tyler Jackson 6-0 185 PS#87
DL	Greg Grimes 6-0 270 PS#149
DB	Jamar Taylor 6-0 185 PS#141
TE	Chandler Koch 6-3 220 PS#54
LB	Jack Sula 6-0 205 PS#152RB
OL	Joe Kellogg 6-4 290 PS#213
OL	Bronson Durrant 6-3 290 PS#219
OL	Brenel Myers 6-3 260 PS#218DL
DB	George Iloka 6-3 200 PS#264
DL	Darren Koontz 6-3 255 PS#279OL
OL	Spencer Gerke 6-3 240 PS#295
WR	Mitch Burroughs 5-10 185 PS#151RB '07
OL	Tom Swanson 6-6 300 PS#378
WR	Sean King 6-2 214 PS#508JC
OL	Faraji Wright 6-3 275 PS#440
DL	Shea McClellin 6-4 250 PS#268 '07
WR	Van Drumgoole 5-11 160 PS#338
LB	Tommy Smith 6-1 205 PS#408
DL	Chase Baker 6-1 285 PS#365 '07
RB	Matt Kaiserman 5-11 190 PS#403 '07
WR	Dominique Vinson 6-0 165 PS#400
LB	Dan Paul 6-0 230 PS#450

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Phil's Homefield Edge-6
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#107

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	Idaho St	A						BSU leads the series 23-6. ISU finished 3-8 in '07 including a 61-10 loss at Oregon St. BSt has won 11 straight FCS gms by an avg of 26 ppg including Weber St LY.
Sep. 6								
Sep. 13	Bowling Green	A						Boise St is 4-3 vs current MAC schools including a 48-20 win vs BG in 2005. The Broncos have won 15 straight regular season non-conference home games.
Sep. 20	at Oregon	A						First meeting. Boise is 2-11 vs the Pac-10 with both wins coming at home vs Oregon St. Boise St is 0-12 away vs BCS tms losing by an avg of 21 ppg since becoming IA ('96).
Sep. 27								
Oct. 1	Louisiana Tech (Wed)	A						The Broncos have dominated this series winning 6 straight by an avg of 24 ppg. Boise St has won every WAC HG since it began play in the conf in 2001 (28-0).
Oct. 11	at S Mississippi	A						Boise is 14-2 vs current CUSA opponents including a win last year vs S Miss (1st mtg). Last year QB Tharp had his 1st career 300 yd gm as BSt jumped to a 28-3 lead.
Oct. 17	Hawaii (Fri)	A						BSU leads the series 6-3 & has won 6 of the last 7. Last year the Warriors handed the Broncos its 1st WAC loss since 2005.
Oct. 24	at San Jose St (Fri)	G						The Broncos have won all 8 meetings by an avg of 28 ppg. Boise St had 3 KR's of 38+ yds & blocked a punt as special teams dominated.
Nov. 1	at New Mexico St	G						Boise has won all 8 games in this series by an average of 47-23. In last year's 58-0 blowout, the Broncos led 35-0 & held NMSt to 64 1H yds.
Nov. 8	Utah St (HC)	A						Boise St leads the series 10-4 with 7 straight wins by an avg of 27 ppg. QB Tharp was 19 of 21 in the 1H as the Broncos led 31-0 last year.
Nov. 15	at Idaho	A						It was 17-14 late 1H when BSU scored 41 unanswered pts. The Broncos have averaged 59 ppg the last 4 vs the Vandals & have won 9 straight.
Nov. 22	at Nevada	A						LY's OT thriller had 1,266 yds & set an NCAA record (since '37) with 136 total pts. BSU is 8-0 vs Nevada over the last 9 years with an avg score of 52-18.
Nov. 28	Fresno St (Fri)	A						Boise St has won 6 of 7 vs Fresno St. BSU has 2 losses in 48 conf gms (1 to FSU). Last year RB Harper had a career high 153 yds in the win.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ryan Dinwiddie 9,819 '00-'03
2. Tony Hilde 9,107 '93-'96
3. Bart Hendricks 9,020 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Cedric Minter 4,475 '77-'80
2. Brock Forsey 4,045 '99-'02
3. Chris Thomas 3,437 '87-'91

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ryan Ikebe 2,751 '93-'96
2. Don Hutt 2,728 '70-'73
3. Lou Fanucchi 2,554 '99-'02

CHRIS PETERSEN (Career 23-3)

3rd Year at Boise St — Petersen's Bowl Record: 1-1

Petersen's records AT BOISE ST

23-3	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
13-0	Home	1-1	Vs Top 25
9-2	Away	2-1	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	3-1	Off A Bye
15-1	Vs Conference	1-1	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (10-3)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (22,19,4)
Lost: 19 (10,7,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 30,338 (#74)

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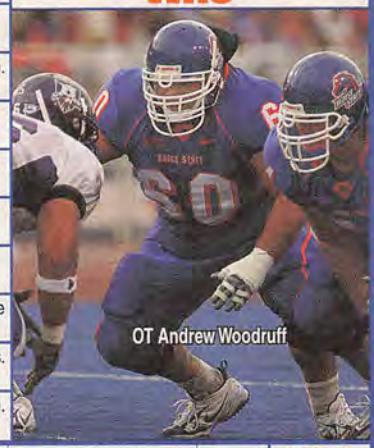
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STADIUM: BRONCO STADIUM (32,000) (#90)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Blue AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	8-4	12-1	13-1	11-1	9-4	13-0	10-3	86-16
Home	6-0	5-1	7-0	6-0	7-0	6-1	6-0	7-0	50-2
Away	4-2	3-3	5-1	6-1	4-0	3-3	6-0	3-2	34-12
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	5-0	6-2	8-0	8-0	8-0	7-1	8-0	7-1	57-4
vs Non-Conf	5-2	2-2	4-1	5-1	3-1	2-3	5-0	3-2	29-12
ATS	8-2	7-4-1	10-3	7-6	7-5	6-5-1	7-5	6-6	58-36-2
Home Fav (Dirk Koetter)	4-0	4-1	5-2	2-3	5-2	4-1	4-1	4-2	32-12
Home Dog (Dan Hawkins)	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2
Away Fav	3-2	1-2	5-0	4-2	1-3	2-1	1-4	2-2	19-16
Away Dog (Chris Petersen)	1-0	2-0-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-2-1	1-0	0-1	5-4-2
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	4-1	6-2	7-1	5-3	4-4	5-3	4-4	5-3	40-21
vs Non-Conf	4-1	1-2-1	3-2	2-3	3-1	1-2-1	3-1	1-3	18-15-2
Off SU Win	6-2	4-3	9-2	7-5	6-5	4-4	7-5	6-4	49-30
Off SU Loss	1-0	3-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	2-0-1	0-0	0-2	7-4-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ian Johnson	207	1087	46	1041	16	5.0
Jeremy Avery	103	698	26	672	8	6.5
DJ Harper	87	404	28	376	6	4.3
Jarvis Hodge	22	135	0	135	1	6.1
Taylor Tharp	62	166	98	68	1	1.1

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Taylor Tharp	423	289	68.3	3340	30	11
Mike Coughlin	14	6	42.9	95	1	1
Nick Lomax	13	6	46.2	76	0	0
Bush Hamdan	6	4	66.7	98	2	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeremy Childs	82	1045	12.7	9	83
Titus Young	44	639	14.5	5	58
Austin Pettis	46	465	10.1	6	56
Ian Johnson	25	312	12.5	1	54
Julian Hawkins	23	208	9.0	0	17
Jeremy Avery	14	153	10.9	2	27
Ryan Putnam	10	142	14.2	4	44
Sherm Blaser	9	126	14.0	2	31
Chris O'Neill	11	123	11.2	1	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Brad Elkin	27	1013	37.5	6	37.3(t)	0	8
Kyle Brotzman	21	935	44.5	1	–	0	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Kyle Brotzman	66-66	6-6	7-7	3-4	0-1	16-18	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyle Gingg	94	2.5	6	8	0
Marty Tadman	93	0	2.5	10	2
Dallas Dobbs	71	2	4	4	3
Tim Brady	57	2.5	2	4	0
Jeron Johnson	54	1.5	3.5	6	0
Orlando Scandrick	50	0.5	2.5	7	2
Ryan Winterswyk	43	5.5	3.5	4	0
Kyle Wilson	41	1	1	8	2
Jason Robinson	39	0	2	3	2
Ellis Powers	37	3.5	1.5	0	0
David Shields	35	1.5	1.5	1	0
Austin Smith	30	0	0	1	1
Nick Schlekeway	29	2	1.5	0	0
Ian Smart	29	2.5	1	0	0
Mike T. Williams	28	6	1.5	4	1
Sione Tavake	19	1	1.5	1	0
Joe Bozikovich	18	1	1	1	0
Rashaun Scott	18	0	0	3	0
Derrell Acrey	17	0	1	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Marty Tadman	35	398	11.4	0
Kyle Wilson	5	70	14.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Rashaun Scott	27	623	23.1	0
Austin Smith	11	333	30.3	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Fort Worth - #18	-11	TCU - #19	34-31
04	Liberty - #10	+10'	Louisville - #7	40-44
05	MPC Computers	+2'	Boston College - #19	21-27
06	Fiesta - #9	+7	Oklahoma - #7 (OT)	43-42
07	Hawaii - #24	-10'	East Carolina	38-41

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BOISE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	42.4	23	185	4.6	282	66.7	11.0	+1	2007	6	21.6	18	131	3.8	207	54.0	15.6
8*	39.7	21	214	5.1	206	66.7	10.6	+11	2006	9	17.6	15	89	3.2	195	57.2	16.1
7*	36.1	22	202	4.7	222	57.9	11.8	-8	2005	7	24.4	19	108	3.3	262	54.8	15.2
4	48.9	26	230	4.6	263	62.3	10.1	+10	2004	6	25.7	17	104	3.3	254	53.2	13.9
3*	43.0	23	150	3.7	336	60.3	11.3	+10	2003	7	17.1	18	101	3.2	248	49.2	20.4
7*	45.6	24	209	4.8	293	64.4	11.0	+8	2002	7	18.5	19	109	3.4	231	51.7	18.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

BSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
30,278	Weber St	30	55-371	6.7	16-28	198	3	8	26-74	2.8	11-30	71	1	+1
70,045	at Washington	21	32-103	3.2	29-47	285	2	16	40-133	3.3	14-26	209	2	-2
30,199	Wyoming	20	50-121	2.4	15-30	182	3	20	24-35	1.5	26-48	227	3	0
30,159	S Mississippi	23	41-199	4.9	19-28	307	1	15	36-116	3.2	16-31	202	2	-1
30,239	New Mex St	27	43-233	5.4	24-36	371	0	7	26-(-19)	-0.7	15-28	108	6	+3
30,394	Nevada	30	48-274	5.7	27-36	353	0	28	52-396	7.6	11-26	243	3	-2
19,199	at Louisiana Tech	18	35-137	3.9	21-35	328	0	26	43-208	4.8	24-42	255	3	+2
40,607	at Fresno St	21	43-282	6.6	18-29	158	2	15	26-89	3.4	21-39	263	3	+1
30,416	San Jose St	23	31-144	4.6	32-41	290	1	13	32-50	1.6	16-30	100	3	-2
18,864	at Utah St	26	45-190	4.2	28-32	294	1	11	30-82	2.7	12-24	154	2	+3
30,681	Idaho	25	36-151	4.2	26-37	405	2	17	44-136	3.1	12-29	212	2	+1
50,000	at Hawaii	19	35-101	2.9	22-37	231	3	33	24-79	3.3	40-53	495	2	0
30,467	† E Carolina	22	24-98	4.1	30-44	270	1	22	50-322	6.4	13-22	154	2	-3
TOTALS		305	518-2404	4.6	307-460	3672	19	231	453-1701	3.8	231-428	2693	34	+1
AVERAGES		23.5	40-185	4.6	24-35	282	1.5	17.8	35-131	3.8	18-33	207	2.6	0.1

2003 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	Idaho St	NL	62-0
–	at Idaho	-23	24-10
–	at Oregon St	+5'	24-26
–	Wyoming	-23	33-17
–	at Louisiana Tech	-8	43-37
–	Tulsa	-22'	27-20
–	at SMU	-24	45-3
–	San Jose St	-27	77-14
–	at BYU	-8'	50-12
#24	UTEP	-40'	51-21
#20	at Fresno St	-8	31-17
#18	Nevada	-22	56-3
#18	at Hawaii	-11	45-28

Post #16

2004 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	Idaho	-31'	65-7
–	Oregon St	-8	53-34
#23	at UTEP	-29'	47-31
#21	BYU	-22	28-27
#23	SMU	-38	38-20
#21	at Tulsa	-21	45-42
#19	Fresno St	-9	33-16
#18	Hawaii	-23'	69-3
#14	at San Jose St	-33	56-49 2OT
#13	Louisiana Tech	-24	55-14
#10	at Nevada	-25'	58-21

Post #12

2005 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre #18 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#18	at Georgia - #13	+7	13-48
–	at Oregon St	+3	27-30
–	Bowling Green	-7'	48-20
–	at Hawaii	-10'	44-41
–	Portland St	NL	21-14
–	San Jose St	-30'	38-21
–	at Utah St	-19	45-21
–	Nevada	-20	49-14
–	New Mexico St	-33'	56-6
–	at Fresno St - #20	+9'	7-27
–	Idaho	-32'	70-35
–	at Louisiana Tech	-6'	30-13

Post –

2006 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post Score
–	Sacramento St	NL	45-0
–	Oregon St	-7'	42-14
–	at Wyoming	-7'	17-10
#25	Hawaii	-14	41-34
#22	at Utah	+5	36-3
#20	Louisiana Tech	-36'	55-14
#20	at New Mexico St	-26'	40-28
#18	at Idaho	-21	42-26
#14	Fresno St	-22	45-21
#14	at San Jose St	-13	23-20
#13	Utah St	-37'	49-10
#12	at Nevada	-2'	38-7

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2007 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre #24 Opponent	Line	Post Score
#24	Weber St	NL	56-7
#22	at Washington	-3	10-24
–	Wyoming	-12'	24-14
–	S Mississippi	-10'	38-16
–	New Mexico St	-24'	58-0
–	Nevada	-26'	69-67 4OT
–	at Louisiana Tech	-15	45-31
–	at Fresno St	-3	34-21
#22	San Jose St	-25'	42-7
#19	at Utah St	-24'	52-0
#17	Idaho	-34	58-14
#17	at Hawaii - #14	+2'	27-39

Post –

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Tom Brandstater is 6'5" 220, has a cannon for an arm, a quick release and nimble feet. With all of those attributes it was surprising that in his first year as a starter in '06 he threw for just 1,490 (54.5%) with a 13-14 ratio. Last year OC Jim McElwain was brought in to get more production out of the position. Brandstater struggled at times but played his best ball late including having a career day when he hit 23 of 29 for 313 vs Kan St. Brandstater threw for 2,654 (62.6%) with a 15-5 ratio (233 rush). His backup last year was Ryan Colburn (6'3" 220 So, PS#136) who played in 4 (5 att). McElwain was very high on true frosh Matt Faulkner (PS#196) who RS. This year all 3 return and I expect Brandstater to have his best year as a senior even though he'll be under the tutelage of his 4th OC in 4 years.

RUNNING BACKS - Fresno had a streak of 6 straight 1,000 yard rushers end last year. In 2006 Dwayne Wright returned from a major knee injury and led with 1,462 (5.6). Lonyae Miller (PS#54) had 287 (5.3) and Anthony Harding (PS#221) added 141 (4.7). Clifton Smith (PS#42DB) is an exciting returnman who suffered an ACL injury in '05. He was not 100% in '06 but Hill pronounced him fully healthy last year. True frosh Ryan Mathews (PS#388) led with 77 in the opener. He later had 171 vs Nevada and 144 vs SJSt. Mathews missed 2 full games and parts of others with injuries before he was lost for the season vs NMSt. Mathews finished with 866, an outstanding 6.0 ypc and 14 TD's. Miller had 108 vs Idaho but also missed 3 and rushed for 609 (4.6). Smith was voted Tm MVP and Pat Hill called him the heart and soul of the team. He had 625 (6.3) including 152 (8.4) in the bowl and also 33 rec (10.7). Harding, who is probably the fastest of the backs, finished strong with 115 vs K-St and 121 vs NMSt. This year they lose Smith as well as FB Nate Adams (0 yds). I look for the Bulldogs to start another streak of 1,000 yard rushers.

RECEIVERS - In Pat Hill's first season (1997), FSU had zero scholarship WR's but he continues to upgrade the position. In 2006 it was an injury plagued year and Chastin West led with just 365 (11.1) and the #2 being TE Bear Pascoe (307, 14.0). Their top 2 returnees in '06, Joe Fernandez and Paul Williams, battled injuries and they finished #3 & #4. Last year they had to replace Fernandez and Williams and then unexpectedly lost West at the end of August. Marlon Moore emerged as the team's deep threat and led with 694 (14.5). Pascoe had 553 (12.3) despite missing almost two full games and Seyi Ajirotutu (6'3") had 491 (16.9). This year the only losses are TE Jesus Tapia (3 rec) and WR Shannon Dorsey (0 rec). Not listed below are WR's Jevon Stallworth (5'11" 185 Fr), Tim Lang (6'0" 190 So) and Matt Lindsay (6'0" 185 Fr) and TE's Cameron Harris (6'3" 250 Sr) and Sonny McCree (6'0" 230 So). Chastin West returns which makes this clearly the best Bulldog receiving corps in at least 3 years.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Pat Hill used to be an OL coach so this unit is always a priority. In 2004 they paved the way for 5.4 ypc rushing (18 sk). In 2005 they had to replace a #1 DC but had 4 starters back. They wanted a trimmer O-line and avg'd just 288 lbs (smallest in WAC). The ypc dropped to 4.5 but they only allowed 14 sacks (3.3%). In 2006 they had 9 of the top 10 back but 3 starters missed a combined 11 starts and they used 5 different starting OL combos. Surprisingly, the unit paved the way for 5.0 ypc rush while allowing a WAC best 12 sacks (3.7%). Last year they had to replace 3 players who combined for 23 starts. They lost returning starter Adam McDowell in Wk 2 so there were basically 3 starters back. They also lost LG Cole Popovich for 6 games and C Joe Bernardi was lost after 8. The group overachieved and opened holes for 211 ypg rush (4.9) and allowed just 18 sacks (5.2%). This year they lose the MVP of the O-line in 1st Tm WAC C/G Ryan Wendell (13 st, 4Y st'r). Not only do 9 of the top 10 return but they also get McDowell, Popovich and Bernardi back. Overall 7 players return with starting experience and their 91 career starts returning tied them for 15th in IA.

CB AJ Jefferson

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 Fresno had six of their top 8 back on the D-line and they yielded 141 ypg rushing (4.2) while recording 28 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters but had their top 2 DL's, DE Tyler Clutts and DT Jason Shirley, returning. Unfortunately, Shirley was suspended and played in just 3 (7 tkl). Jason Roberts (13 tkl) was lost for the year after three starts and his replacement, Ikenna Ike (21 tkl), was lost after the sixth game. Coupled with an inexperienced LB corps, FSU allowed 181 ypg (5.0) but the D did record 36 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm WAC Clutts (64 tkl) who led the WAC with 7.5 sacks, Roberts, Shirley (#5DC CIN) and NT Charles Tolbert (12 st, 26 tkl, 6.5 tfl). Still six of the top 8 return, Ike is back and they add former USC signee Michael Stuart (PS#10TE) who moved to the DL mid-2007 plus Miami, Fl transfer Chris Lewis (PS#81). This is an improved front.

LINEBACKERS - The Bulldogs had to replace a pair of 3 year starters in 2007. Their one returning starter was injured and missed the season so they had zero starters returning. Marcus Riley did have 17 starts in '04-'05 but missed most of 2006 recovering from an ACL. Riley started all 13 and led the team in tackles with 132 along with 15 tfl while earning WAC Def POY honors. This year they lose Riley, backup LB's Trevor Shamblee (3 st, 15 tkl, 2 sk), Ryan McKinley (1 st, 6 tkl) and Ahijah Lane (Inj LY, 12 st '06, 64 tkl). Despite the loss of their top guy, this unit has more overall experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Fresno finished #23 in my pass D rankings in 2004 with 4 IR TD's. In 2005, with 3 starters back, they finished #44 but 2006 was a surprise as they dropped to #99 allowing 63.8% with a 26-5 ratio while taking on the toughest slate of opposing QB's in the country. Last year they had to replace 3 starters. Although less experienced, the Bulldogs moved up to #61 allowing an 18-4 ratio. The DB's have accounted for just 3 int's in each of the last two years. This year they lose CB Damon Jenkins (11 st, 49 tkl, 9 pbu) who had all 3 DB int's in 2006 but none last year. Seven of the top 8 are back and more experience should equal more interceptions.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Pat Hill's lowest finish in my ST rankings in 9 of the first 10 years was #36. Since 2002 they are 2nd in the NCAA in blocked kicks (38). In 2006 the unit amazingly dropped to #105 and instead of being a force to win games, it actually cost them at least one win. They went 4 years without allowing a TD but gave up 3 in '06. ST Coach John Baxter had units finish #14 in '03, #24 in '04 and #5 in '05 and last season I called for a turnaround. Things were indeed back to normal as Smith avg'd 14.4 on PR and AJ Jefferson led the NCAA in KR (35.8). Clint Stitser hit just 16 of 24 FG's but did have 2 misses from 50+ and hit a 52 yarder. He also had 12 TB on 78 KO. P Kyle Zimmerman was the WAC ST POW 2 times and avg 39.7 (33.0 team net). FSU also returned a blocked FG for a TD. Hill has never started a frosh K in his 12 years here but that should change in '08. The Bulldogs finished #9 and figure to drop some as they must replace Stitser, Zimmerman and Smith.

COACHES - I like Hill's attitude, as he's willing to take on any team, anywhere, to build his program and has pulled some big upsets. He is now in his 12th year. In 2005 Hill's OC left for N Carolina and after '06 his replacement also left for UNC. Last year, under new OC McElwain, the team improved from 23.0 to 32.8 ppg. Unfortunately, he left for Alabama so the 4th OC in 4 years is Doug Nussmeier (QB cch STL '06-'07). Dan Brown returns as the DC after missing last year for medical reasons. The interim DC last year was DB coach Randy Stewart who also returns this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Fresno has pulled a lot of upsets and flirted with BCS contention at times. One of the most surprising stats to me is that FSU has not finished higher than 2nd in the WAC since 1999 and their last outright conf title came in 1989 (Big West). In 2001 FSU was ranked #8 at one point and finished 11-3 including upsets over Colorado, Oregon St and Wisconsin in 3 straight weeks. They were 6-2 in the WAC in both 2002 & '03. The 2004 season featured one of Hill's most experienced squads with 15 returning starters. FSU beat Pac-10 member Washington 35-16 before destroying defending Big XII champ Kansas St (#13) 45-21 on the road. Surprisingly FSU lost 3 games in WAC play and finished 9-3 but did win their 3rd consecutive bowl game over a BCS foe. In 2005, FSU led Oregon 17-0 but ended up losing by 3. They then appeared to have clinched the WAC Title when they destroyed Boise St 27-7 to move to 8-1 and #16. There was talk that they were the greatest team in school history. FSU travelled to face #1 USC and nearly came away with the upset but they suffered 4 int including 2 at the goal line and fumbled at their own 15. At that point FSU stood 9-2 with losses to 2 teams that finished in the Top 10. They accepted the bid to the Liberty Bowl and it was all downhill from there as they lost 11 out of 15 games. In 2006 they broke a streak of 7 straight bowl trips with their first losing season since 1998. FSU had 7 straight losses, their worst stretch in 77 years (1929). At that point Hill boldly stated they would win their last 4 and focus on 2007 and they did win their first 3 before dropping the finale at San Jose St. Last year FSU had an inexperienced squad (9 ret st'r) and Hill said it was his most injury-plagued team yet. Twenty-three players were injured including 7 starters who were lost for the year. What little expectations they had appeared dashed when their top WR West was lost in August as was their leading returning tackler, Ahijah Lane. That left them without their top 7 tacklers from 2006. Texas A&M led by 19 at the half but let up and FSU lost in College Station in 3OT. After getting blown out by Oregon, they were outFD'd by La Tech 21-14 but FSU won. The next week FSU led Nevada 49-27 before allowing a couple of garbage TD's. They were outgained by Idaho in the Kibbie Dome in a 37-24 win. They shutout SJSt at home but the Spartans missed 2 FG's and were SOD 6 times. There were chants of "Bring on Boise". Boise was without Ian Johnson but still won at Fresno with a 282-89 rush yd edge. FSU led Utah St 31-7 at the half before letting up. FSU got 2 TD's late vs Hawaii and only lost by 7. The Bulldogs were focused vs Big XII member Kan St and won easily 45-29, a game that kept K-St from getting to a bowl. They dispatched NMSt in the rain and then upset GT in the bowl (GT interim HC). Last year's squad was -9 in TO's and had 29 starts lost due to injury. On the negative side, FSU was 6-2 in the WAC but was outgained by 55 ypg. I give FSU a shot at knocking off a couple more BCS opponents this year and 3 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for a 10 win season. The WAC Championship probably comes down to FSU's final game on Nov 28th on the Blue Turf.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 7 TOM BRANDSTATER SR. 6-5 220 10 st '06, 1490 (55%), 13-14, 13 st LY, 2654 (63%) 15-5. **15** Ryan Colburn (6'3" 220 So) PS#136. Lefty. **16** Matt Faulkner (6'2" 185 rFr) PS#196.

RB 21 RYAN MATHEWS SO. 5-11 205 1 st true, 866 (6.0), 14 TD until inj. **1** Lonyae Miller (5'11" 205 Jr) PS#54. 8 st LY. 896 (4.8) 2Y. **20** Kyle Duffy (5'8" 175 So). 4 yd, 13 gm rFr.

FB/TE 22 ANTHONY HARDING JR. 6-0 215 PS#221. Fastest RB. 403 (3.9) LY. **45 Isaac Kinter** (6'1" 240 Jr) PS#160LB. 4 st, 190 rec yd (8.6) 2Y. Reynard Camp (5'11" 270 Jr) PS#125LB. 1 st LY.

WR 5 MARLON MOORE JR. 6-0 180 8 st LY, 694 (14.5). **2 Seyi Ajirotutu** (6'3" 200 Jr) 11 st, 491 (16.9) LY. **17** Jamel Hamler (6'2" 205 So) 5 rec true. **86** Darren Newborne (5'11" 185 Jr).

WR 6 CHASTIN WEST JR. 6-1 215 5 st '06, 365 (11.1). Inj LY. **Jason Crawley** (6'2" 185 Jr) PS#180. 11 st, 199 (9.0) LY. Devon Wylie (5'9" 170 So). **TE** Ryan Skidmore (6'5" 225 rFr) PS#117TE.

TE 85 BEAR PASCOE SR. 6-5 260 26 st 3Y, 894 (12.4). **1st Tm WAC LY. 49** Vince Pascoe (6'1" 250 So) PS#365RB. 2 st, 1 rec true. **80** Drew Lubinsky (6'6" 250 Sr) PS#127.

C 76 Adam McDowell Sr. 6-4 285 PS#329. 7 st '06 (4RG, 3LT). 2 st RG LY until inj. **74** Joe Bernardi (6'2" 280 So) PS#191. 5 st C rFr until ACL. **LS 63** Bobby Shepard (6'1" 235 rFr).

RG 69 ANDREW JACKSON SO. 6-5 260 PS#296DL. 11 st RG rFr. **52** Richard Pacheco (6'2" 285 Sr) 10 gm 3Y. **55** Leslie Cooper (6'4" 260 rFr). Douglas Spacht (6'3" 285 Fr) is PS#152.

LG 62 COLE POPOVICH SR. 6-6 265 PS#336. 2 st true. Med RS. 12 st LG '05. 8 st LG '06 (inj). 7 st LG LY (inj). **65** Pierce Masse (6'4" 285 Sr) 2 st LG 2Y. **61** Charley Robbins (6'2" 270 So).

RT 73 KENNY AVON SR. 6-3 285 4 tkl DL rFr. 3 gm OL '06. 13 st RT LY. **79** Devan Cunningham (6'6" 315 So) PS#125. 2 gm true. **71** Nick Wright (6'3" 265 So). 1 gm LY.

LT 72 BOBBY LEPORI SR. 6-5 285 PS#281. 9 st LT '06. 13 st LT '07. **60** Kenny Wiggins (6'7" 310 So) PS#462. 5 gm rFr. **67** Sean Yandell (6'4" 350 Jr). JUCO. RS LY.

K 35 Kevin Goessling rFr. 5-10 165 **PS#36**. Hit 8 of 14 FG as senior in HS, long 41, 29-30 on xp's. 52 yd FG in practice while RS. Might be first frosh K Hill has started.

DE 96 WILSON RAMOS JR. 6-4 270 9 st, 27 tkl, 3 sk, 4 tfl LY. **27 Michael Stuart** (6'2" 245 Sr) **PS#10TE. USC trans. 36** Mike Cheese (6'1" 220 Jr). Moved from SLB. Acad ineligible spg.

NT 50 Cornell Banks So. 6-3 285 PS#440. 1 st LY. 23 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Chris Lewis (6'3" 245 So) PS#81. Orig at **Miami, Fl.** Logan Harrell is PS#201OL. Chase McEntee is PS#421.

DT 94 JON MONGA SR. 6-2 280 PS#433. 1 st, 17 tkl, 4 sk '06. 13 st LY, 30 tkl, 6.5 sk, 4.5 tfl. **95** Mark Roberts (6'2" 275 So) PS#315. 7 tkl, 1 sk rFr. Anthony Williams PS#282.

DE 41 Ikenna Ike Sr. 6-1 255 1 st, 66 tkl, 7.5 sk, 3Y. **91** Chris Carter (6'2" 220 So) PS#154LB. 15 tkl true, 10 gms. Fastest of DL's. **90** Taylor Smith (6'3" 230 So) PS#254.

WLB 32 QUAADIR BROWN JR. 6-0 210 PS#348. 9 st '07, 51 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **44** Frank Padilla (6'0" 240 So) 5 tkl rFr. **51** Austin Raphael (6'2" 225 rFr) PS#404. **53** Kyle Knox (6'1" 215 rFr).

MLB 54 BEN JACOBS SO. 6-3 225 Scout Tm MVP '06. 13 st rFr, 81 tkl, 6 tfl. **10** Nico Herron (6'3" 240 So) PS#312, 2 tkl rFr. **48** Todd Chisom (6'1" 220 Jr) 3 tkl, 5 gm LY.

SLB 30 Nick Bates So. 6-2 210 PS#348QB. 1 st true, 19 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **47** Ryan Machado (6'0" 210 Jr) 14 tkl, 2Y. 5 gm LY until ACL. Eric Brown (5'11" 210 So) 9 tkl. Damion Whittington PS#95.

CB 8 Sharrod Davis Sr. 5-11 190 PS#137JC. 16 tkl, 2 tfl, 4 pbu LY. AJ Jefferson (6'0" 180 Jr) 4 st LY, 37 tkl, 3 pbu. **#1 NCAA KR avg** (35.8), **HM AA**. Isaiah Green (5'10" 180 rFr). LJ Jones PS#308.

CB 4 DAMION OWENS JR. 5-11 185 12 gms true. 9 st LY, 42 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **24** Will Harding (6'1" 200 Sr) PS#222JC. 1 st, 17 tkl, 2 pbu. Jermaine Thomas (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#272.

SS 3 MOSES HARRIS JR. 6-1 200 13 st LY, 62 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. **20** Lorne Bell (5'10" 195 So) PS#340RB. 51 tkl, 3.5 tfl rFr. **33** Zak Hill (6'2" 190 rFr) PS#366. Def Scout Tm MVP.

FS 19 MARVIN HAYNES JR. 6-1 195 PS#339WR. 3 st rFr, 16 tkl. 13 st LY, 65 tkl, 1 pbu. **23** Jake Jorde (6'1" 195 Sr) 34 tkl 3Y. **48** Frank Manquero (6'1" 190 Jr). Dorian Penn (6'0" 195 Jr).

P 42 Robert Malone So. 6-2 215 39.2 avg as senior in HS. 1 st 4 gms as true, 20 punts (5 inside 20), 37.2 avg before Med RS. #2P in '07, 2 punts (both I20), 36.0 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Matt Akers 6-3 240 PS#86LB
LB	Damion Whittington 6-1 220 PS#95
OL	Matt Hunt 6-3 315 PS#135
QB	Ebahn Feathers 6-1 210 PS#71
OL	Douglas Spacht 6-3 285 PS#152
RB	Rashad Evans 5-9 180 PS#148DB
LB	Ricky Pemasa 6-0 200 PS#135RB
DL	Logan Harrell 6-2 275 PS#201OL
OL	Trevor Richter 6-5 275 PS#197DL
RB	Michael Harris 5-11 195 PS#161
RB	AJ Ellis 5-11 175 PS#195
OL	Max Devlin 6-4 270 PS#276
OL	Richard Helepiko 6-2 290 PS#278
DL	Anthony Williams 6-2 280 PS#282
TE	Michael Butler 6-3 220 PS#84
DB	LJ Jones 5-11 170 PS#308
OL	Austin Wentworth 6-5 290 PS#351
TE	David Gory 6-4 235 PS#105
DL	Chase McEntee 6-2 265 PS#421
WR	Anthony Johnson 6-0 180 PS#360
DL	Marcel Jensen 6-6 230 PS#464
DL	James Robinson 6-5 320 PS#464
TE	Tapa Taumoepeau 6-1 220 PS#154

FRESNO ST BULLDOGS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#80

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FSU	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Sep. 1	at Rutgers (Mon)	A						First meeting. The furthest east Fresno St has traveled since 2000 is Ohio St. FSU is 1-5 in road openers but 4 losses vs BCS teams were by 8 pts combined.
Sep. 6								
Sep. 13	Wisconsin	G						Fresno St is 1-1 vs Wisconsin. FSU defeated UW 32-20 in '01 & lost 23-21 in '02. Both gms were in Madison. FSU is 1-4 vs the Big Ten (0-2 OSU, 0-1 MSU, 1-1 UW).
Sep. 20	at Toledo	A						Fresno St defeated Toledo 44-14 in the only meeting between the 2 schools in '05 in Fresno. FSU is 10-4 vs current MAC tms but only 1-1 when visiting one.
Sep. 27	at UCLA	G						FSU is 1-6 all-time vs UCLA with a win in the 2003 Silicon Valley Classic. Under Hill, the Bulldogs are 14-6 vs instate opponents.
Oct. 4	Hawaii	G						The home team is 26-13-1 in the series but just 2-2 the last 4 years. They've combined for 76 ppg in the last 5. Fresno trailed 31-7 last year.
Oct. 11	Idaho	G						FSU leads the all-time series 6-4 & has outscored Idaho 141-44 the last 4 years. The Bulldogs have 5 straight wins & led 31-7 last year before an Idaho rally.
Oct. 18								
Oct. 25	at Utah St	A						Fresno State has won 4 of 5 & the home team has gone 18-4-1 in this series. Fresno St had a 31-7 led last year at HT with a 279-124 yd advantage.
Nov. 1	at Louisiana Tech	A						The visitor has lost 3 of the L/5 with the avg margin of victory 9 ppg & every gm decided by 7 or more. The Bulldogs lead the all-time series vs Louisiana Tech 7-2.
Nov. 7	Nevada (Fri)	G						Fresno St is 24-14-1 vs Nevada. These 2 have combined to score 70 ppg in the L/4 meetings. Last year Fr RB Ryan Mathews had 171 yds & 3 TD's.
Nov. 15	New Mexico St	G						Fresno St leads series vs New Mexico St 14-0. Coming into '08, FSU is 9-3 in conf HG's the L3Y. The Bulldogs rolled up 263 rush yds of their 468 yds in the win LY.
Nov. 21	at San Jose St (Fri)	G						Fresno leads the series 36-33-3 & has won 13 of L/14 vs SJSt outscoring the Spartans by an avg of 38-15. Fresno St had 3 shutouts in the L4Y including SJSt last yr.
Nov. 28	at Boise St (Fri)	A						FSU is 1-6 the last 7 yrs vs Boise with an avg score 36-22. The HT is 6-4 in this series. FSU won on the blue turf in '07 beating GT in LY's bowl.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kevin Sweeney 10,808 '83-'86	1. Ron Rivers 3,473 '91-'93	1. Charlie Jones 3,344 '92-'95
2. Paul Pinegar 10,136 '02-'05	2. Michael Pittman 3,017 '93-'97	2. Rodney Wright 3,274 '98-'01
3. Mark Barsotti 8,093 '88-'91	3. Dwayne Wright 2,683 '03-'04, '06	3. Brian Roberson 2,956 '93-'96

PAT HILL (Career 85–55)

12th Year at Fresno St
Hill's Bowl Record: 4-4

Hill's records AT FRESNO ST

85-55	Straight Up	1-2	Vs Top 10
51-12	Home	6-18	Vs Top 25
30-39	Away	12-22	Vs BCS Teams
4-4	Neutral	14-9	Off A Bye
60-27	Vs Conference	26-24	Off A Loss

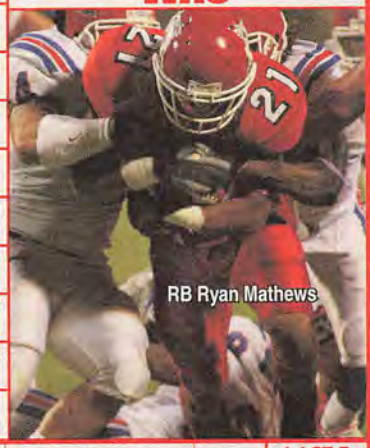
2007 RECORD: (9–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 51 (29,21,1)
Lost: 14 (4,7,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 36,290 (#65)

WAC


RB Ryan Mathews

STADIUM: BULLDOG STADIUM (41,031) (#75)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	11-3	9-5	9-5	9-3	8-5	4-8	9-4	66-38
Home	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-1	5-1	3-3	5-1	37-9
Away	2-4	6-1	3-4	3-4	4-2	3-3	1-5	3-3	25-26
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-3
vs Conf	6-2	6-2	6-2	6-2	5-3	6-2	4-4	6-2	45-19
vs Non-Conf	1-3	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-0	2-3	0-4	3-2	21-19
ATS	5-7	8-6	5-8-1	6-6-1	8-3	7-5	2-10	7-5	48-50-2
Home Fav	3-2	2-3	0-4-1	1-1-1	3-1	3-2	1-3	1-2	14-18-2
Home Dog	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	1-1	4-4
Away Fav	0-1	3-2	1-2	0-2	2-1	3-1	0-3	1-1	10-13
Away Dog	2-3	2-0	2-2	3-2	2-1	1-1	1-2	3-1	16-12
Neutral	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-3
vs Conf	3-5	4-4	1-6-1	2-5-1	5-3	5-3	1-7	4-4	25-37-2
vs Non-Conf	2-2	4-2	4-2	4-1	3-0	2-2	1-3	3-1	23-13
Off SU Win	2-5	6-5	4-3-1	4-3	6-1	6-2	1-3	6-2	35-24-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-1	0-5	1-3-1	1-2	1-3	1-6	1-3	9-24-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Ryan Mathews	145	900	34	866	14	6.0
Clifton Smith	100	654	29	625	5	6.3
Lonyae Miller	132	624	15	609	7	4.6
Anthony Harding	103	420	17	403	4	3.9
Tom Brandstater	48	233	115	118	3	2.5
Damon Jenkins	11	46	0	46	0	4.2
Tim Lang	9	45	11	34	0	3.8
Marlon Moore	5	37	6	31	1	6.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tom Brandstater	337	211	62.6	2654	15	5
Ryan Colburn	5	4	80.0	58	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marlon Moore	48	694	14.5	5	38
Bear Pascoe	45	553	12.3	4	44
Seyi Ajirotutu	29	491	16.9	0	42
Clifton Smith	33	352	10.7	0	36
Jason Crawley	22	199	9.0	1	27
Isaac Kinter	12	111	9.2	2	26
Tim Lang	5	82	16.4	0	34
Jamel Hamler	5	80	16.0	0	28
Devon Wylie	1	44	44.0	0	44

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Kyle Zimmerman	49	1947	39.7	10	33.0(t)	1	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Clint Stitser	47-49	6-7	2-3	7-11	1-3	16-24	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Marcus Riley	132	1.5	13.5	4	1
Ben Jacobs	81	2	4	1	0
Marvin Haynes	65	0	2.5	1	0
Tyler Clutts	64	7.5	2	3	0
Moses Harris	62	0	3.5	5	1
Quaadir Brown	51	1	2.5	1	0
Lorne Bell	51	0	3.5	2	0
Damon Jenkins	49	0	1	9	0
Damion Owens	42	0	1	4	1
AJ Jefferson	37	0	0	3	0
Jon Monga	30	6.5	4.5	1	0
Wilson Ramos	27	3	4	0	0
Charles Tolbert	26	2	4.5	1	0
Jake Jorde	23	0	0	2	1
Corneli Banks	23	0	3.5	2	0
Ikenna Ike	21	1	0.5	0	0
Nick Bates	19	2	2.5	0	0
Will Harding	17	1	1	2	0
Sharrod Davis	16	0	2	4	0
Chris Carter	15	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Clifton Smith	22	317	14.4	2

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
AJ Jefferson	26	930	35.8	2
Devon Wylie	14	311	22.2	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Silicon Valley	+6'	Georgia Tech	30-21
03	Silicon Valley	+3	UCLA	17-9
04	MPC Computers	+5	Virginia - #18 (OT)	37-34
05	Liberty	-7	Tulsa	24-31
07	Humanitarian	+6	Georgia Tech	40-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Fresno St's All-Time Bowl Record 10–7

FRESNO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	32.8	22	211	4.9	209	62.7	12.8	-9	2007	3	27.0	21	181	5.0	226	57.4	15.1
6	23.0	18	180	5.0	158	55.3	14.7	-6	2006	8	28.3	19	141	4.2	222	63.8	12.8
9*	37.8	22	165	4.5	260	63.0	11.3	-4	2005	7	22.5	20	149	4.2	198	59.0	15.4
8*	40.2	21	228	5.4	177	58.7	10.1	+7	2004	7	21.1	18	165	4.1	175	51.1	16.1
6*	23.0	18	160	4.3	192	56.8	15.3	+5	2003	6	22.6	19	175	4.6	206	55.7	16.8
6	27.0	20	132	3.6	242	55.1	13.9	+6	2002	5	27.1	22	160	3.9	245	55.2	14.9

	OFFENSE							2007 STATS BY GAME	DEFENSE							
FSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
35,963	Sacramento St	23	49-266	5.4	17-29	209	2		9	25-45	1.8	12-22	59	2	-3
75,922	at Texas A&M	23	48-139	2.9	21-31	260	1		24	63-318	5.0	13-24	79	1	-2
58,525	at Oregon	17	36-60	1.7	21-35	267	2		23	47-307	6.5	15-23	154	2	-1
38,104	Louisiana Tech	14	43-170	4.0	8-22	92	2		21	38-100	2.6	23-49	182	7	-1
18,503	at Nevada	15	35-307	8.8	10-16	168	0		30	39-211	5.4	30-50	491	3	0
14,205	at Idaho	25	47-238	5.1	17-22	178	1		19	45-279	6.2	9-26	144	1	0
35,494	San Jose St	22	43-251	5.8	16-26	132	1		18	30-140	4.7	22-44	254	3	0
40,607	Boise St	15	26-89	3.4	21-39	263	3		21	43-282	6.6	18-29	158	2	-1
32,904	Utah St	23	47-255	5.4	13-18	131	0		20	38-155	4.1	18-26	214	6	-1
49,047	at Hawaii	25	44-182	4.1	15-26	209	5		25	24-137	5.7	29-40	410	4	+1
34,671	Kansas St	29	51-236	4.6	23-29	313	0		21	17-126	7.4	27-42	256	1	-1
6,937	at New Mex St	23	53-263	5.0	10-19	205	1		22	27-96	3.6	31-53	323	1	0
27,062	† Georgia Tech	29	42-286	6.8	23-31	285	0		23	40-161	4.0	17-32	218	3	0
TOTALS		283	564-2742	4.9	215-343	2712	18		276	476-2357	5.0	264-460	2942	36	-9
AVERAGES		21.8	43-211	4.9	17-26	209	1.4		21.2	37-181	5.0	20-35	226	2.8	-0.7

FSU Pre-Rank 2003 RESULTS Post-Score

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Tennessee - #12	+20	6-24
–	Oregon St	+8'	16-14
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+28'	28-52
–	Louisiana Tech	-10	16-6
–	Portland St	NL	42-16
–	at Colorado St	+5	10-34
–	at Hawaii	+3	28-55
–	Rice	-20	31-28
–	at SMU	-14'	20-11
–	at Nevada	+2'	27-10
–	San Jose St	-14	41-7
–	Boise St - #20	+8	17-31
–	at UTEP	-20'	23-20

FSU Pre-Rank 2004 RESULTS Post #22 Score

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	at Washington	+1'	35-16
–	at Kansas St - #13	+12'	45-21
#18	Portland St	NL	27-17
#17	at Louisiana Tech	-14	21-28
–	UTEP	-17'	21-24
–	at Boise St - #19	+9	16-33
–	SMU	-27'	42-0
–	at Rice	-7	52-21
–	Hawaii	-21	70-14
–	Nevada	-26	54-17
–	at San Jose St	-26	62-28

FSU Pre #24 2005 RESULTS Post-Score

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#24	Weber St	NL	55-17
#23	at Oregon	+2'	34-37
–	Toledo	-14	44-14
–	at New Mexico St	-28	37-7
–	Utah St	-33	53-21
#24	at Idaho	-29'	40-10
#22	at Hawaii	-13	27-13
#21	San Jose St	-33	45-7
#20	Boise St	-9'	27-7
#16	at USC - #1	+23	42-50
#16	at Nevada	-15	35-38
#23	Louisiana Tech	-23'	28-40

FSU Pre-Rank 2006 RESULTS Post-Score

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Nevada	-12	28-19
–	Oregon - #20	+3'	24-31
–	at Washington	-3'	20-21
–	Colorado St	-13'	23-35
–	at Utah St	-27	12-13
–	Hawaii	+4	37-68
–	at LSU - #14	+33	6-38
–	at Boise St - #14	+22	21-45
–	New Mexcio St	-12	23-18
–	Idaho	-11	34-0
–	at Louisiana Tech	-12'	34-27
–	at San Jose St	+4'	14-24

FSU Pre-Rank 2007 RESULTS Post-Score

Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
–	Sacramento St	NL	24-3
–	at Texas A&M - #23	+17'	45-47 3OT
–	at Oregon - #19	+16'	21-52
–	Louisiana Tech	-12	17-6
–	at Nevada	+3	49-41
–	at Idaho	-10	37-24
–	San Jose St	-13'	30-0
–	Boise St	+3	21-34
–	Utah St	-20'	38-27
–	at Hawaii - #14	+18	30-37
–	Kansas St	+1	45-29
–	at New Mexico St	-13	30-23

NEVADA WOLF PACK

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Jeff Rowe (6'5" 225) was the returning starter in 2005 earning 2nd Tm WAC honors. HC Chris Ault said true frosh Nick Graziano was the team's future at QB and would have played had Rowe gone down. Rowe, who threw for 2,925 in '05, saw his numbers drop to 1,907 in '06 as he was banged up. Travis Moore even got in 1 start. Both had to be replaced last year and Graziano battled Colin Kaepernick for the starting job. Graziano is the better passer and at 220 lbs can run over a defender. Kaepernick, at 6'6" 215, can run past defenders with his speed and proved to be a decent passer. Graziano became the first Wolf Pack player since 1998 to have 5 TD passes in one game. He did that vs Nicholls St despite starting out just 2 of 12. Graziano was injured vs Fresno St and Kaepernick hit 23 of 36 for 384 and also rushed for 60 while accounting for 5 TD's. Graziano missed the rest of the year and Kaepernick passed for 243 in his first start with 177 rush in the 4OT loss to Boise. For the season he threw for 2,175 (53.8%) with an amazing 19-3 ratio (717 rush). Graziano threw for just 1,119 (50.7%) with a 10-5 ratio. Added to the mix are Luke Collis (6'3" 210 rFr, PS#308) and Tyler Lantrip (6'4" 210 rFr, PS#277). Both QB's return which gives them great depth.

RUNNING BACKS - BJ Mitchell led the WAC in rushing in 2005 (1,399, 5.4). Robert Hubbard was only 100% healthy for the last 2 rushing for 272 vs Fresno and UCF and took over the starting job in 2006. True frosh Brandon Fragger was good enough to earn the backup spot. Ault says a "Nevada-back" is one that carries the ball 6 or 7 straight times without having to come out and Hubbard earned that title with 32 carries vs N'western. Ault said Fragger was going to be something special and after having just 23 yards in the first 4, he rushed for 146 vs UNLV with Hubbard injured. Fragger was lost for the season and Hubbard was benched after 2 fumbles vs Hawaii. Luke Lippincott had 93 vs Idaho and was the WAC Off POW vs Utah St with 144. Hubbard did have 20 carries in the bowl and led with 996 (4.8) while Lippincott had 456 (4.9). Lippincott beat out Fragger for the job in 2007. After a rough start vs Nebraska in which he had -5 yds Lippincott had 140 vs NW and ended up being the 2nd Wolf Pack RB to lead the WAC in rushing in 3 years with 1,420 (5.3). Fragger had 334 (3.4) and Vai Taua 112 (5.9). True frosh Lampford Mark (6'1" 200 rFr, PS#420) was impressive on the scout team. For the first time in 3 years all of the RB's return and not listed in the 3 deep below are Courtney Randall (5'10" 215 So), Jason Edwards (5'10" 215 So) and true frosh Michael Ball (PS#90). While this unit is more experienced, it will be tough to improve much upon Lippincott's 2007 numbers.

WR Marko Mitchell

RECEIVERS - The 2005 receiving corps lacked depth and speed while suffering through injuries so Ault recruited heavily for speed in '06. They had more depth with 12 players battling for 4 spots and Caleb Spencer led with 564 (10.3) while JC transfer Marko Mitchell had 493 (12.6) and Mike McCoy added 346 (15.0). Last year Spencer had to be replaced. Mitchell had a tremendous year with 1,129 (21.3) and McCoy had 617 (19.3) as Nevada was able to stretch the field. Kyle Sammons, who had 6 starts and 375 (3.9) in '05 but RS in '06, was #2 with 668 (18.1). TE Adam Bishop had 3 TD rec in his first 3 injury plagued years but had 7 last year on just 14 rec. This year they must replace Sammons (10 st), 2nd Tm WAC TE Bishop (13 st) and Alex Rosenblum (0 rec). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Josh Morrow (6'4" 220 rFr, PS#310WR) and Virgil Green (6'5" 225 So) and WR's Rocco Bene (5'11" 185 Sr), Andy McIntosh (6'0" 190 Sr) and Tony Maldonado (5'11" 175 rFr, PS#275QB). With McCoy and Mitchell entering their senior years, I look for continued improvement from this unit.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The C position is a difficult one in the Pistol offense with the reliance on shotgun snaps. In 2005, they had a fairly inexperienced unit and were learning the new offense. At one point the top 3 centers were out and rFr Dominic Green started 8 at C, but the unit still opened holes for 4.5 ypc rush (30 sk). In 2006, they had to replace two starters including a #5DC and dropped to 4.3, 26 sks (7.6%). Their starting OT's were basically interior linemen but Green still earned 2nd Tm WAC honors at WT and Charles Manu, who battled an ankle injury, did well at ST. Last year both moved back inside. The top 3 C's were out again but Green was cleared after an August foot injury and started the last 8 (1st Tm WAC). OL Coach Klenakis molded one of the best OL's in the WAC and the unit paved the way for 214 ypg rushing (4.9), their best in IA ball and allowed just 26 sacks (6.8%). Having a mobile QB like Kaepernick (717 gross yd rush) helped. This year they must replace SG Manu (13 st) and Kyle Robertson (2 st '06) but their 91 career starts back are 15th best in IA and should produce even better numbers in 2008.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Wolf Pack had a veteran defensive front in 2006 and allowed just 128 ypg rush (4.0), their best total since joining IA and the D increased its sack total to 37. Last year they had to replace 1.5 starters and then lost Erics Clark (8 st '06) after 1 start so basically the only starter back on the 3 man front was NT Matt Hines. They moved to a 4-3 in the second half of the season and OLB Kevin Basped filled the open DE spot. The inexperienced group slipped allowing 4.4 ypc rush with 26 sacks. This year they stay in a 4-3 defense and must replace Hines (2nd Tm WAC, 13 st, 48 tkl, 3.5 sk) and DE Jay Dixon (6 st, 11 tkl, 1 sk). DE Clark is trying to be cleared for a 6th year and if he returns, three players are back with six or more career starts. Despite the loss of their top DL, the group is more experienced.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Wolf Pack had 5 players back with starting experience in their LB unit. They opened in a 3-4 but switched to a 4-3 in the 2H of the year. They lost star Joshua Mauga to injury after 7 starts when he was leading the WAC in tackles. Their top def player was 2nd Tm WAC LB Ezra Butler (93 tkl, 13.5 tfl) and he must be replaced along with Nick Fuhr (13 st, 59 tkl, 6 sk), Kevin Porter (11 st, 54 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and Jeremy Engstrom (3 st, 22 tkl, 2 pbu). They have one less LB spot to fill and have two players back who started 7 or more last year. Although less experienced, with Mauga back, the group could be just as strong.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Nevada was #27 in my pass D ranking in '06 with a 15-20 ratio. Last year they had to replace 1st Tm WAC CB Joe Garcia (6 int) and two others who combined for 13 starts (80 tkl). Ault said Jonathon Amaya was the best frosh safety that he'd ever had at Nevada but Amaya was moved to CB due to injuries and had just 3 starts after his own knee injury. Their CB's were burned often and the Wolf Pack dropped to #79 allowing 58.6% with a 22-7 ratio. This year they lose CB Devon Walker (10 st, 55 tkl, 8 pbu), S Justin Jackson (13 st, 82 tkl, 4 pbu), CB Paul Pratt (10 st, 69 tkl, 6 pbu) and CB Shannon Sevor (13 tkl). Ault brought in three JUCO's and while this group is less experienced, it could actually move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Ault's first 2 years Nevada finished just #94 and #99 in my ST rankings despite the presence of All-WAC P Justin Bergendahl. In 2006, they had to replace Bergendahl but still improved to #71. Last year they surprisingly dropped to #99. Brett Jaekle hit 16 of 21 FG's with a long of 50 and a miss from 54. He had 7 TB's on 79 KO and they used sky kicks a lot. Zacary Whited, who avg 39.1 (32.5 tm net) in '06, avg 38.8 (32.1 tm net). Dwayne Sanders saw his KR avg drop to 22.6 (25.0 '06). They lose PR Rosenblum (8.7) and Whited, but could still improve in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Ault led Nevada to 7 conf titles and a 163-63-1 record from 1976-'92 and '94-'95. He is in the College Football Hall of Fame! Ault was the AD here from 1986-'03 and fired Chris Tormey despite an improving record each year. Ault took over as the head man in 2004 for his 3rd tenure here, vacating his AD duties, and has guided the team to 3 bowls in his 4 years and in 2007 signed a contract extension thru 2011. They are on their 3rd DC in three years as Ken Wilson was promoted to assoc HC. The new DC is Nigel Burton who has been the CB coach at Oregon St the past 5 years and was the ST coord at Portland St ('01-'02. He will make the switch from a 3-4 to a 4-3 permanent. Chris Klenakis is now in his 5th year of his 2nd stint as OC here and previously was the OC at S Miss ('00-'02) and C Missouri ('03).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Chris Tormey got the team pointed in the right direction with win totals of 2, 3, 5 and 6 but was let go after the 2003 season. When Chris Ault took over in 2004, 13 players left the team over the summer and he had just 70 scholarship players. They benefitted from playing a soft schedule (#109) and Nevada went 5-1 at home, winning by an average of 42-27. On the road they were 0-6 losing by an avg of 42-18. In 2005, Nevada had a dream season getting its first winning year since 1998. Seventy-two of their 73 players attended summer workouts and Ault commented that they were bigger, stronger and faster. They ended a 5 game losing streak to rival UNLV and won their final five, including victories over #16 Fresno and UCF in the bowl in OT. Nevada finished 9-3 and #29 in the AP poll. They were 7-1 and co-Champs of the WAC but outgained foes by just 59.6 ypg (4th best). In 2006 they had 13 starters back. After opening 0-2, they won 8 out of 9 to stand at 8-3 before a 10 game home winning streak was snapped by Boise St, 38-7. They went 5-3 in WAC play, (+41.7 ypg, 3rd best). They came up 1 point short against Miami, Fl in the bowl despite a 23-13 FD edge. The defense allowed just 19.2 ppg which was the best since 1991 when they were in IAA. Nev did benefit from +12 TO's but also had 2 net close losses. Last year after getting waxed at Nebraska 52-10, they led NW by 4 but gave up a TD with :21 left. Against UNLV they got a 43 yd TD pass with :27 left to pull out the win. They trailed Fresno 49-27 and got two garbage TD's in the last :29. They nearly upset Boise St losing in 4OT on the Blue Turf. Utah St was off a bye and Nev was playing on a short week after the Boise game but the Wolf Pack escaped by 3. Two weeks later NMSt missed a 44 yd FG on the last play of regulation. They caught Hawaii on a short week without their starting QB and played in the cold and nearly pulled the upset as Hawaii got a FG with :11 left. After a 3 point loss to SJSt in which they blew a 24-10 lead, their showdown with LT was for a bowl bid. They dominated the Bulldogs rolling up 641 yards in a 49-10 win. Nev almost beat the 2 top teams in the WAC (Boise and Hawaii) but also almost lost to two of the worst teams (NMSt and Utah St). In the bowl they shockingly had the NCAA's longest streak without being shutout (1980, 329 gms) end vs NM (23-0). For the season NV was just 4-4 but outgained WAC foes by 123.5 ypg which almost topped Boise St. Six of my 8 sets of power ratings call the Wolf Pack the 3rd best team in the WAC and despite playing perhaps the WAC's toughest schedule, I'll call for them to be bowl eligible for a 4th straight year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 10 COLIN KAEPERNICK SO. 6-6 215 PS#153. **WAC Fr POY**, 8 st rFr, 2175 (54%) 19-3 ratio, 717 rush. **8 Nick Graziano** (6'1" 220 Jr) PS#196. First 5 st LY, 1119 (51%) 10-5, 139 rush.

RB 7 LUKE LIPPINCOTT SR. 6-2 215 ACL '05, 2 st '06, 456 (4.9). 13 st LY, **#1WAC** w/ 1420 (5.3). **24** Brandon Fragger (5'9" 195 Jr) PS#276. 2 st, 604 (3.9) 2Y. **34** Vai Taua (5'10" 225 So).

WR 89 MIKE McCOY SR. 6-0 190 5 st rFr, 230 (13.5). 12 st '06, 346 (15.0). 11 st LY, 617 (**19.3**). **2** Dwayne Sanders (5'10" 175 Jr) 1275 all-purp 2Y. **82** Tray Session (6'3" 175 rFr).

WR 4 MARKO MITCHELL SR. 6-4 200 PS#420JC. 8 st '06, 493 (12.6). 9 st LY, **1129 (21.3).** **84** Brian Fludd (5'9" 160 Sr) PS#477JC LY. Shane Anderson (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#168.

WR 12 Arthur King Jr. 6-1 195 PS#465DB. 4 st LY. 196 (11.5) 2Y. **14 Chris Wellington** (6'1" 185 So) PS#133. 4.41 spd. 3 rec, 15 KR (20.5) rFr. Brandon Wimberly, GS Oreg St LY.

TE 90 Zach Sudfeld rFr. 6-7 230 Scout Tm Off POY LY. **98** Junior Puloka (6'4" 240 Jr) LB true. 2 gm TE rFr. 3 st LY, 5 rec. **45** Kevin Bohr (6'3" 240 Jr) PS#445JC. 1 rec LY.

C 61 DOMINIC GREEN SR. 6-3 295 Scout Tm MVP '04. 12 st rFr (8C, 4RG). 13 st '06, **2nd Tm WAC OT**. 8 st C LY, **1st Tm WAC. 63** Kenny Ackerman (6'5" 290 Jr) PS#445JC. 1 st C LY.

SG 76 Clayton Johnson Jr. 6-4 295 **PS#71JC**. 1 gm LY, RS. Josh Catapano (6'3" 285 Sr) PS#599DL. 1 tkl '05, moved OL '06. 4 st C LY, 5 gm. Mike DeMars (6'2' 290 Jr) PS#477JC. RS '06.

WG 60 GREG HALL SR. 6-3 290 2nd string rFr. 13 st WG '06. 13 st WG LY. **65** Brad Eskew (6'4" 295 Sr) PS#338. 2nd string 2Y. **77** Chance Sigala (6'7" 275 rFr).

ST 62 JOHN BENDER SO. 6-8 325 PS#530. 5 st rFr until injury. **50** Mike Gallett (6'6" 295 So) 8 st rFr. **70** Dain Lutz (6'5" 270 Jr) 2nd string. Christian Barker is PS#374.

WT 73 ALONZO DURHAM JR. 6-4 285 DL as true but RS. 1 st, 6 gm rFr. 13 st WT LY. **64** Shawn Miller (6'5" 275 So) PS#410JC. RS LY. **67** Jeff Meads (6'3" 290 rFr) PS#485.

K 13 BRETT JAEKLE SR. 6-4 210 Hit 12-15 FG rFr, long 40. Hit 8-11 FG '06, long 44. Improved to 16-21 in '07, 4 of 6 from 40-49, 1 of 2 from 50+, long 50. 51-54 xp's.

DE 99 KEVIN BASPED SO. 6-6 240 6 st rFr, **50 tkl, 4 sk, 7.5 tfl.** Daryll Hill (6'4" 240 rFr) PS#451. **92** Harry Powell (6'3" 265 Sr) 1 gm, 3Y. Jon Rabe PS#280. Verbal to Oregon.

DT NA Michael Andrews So. 6-3 275 PS#293JC. **90** Chris Slack (6'5" 270 Jr) PS#442JC '06, RS. 2 st, 3 tkl LY. **96** Daniel Agaiava (6'3" 275 Jr) PS#377OL. Mark Forrest (6'7" 210 Fr) PS#291.

DT 94 MUNDRAE CLIFTON SR. 6-2 290 PS#278JC. 7 tkl, 7 gm '06. 11 st DE LY, 33 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **95** Nate Agaiava (6'2" 285 Jr) PS#379. 9 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **93** Zack Madonick (6'2" 285 rFr) PS#331.

DE 48 Erics Clark Sr. 6-6 270 PS#236LB. 2 st, 27 tkl, 5 tfl '04-'05. 8 st '06, 19 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 1 st LY, inj ? '08. **91** Scott Frisbie (6'4" 260 rFr). **97** Mark Avery PS#421. In for spring.

LB 30 JOSHUA MAUGA SR. 6-2 245 9 st true, 32 tkl, 6 tfl. 12 st '06, 56 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 7 st LY, **#1 WAC tkl when inj'd**, 82 tkl, 4 tfl. **22** Joe Easter (6'1" 235 Fr) GS LY. **34** Mark Stuckey (6'3" 225 rFr).

LB 54 JEROME JOHNSON SR. 6-1 253 PS#86. Orig at Oreg. JC. 8 st here LY, 68 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **58** Ryan Coulson (6'3" 225 So) PS#160. 6 tkl rFr. **43** Deantae Green (6'2" 235 rFr).

LB 55 Dontay Moch So. 6-1 220 PS#153DB. 13 tkl, 3.5 sk rFr. **33** Brandon Marshall (6'1" 215 rFr) PS#353. **40** Jared Silva-Purcell (5'11" 220 So) PS#213. Missed spg. '08

CB 39 Jonathan Ott rFr. 6-1 181 PS#131. Antoine Thompson (6'1" 195 Jr) PS#413JC. 4.4 spd. Cameron Bayne (6'1" 180 Jr) PS#177TE. 19 tkl LY. Doyle Miller (5'11" 185 So) JC in '06.

CB NA Dayton Guillory Jr. 6-0 180 PS#318JC. 6 int, 197 IR yds at JC LY. Kenny Viser (6'1" 195 So) 20 tkl LY. **16** Kevin Grimes (6'0" 190 So) PS#435RB. 25 tkl rFr. Thaddeus Brown PS#157RB.

SS 17 UCHE ANYANWU SR. 6-4 220 7 tkl rFr. 4 st, 29 tkl, 1 int '06. 12 st LY, 62 tkl, 4 pbu. **9** Mike Samples (6'0" 195 Jr) PS#171. 3 st true. RS '06. 1 st LY. Adam Liranzo (6'4" 210 So) PS#226.

FS 49 Jonathon Amaya Jr. 6-2 190 7 st FS, 42 tkl, 1 sk true. 3 st CB LY, 40 tkl, 1 int. **Maurice Harvey PS#65JC**. Isaiah Frey (6'0" 190 Fr) PS#234. **13** Ryan Howard (6'1" 190 rFr). QB LY.

P 13 Brett Jaekle Sr. 6-4 210 Pooch punts LY, 4 punts, 33.0 avg. Nick Rhodes (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#83K. Also FG's. Jimmy Adranly (5-11 175 Fr) walked on in spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Maurice Harvey 6-4 215 PS#65JC
RB	Michael Ball 5-10 225 PS#90
DL	Michael Andrews 6-3 275 PS#293JC
DB	Dayton Guillory 6-0 180 PS#318JC
DB	Antoine Thompson 6-1 195 PS#413JC
DB	Thaddeus Brown 5-11 177 PS#157RB
DB	Isaiah Frey 6-0 190 PS#234
DL	Jon Rabe 6-5 285 PS#280
OL	Aaron Huck 6-3 295 PS#306
DL	Mark Forrest 6-7 210 PS#291
OL	Steve Werner 6-5 310 PS#342
OL	Christian Barker 6-4 315 PS#374
DL	Jack Reynoso 6-3 260 PS#399
OL	Jeff Nady 6-7 255 PS#411DL
DB	Marlon Johnson 5-11 185 PS#408
DL	Mark Avery 6-4 270 PS#421
DB	Ahmad Wood 5-11 185 PS#421
DB	Khalid Wooten 6-0 195 PS#456
LB	Albert Rosette 6-2 225 PS#408
LB	Joe Easter 6-1 235 PS#427 '07
WR	Brandon Wimberly 6-3 195 PS#400
TE	Zack Sudfeld 6-7 230 PS#180
LB	Brett Roy 6-4 240 PS#450

NEVADA WOLF PACK

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#77

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UN	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Grambling St	A				
Sep. 6	Texas Tech	A				
Sep. 13	at Missouri	A				
Sep. 20						
Sep. 27	at UNLV	A				
Oct. 4	at Idaho	A				
Oct. 11	New Mexico St	A				
Oct. 18	Utah St	A				
Oct. 25	at Hawaii	A				
Nov. 1						
Nov. 7	at Fresno St (Fri)	G				
Nov. 15	San Jose St	A				
Nov. 22	Boise St	A				
Nov. 29	at Louisiana Tech	A				

Nevada is 6-1 in their last 7 home openers winning by an avg of 20 ppg. Grambling went 8-4 in 2007 falling to Jackson St in the SWAC Championship.

First meeting. Nevada is 0-2 vs Big XII schools. TT is the 7th BCS school to visit Reno. The Wolf Pack is 7-1 at home vs non-conference schools & 1-1 vs BCS teams.

First meeting. Coming into '08, Nevada is 1-11 vs ranked teams since 1995. The Wolf Pack is 1-11 away vs BCS teams with the one win at Washington in 2003.

The Wolf Pack has won 13 of the last 19 meetings against the Rebels. LY QB Graziano threw a 43 yd TD pass to Sammons with :27 left for the win.

Nevada leads this series 16-9 winning 5 of the last 6 by 31 ppg. The Wolf Pack only led 17-14 going into the 4Q in their 37-21 win.

Nevada is 10-1 vs New Mexico St averaging 43 ppg vs the Aggies. Last year the Wolf Pack drove 76 yds in 9 plays & a 31 yd TD pass w/1:00 left gave them the win.

Nevada & Utah St are avg 67 ppg in the last 11 games. Nevada is 14-4 vs USU. Last year RB Lippincott rushed for a season high 241 yds (6.7) in the 31-28 win.

These 2 are deadlocked at 6 wins apiece, the home team has won 8 of L/9. Last year's game was the 1st in series history to be decided by less than 7 pts.

Nevada trails this series 24-14-1 including losing 8 of the last 9. Last year Fr QB Kaepernick replaced inj'd Graziano & threw for 384 yds & 4 TD's.

Last year's loss snapped a 5 game win streak. UN is 12-8-2 all-time. UN owns the WAC record for most offense by a losing tm (791) in their loss to SJSt (64-45) in '01.

Nevada trails the series 22-12 including 8 straight losses. Last year set a record for most pts (136) in an NCAA Div IA gm S/1937, when official record keeping began.

Nevada has won the L/3 outscoring LT 43-12. These 2 avg 72 ppg in their 8 meetings. Last yr Kaepernick had 404 yds & WR Sammons had 8 for 199, all career highs.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. David Neill 10,901 '98-'01
2. Eric Beavers 8,629 '83-'86
3. Fred Gatlin 8,312 '89-'92

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Frank Hawkins 5,333 '77-'80
2. Charvez Foger 4,484 '85-'88
3. Chris Lemon 4,246 '96-'99

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Trevor Insley 5,005 '96-'99
2. Geoff Noisy 4,249 '95-'98
3. Bryan Reeves 3,408 '91-'93

CHRIS AULT (Career 53-32) (IAA 138-53-1)
24th Yr at Nevada ('76-'92, '94-'95, '04-'07) Ault's Bowl Record: 1-4

Ault's records AT NEVADA (IA)

53-32	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
35-7	Home	1-6	Vs Top 25
17-22	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
1-3	Neutral	5-7	Off A Bye
35-15	Vs Conference	15-11	Off A Loss

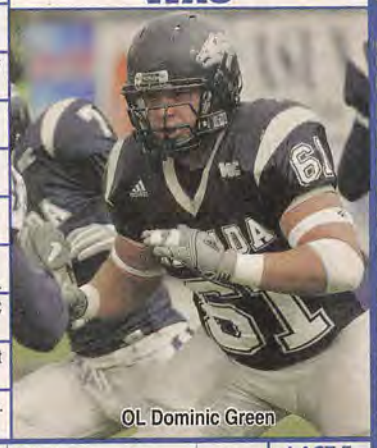
2007 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (21,15,1)
Lost: 14 (8,5,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,162 (#100)

WAC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STADIUM: MACKAY STADIUM (29,993) (#107)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-10	3-8	5-7	6-6	5-7	9-3	8-5	6-7	44-53
Home	1-4	2-3	4-2	3-3	5-1	5-1	5-1	4-2	29-17
Away	1-6	1-5	1-5	3-3	0-6	3-2	3-3	2-5	14-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	1-7	3-5	4-4	4-4	3-5	7-1	5-3	4-4	31-33
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-3	1-3	2-2	2-2	2-2	3-2	2-3	13-20
ATS	4-8	6-5	7-4-1	6-5	4-7	7-5	11-2	5-7	50-43-1
Home Fav (Chris Tormey)	0-0	0-0	2-1	0-3	3-0	3-0	5-0	2-2	15-6
Home Dog	2-3	3-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	0-1	1-0	13-9
Away Fav (Chris Ault)	0-0	1-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	3-0	0-3	8-7
Away Dog	2-5	2-3	2-1-1	2-1	0-5	0-2	2-1	2-2	12-20-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	7-1	3-5	33-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-2	3-1	3-0	1-2	1-3	4-1	2-2	17-13
Off SU Win	0-2	0-2	3-1-1	3-3	3-2	4-4	7-1	2-4	22-19-1
Off SU Loss	3-6	6-2	3-3	3-2	1-4	3-0	3-1	3-2	25-20

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Las Vegas	E	Toledo - #25	37-40
96	Las Vegas	-6'	Ball St	18-15
05	Hawaii	-2'	UCF (OT)	49-48
06	MPC Computers	+3'	Miami, Fl	20-21
07	New Mexico	+2'	New Mexico	0-23

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Nevada's All-Time Bowl Record 3-5

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Luke Lippincott	267	1453	33	1420	15	5.3
Colin Kaepernick	105	717	124	593	6	5.6
Brandon Fragger	99	369	35	334	2	3.4
Val Taua	19	116	4	112	1	5.9
Courtney Randall	29	113	5	108	1	3.7
Nick Graziano	28	139	62	77	0	2.8
Marko Mitchell	1	47	0	47	0	47.0
Dwayne Sanders	5	43	2	41	0	8.2
Arthur King, Jr.	3	29	3	26	0	8.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Colin Kaepernick	247	133	53.8	2175	19	3
Nick Graziano	134	68	50.7	1119	10	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Marko Mitchell	53	1129	21.3	8	64
Kyle Sammons	37	668	18.1	4	74
Mike McCoy	32	617	19.3	4	90
Luke Lippincott	26	295	11.3	3	42
Adam Bishop	14	223	15.9	7	56
Brandon Fragger	17	133	7.8	1	18
Arthur King, Jr.	10	124	12.4	1	52
Junior Puloka	5	48	9.6	1	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Zachary Whited	61	2369	38.8	7	32.1(t)	0	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brett Jaekle	51-54	3-4	8-9	4-6	1-2	16-21	50

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Ezra Butler	93	3.5	10	2	3
Joshua Mauga	82	1	3	3	0
Justin Jackson	82	0	1	4	1
Paul Pratt	69	0	0	6	0
Jerome Johnson	68	1	5.5	6	0
Uche Anyanwu	62	0	3	4	0
Nick Fuhr	59	6	5.5	2	0
Devon Walker	55	0	0.5	8	0
Kevin Porter	54	1	1.5	1	0
Kevin Basped	50	4	7.5	1	0
Matt Hines	48	3.5	3	4	0
Jonathon Amaya	40	0	2	1	1
Mundrea Clifton	33	0.5	3	0	1
Kevin Grimes	25	0	0	0	0
Jeremy Engstrom	22	0	1.5	2	0
Kenny Viser	20	0	0.5	0	0
Cameron Bayne	19	0	0	0	0
Mike Samples	15	0	1	0	1
Dontay Moch	13	3.5	0	3	0
Shannon Sevor	13	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Alex Rosenblum	21	183	8.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dwayne Sanders	22	498	22.6	0
Chris Wellington	15	308	20.5	0

NEVADA'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	33.5	23	214	4.9	253	52.5	14.0	-3	2007	6	32.2	21	174	4.4	241	58.6	12.9
6*	30.1	21	171	4.3	187	63.2	11.9	+12	2006	7	19.2	17	128	4.0	198	59.6	17.0
6*	34.2	25	200	4.5	250	61.3	13.2	0	2005	6	31.9	22	141	4.3	269	55.9	12.9
6*	29.7	24	154	4.0	265	58.8	14.1	+1	2004	4	34.4	20	209	4.9	190	55.5	11.6
6	23.5	20	171	4.3	216	49.2	16.5	+5	2003	10	28.2	22	169	4.1	237	57.6	14.4
6	27.6	24	138	3.9	296	61.2	15.7	-6	2002	10	30.9	20	178	4.7	242	54.5	13.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

UN 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,078	at Nebraska	9	24-77	3.2	9-27	108	1	35	70-413	5.9	15-26	212	0	0
17,653	at Northwestern	30	51-192	3.8	22-35	337	3	18	26-204	7.8	20-45	227	2	-2
15,233	Nicholls St	29	51-333	6.5	12-26	248	1	11	58-211	3.6	0-1	0	4	-2
25,728	UNLV	21	35-128	3.7	20-38	330	2	24	39-205	5.3	18-40	249	1	0
18,503	Fresno St	30	39-211	5.4	30-50	491	4	15	35-307	8.8	10-16	168	0	0
30,394	at Boise St	28	52-396	7.6	11-26	243	3	30	48-274	5.7	27-36	353	0	+2
9,462	at Utah St	27	57-302	5.3	15-23	170	2	12	34-106	3.1	11-19	106	3	0
11,960	Idaho	26	45-159	3.5	15-26	203	2	17	35-56	1.6	12-24	156	4	0
12,268	at New Mex St	23	47-285	6.1	15-28	237	1	29	30-103	3.4	35-49	407	3	-1
22,437	Hawaii	19	48-216	4.5	9-20	134	2	21	21-51	2.4	35-49	379	3	-2
12,678	at San Jose St	22	35-174	5.0	12-24	252	1	25	40-86	2.2	30-47	346	1	-1
9,113	Louisiana Tech	29	55-237	4.3	18-29	404	1	12	33-55	1.7	12-29	173	3	+2
30,223	at New Mexico	12	30-73	2.4	13-31	137	3	26	40-194	4.9	20-37	354	2	+1
TOTALS		305	569-2783	4.9	201-383	3294	26	275	509-2265	4.4	245-418	3130	26	-3
AVERAGES		23.5	44-214	4.9	15-29	253	2.0	21.2	39-174	4.4	19-32	241	2.0	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	S Utah	NL	24-23
-	at Oregon	+22	23-31
-	at San Jose St	-1'	42-30
-	SMU	-19	12-9
-	UNLV	+5'	12-16
-	at Washington	+17'	28-17
-	at Tulsa	E	28-21
-	Louisiana Tech	-4	34-42
-	at Rice	-6	42-52
-	Fresno St	-2'	10-27
-	Hawaii	+3'	24-14
-	at Boise St - #18	+22	3-56

2004 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Louisiana Tech	+5	21-38
-	Sacramento St	NL	59-7
-	Buffalo	-16	38-13
-	at San Diego St	+14'	10-27
-	at UNLV	+5'	13-48
-	at Hawaii	+18'	26-48
-	Rice	+8	35-10
-	Tulsa	-3	54-48 3OT
-	San Jose St	-14	42-24
-	at SMU	-7	20-38
-	at Fresno St	+26	17-54
-	Boise St - #10	+25'	21-58

2005 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Washington St	+9	21-55
-	UNLV	+1'	22-14
-	at Colorado St	+17'	21-42
-	at San Jose St	-3'	30-23
-	Idaho	-8	62-14
-	Louisiana Tech	-2	37-27
-	at Boise St	+20	14-49
-	Hawaii	-5	38-28
-	at New Mexico St	-10	48-24
-	at Utah St	-9'	30-24
-	Fresno St - #16	+15	38-35

2006 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Fresno St	+12	19-28
-	at Arizona St - #25	+14'	21-52
-	Colorado St	-3	28-10
-	Northwestern	-7	31-21
-	at UNLV	-3'	31-3
-	at Hawaii	+12	34-41
-	San Jose St	-12'	23-7
-	New Mexico St	-17'	48-21
-	at Idaho	-10	45-7
-	Utah St	-29	42-0
-	at Louisiana Tech	-17'	42-0
-	Boise St - #12	+2'	7-38

2007 RESULTS

UN Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Nebraska - #20	+21	10-52
-	at Northwestern	+10	31-36
-	Nicholls St	NL	52-17
-	UNLV	-3'	27-20
-	Fresno St	-3	41-49
-	at Boise St	+26'	67-69 4OT
-	at Utah St	-7	31-28
-	Idaho	-17'	37-21
-	at New Mexico St	-7	40-38
-	Hawaii - #13	+6	26-28
-	at San Jose St	-3'	24-27
-	Louisiana Tech	-7	49-10

HAWAII WARRIORS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Hawaii had to replace Timmy Chang who left as the only passer in NCAA history to top 17,000 yards. Colt Brennan came off the bench in the 2nd game of '05 and hit 23 of 31 for 219 in the 2H vs Mich St and the Brennan era began. Brennan would go on to lead the NCAA in TD passes, finishing with 4,301 yards (68%) and a 35-13 ratio. Surprisingly, the UH record for completion % in a season was just 60% (Chang) and he thrashed that. Brennan was the best QB in college in 2006 throwing for an amazing 5,549 (72.6%) with a 58-12 ratio. His 58 TD's topped David Klingler's 1990 NCAA mark (57) and he led the NCAA in pass eff (186.0)! Tyler Graunke did well when called upon throwing for 501 (74.4%) with a 4-0 ratio and his passer rating (203) was actually higher than Brennan's. Inoke Funaki (5'11" 195 Jr) threw for 128 (50%) and may have the strongest arm of the QB's. In 2007 Brennan had a streak of 14 straight 300+ games end vs UNLV (298). Due to an ankle injury to Brennan, Graunke started vs IAA Char So where he started out throwing an int and then 5 straight inc and was booed by the home crowd. UH needed a KR and IR TD to expand the lead before Funaki came off the bench to throw two 4Q TD's. Brennan was injured in the 2Q vs Utah St but this time Graunke completed 8 of his first 9 throwing for 3 TD's and running for another. Against SJSt, Brennan set a WAC record for att in a game (75) in their come from behind OT thriller. Brennan started the next 3 but suffered a concussion vs Fresno St. Graunke got the start vs Nevada on a Friday but Brennan came in on the 2nd snap and hit 2 of 2 before giving way to Graunke who passed for 33 of 46 for 358 to lead a comeback win. Brennan started the last 4 and finished his career as the owner of 31 NCAA records. Replacing Brennan (#6DC WAS) is Graunke who threw for 1,234 (65.7%) with a 10-6 ratio and Funaki. Not listed in the 2 deep below are Jake Santos (5'11" 200 Sr), Kiran Kepo'o (6'1" 220 rFr, PS#130), Shane Austin (6'0" 185 rFr, PS#197) and Bryce Kalauokaaea (6'1" 200 rFr, PS#317). New HC Greg McMackin has two top-notch JUCO's arriving in the summer who will also contend. In a departure from the shotgun, the QB's were also taking snaps under C in Ron Lee's offense in the spring. Naturally with the loss of a Heisman contender, this unit figures to be less productive.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Warriors had to replace their top RB Nate Ilaoa who rushed for 990 (7.6) and also had 837 yards (12.5) in rec's in '06. He fell 10 yards shy of being former HC June Jones' first ever 1,000 yard rusher. The leading returning RB was Jason Laumoli who had just 34 yards. Nebraska transfer Leon Wright-Jackson (PS#8DB) did not join the team until mid-Aug and Jones said he wouldn't be a big factor until he learned the offense. Surprisingly, the feature RB was true frosh Kealoha Pilares (PS#280) who is a top-notch blocker. Pilares led the team with 388 (5.7) and also had 26 rec (9.6). Wright-Jackson started 4 and rushed for 219 (6.6) and had 16 rec (9.1) but surprisingly had just 1 rush att in the last 4. The best blocker of the RB corps was FB David Farmer (14 att). Converted WR Daniel Libre (5'8" 185 Sr) played in 4 at the end of the year and rushed for 190 (8.3). Not listed in the PSL are Camron Carmona (5'8" 170 Sr), Alonzo Chopp (6'0" 240 Sr), Khevin Peoples (5'11" 200 Sr) who played DB in the spring, Jayson Rego (5'9" 215 Jr) and FB's Jake Heun (6'1" 255 Jr, PS#320JC) and Korey Reynolds (6'3" 230 rFr, PS#185DL). This year the only loss is Laumoli (6 gm, 19 yd) so I look for improved numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Warriors used 4 WR's, rarely using a FB or TE, and naturally their WR's put up big numbers like Ashley Lelie (#1DC) who had 1,713 yards (20.4) with 19 TD's in 2001. In 2005 true frosh Davone Bess had 1,124 (12.6) and Ryan Grice-Mullen had 1,228 (14.4). Jason Rivers had 973 (12.2) in '04 but missed '05. All 3 were back in '06 and Bess led with 1,220 (12.7), Rivers had 1,178 (16.4) and Grice-Mullen added 770 (16.7). All 3 returned again in '07 and Jones even moved in CB CJ Hawthorne. Jones said Hawthorne gave them a big-time vertical threat which they hadn't had since Lelie left. This time they had three 1,000 yard receivers with Grice-Mullen totaling 1,372 (12.9), Bess adding 1,266 (11.7) and Rivers having 1,174 (12.8). Hawthorne added 859 (14.1). All four depart as Grice-Mullen (13 st) and Bess (13 st) both left early for the NFL draft (not drafted) and Rivers (11 st) and Hawthorne (13 st) graduated. Not listed below are Nathaniel Nasca (5'8" 165 Sr) and Jett Jasper (6'1" 200 rFr). This unit will once again put up big-time stats, but is not as experienced or as talented as 2007's fantastic four.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Jones did an outstanding job developing the line and in his 9 years had 7 OL's drafted. Last year the unit was my biggest concern as they had to replace 3 starters including a #2 DC and a 1st Tm WAC LT. Despite their unbeaten regular season, the numbers did drop as they avg just 3.4 ypc (their lowest since 2001) and the sacks rose to 35 (5.3%) with Georgia getting 8 in the bowl. This year they lose 1st Tm AA LG Hercules Satele (13 st, 2Y st'r) and RG Larry Sauafea (13 st). They have 3 starters back and the returning RB's avg 5.8 ypc. Not listed in the PSL are Daniel Otineru (6'3" 285 Sr), Jared Lene (6'3" 220 So) and Adrian Thomas (6'5" 315 So). Even with the loss of a rare AA, this unit is more experienced and could put up better numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year UH had to replace a pair of 1st Tm WAC DL's but had 2 starters returning. UH improved to 3.5 ypc while recording 38 sacks. This year they lose 1st Tm WAC DT Michael Lafaele (12 st, 21 tkl, 3.5 tfl), DE Amani Purcell (12 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl), DE Karl Noa (13 st, 42 tkl, 4.5 sk) and DE Siave Seti (11 tkl). While David Veikune (455 bench) was a backup, he still was named 1st Tm WAC with 7 sacks. Not listed in the PSL are Alasi Toilolo (6'3" 255 rFr), Elliott Purcell (6'3" 240 So) and Keahi Watson (6'1" 300 So). There is good talent here but with the loss of 3 starters I will call the unit down a notch.

LINEBACKERS - The Warriors returned all 3 starters at LB last year. Solomon Elimimian led with 141 tackles and earned 1st Tm WAC honors as did #2 tackler Adam Leonard (105). This year the only losses are Brad Kalilimoku (11 st, 46 tkl, 3 sk), Micah Lau (10 tkl, 2 tfl), Timo Paepule (22 tkl) and Rustin Saole (11 tkl). Tyson Kafentzis started 8 at SLB in '06 but was a 3rd stringer last year. Not listed in the PSL are Cory Paredes (5'10" 220 rFr) and Po'okela Ahmad (6'1" 225 So). Leonard battled knee and thumb injuries last year but says he's now 100%. Despite not being as experienced, their top 2 are back and I'll call this unit stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Last year the Warriors had to replace a 1st Tm WAC FS but had 3 starters back. JC transfer Ryan Mouton (4.3 spd) had his enrollment delayed and then was banged up. DB Coach Rich Miano says he's the best corner they've had in 9 years which is where he'll play after being the team's NB in '07. UH moved up to #28 in my pass D rankings (from #60) with a 16-20 ratio. This year they lose 1st Tm WAC CB Myron Newberry (13 st, 53 tkl, 4 int, 10 pbu), CB Gerard Lewis (13 st, 51 tkl, 2 int), SS Jacob Patek (13 st, 77 tkl, 3 int), AJ Martinez (1 tkl, inj'd), Ryan Keomalia (8 tkl) and Guyton Galdeira (13 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Chris Thorpe (5'7" 190 Sr), Josh Aufai (5'11" 200 Sr) and Vilianni Nauahi (6'1" 225 Jr, PS#261). I like the talent of this group but they are less experienced than 2007's and figure to drop some in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Jones' teams had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #4 in 2001 but surprisingly the last few years they've been just #90, #56 and #57. Last year's final finish (#57) was surprising as they returned 4 kicks for TD's and had a tremendous clutch kicker in Dan Kelly. Kelly nailed a 49 yard FG to force OT vs LT and later had a 45 yard FG with :11 left to beat Nevada. Malcolm Lane (29.2) and Ryan Mouton (29.6) both finished in the top 10 KR's. Coverage teams (3 ret TD's) cost UH a higher ranking as despite Tim Grasso's 39.7 punting, they had a net of just 32.0 and allowed 23.9 on KR's with Dan Kelly having 5 TB's (7 in '06). This year they return all of their key players except for PR Bess (9.7) and should have one of the best ST units in the WAC.

COACHES - June Jones had a storied 9 years here taking over an 0-12 team and guiding them to a BCS bowl (Sugar) with an undefeated reg season in his final season. New HC McMackin was the DC at Texas Tech from 2000-'03 and pulled the same duties with the 49ers from '03-'05. He was the UH DC in 1999 and returned in that role here last year. McMackin went from earning $110,000 as DC to $1.1 million. Ironically, Jones only earned $800,000. McMackin's 2007 defense improved from #93 to #34. He was the HC at Oregon Tech for five years (1986-'90) and twice was named Coach of the Year. The new OC is Ron Lee who ran a run-and-shoot offense at St Louis HS in Honolulu that earned 14 state titles. The new DC is Cal Lee (Ron's brother) who has been the LB coach here the last 5 years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 1999 I called for UH to have the most improved team in the NCAA and they did not disappoint going from 0-12 to 9-4, the biggest single season turnaround in NCAA history. They had a rebuilding year in 2000 (3-9) but rebounded with 4 consecutive winning seasons and 3 straight bowls. In 2002, they were ranked in the Top 25 (ESPN poll) for the first time since 1992 and went 10-4 despite being -14 in turnovers. In 2003, Hawaii upset Alabama, had a 26-21 FD edge in their loss to USC, and finished 9-5. In 2005, they had to replace the NCAA's all-time career leading passer in Timmy Chang and lost the highest amount of lettermen in the WAC (26). UH was much better statistically at +79.3 ypg (2nd best) but finished 4-4 in the WAC. In 2006 they had 9 starters back on offense and I called for them to have their best ppg since 2001 (40.3) which they easily topped with 46.9 ppg (#1 NCAA) and they went 11-3 including their Hawaii Bowl win over Ariz St. Last year I called for the Warriors to break the school record in wins as all 8 sets of my power ratings called for them to have an undefeated season. I also projected them to play in the Sugar Bowl. Much like Boise the year before, UH gave me a couple of scares. They barely got past LA Tech in OT (49 yd FG with 1:34 left to force OT) and later in horrible field conditions on a Friday night at SJSt, they trailed 35-21 with 4:00 left but prevailed in OT. They then traveled on a short week (Friday) to the altitude of Nevada with an injured Brennan for a cold weather game. They needed a late rally for a 45 yd FG with :11 left to pull out a 28-26 win. In their biggest home game ever, they beat Boise St 39-27 (574-332 yd edge). They trailed Wash 21-0 in the 1Q and got a TD with :44 left. UW got to the UH 4 but was int'd in the EZ and that capped their undefeated season. UH never had a chance in the bowl as they allowed 8 sacks and trailed 41-3. June Jones left for SMU and McMackin inherits a schedule that has them travelling to face Florida, Oreg St, Fresno and Boise plus they lose Brennan and his star receivers. They have just 8 returning starters (fewest in the WAC). UH shared the WAC Title in 1992 and 1999 so 2007 was their first ever outright win. The last two years they have had the league best ypg margin in WAC play at +162 and +161.5. I'll call for UH to be bowl eligible for a 3rd straight year but do not see them repeating as WAC Champs as they will have more losses this year than the last two years combined (4).

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 6 Tyler Graunke Sr. 6-0 185 2 st 2Y, 1735 (68%) 14-6 ratio. Greg Alexander PS#29JC. **11** Inoke Funaki (5'11" 195 Jr) 264 (59%) 2Y. Brent Rausch (6'4" 190 So) PS#171JC.

RB 4 LEON WRIGHT-JACKSON JR. 6-1 210 **PS#8DB Nebraska**. 4 st, 219 (6.6), 16 rec LY. **26** Daniel Libre (5'8" 185 Sr) 266 ttl yds. **38** Mario Cox (5'11" 230 Jr) PS#180. 95 ttl yd 3Y.

SB 21 Kealoha Pilares So. 5-11 190 PS#280RB. 2 st true, #1 rusher 388 (5.7), 26 rec. **85** Aaron Bain (5'9" 190 Sr) 230 (13.5) 3Y. **FB 48** David Farmer (6'1" 225 Sr) 6 st 3Y, 298 ttl yd.

WR 89 Malcolm Lane Jr. 6-2 185 2 st LY, 270 (19.3). Mike Tinoco PS#229JC. **81** Dylan Linkner (6'0" 205 Sr). Eric Shaffer (5'9" 185 rFr) PS#74. Rick Taylor (5'9" 175 So).

WR 5 Michael Washington Sr. 5-7 175 4.27 spd. 136 yd '05-'06. 292 all-purp LY. Jovonte Taylor PS#448JC. Jimmy Flanagan (6'0" 190 Jr). Jon Medeiros (5'8" 195 Jr). Royce Pollard (6'2" 175 rFr).

WR 80 Daniel Lofton So. 6-3 200 **PS#48. Cal trans.** 1 Greg Salas (6'2" 205 So) 3 rec LY. **84** Joe Avery (6'5" 180 rFr). Ryan Henry (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#242JC. Craig Bell PS#417JC.

C 55 JOHN ESTES JR. 6-2 290 14 st RG rFr. 13 st C, **1st Tm WAC LY**. **61** Austin Hansen (6'4" 280 rFr). Daniel Johnson (6'4" 290 Jr). **LS** Jake Ingram (6'4" 235 Sr) 26 games 2Y.

RG 51 Lafu Tuioti-Mariner Sr. 6-0 285 2 gm '06. 13 gm LY. **610 squat. 74** Raphael Ieru (6'2" 310 Jr) PS#317DL. 8 gm 2Y. Sila Lefiti (6'0" 290 rFr). **58** Joey Lipp (6'3" 275 So).

LG 62 KEITH AhSOON SR. 6-1 315 11 gm rFr. 11 gm '06. 13 st LT LY. **63** Brysen Ginlack (6'2" 290 So) 9 gm rFr. **53** Levi Legay (6'3" 270 Fr). **71** Travis Campbell (6'4" 275 rFr).

RT HA KAINOA LaCOUNT JR. 6-7 285 PS#253JC. **78 Keoni Steinhoff** (6'3" 280 Sr) 11 gm '06. **13 st LY**. Clayton Laurel (6'2" 275 rFr). **69** Cameron Allen-Jones (6'2" 275 Jr). Marshall trans.

LT 77 Aaron Kia Jr. 6-5 300 15 gm 2Y. **64** Ray Hisatake (6'3" 315 Jr) PS#144JC. RS LY. **50** Laupepa Letuli (6'3" 290 Jr) PS#205. 13 games LY. **51** Les Soloai (6'4" 290 So).

K 86 DAN KELLY SR. 6-3 210 Hit 10-15 FG as true, long 46. 13-17 FG in '06, long 52. Hit 12-17 FG LY, long 54. 4-9 from 40-49. 2-2 from 50+, 70-74 xp's.

DE 94 David Veikune Sr. 6-3 250 PS#297. 11 tkl, 2 sk '06. 1 st LY **1st Tm WAC**. 34 tkl, 7 sk. **33** CJ Allen Jones (6'2" 220 Sr) 6 st 3Y, 33 tkl, 4 tfl. Antwan Mahaley (6'5" 215 Jr) PS#273WR.

DT 96 FALE LAELI SR. 6-1 290 13 st LY, 25 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **99** Joshua Leonard (6'3" 275 Sr) **PS#43JC.** 12 tkl, 2.5 sk LY. Vaughn Meatoga (6'2" 285 rFr). Rocky Savaiigaea (6'2" 300 Jr) 9 tkl 2Y.

DT 93 Keala Watson Sr. 6-3 300 PS#312. 3 st, 33 tkl, 3 tfl 4Y. **91** Chris Leatigaga (6'4" 270 Jr) PS#92. C LY. RS. Quentin Beaver (6'1" 350 Fr) 225 bench 32x. Tuika Tufaga (6'3" 285 Jr).

DE 58 John Fonoti Jr. 6-3 250 24 tkl, 3 sk LY. Haku Correa PS#142. **98** Francis Maka (6'2" 240 Sr) PS#396JC. 17 tkl LY. ? '08. Victor Clore (6'3" 245 Jr) 2 tkl '06. Bo Montgomery (6'2" 250 Sr).

WLB 44 ADAM LEONARD SR. 6-0 235 PS#76. 14 st '06. **1st Tm WAC**, 105 tkl, 11.5 tfl LY. Tyson Kafentzis (6'1" 220 Sr) 8 st 3Y, 41 tkl, 3 tfl. RJ Kiesel-Kauhane (5'11" 225 Jr) 9 tkl 2Y, 455 bench.

MLB 17 SOLOMON ELIMIMIAN SR. 6-0 220 PS#323. 22 st, 172 tkl, 8 tfl '05-'06, **1st Tm WAC** LY. 141 tkl, 12 tfl. **50** Mana Lolotai (6'0" 220 So) PS#191. **13** Brashton Satele (6'1" 245 Jr) PS#223.

SLB 53 Blaze Soares Jr. 6-1 240 PS#282. 41 tkl 2Y, 4 sk, 5 tfl. **41** Kevin Konrath (6'3" 220 rFr) PS#164. **28** Erik Pedersen (6'0" 200 Jr) 11 tkl 2Y. Joshua Rice (5'11" 210 Jr).

CB 2 Ryan Mouton Sr. 5-10 180 PS#79JC. **4.3 spd**. 26 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu, 39" VL. Jeramy Bryant PS#407JC. Calvin Roberts (5'11" 190 Sr). Chris Black PS#422JC. Ryan Perry (5'7" 170 Sr).

CB 3 Jamel Dowling Sr. 6-3 205 PS#91JC. 9 tkl at **Oreg** '06. JoPierre Davis (6'0" 200 Jr) 8 tkl LY. Keenan Jones (5'11" 181 Sr) PS#103. ? for '08. MacArthur Cheek (5'9" 175 So).

SS 35 Keao Monteilh Sr. 5-11 195 5 st CB '05. First 8 st FS LY until inj, 19 tkl, 2 int. **7** Erik Robinson (5'11" 195 Sr) PS#192JC. 13 tkl LY. **31** Spencer Smith (5'11" 195 So) 7 tkl LY.

FS 24 DESMOND THOMAS SR. 6-3 175 PS#272WR. 7 st LY, 56 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **20** Le'Marcus Gibson (5'10" 185 rFr) PS#147. ACL true, 2 gm. **43** Mana Silva (6'1" 205 So) PS#295. Oreg St trans.

P 49 TIM GRASSO SR. 5-11 221 PS#199JC. Avg 42.7 at Dixie St in '05. 35 punts in '07, 39.7 avg but net of 32.0, 10 inside the 20. Played with torn hamstring in '07.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Greg Alexander 6-5 240 PS#29JC
QB	Brent Rausch 6-4 190 PS#171JC
DL	Geordon Hanohano 6-2 270 PS#93
WR	Mike Tinoco 6-2 200 PS#229JC
WR	Ryan Henry 5-10 175 PS#242JC
OL	Kainoa LaCount 6-7 285 PS#253JC
DL	Haku Correa 6-1 270 PS#142
DB	Steven Christian 6-1 175 PS#115
LB	Paipai Falemalu 6-3 220 PS#105
DB	Lewis Walker 5-11 170 PS#135
RB	Jake Heun 6-1 255 PS#320JC
OL	Tuiatua Tuiasosopo 6-1 290 PS#188
DB	Jeramy Bryant 5-9 175 PS#407JC
WR	Craig Bell 6-1 185 PS#417JC
DB	Chris Black 5-10 170 PS#422JC
WR	Dustin Blount 5-9 165 PS#448JC
WR	Jovonte Taylor 5-9 185 PS#448JC
DB	Christian Vasconcellos 6-2 190 PS#268
DB	Kimo Leung-Choi 5-10 205 PS#474JC
WR	Jimmy Flanagan 6-0 190 PS#512JC
LB	Art Laurel 6-1 205 PS#384
WR	Earvin Sione 6-5 190 PS#456DB
LB	Alema Tachibana 6-3 200 PS#408
DB	Steve Stepter 5-10 180 PS#500
OL	Levi Legay 6-3 270 PS#606 '07

HAWAII WARRIORS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-5.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#76

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UH	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Florida	G					
Sep. 6	Weber St	A					
Sep. 13	at Oregon St	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	San Jose St	A					
Oct. 4	at Fresno St	G					
Oct. 11	Louisiana Tech (HC)	A					
Oct. 17	at Boise St (Fri)	A					
Oct. 25	Nevada	A					
Nov. 1	at Utah St	A					
Nov. 8	at New Mexico St	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Idaho	A					
Nov. 29	Washington St	A					
Dec. 6	Cincinnati	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Timmy Chang 17,072 '00-'04
2. Colt Brennan 14,193 '05-'07
3. Dan Robinson 6,038 '97-'99

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Gary Allen 3,451 '78-'81
2. Michael Carter 2,528 '90-'93
3. Travis Sims 2,311 '89-'92

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jason Rivers 3,919 '03-'04, '06-'07
2. Davone Bess 3,610 '05-'07
3. Ryan Grice-Mullin 3,370 '04-'07

First meeting. Hawaii is 3-7 vs tms from the SEC including LY's Sugar Bowl loss. The Warriors are 1-7 in their 1st road game recording an OT win last year.

First meeting. UH played 2 FCS tms in '07 defeating N Colorado 63-6 & Charleston Southern 66-10. Big Sky member Weber St went 5-6 in '07 losing to Boise St 56-7.

Hawaii trails the all-time series with OSU 4-3 including a regular season home finale loss in 2006. The Warriors are 13-33 all-time vs Pac-10 foes.

These 2 are 15-15-1 all-time but the Warriors have won the L/7 including the L/4 at home. Hawaii trailed 35-21 in the 4Q but tied it with :31 left & won in OT on the road.

UH has won 5 of 7 in this series. LY UH lead 31-7 2Q, QB Brennan left w/a concussion in the 4Q & the Warriors held off a late rally recovering an onside kick for the win.

Hawaii is 5-1 vs the Bulldogs. Hawaii has won 9 straight WAC HG's since 2005. LY CB Lewis batted down a 2 pt conv to preserve a thrilling come-from-behind victory.

LY #14 Hawaii defeated #17 Boise St to claim its 1st outright WAC Title in the biggest win in school history. Hawaii snapped a 6 game losing streak to Boise.

UN iced the K calling TO just before the snap & the kick split the uprights. 2nd try, Kelly's 45-yd FG with :11 left lifted No. 13 Hawaii past Nevada. The HT is 8-1 in this series.

The Warriors have won the L/3, while in the series they are tied at 4 wins apiece. Hawaii has outscored the Aggies by an avg of 55-23 in their last 3.

The Warriors are 4-0 all-time vs the Aggies with the avg score of 46-23. Last time here UH only lead 28-24 after 3Q's, but ran off 21 pts in the final period.

HC McMackin was DC here at Idaho from '76-'78. UH is 7-1 in this series including 6 straight wins. Last year Hawaii scored 31 unanswered pts despite having 5 int's.

Hawaii is 8-3 at home vs non-conf opponents with 2 of those losses to Pac-10 teams. UH is 1-2 vs WSU (all in Hawaii) losing 22-14 in their last meeting in 1999.

Hawaii is 4-2 vs current BE schools including a win vs Cincinnati in 2002. The Warriors are 5-2 in regular season finales. In the L/5 gms UH has outscored opponents 226-224.

GREG McMACKIN (Career 0-0) (NAIA 24-14-1)
1st Year at Hawaii
McMackin's Bowl Record: 0-0

McMackin's records AT HAWAII

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (12-1)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 64 (34,27,3)
Lost: 26 (9,16,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 43,514 (#53)

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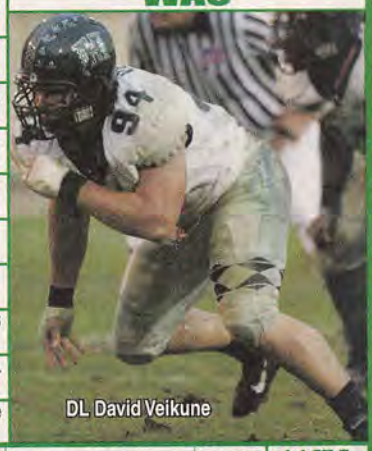
DL David Veikune

STADIUM: ALOHA STADIUM (50,000) (#60)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	9-3	10-4	9-5	8-5	5-7	11-3	12-1	67-37
Home	3-5	7-2	7-2	7-1	8-1	3-4	8-1	7-0	50-16
Away	0-4	2-1	3-2	2-4	0-4	2-3	3-2	5-0	17-20
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	7-1	5-3	4-4	4-4	7-1	8-0	42-22
vs Non-Conf	1-3	4-0	3-3	4-2	4-1	1-3	4-2	4-1	25-15
ATS	7-4	7-4	6-7	4-9	7-6	7-5	9-4	4-7	51-46
Home Fav (John Jones)	2-0	3-3	2-5	2-3	5-2	3-0	5-3	2-3	24-19
Home Dog	3-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	2-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	10-6
Away Fav	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-3	0-1	1-0	2-1	2-3	7-10
Away Dog	2-2	1-0	2-1	0-2	0-3	1-2	2-0	0-0	8-10
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	4-4	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	5-3	6-2	3-5	32-32
vs Non-Conf	3-0	2-1	2-3	2-3	4-1	2-2	3-2	1-2	19-14
Off SU Win	2-1	6-2	4-6	2-6	4-3	2-2	6-4	4-7	30-31
Off SU Loss	5-3	1-2	2-1	2-3	3-2	5-2	2-0	0-0	20-13

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kealoha Pilares	68	404	16	388	3	5.7
Leon Wright-Jackson	33	225	6	219	2	6.6
Daniel Libre	23	199	9	190	0	8.3
Inoke Funaki	11	71	12	59	0	5.4
Colt Brennan	82	190	163	27	8	0.3
Tyler Graunke	21	61	50	11	3	0.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Colt Brennan	510	359	70.4	4343	38	17
Tyler Graunke	137	90	65.7	1234	10	6
Inoke Funaki	15	10	66.7	136	3	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Ryan Grice-Mullen	106	1372	12.9	13	64	
Davone Bess	108	1266	11.7	12	48	
Jason Rivers	92	1174	12.8	13	72	
CJ Hawthorne	61	859	14.1	6	53	
Malcolm Lane	14	270	19.3	2	81	
Kealoha Pilares	26	249	9.6	1	41	
Leon Wright-Jackson	16	146	9.1	0	26	
David Farmer	9	95	10.6	1	20	
Daniel Libre	9	76	8.4	0	17	
Aaron Bain	5	73	14.6	1	32	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Tim Grasso	35	1390	39.7	10	32.0	0	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Dan Kelly	70-74	5-5	1-1	4-9	2-2	12-17	54

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Solomon Elimimian	141	1.5	10.5	3	0
Adam Leonard	105	2	9.5	4	4
Jacob Patek	77	2	3.5	4	3
Desmond Thomas	56	0	2.5	4	1
Myron Newberry	53	1	0	10	4
Gerard Lewis	51	0	1	4	2
Brad Kalilimoku	46	3	5.5	2	0
Karl Noa	42	4.5	4	2	0
David Veikune	34	7	1.5	0	0
Amani Purcell	33	3	3	2	0
Blaze Soares	27	2	4	0	0
Ryan Mouton	26	1	2	7	2
Fale Laeli	25	2.5	4	0	0
John Fonoti	24	3	0.5	2	0
Timo Paepule	22	0	2.5	1	0
Michael Lafaele	21	0.5	3	0	0
Keao Monteilh	19	0	1.5	3	2
Francis Maka	17	1	1	0	0
Keala Watson	17	0	1.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Davone Bess	18	175	9.7	0	
Michael Washington	5	104	20.8	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Malcolm Lane	25	730	29.2	2	
Ryan Mouton	14	414	29.6	1	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
02	Hawaii	-14	Tulane	28-36
03	Hawaii	-10'	Houston (3OT)	54-48
04	Hawaii	-4	UAB	59-40
06	Hawaii	-7	Arizona St	41-24
07	Sugar - #10	+7'	Georgia - #4	10-41

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HAWAII'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	43.4	27	73	3.4	439	69.2	11.8	-6	2007	8	25.5	20	134	3.5	214	57.0	13.7
9*	46.9	27	118	5.5	441	72.2	11.9	+1	2006	5	24.1	21	136	3.9	242	54.7	15.7
4	30.7	26	92	4.0	384	65.6	15.5	-3	2005	6	35.7	24	188	4.7	251	62.1	12.3
10*	35.9	22	96	4.7	339	58.2	12.1	-2	2004	3	38.4	25	253	5.4	235	55.8	12.7
7*	34.7	24	104	4.6	384	58.9	14.1	-8	2003	7	30.5	21	158	3.8	239	56.7	13.0
6*	35.9	24	110	5.0	386	55.7	13.8	-14	2002	8	27.8	22	169	4.0	226	51.1	14.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

UH 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
40,252	N Colorado	30	10-37	3.7	45-59	540	0	14	34-50	1.5	18-29	132	1	+1
22,135	at Louisiana Tech	32	20-45	2.3	43-61	548	4	24	49-223	4.6	23-36	187	3	-3
38,125	at UNLV	23	29-96	3.3	29-39	396	1	20	30-143	4.8	22-44	206	2	+1
37,723	Charleston Southern	22	26-147	5.7	28-45	363	0	15	40-72	1.8	19-41	239	5	+1
13,807	at Idaho	31	25-91	3.6	32-51	394	3	19	34-90	2.6	19-41	213	5	-1
36,360	Utah St	23	19-47	2.5	28-38	465	1	21	44-123	2.8	21-29	247	6	0
20,473	at San Jose St	34	26-56	2.2	44-75	545	4	18	25-42	1.7	27-47	302	2	0
41,218	New Mexico St	26	14-67	4.8	29-46	425	1	28	27-77	2.9	41-59	365	3	+1
49,047	Fresno St	25	24-137	5.7	29-40	410	4	25	44-182	4.1	15-26	209	5	-1
22,437	at Nevada	21	21-51	2.4	35-49	379	3	19	48-216	4.5	9-20	134	2	+2
50,000	Boise St	33	24-79	3.3	40-53	495	2	19	35-101	2.9	22-37	231	3	0
50,000	Washington	27	23-96	4.2	42-50	442	4	21	50-261	5.2	9-18	142	1	-2
74,383	† Georgia	20	18-(-5)	-0.3	35-57	311	8	19	40-160	4.0	14-27	175	0	-5
TOTALS		347	279-944	3.4	459-663	5713	35	262	500-1740	3.5	259-454	2782	38	-6
AVERAGES		26.7	21-73	3.4	35-51	439	2.6	20.2	38-134	3.5	20-35	214	2.9	-0.5

2003 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Appalachian St	NL	40-17
–	at USC - #4	+21	32-61
–	at UNLV	+1	22-33
–	Rice	-21	41-21
–	at Tulsa	-9	16-27
–	Fresno St	-3	55-28
–	at Louisiana Tech	E	44-41
–	UTEP	-27'	31-15
–	at San Jose St	-13	13-10
–	at Nevada	-3'	14-24
–	Army	-26'	59-28
–	Alabama	+2'	37-29
–	Boise St - #18	+11	28-45

2004 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Florida Atlantic	-21	28-35 OT
–	at Rice	-1'	29-41
–	Tulsa	-11	44-16
–	Nevada	-18'	48-26
–	at UTEP	+3'	20-51
–	San Jose St	-22	46-28
–	at Boise St - #18	+23'	3-69
–	Louisiana Tech	-3'	34-23
–	at Fresno St	+21	14-70
–	Idaho	-21	52-21
–	Northwestern	+6	49-41
–	Michigan St	+6	41-38

2005 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	USC - #1	+36	17-63
–	at Michigan St	+31'	14-42
–	at Idaho	E	24-0
–	Boise St	+10'	41-44
–	at Louisiana Tech	+3	14-46
–	New Mexico St	-20	49-28
–	at San Jose St	-6	45-38
–	Fresno St - #22	+13	13-27
–	at Nevada	+5	28-38
–	Utah St	-16'	50-23
–	Wisconsin - #24	+7	24-41
–	San Diego St	-3	49-38

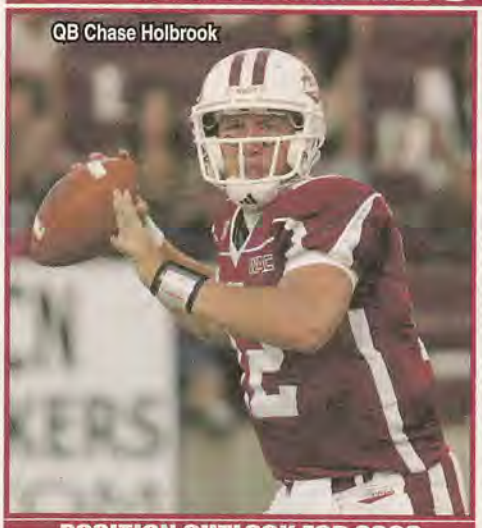
2006 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Alabama	+15	17-25
–	UNLV	-13	42-13
–	at Boise St - #25	+14	34-41
–	E Illinois	NL	44-9
–	Nevada	-12	41-34
–	at Fresno St	-4	68-37
–	at New Mexico St	-20'	49-30
–	Idaho	-20'	68-10
–	at Utah St	-26	63-10
–	Louisiana Tech	-37'	61-17
–	San Jose St	-25	54-17
#25	Purdue	-18'	42-35
#24	Oregon St	-8	32-35

2007 RESULTS

UH Rank	Pre #23 Opponent	Line	Post #19 Score
#23	Northern Colorado	NL	63-6
#20	at Louisiana Tech	-28	45-44 OT
#24	at UNLV	-17	49-14
#19	Charleston Southern	NL	66-10
#19	at Idaho	-25	48-20
#16	Utah St	-39'	52-37
#16	at San Jose St	-17	42-35 OT
#16	New Mexico St	-30	50-13
#14	Fresno St	-18	37-30
#13	at Nevada	-6	28-26
#14	Boise St - #17	-2'	39-27
#11	Washington	-13	35-28

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES


QB Chase Holbrook

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - NMSt ran an option offense prior to HC Hal Mumme's arrival and in his first year Joey Vincent, who had 187 career yards, battled JUCO Royal Gill (6'5" 215) for the starting job. Keep in mind for Mumme's system to be effective, the QB's should complete at least 64%. Those two QB's combined for 3,149 yards but just 56.7% with a 17-21 ratio. Mumme brought in Chase Holbrook who played in his offense at SEL in '04 and I projected him as the starter in '06. Holbrook set the NCAA record for passing yards by a soph throwing for 4,619 (70%) with a 34-9 ratio. Naturally, he broke all of Cody Ledbetter's school single season passing records (1995) despite missing time in 3 (inj). Holbrook's backup, Alex Gibson (176 yds in '06), was lost to a torn ACL in '07. The 2007 backup became true frosh PS#366 JJ McDermott (only other scholarship QB). After having just 9 int in '06, Holbrook threw 3 through the 1st snap of the 2Q in the opener. He also suffered a rib injury vs APB and left after the 1Q vs Boise due to injury. McDermott got his first start vs LT and nearly lead the team to victory. Holbrook returned vs Idaho throwing for 404 and played the rest of the season. Holbrook threw for 3,866 (70.2%) with a 26-18 ratio while McDermott threw for 430 (61%) with a 2-4 ratio. Both QB's return and adding depth is Scott Galland (6'3" 210 rFr). Holbrook should have a healthier season and the depth is stronger which adds up to a potent offense.

RUNNING BACKS - Justine Buries rushed for 260 (3.3) in two starts as a true frosh in '04. He rushed for a team best 779 (4.2) with 23 rec (6.1) in Mumme's first year. Buries had four 100 yard games including 107 vs Cal when the Bears had not allowed a 100 yard rusher in 8 straight games. True frosh Jeremiah Williams was the #2 RB with 56 (4.7). Buries was the leading returning rusher in the WAC in 2006, but tore his ACL in Wk 2 after rushing for 133 (4.0). Williams took over but only rushed for 426 (4.5) while Chris Nwoko added 159 (4.0). They moved backup CB Tonny Glynn to RB and he had 107 total yards vs SJSt but surprisingly had just six carries for 1 yard in the final 3. Last year all 3 returned and the team did increase its ypc to a Mumme-era best 3.2. Glynn and Buries split snaps the first two weeks with Glynn rushing for 165 on 16 carries and Buries having 89 on 20. Glynn had 456 (5.6) when he missed the final 3 due to an ankle injury. Buries rushed for 118 in those games to finish #1 with 581 (3.8). Williams added 106 (3.1) while FB Brandon Perez (5'9" 233 Jr) had 41 (6.8). This year both Buries and Williams, who were not Mumme recruits and not perfect fits for the system, transferred. Glynn holds the starting spot and they add in a pair of JUCO's including Seth Smith who was in for the spring. Even with the loss of their leading rusher I look for improved production.

RECEIVERS - In Mumme's first year, ex-QB Paul Dombrowski set a school record with 78 rec (10.2) and he was the only loss in '06. AJ Harris was #2 with 448 (11.5) and Derek Dubois #3 with 373 (13.3). Chris Williams, who is the fastest player on the team, was only #8 with 97 (8.1). In 2006 Williams had a huge year with 92 rec for 1,415 yards (15.4) and was #1 in the NCAA in receiving ypg. Dubois had 800 (15.1) while Harris had 789 (11.1). In 1991, Todd Cutler set the TE mark with 43 rec but Nick Cleaver broke that with 50 (13.7) in '06. Everyone was back but this unit was hit hard by inj's in '07. Williams was on his way to another record breaking season until he was injured and missed the final 5.5 games. He still led with 772 (13.8). Harris moved past Duane Gregory (181, '94-'97) as the school's all-time leader in receptions after grabbing 81 (7.5) LY. Brandon Allen did set a school record with 44 consecutive games with a rec (old record Gregory, 41). This year they must replace Dubois (9 st, inj, 708), TE Cleaver (11 st, 388, 11.8) and Allen (2 st). Everyone else is back and they add in some JUCO's including Marcus Anderson who Mumme says is similar to Dubois. As long as this unit maintains better health, they look like the WAC's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - This unit is usually the most affected from the shift from an option to a pass offense. In Mumme's first year, despite having 3 starters back, this group only opened holes for 78 ypg rushing (2.7), the fewest in school history while allowing 45 sacks (8.2%). In 2006 just one OL returned with IA starting experience and that was LT Mike Martinez (2Y st'r). They had even fewer yards rushing (910, 2.8) but trimmed the sack total (39, 6.4%). Last year they had 9 of the top 10 back and their star LT Martinez returned. He finished his career with 48 straight starts while earning 2nd Tm WAC honors. Surprisingly, the unit only improved to 92 ypg rush (3.2) although the sack total dropped again to 28 (4.5%). This year they lose Martinez (13 st), RT James Farrelly (13 st, 2Y st'r) and backup Alex Gottlieb. While they do lose their star, this is the 3rd year of the system so I look for increased production.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NMSt has made progress each year under Mumme as after allowing 5.0 ypc rush in 2004, they allowed 4.9 in 2005 and trimmed that to 4.5 and 4.4 the last two years. Last year the team increased its sack total from 14 to 24 with a veteran D-line. They got a late addition over the summer in Rhyan Anderson (PS#8) who originally signed at Miami, Fl. DL coach Mike Fanoga said he was not the perfect fit for the 3-4 D but welcomed him to the unit. Anderson started all 13 but only had 2 tfl. This year they lose NT Ray Manumaleuna (12 st, 25 tkl, 2 tfl), DE Brandon McKinney (13 st, 38 tkl, 3 st), DE Jared Naylor (35 tkl, 4 tfl), DE Maurice Murray (24 tkl, 4 sk), DE Skyler Sargent (30 tkl, 4 tfl) and DE Mark Pole (14 tkl). While I expect much better production from Anderson, this group is less experienced.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 the Aggies had to replace Jimmy Cottrell who led the team in tackles 4 straight years! Last year the group had to replace their #1 tackler again (2nd Tm WAC) as well as one other starter but had 6 of the top 8 back and moved RB Nwoko to ILB. Nwoko beat out projected starter Kramer Winingham and while raw at the position, Mumme called him a tremendous athlete. Nwoko finished as the #4 tackler. The LB's were banged up last year and all 3 starters missed vs LT. This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC Dante Floyd (#1 tkl'r, 12 tfl, 13 st), Michael Brewer (6 st, 47 tkl), Nick Ply (4 st, 20 tkl), Winingham (3 st, 37 tkl) and Michael Hernishin (2 tkls LY, 6 st '06). Mumme expects JUCO's Scott, Alford and Paden to all make an impact in the new defense. Last year's starters had a combined 109 tkl the previous year while this year's starters have 165 and with the JUCO infusion, it is a deeper unit as well.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies ranked #95 in my pass D rankings in '06 with CB Courtney Bryan finishing #5 in the NCAA in pd. Last year they had to replace him (2nd Tm WAC) but had 2 starters back including CB Alex Bernard who moved to SS but NMSt dropped to #107. This year they lose Bernard (13 st, 87 tkl, 4 tfl) and SS Cole Marton (2 st, 18 tkl). Three CB's shared the starting duties and all 3 return as does starting FS Derrick Richardson. The Aggies should have their best finish in my pass D rankings in Mumme's four years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Mumme's best ST performance as HC came while he was at Kentucky (#8). In 2005, he had to break in a new K and P but still rose from #92 to #53 despite FG problems. Brad Evans had an amazing net of 38.8 and Chris Williams avg'd 29.6 on KR. In '06 they had to replace Evans as well as their K and top PR. They hit just 4 of 10 FG's which caused Mumme to say at one point, "we don't have a kicker" and they dropped to #85. Last year true frosh Kyle Hughes was ruled ineligible so the kicking battle was between frosh Ryan Jastram and soph Paul Young. Jastram was 0 for 1 on FG's and Young hit 12 of 18 with a long of 41 but only 1 of 3 from 40+. Jastram had 1 TB on 59 KO. Jared Kaufman (outstanding 38.3 net in '06) avg 41.3 but his net dropped to 32.9. Williams was the top PR (16.7) but only had 6 returns (tm 9). Alabama transfer Dubois was the main KR (21.9) as Williams had his duties curtailed. The unit dropped to #113 and must replace Kaufman and Dubois. The Aggies can only improve on ST, especially if Hughes gains eligibility.

COACHES - Hal Mumme became the head man at Kentucky in 1997 and led them to bowl games in 1998 and 1999. He also led UK to its first win over Alabama in 75 years. He resigned after 2000 with an NCAA investigation pending. In 2003, he took over at IAA SE Louisiana and guided them to 5-7 and 7-4 records. Mumme is his own OC but has promoted WR coach Gary Goff and QB coach Matt Mumme to co-OC's. His SEL team led IAA in total offense with 537 ypg (408 pass) in 2004. This year they must replace outstanding DC Woody Widenhofer (retired). Mumme made another excellent hire in Joe Lee Dunn who was the DC for schools such as Memphis, Miss St, Ark, Ole Miss and S Car. Last year he was the HC at Ridgeway HS in Memphis.

PHIL'S FORECAST

As I have been saying throughout the years, when you shift from an option attack to a pass offense, it is generally a 3 to 4 year process. Tony Samuel ran the old school Nebraska option offense and Mumme brought in his pure pass offense in 2005. As expected, the team struggled and in fact had the worst record in the NCAA at 0-12 achieving their first winless season since 1989. A good portion of their points came in garbage time when they trailed big. The Aggies were outgained by a WAC worst 124.2 ypg and that team was -23 in turnovers. In 2006 everything pointed to a much better season and the Aggies could have actually achieved a winning record as they had 3 net close losses. Still, the Aggies' only wins were over IAA teams until they won their final 2 by a combined 92-43 margin. The big difference between 2005 and 2006 was their QB play. The Aggies' offense averaged 475 ypg and nearly doubled its point production to 31.2 ppg in '06. Last year they had 17 returning starters and NMSt made my list of most improved teams, meaning I thought they would be bowl eligible. Unfortunately, they lost to NM despite a 30-20 FD edge but were still 3-2 when they travelled to Boise St. QB Holbrook was injured in the 1Q and true frosh backup McDermott started the next week vs LT. They led 21-9 but gave up 2 TD's in the final 6:55 and lost by 1. After beating Idaho, they lost as expected to Hawaii. They led Nevada 38-34 with less than 2:00 left. After giving up a TD, NMSt missed a 44 yd FG and lost by 2. The next two games were shocking as they got blown out by SJSt and then Utah St (ending their 16 game losing streak). NMSt led Fresno in the finale but came up short. NMSt was 1-7 in the WAC and was outgained by 71.5 ypg (3rd worst). NMSt was -15 in TO's and had poor ypp's (see For Better/For Worse). The Aggies will be potent with QB Holbrook and WR Williams. How much the defense improves will determine whether or not the Aggies make it to bowl eligibility in 2008.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 12 CHASE HOLBROOK SR. 6-5 240 SEL trans. 4619 (70%), 34-9 '06. 3866 (70%), 26-18 ratio LY, 148 yd rush. **16** JJ McDermott (6'5" 220 So) 1 st true, 430 (61%) 2-4 ratio.

RB 23 TONNY GLYNN JR. 5-8 190 Move DB L/4 '06, 2 st RB, 115 ttl yd. #1 rush LY until inj, 6 st, 456 (5.6), 24 rec (7.1). **1** Seth Smith. JC in spg. Marquell Colston PS#262JC.

WR 28 CHRIS WILLIAMS SR. 5-8 157 **1st Tm WAC** '06, **#1 NCAA** 1415 yd (15.4). 8 st until inj '07, **2nd Tm WAC**, 772 (13.8), 6 PR (16.7), 5 KR (23.2). Chris Buckner (6'0" 185 Jr) 6 st 2Y, 359 (8.2).

WR 18 AJ HARRIS SR. 6-0 208 6 st true, 448 (11.5). 12 st '06, 789 (11.1). 9 st LY, 611 (7.5). **2** Wes Neiman (5'10" 185 So) 4 st rFr, 423 (9.6). **84** Stephon Hatchett (5'8" 170 So).

WR 10 Marcus Anderson Jr. 5-7 170 PS#126JC in spg. 4.3 spd. LaVorick Williams. 4.3 spd. **81** Kenneth Buckley (5'9" 191 Sr) 5 st LY, 413 (14.2). **5** Julius Fleming (5'8" 170 rFr) RB true.

TE 17 Kyle Nelson So. 6-4 228 Tulsa trans. 13 gm here LY, 2 rec, 5 tkl. **82** Ryan Franzoy (6'4" 238 So) PS#220. 1 rec '06, 9 gms, RS LY. Brian Blake (6'2" 227 Sr) PS#239DB.

C 63 RICHARD BOLIN SR. 6-1 291 11 gms, 12 tkl, 1 tfl true DL. Last 4 st C '06, 5 gm. 13 st C LY. +15 lb TY. **64** Spencer Mauai (6'0" 280 Fr). Zach Monono (6'2" 268 Sr) PS#490.

RG 65 POLO GUTIERREZ SR. 6-2 304 14 tkl, 10 gms true DL. 12 st RG '06. 13 st RG '07. School record 1410 combined lift incl 415 bench. **77** Joel Buschmann (6'3" 286 So).

LG 76 CHUCK TAYLOR SO. 6-3 345 PS#484 '06, GS. 12 st LG LY as "true" after adding 25 lb. 405 bench. **67** Joseph Palmer (6'3" 313 Jr). **61** JR Saulietis (6'3" 310 Jr) 2 letters.

RT 74 Joe Suder Jr. 6-6 330 PS#159JC in for spg. PS#294 with Duke in '05. **73** Patrick Blount (6'3" 270 So) PS#290. 2nd string as rFr, 1 st at LT, 11 gm.

LT 78 Kyle Smith So. 6-6 323 PS#118. 10 gm true '06. RS LY. **71** David Norman (6'5" 300 Jr) PS#286JC. **68** Michael Grady (6'3" 320 rFr) PS#422. **79** Eddie Tautolo (6'4" 356 rFr).

K 96 Kyle Hughes So. 6-0 184 PS#88 '06. Hargrave. Acad inel LY. **3 Paul Young** (6'3" 182 Jr) 12-18 FG, L/41 here LY. 1-3 from 40+. **93** Ryan Jastram (6'1" 190 So) 0-1 FG true.

DE 97 RHYAN ANDERSON SR. 6-4 280 **PS#8!** Orig at Miami, Fl. 8 tkl there rFr. 13 st here LY, 12 tkl, 1 sk, 1 tfl, 3 pbu. **95** Oren Long (6'2" 245 Sr). Alcorn St trans, 42 tkl, 11 tfl at Alcorn St.

NT 72 Sioeli Fakalata Jr. 6-3 312 PS#427. 1 st true, 17 tkl, 1.5 sk. 1 st LY, 20 tkl, 2 sk. **90** EJ Cannon (6'0" 305 Jr) PS#423JC, RS LY. **64** Ana Tuiasosopo (5'9" 310 rFr). 425 bench '08.

DE 94 Kawika Shook So. 6-3 260 PS#507.5 tkl, 6 gm true. RS in '07. **44** Chris Romero PS#281JC. In for spring. Jonathan Davis (6'3" 256 Jr) PS#329JC. 9 sk at JC. In for spring.

OLB 57 JAMAR COTTON JR. 6-0 216 PS#433. 5 tkl as rFr. 6 st '07 (inj), 35 tkl, 3 pbu. **51** Ross Conne (5'10" 216 Jr) 30 tkl, 2 sk 2Y. **56** Sam King (6'0" 231 Sr) 2 tkl, 1 gm '06. 1 gm LY.

ILB 11 LA'AULI FONOTI SR. 6-4 253 PS#158TE. 1 rec true, 8 tkl. 10 st '06, 38 tkl, 3 tfl. 10 st LY, 63 tkl, 7 tfl. Nick Paden PS#222JC. **37** Ka'ua Adolpho (6'1" 234 So). 3 tkl, 6 gm LY.

ILB 35 CHRIS NWOKO SR. 6-1 230 PS#165. 2 st RB rFr, 222 ttl yds. 10 st LB LY, 67 tkl, 3 sk, 2 tfl. **42** Dylan Moss (5'11" 240 Jr) PS#305. N Colo trans. 7 tkl LY, 13 gm. Also bkup FB.

OLB 48 Jeff Lucas rFr. 6-1 215 **PS#114. 24** Justen Alford (6'1" 221 Jr) PS#422JC. 78 tkl, 9.5 tfl JC LY. **34** Jason Scott PS#198JC. 88 tkl, 7 sk, 11 tfl JC '07. Derek Hinkley (5'10" 231 Jr).

CB 32 CHRIS WOODS JR. 5-10 180 13 st '07, 57 tkl, 7 pbu. Elig issues first 2Y. Alphonso Powell (5'9" 176 So) 8 tkl as true. Baer Philipbar (5'10" 194 So) 3rd string QB LY.

CB 4 DAVON HOUSE SO. 6-0 168 7 st as **true** '07, 37 tkl, **4 int**, 8 pbu, 4 KR (23.5).

27 Vince Butler (5'10" 177 Sr) PS#210JC. 4 st LY, 29 tkl, 2 tfl. Marc Waters (5'10" 180 rFr).

SS 21 Brennan Baiamonte Sr. 6-0 204 QB/WR rFr, 12 ttl yd. DB '06, 8 tkl. 12 tkl '07. **30** Kenny Evon (6'4" 218 So). Ben Bradley (5'10" 180 rFr). Ex walk-on. Victor Johnson PS#183.

FS 22 DERRICK RICHARDSON SR. 5-11 190 PS#433. L/7 st rFr, 71 tkl, 2 int. 13 st LY, #2 tkl'r (108), 4 pbu. **15** Junior Asavalu (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#316JC. RS LY. **39** Spencer Diaz (6'4" 202 So) 10 tkl, 7 gms true.

P NA Jordan Davenport Fr. 5-10 170 PS#100. Hit 6-11 FG and 29-29 xp in HS LY with 40 punts (35.7 ypp). **96** Kyle Snyder (6'0" 170 rFr) 7-10 FG, avg 39.1 ypp in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Marcus Anderson 5-7 170 PS#126JC
OL	Joe Suder 6-6 330 PS#159JC
LB	Jason Scott 5-10 200 PS#198JC
LB	Nick Paden 6-3 235 PS#222JC
RB	Marquell Colston 5-9 205 PS#262JC
DL	Chris Romero 6-4 257 PS#281JC
OL	David Norman 6-5 300 PS#286JC
DL	Jonathan Davis 6-3 256 PS#329JC
DB	Victor Johnson 5-11 200 PS#183
LB	Justen Alford 6-1 221 PS#422JC
RB	Seth Smith 5-9 200 PS#422JC
WR	LaVorick Williams 6-3 178 PS#215
RB	Ruben Martinez 6-1 200 PS#224
WR	Jeremy Little 6-1 180 PS#178 '07
RB	Donavan Roberts 6-0 193 PS#278
WR	Darrius Preston 6-1 170 PS#360
RB	Todd Lee 5-9 175 PS#416DB
DL	Anthony Smith 6-1 220 PS#464
K	Jordan Davenport 5-10 170 PS#100

NEW MEXICO ST AGGIES

Las Cruces, New Mexico
Weather (505) 589-4088 Ext. 1

HAL MUMME (Career 28-55) (IAA 12-11) (Div II 40-17-1) (NAIA 25-10)
4th Year at New Mexico St — Mumme's Bowl Record: 0-2

Mumme's records AT NEW MEXICO ST

8-29	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
7-13	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
1-16	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-3	Off A Bye
3-21	Vs Conference	5-22	Off A Loss

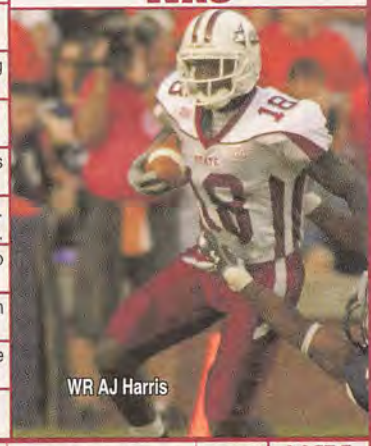
2007 RECORD: (4-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (29,15,1)
Lost: 24 (7,16,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 14,412 (#112)

WAC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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#98

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NMSt	Opp	W/L	
Aug. 30							
Sep. 4	Nicholls St (Thur)	G					New Mexico St has won 5 of 6 home openers including 3-0 vs FCS schools. The Colonels went 1-1 vs FBS teams (6-5 overall) last yr & defeated Rice 16-14.
Sep. 13	at Nebraska	A					NMSt is 0-2 vs Nebraska getting outscored 125-0. NMSt is 2-18 all-time vs current Big XII schools. The Aggies have lost 16 straight non-conf road games.
Sept. 20	at UTEP	A					NMSt trails the all-time series 34-49-2 vs UTEP but snapped a 3 game losing streak last year in this I-10 rivalry. They have lost 7 of the last 10 meetings.
Sep. 27	New Mexico	G					NMSt trails the all-time series with NM 28-65-5 losing 5 straight & 32 of the last 39. "Battle of I-25" for the Maloof Trophy. QB Holbrook passed for 473 yds & 4 TD's LY.
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Nevada	A					NMSt is 1-10 vs Nevada with its only win in Reno in '98. These 2 have combined to avg 73 ppg the L/3. LY there were 6 lead changes in the 2H & Nev scored w/1:00 left.
Oct. 18	San Jose St	G					New Mexico St is 2-13 vs San Jose St including 4 straight losses. The Aggies are 2-10 at home vs conference opponents the last 3 years.
Oct. 25	at Idaho	A					Aggies trail the series 10-4. Last year QB Holbrook ret'd to throw for 404 yds & 3 TD's in the win. Six of the L/7 meetings have been decided by 8 pts or less.
Nov. 1	Boise St (HC)	G					NMSt has lost all 8 meetings vs BSU by a 53-11 avg on the road but just 41-36 at home. LY QB Holbrook left at the end of the 1Q with inj in NMSt's 1st shutout loss since Colorado in '05.
Nov. 8	Hawaii	G					Aggies will try to snap a 4 gm losing streak dating back to '78 (1st meeting). New Mexico St has been outscored 148-71 in the L/3 gms but outgained by just 79 ypg.
Nov. 15	at Fresno St	G					NMSt has lost all 14 gms in this series. NMSt has had just 2 rainy HG's in 15 yrs & both vs Fresno St, (LY & in '05). The Aggies led 13-6 than allowed 24 straight pts LY.
Nov. 22	Louisiana Tech	G					The HT is 7-0 in this series. LT is the only WAC tm NMSt has a winning record against (4-3). LY true Fr QB McDermott made his 1st career start as NMSt squandered a 21-9 lead to lose 22-21.
Nov. 29	at Utah St	A					NMSt is 6-26 all-time in this series. The Aggies last win here was 42-20 in '06. The Aggies lost last year 35-17 despite outgaining Utah St by 100 yds.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Chase Holbrook 8,485 '06-Present	1. Denvis Manns 4,692 '95-'98	1. Lucious Davis 2,769 '92-'95
2. Cody Ledbetter 7,480 '91-'95	2. Ron "Po" James 3,885 '68-'71	2. Duane Gregory 2,641 '94-'97
3. Joe Pisarcik 5,770 '71-'73	3. James Pilot 2,971 '61-'63	3. Ryan Shaw 2,315 '96-'99

STADIUM: AGGIE MEMORIAL STADIUM (30,343) (#102)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-7	7-5	3-9	5-6	0-12	4-8	4-9	31-64
Home	2-3	2-2	5-0	2-3	4-1	0-6	3-4	4-3	22-22
Away	1-5	3-5	2-5	1-6	1-5	0-6	1-4	0-6	9-42
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-4	4-2	5-1	2-5	3-2	0-8	2-6	1-7	18-35
vs Non-Conf	2-4	1-5	2-4	1-4	2-4	0-4	2-2	3-2	13-29
ATS	6-5	5-7	3-9	6-5	6-5	2-10	7-3	4-7	39-51
Home Fav	2-2	0-3	1-3	0-2	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-2	6-13
Home Dog	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-0	14-6
Away Fav	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	4-7
Away Dog	2-2	3-3	1-3	3-2	2-3	1-5	2-2	1-5	15-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	3-2	2-4	0-6	3-4	3-2	0-8	5-3	4-4	20-33
vs Non-Conf	3-3	3-3	3-3	3-1	3-3	2-2	2-0	0-3	19-18
Off SU Win	3-0	2-3	0-6	2-1	2-3	0-0	3-0	0-4	12-17
Off SU Loss	3-4	3-3	2-3	4-3	4-1	2-9	4-3	4-3	26-29

Tony Samuel — Hal Mumme

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justine Buries	153	629	48	581	3	3.8
Tonny Glynn	81	487	31	456	4	5.6
Jeremiah Williams	34	121	15	106	1	3.1
Brandon Perez	6	41	0	41	0	6.8
Chris Williams	10	48	13	35	0	3.5
Chase Holbrook	55	148	143	5	2	0.1
PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chase Holbrook	543	381	70.2	3866	26	18
JJ McDermott	77	47	61.0	430	2	4
RECEIVING		REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Chris Williams		56	772	13.8	11	82
Derek Dubois		55	708	12.9	3	75
AJ Harris		81	611	7.5	2	32
Wes Neiman		44	423	9.6	3	30
Kenneth Buckley		29	413	14.2	5	66
Nick Cleaver		33	388	11.8	0	44
Brandon Allen		47	386	8.2	3	57
Chris Buckner		21	208	9.9	0	23
Tonny Glynn		24	171	7.1	0	26
Jeremiah Williams		9	106	11.8	0	29
Justine Buries		21	83	4.0	0	23
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jared Kaufman	62	2558	41.3	11	32.9	2	11
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Paul Young	31-34	5-6	6-9	1-3	0-0	12-18	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dante Floyd	124	4	8	6	1
Derrick Richardson	108	1	3	4	1
Alex Bernard	87	1	3	4	0
Chris Nwoko	67	3	2	0	0
La'Auli Fonoti	63	2	5	2	0
Chris Woods	57	0	2	7	0
Michael Brewer	47	0	4	0	0
Brandon McKinney	38	3	4	1	1
Kramer Winingham	37	0	2	0	0
Davon House	37	0	2	8	4
Jared Naylor	35	0	4	0	0
Jamar Cotton	35	0	1	3	0
Skyler Sargent	30	1	3	0	0
Vincent Butler	29	1	1	2	0
Ray Manumaleuna	25	1	1	0	0
Maurice Murray	24	4	2	0	0
Nick Ply	20	0	1	0	0
Sioeli Fakalata	20	2	1	0	0
Ross Conner	18	1	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Chris Williams	6	100	16.7	0	
KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Derek Dubois	18	394	21.9	0	
Wes Neiman	9	133	14.8	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
35	Sun	NL	Hardin-Simmons	14-14
59	Sun	NL	North Texas	28-8
60	Sun - #17	NL	Utah St	20-13

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

New Mexico St's All-Time Bowl Record 2-0-1

NEW MEXICO ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	24.0	22	92	3.2	332	68.9	17.6	-15	2007	7	36.2	20	168	4.4	262	58.5	11.9
5	31.2	25	76	2.8	399	69.4	15.2	-10	2006	4	30.8	19	156	4.5	234	58.7	12.7
8	16.5	19	78	2.7	266	56.7	20.9	-23	2005	6	38.8	25	217	4.9	264	62.1	12.5
3*	24.8	20	131	3.6	245	61.6	15.1	+5	2004	9	32.3	21	221	5.0	197	63.5	13.0
6*	21.8	21	212	4.3	198	61.8	18.8	-8	2003	7	28.4	18	153	4.1	200	55.6	12.4
5	27.3	22	215	4.5	195	61.2	15.0	0	2002	4	27.3	19	160	4.5	201	61.9	13.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

NMSt 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
12,682	SE Louisiana	19	27-153	5.7	25-37	289	2	11	37-123	3.3	14-28	145	5	-3
41,033	at New Mexico	30	28-108	3.9	47-64	473	3	20	39-154	3.9	18-25	342	1	-1
30,343	UTEP	25	32-113	3.5	36-48	434	2	13	29-79	2.7	16-28	266	2	0
83,012	at Auburn	21	35-120	3.4	30-46	259	1	19	47-229	4.9	14-24	193	1	-5
15,329	Ark Pine-Bluff	22	31-118	3.8	32-43	249	0	15	31-63	2.0	16-35	234	5	-1
30,239	at Boise St	7	26-(-19)	-0.7	15-28	108	7	27	43-233	5.4	24-36	371	0	-3
18,211	at Louisiana Tech	19	36-65	1.8	29-40	319	2	20	26-98	3.8	27-47	269	1	0
15,788	Idaho	26	24-88	3.7	36-49	404	1	25	43-234	5.4	19-35	212	1	+3
41,218	at Hawaii	28	27-77	2.9	41-59	365	3	26	14-67	4.8	29-46	425	1	-1
12,268	Nevada	29	30-103	3.4	35-49	407	3	23	47-285	6.1	15-28	237	1	+1
10,452	at San Jose St	21	25-80	3.2	30-49	318	3	23	44-190	4.3	19-31	317	2	-4
7,537	Utah St	23	22-88	4.0	42-58	367	0	19	45-166	3.7	14-20	189	3	-1
6,937	Fresno St	22	27-96	3.6	31-53	323	1	23	53-263	5.0	10-19	205	1	0
TOTALS		292	370-1190	3.2	429-623	4315	28	264	498-2184	4.4	235-402	3405	24	-15
AVERAGES		22.5	28-92	3.2	33-48	332	2.2	20.3	38-168	4.4	18-31	262	1.8	-1.2

2003 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Texas - #5	+29	7-66
–	W New Mexico	NL	48-3
–	at Oregon St	+21'	16-28
–	at New Mexico	+10	17-24
–	Idaho	-10	31-35
–	at Middle Tenn	+4	18-35
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-7'	24-26
–	at ULM	-4	21-14
–	Arkansas St	-15	24-28
–	Utah St	+2'	26-21
–	at Arkansas	+30	20-48
–	North Texas	+8	10-13

2004 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arkansas	+21	13-63
–	at California - #12	+34'	14-41
–	Troy	+10	22-18
–	New Mexico	+6	3-38
–	at UTEP	+7'	0-45
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3	35-32
–	at North Texas	+8	26-36
–	Florida Int'l	-10	56-31
–	Middle Tenn	+3	44-10
–	at Florida Atlantic	+7	35-7
–	at Utah St	-5'	25-34

2005 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UTEP	+9'	17-34
–	at Colorado	+24	0-39
–	at New Mexico	+21'	21-38
–	California - #13	+29	13-41
–	at Louisiana Tech	+10'	14-34
–	Fresno St	+28	7-37
–	at Hawaii	+20	28-49
–	Idaho	-5'	37-38 2OT
–	at Boise St	+33'	6-56
–	Nevada	+10	24-48
–	at San Jose St	+8	10-27
–	Utah St	+2'	21-24

2006 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	SE Louisiana	NL	30-15
–	New Mexico	+6'	28-34
–	Texas Southern	NL	48-14
–	at UTEP	+16'	38-44
–	at Idaho	+1	20-28
–	Boise St - #20	+26'	28-40
–	Hawaii	+20'	30-49
–	at Nevada	+17'	21-48
–	San Jose St	+6'	21-31
–	at Fresno St	+12	18-23
–	at Utah St	-6'	42-20
–	Louisiana Tech	-12'	50-23

2007 RESULTS

NMSt Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	SE Louisiana	NL	35-14
–	at New Mexico	+7	34-44
–	UTEP	-5'	29-24
–	at Auburn	+16'	20-55
–	Ark Pine-Bluff	NL	20-17
–	at Boise St	+24'	0-58
–	at Louisiana Tech	+7'	21-22
–	Idaho	-9	45-31
–	at Hawaii - #16	+30	13-50
–	Nevada	+7	38-40
–	at San Jose St	+4	17-51
–	Utah St	-8	17-35
–	Fresno St	+13	23-30

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Adam Tafralis, a mobile passer who had the strongest arm of the QB's, began 2004 as the starter but after throwing for 432 (44.6%) with a 2-1 ratio, lost his job. Tafralis beat out JP Greco and Chad Bozzo in '05. That year Tafralis had 10 starts and completed just 49.7% while throwing for 1,810 with an 11-10 ratio. The other two QB's were a combined 25 of 63 (39.7%). Tafralis battled JUCO Sean Flynn in 2006. Flynn was winning the job until an injury. After finishing #89 in pass eff in 2005, Tafralis opened the first 4 hitting 76.7% with a 6-2 ratio. With Flynn and Bozzo taking a RS, the backup was Myles Eden. Tafralis failed to top 200 in six straight until the reg season finale but did set a SJSt single season record hitting 65.6% (#11 NCAA pass eff). Eden played in 4 hitting 3 of 7. Tafralis became the first QB in Spartan history to start 4 straight season openers and the Spartans have had some accomplished QB's like Jeff Garcia, Steve DeBerg, Ed Luther and Mike Perez. Flynn, Bozzo, Eden and rFr Jordan La Secla (PS#235) also returned last year. Bozzo was sidelined again and Tafralis hit just 5 of 13 in the opener with a new receiving corps (drops). Both Flynn and La Secla also played vs the Sun Devils. Four QB's played the next week vs K-St as Tafralis suffered a strained shoulder. He rebounded to throw for 426 vs Utah St and took the majority of snaps the rest of the season. He finished as the school's career leader in total offense and passing yards while throwing for 3,022 (62.8%) with an 18-11 ratio. He also led in rushing in 2 games. La Secla had 18 pass att, Flynn had 17 and Eden 15. While all 3 return, I project the starter to be California transfer Kyle Reed (PS#18) who is mobile as well as an excellent passer. Reed broke his foot in spring practice but Tomey said he will get an opportunity to win the job in August. With the loss of their career passing leader, I'll call the unit down a couple notches.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Yonus Davis had 490 of his 638 rushing yards in the final 5 and avg 6.7 ypc. In 2006 he added 10 lbs of muscle to his 5'7" frame. Davis rushed for 184 vs Stanford, 199 vs LT and 177 vs NMSt. After 9 he was avg 101.3 ypg and 7.2 ypc. He struggled vs Hawaii and Idaho (35 yd, 1.5) and was injured vs Fresno (37 yd). In the bowl he topped the 1,000 mark (1,007, 6.2). True frosh Cameron Island led vs Hawaii with 38 and Patrick Perry led twice (SDSt & Idaho). Everyone returned last year but Davis was injured after 3 carries and filed for a RS. His backup, Patrick Perry (PS#118), was lost in the last week of Aug so they moved S Dominique Hunsucker (PS#155) to RB. He had just 1 carry for -3 yards vs K-St, 10-26 vs Stanford and 8-16 vs Utah St. Jacob French (PS#82JC), who started one in '06 (299 all-purp yards), led in rushing 5 games and finished #1 with 331 (3.3). FB James T Callier (510 career ttl yds into '07) had 163 (2.4). Hunsucker finished with just 98 (2.7), #1 return RB and Island (5'9" 187 Jr) had 46 (3.5). Not listed in the PSL are Chris Reese (5'9" 205 Jr) who moves over from LB and JUCO Phillip Knight (6'1" 225, Jr, PS#316JC). This year they must replace French but if Davis is granted a 6th year and Perry returns healthy, this would be an upgraded group.

RECEIVERS - Last year SJSt had to replace their top 3 receivers then the top returning receiver (TE Jeff Clark, 8 rec '06) took a Med RS after 4 so Michael Hooper had the most career rec at WR (4). Even so, I said the unit could be in good shape with the addition of VHT David Richmond (PS#6JC), who in just his 2nd year of football, had 842 (15.6) at JC in '06. The unit also got an upgrade by moving in S Kevin Jurovich. Jurovich became the first Spartan in over 5 years to have 2 straight 100 yard games (which he did twice) and set a school record with 85 rec (13.9). He became just the 3rd Spartan to top 1,000 (Edell Shepherd 1,500 '01, Guy Liggins 1,208 '87). Richmond had big games vs Nevada (143), Fresno (119) and Utah St (180) and finished #2 with 852 (15.5). This year they must replace TE Nick Marchini (3 st, 1 rec) and WR Hooper (1 st, 3 rec). With the outstanding Jurovich/Richmond combo returning they have one of the stronger receiving corps in the WAC.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Tomey's first year the O-line had 8 of the top 10 back and opened holes for 145 ypg rush (4.1) while allowing a WAC best 14 sacks. In 2006 they had 4 starters back and improved to 175 ypg (4.6) with 18 sacks (6.1%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 2nd Tm WAC LT but had 8 of the top 10 back (7 with starting exp). Four projected starters were sidelined most of August and C Justin Paysinger had just 2 starts before an injury. They used five different starting OL's in the first five games. Against K-St they had 2 frosh starters and vs Idaho, three players started that were not with the team in the spring. The team rushed for only 84 ypg and 2.6 ypc (worst since '94), but did allow just 23 sacks (5.1%). This year they must replace OT John Booker (2nd Tm WAC, 10 st, 3Y st'r), C David Giesen (1 st) and RG Moa Ngatuvai (11 st) who left for a mission. Seven of the top 10 are back including 7 with starting experience and the unit avg 6'3" 312 lbs. If they can maintain better health, this should be a much improved offensive front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Six times in the 10 years before Tomey's arrival, SJSt allowed 5.0 ypc rushing or more. Tomey's first unit was lightly experienced but still allowed 107 ypg less rushing and just 3.5 ypc. They had to replace all 4 starters in 2006 but were still respectable yielding 149 ypg (4.1). Last year 10 of the top 12 returned but surprisingly Tomey's most experienced D-line allowed 165 ypg (4.5). This year they lose DT Jerome Pulu (9 st, 18 tkl, 2 tfl), DE David Lomu (10 tkl, 3 tfl) and Justin Cole (4 st DE) who moves full-time to LB. The big news here is the addition of USC transfer Jeff Schweiger (PS#3) who is perhaps the most highly rated player out of HS that the Spartans have ever had on their roster. This is Tomey's best D-line yet.

LINEBACKERS - In the Spartans' first year of the "Desert Swarm" defense they returned all 3 LB's. In 2006 they had to replace their #1 tackler and another starter but Matt Castelo emerged and led the NCAA in tackles with 165. Last year they had to replace one starter but Castelo returned and led the team again with 141. This year they must replace 1st Tm WAC Castelo (12 st) and Demetrius Jones (11 st, 110 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Rodrick Smally (5'9" 180 rFr), Charles Ohaeri (5'11" 230 So) and Eric Bucholz (6'1" 225 So). Four return with starting experience but this unit is my biggest question mark on the entire team as they have to replace their two top tacklers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CB Dwight Lowery had 13 int in 15 games at JC and 20 int in HS. In his first year here in 2006, he led the NCAA in int with 9, having 7 in his first four and in his final 21 had just six more. He was SJSt's first, 1st Tm AA since 1971 (Dave Chaney). The Spartans were #52 in pass D in '06 and last year had both CB's returning but did lose both safeties including a 2nd Tm WAC selection. SJSt climbed to #39 with a 22-20 ratio. With teams throwing away from Lowery, Christopher Owens snagged 6 int (2nd Tm WAC). This year they lose 1st Tm WAC CB Lowery (11 st, 44 tkl, 7 pbu, #4DC NYJ), SS Jonathan Harris (12 st, 81 tkl, 3 int) and CB Steven Claxton (8 tkl). They get a big-time addition in Coye Francies (PS#4JC) who started 5 for Oregon St in '06 and tied a school record with 4 FF. He was the Scout Tm POY here last year and along with Owens, make up the best CB duo in the WAC. Despite the loss of its star, the Spartans could climb even higher in my rankings if Harris regains eligibility, as he was indefinitely suspended in the spring.

CB Christopher Owens

SPECIAL TEAMS - Top-notch coaches usually have top-notch special teams. Tomey had 4 Top 20 ST finishes at Arizona with his units blocking 14 kicks in '98 and '99. He inherited a team that finished #93 in my ST rankings and brought in Keith Burns (Tulsa HC 2000-'02) as his ST coach. They moved up to #75 in '05 despite a depth-shy squad and #46 in '06. The last K to make four 40+ yd FG's in a single season here was Joe Nedney in '92 and Jared Strubeck tied that mark in '06. Strubeck hit 9 of 12 with a long of 48 in '06. Waylon Prather had a 36.9 team net and those two returned last year. Surprisingly FG's turned out to be a problem. Strubeck at one point lost his job to Will Johnson (0 for 3). With Strubeck missing 7 straight, the two K's combined for 10 straight misses and vs Fresno, Tomey opted to go for it on 4th down six times (SOD all 6). Strubeck hit 8 of his last 10 (1 miss 50+) to reclaim his job but he also had just 2 TB on 51 KO. Prather had his net punting drop to 30.3 and the only bright spot was PR Lowery (14.4). The Spartans plummeted to #111. This year they must replace both Prather and Lowery as well as KR French (21.8). Despite the losses, with a coach like Tomey, they can only improve.

COACHES - Dick Tomey guided Arizona to a 95-64-4 record, the second most victories of any Pac-10 school in the '90's, and they had seven bowl appearances. The Cats have not been to a bowl since he left Tucson. He not only has the most wins of any HC at Arizona but is also #3 at Hawaii. He took a 3-8 UH team with dwindling attendance to avg crowds of 44,651 when he left 10 years later with a 63-46-3 record. He spent 2003 with the 49ers and 2004 as a DC with Texas. OL coach Steve Morton became the OC in 2006. Last year Marcus Arroyo joined him as co-OC. Tomey ran the "Desert Swarm" D in Arizona. Dave Fipp and Keith Burns were co-DC's last year, but Fipp left for the NFL in the spring and Burns will assume the full-time DC duties. The D allowed 42.6 ppg prior to Tomey's arrival, but just 32.5 and 20.8 (less than 1/2 of '04) in his first two years.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Tomey inherited a SJSt team that was 2-9 in 2004 and only had 13 returning starters. He had never had an 8 loss season until 2005 (3-8). He did install an electric atmosphere at home where they went 3-2 but their streak of road losses increased to 13. Their win over Idaho was their first win in a finale since 1997. They were -3 in net close losses and could have been a 6-5 team. In 2006 they benefitted from playing 7 HG's (most since 1948), and they went 6-1 (with 33 of Fitz Hill's recruits). The most home games Hill ever had was 5 and in 2002 they had 9 road games. They had just 9 returning starters in '06 including just 2 on defense and it was amazing that their defense allowed 20.8 ppg which was their best mark since 1990! SJSt faced three IA teams that finished with a winning record and lost all 3. Last year they only had 5 HG's and a much tougher schedule plus the 2006 version benefitted from +9 in TO's. SJSt faced 3 BCS schools to open and lost by a combined 116-17. They held a full practice at 6:30 am on Sunday after that and rebounded to beat Utah St on the road (only NCAA team to open with 4 straight away). They needed a 31 yd TD pass with :53 left despite a 524-253 yd edge. After two wins they played on a wet, sloppy field and almost upset Hawaii in a Friday night game before losing in OT. UH needed two 4Q TD's to force OT. They played better than the final score vs Fresno as they missed 2 short FG's and were SOD 6 times. After a blowout loss to Boise St they stunningly blew out NMSt before coming up short on the road vs LT. They beat NV in the season finale to finish 5-7. Tomey's team is now 13-4 at home but just 4-15 on the road (incl '06 bowl). Despite '07's losing record, SJSt benefitted from +13 in TO's. SJSt was 4-4 in the WAC and +12.8 ypg in WAC play. Their offense avg just 20.4 ppg which was their worst S/'96. They ended a streak of 89 straight games without a shutout (actually shutout twice on the season). This year with 7 starters back the offense will be much more potent. They get 3 major BCS transfers who will make an impact and Tomey thought about the AD job at Hawaii but returns for what he hopes will be a second bowl season S/'90. If QB Reed and RB Davis both play up to their potential, SJSt could achieve just that.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB NA Kyle Reed Jr. 6-3 215 **PS#18 '04. Cal trans. 12** Jordan La Secla (6'3" 198 So) PS#235. 76 ttl yd, 5 gm rFr. **13** Myles Eden (6'0" 182 Jr) 204 ttl yd 2Y. Sean Flynn (6'4" 220 Sr).

RB 34 Yonus Davis Sr. 5-7 185 **2nd Tm WAC '05-'06**, 1645 (6.4) 2Y. Inj '07. **Patrick Perry** (5'10" 205 Sr) PS#118. 693 (4.1) 2Y. Dominique Hunsucker (5'9" 194 Jr) 98 (2.7) LY.

WR NA MARQUIS AVERY JR. 6-4 195 **PS#83JC. Jalal Beauchman** (6'4" 220 Jr) 4 st LY, 332 (9.2). Jordan Johnson (5'10" 160 So). **FB 43 James Callier** (6'0" 220 Sr) PS#369LB. 42 ttl yd 2Y.

WR 8 DAVID RICHMOND SR. 6-4 200 **PS#6JC.** 10 st LY, 852 (15.5). **11** Kyle Flynn (6'2" 205 Sr) PS#197JC. 3 st LY, 84 (10.5). **80** Terrance Willams (6'5" 220 Jr) 1 st, 8 rec LY.

WR 6 KEVIN JUROVICH SR. 6-0 183 2 st S '05-'06, 21 tkl. 12 st WR LY. **2nd Tm WAC**, 1183 (13.9). **1** Josh Harrison (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#171DB. **7** Michael Avila (5'9" 165 rFr) PS#253.

TE 89 BRIAN ELLEDGE SR. 6-3 230 PS#160LB. 1 st LB '05-'06, 24 tkl. 6 st TE LY, 16 rec. **9** Jeff Clark (6'5" 250 Sr) PS#257JC. 9 st 2Y, 155 (9.7). **87** John Konye (6'4" 270 So) 1 st LY.

C 79 RONNIE CASTILLO JR. 6-0 292 6 st rFr (3RG, 3LG). 12 st LY. Justin Paysinger (6'1" 298 Sr) 8 st C '05. 10 st C '06. 2 st, inj'd LY. **LS** Brian Elledge. Matt Wigley **PS#298JC.**

RG 77 Bradis McGriff Sr. 6-6 335 **PS#430L. Ariz St trans.** 5 st RT '06 (inj). 2 st RT, 4 gm LY (inj). **73** Ailao Eliapo (6'2" 320 So) 6 tkl true. **73** Nathaniel Timo (6'0" 335 Jr) PS#451JC. RS LY.

LG 72 ISAAC LEATIOTA SO. 6-4 295 **PS#121DL. Cal trans.** 10 st here LG LY as true. **62** Garrett Faulconer PS#447JC. Andres Vargas (6'4" 280 rFr), Norman Romero (6'0" 265 So).

RT 75 Steve Lightsy Jr. 6-4 350 PS#146JC '07. In spg. **64** Joseph Zusin (6'5" 310 Jr) PS#454. 1 gm '06. 1 st, 5 gm LY. **70** Robbie Reed (6'3" 290 So). 3 games last year.

LT 65 FRED KOLOTO SO. 6-3 290 PS#150. 8 st true (7LT, 1LG), 11 gm. **59** Jon Moreno (6'4" 280 Jr). JUCO. 3 st LT, 4 gm until injury LY. **63** Amar Albassam (6'2" 315 rFr).

K 10 JARED STRUBECK SR. 5-8 176 11-18 FG true, L/46. 9-12 FG '06, L/48, 2nd Tm WAC. 10-20 FG LY, L/42. Will Johnson (5'8" 180 Sr) 0-3 FG LY. **18** Shaheen Pourfallah (5'11" 200 rFr).

DE 44 JEFF SCHWEIGER SR. 6-5 255 **PS#3.** 25 gm, 31 tkl, 2 sk, 4 tfl **at USC** 3Y. **95 Carl Ihenacho** (6'3" 245 Jr) 3 st, 28 tkl, 3 tfl true. 8 st LY, 30 tkl, **5 sk. 41** Ryan McHale (6'1" 220 Sr).

DT 96 ADONIS DAVIS JR. 6-1 295 6 st true, 11 tkl, 1 tfl. 8 st LY, 15 tkl, 3 tfl. **97** Aaron Gilbert (6'3" 290 Jr) 11 tkl, 1.5 tfl, 22 gm 2Y. **90** Pablo Garcia (6'3" 290 rFr) PS#534OL.

DT 93 Justin Willis Jr. 6-1 305 PS#414. 6 tkl true. 5 st LY, 22 tkl, 1 sk. **94** Kalvin Cressel (6'4" 282 Jr) 5 st, 24 tkl rFr. OL/DL LY. 9 tkl, 1 tfl. **92** Wilburn Willoughby (6'1" 280 rFr).

DE 53 JARRON GILBERT SR. 6-6 280 5 st, 22 tkl, 3 sk true. 10 st '06, 32 tkl, 5 sk. **2nd Tm WAC** LY, 38 tkl, 4 sk. **98** Liam Smith (6'5" 250 Jr) PS#424JC. 5 tkl LY. Marcus Keli (6'2" 250 Jr) JC.

OLB 48 Ryno Gonzalez Jr. 6-1 215 PS#243RB. 28 tkl true. 5 st LY, 26 tkl. **57** Jason Swisher (6'0" 216 So) PS#284. 21 tkl rFr. Wade O'Neill PS#167RB. **45** John Smith (6'0" 232 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y.

MLB 93 JUSTIN COLE JR. 6-3 240 11 st DE rFr, 32 tkl, 9.5 tfl. 9 st LY (5LB, 4DE) 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **14** Travis Jones (6'1" 220 Jr) 41 tkl 2Y. **26** Mohamed Marah (6'0" 263 Jr) 3 st RB LY, 8 yd.

OLB 56 Braden Storaasli So. 6-0 213 1 st rFr, 13 tkl. **31** Dimitrous Chattman (6'0" 190 Sr) 19 tkl, 3 tfl, 2Y. **30** Kyler O'Neal (6'0" 213 Fr) PS#233 '07. In spg. AJ Moosa (6'0" 190 rFr).

CB 29 CHRISTOPHER OWENS SR. 5-10 170 13 st '06, 50 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm WAC**, 75 tkl, **6 int. 30** Austin Carter (5'10" 180 Jr) 8 tkl LY. **16** Jerrayl Hamilton (5'11" 195 So).

CB NA Coye Francies Sr. 6-1 185 **PS#4JC.** 5 st **Oreg St** '06, 39 tkl, 5 pbu, 22 KR (22.4). **24** Devin Newsome (5'10" 165 So) 2 st, 15 tkl rFr. Alex Germany (5'9" 160 rFr), Antonio Walker (5'8" 175 rFr).

SS 22 Andrew Ryan Sr. 6-0 195 JUCO. 5 st here LY, 51 tkl, 2 int. Tiuke Tuipulotu PS#278. **36** Colin Maher (6'1" 192 Jr) 1 tkl, 5 gm LY. **27** Jonathan Harris 12 st LY. Susp indef.

FS 19 DUKE IHENACHO SO. 6-1 200 PS#280. 6 st true, 32 tkl, 4 pbu. **32** Pompey Festejo (6'0" 200 So) PS#473. 3 tkl LY. **2** Jay Atkins (6'0" 185 So) 1 tkl true. Daniel Carrillo PS#456.

P NA Philip Zavala Jr. 6-1 200 PS#328JC. 39.4 avg in '06 at JC and 37.4 avg in '07, 7 I20. Here in Aug. **10** Jared Strubeck PS#68. 2 TB on 51 KO LY. #1 P out of spring.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Coye Francies 6-1 185 PS#4JC '05
QB	Kyle Reed 6-3 215 PS#18 '04
WR	Marquis Avery 6-4 195 PS#83JC
OL	Steve Lightsy 6-4 350 PS#146JC '07
LS	Matt Wigley 6-2 230 PS#298JC
P	Philip Zavala 6-1 200 PS#328JC
RB	Ina Liaina 6-1 225 PS#128
LB	Wade O'Neill 6-1 225 PS#167RB
DB	Peyton Thompson 5-11 170 PS#207RB
DB	Tiuke Tuipulotu 5-10 185 PS#278
DL	Raymond Rodriguez 6-1 245 PS#83TE
LB	Kyler O'Neal 6-0 213 PS#233 '07
TE	Ryan Otten 6-5 215 PS#132
DB	Tanner Burns 6-1 185 PS#456
DB	Daniel Carrillo 6-1 180 PS#456
DL	Keenan Brown 6-4 230 PS#464
DL	Tracy Pugh 6-4 235 PS#464
RB	Brandon Rutley 5-10 190 PS#430
WR	Jordan Johnson 5-10 160 PS#485

SAN JOSE ST SPARTANS

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DICK TOMEY (Career 175–129–7)
4th Year at San Jose St — Tomey's Bowl Record: 5-3

Tomey's records AT SAN JOSE ST

17-19	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
13-4	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
4-15	Away	1-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	4-2	Off A Bye
11-13	Vs Conference	7-12	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (21,21,1)
Lost: 20 (10,8,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,465 (#111)

WAC

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#115

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score SJSt	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	UC Davis	G					
Sep. 6	at Nebraska	A					
Sep. 13	San Diego St	G					
Sep. 20	at Stanford	G					
Sep. 27	at Hawaii	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Utah St (HC)	G					
Oct. 18	at New Mexico St	G					
Oct. 24	Boise St (Fri)	G					
Nov. 1	at Idaho	A					
Nov. 8	Louisiana Tech	G					
Nov. 15	at Nevada	A					
Nov. 21	Fresno St (Fri)	G					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Adam Tafralis 7,548 '04-'07
2. Ed Luther 7,190 '76-'79
3. Steve Clarkson 6,842 '79-'82

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Deoncé Whitaker 3,515 '98-'01
2. Sheldon Canley 2,513 '88-'90
3. Gerald Willhite 2,364 '80-'81

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Stacey Bailey 2,223 '78-'81
2. Edell Shepherd 2,207 '00-'01
3. Guy Liggins 2,191 '86-'87

San Jose St was up 14-7 at HT LY before pulling away for a 34-14 win. The Aggies finished 5-6 last year including the SJSt game but FD's were tied at 19.

Nebraska won 49-13 at Lincoln in 2000 in the only meeting. The Spartans are 3-10 all-time vs Big XII teams.

SJSt leads the series 17-15-2. The Spartans ended a 7-game losing streak dating back to '76 vs SDSt with a 31-10 victory in '06 in San Jose. SJSt is 53-44-4 vs the MWC.

SJSt trails the series 47-14-1. SJSt's 14 wins vs SU are its most vs any Pac-10 tm. SJSt has lost 5 of 6 after winning 3 consec from '98-'00. SJSt is just 44-133-2 vs the Pac-10.

Spartans are on a 7 gm losing streak vs Hawaii & last won on the island in 2000. HC Tomey is the #3 all-time winningest coach at UH from '77-'86 (63-46-3).

The Spartans are 19-10-1 vs Utah St. This game has been decided by 7 points or less the last 5 meetings. LY Tafralis threw for a career high 426 yds & 3 TD's.

Last year's 51 pts were the most scored since Tomey took over. San Jose St is 13-2 vs the Aggies including 4 straight & they are a perfect 7-0 at Las Cruces.

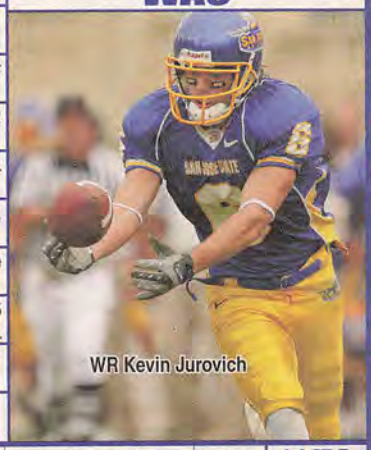
San Jose St is 0-8 vs Boise all-time. The Spartans were held to 150 yds last year. The last 2 games in San Jose were decided by 3 & 7 pts.

SJSt leads the series 11-7-1 winning 5 of the last 6 in this series. Coming into '08, the Spartans are 3-9 on the road vs conference opponents under Tomey.

LY SJSt rallied from a 24-6, 1H deficit with 17 unanswered 3Q pts, but the offense stalled in the final 15:00. The home team has won 6 of the 7 games in this series.

SJSt trails the series 12-8-2. LY was the Spartans' 1st win in the series since a 64-45 win in '01 when the 2 schools combined for an NCAA record 1,640 yds in offense.

San Jose St was shutout last year 30-0 despite outgaining the Bulldogs 394-383. The win here in 2006 for San Jose St snapped a 12 game series losing streak.


WR Kevin Jurovich

STADIUM: SPARTAN STADIUM (31,218) (#94)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-5	3-9	6-7	3-8	2-9	3-8	9-4	5-7	38-57
Home	3-2	2-2	2-2	2-3	2-3	3-2	6-1	4-1	24-16
Away	4-3	1-7	4-5	1-5	0-6	0-6	3-3	1-6	14-41
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	3-5	4-4	2-6	1-7	2-6	5-3	4-4	26-38
vs Non-Conf	2-2	0-4	2-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	4-1	1-3	12-19
ATS	8-3	5-7	9-4	4-6	5-5	3-6-1	9-3	6-5	49-39-1
Home Fav (Dave Baldwin)	1-2	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	2-1	2-0	10-4-1
Home Dog (Dave Baldwin)	1-0	0-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	0-2	3-0	2-0	12-7
Away Fav (Dick Tomey)	3-1	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	8-1
Away Dog (Dick Tomey)	3-0	3-5	4-3	0-5	3-3	2-4	2-2	2-5	19-27
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-4-1	5-3	6-2	37-26-1
vs Non-Conf	3-0	1-3	3-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	4-0	0-3	12-13
Off SU Win	4-2	1-2	5-1	0-3	1-1	0-1-1	5-2	3-0	19-12-1
Off SU Loss	3-1	3-5	3-3	4-3	4-3	3-5	3-1	3-4	26-25

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
81	California Raisin		NL	Toledo	25-27
86	California Raisin		NL	Miami, Oh	37-7
87	California Raisin		NL	E Michigan	27-30
90	California Raisin		-14	C Michigan	48-24
06	New Mexico		+3	New Mexico	20-12

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
San Jose St's All-Time Bowl Record 5–3

SAN JOSE ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	20.4	19	84	2.6	264	61.3	17.0	+13	2007	8	29.3	23	165	4.5	243	62.6	13.9
7*	24.9	17	175	4.6	182	63.6	14.3	+9	2006	2	20.8	19	149	4.1	206	61.5	17.1
6	22.5	17	145	4.1	201	47.5	15.3	+1	2005	7	32.5	24	145	3.5	296	62.9	13.6
2	28.4	18	162	4.0	176	51.3	11.9	-2	2004	6	42.6	23	252	5.1	189	59.2	10.3
8*	23.5	20	104	3.2	282	59.0	16.4	+5	2003	8	35.1	22	187	4.9	272	60.2	13.1
4*	28.9	19	112	3.6	263	60.0	13.0	+6	2002	2	35.9	25	193	4.8	300	57.9	13.7

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jacob French	101	376	45	331	1	3.3
Adam Tafralis	76	309	128	181	2	2.4
James T Callier	67	187	24	163	3	2.4
Myles Eden	22	119	2	117	0	5.3
Dominique Hunsucker	36	111	13	98	0	2.7
Kevin Jurovich	12	63	7	56	0	4.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Adam Tafralis	400	251	62.8	3022	18	11
Jordan La Secla	18	8	44.4	64	1	0
Sean Flynn	17	10	58.8	56	0	0
Myles Eden	15	7	46.7	30	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Kevin Jurovich	85	1183	13.9	9	68	
David Richmond	55	852	15.5	3	52	
Jalal Beauchman	36	322	9.2	1	27	
Jacob French	38	297	7.8	1	31	
Brian Elledge	16	105	6.6	1	23	
James T Callier	8	87	10.9	1	23	
Kyle Flynn	8	84	10.5	0	17	
Terrance Williams	8	73	9.1	1	24	
Jeff Clark	8	70	8.8	1	17	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Waylon Prather	62	2450	39.5	14	30.3	0	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jared Strubeck	22-22	5-7	3-6	2-4	0-3	10-20	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Matt Castelo	141	2	10.5	3	1
Demetrius Jones	110	1	2.5	0	0
Jonathan Harris	81	0	3.5	1	3
Christopher Owens	75	0	2.5	3	6
Andrew Ryan	51	1	0	3	2
Dwight Lowery	44	0	0	7	4
Jarron Gilbert	38	4	3.5	4	0
Justin Cole	35	1	2.5	0	0
Duke Ihenacho	32	0	2	4	0
Carl Ihenacho	30	5	1	1	0
Ryno Gonzalez	26	0	1.5	1	0
Travis Jones	24	0	0	0	0
Justin Willis	22	1	0	1	0
Jason Swisher	21	0	0	0	0
Dominique Hunsucker	19	0	0	2	2
Jerome Pulu	18	1	1	0	1
Adonis Davis	15	0	3	1	0
Devin Newsome	15	0	0	1	0
Braden Storaasli	13	0	0	1	0
Dimitrous Chattman	13	1	2	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Dwight Lowery	19	273	14.4	1	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jacob French	31	677	21.8	0	
Dominique Hunsucker	16	329	20.6	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

SJSt 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS vs	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
54,405	at Arizona St	7	26-40	1.5	11-23	75	3	33	53-250	4.7	23-32	270	1	-1
45,545	at Kansas St	20	31-73	2.4	28-41	220	3	25	27-153	5.7	25-36	272	0	+2
36,144	at Stanford	10	25-32	1.3	13-28	131	3	26	48-276	5.8	19-30	230	1	0
13,685	at Utah St	30	32-98	3.1	35-48	426	0	15	39-175	4.5	11-21	78	0	0
17,431	UC Davis	19	26-15	0.6	25-34	330	2	19	29-91	3.1	27-45	195	1	+4
16,289	Idaho	23	48-134	2.8	22-30	302	0	13	43-183	4.3	8-15	68	3	+1
20,473	Hawaii	18	25-42	1.7	27-47	302	2	34	26-56	2.2	44-75	545	4	0
35,494	at Fresno St	18	30-140	4.7	22-44	254	3	22	43-251	5.8	16-26	132	1	0
30,416	at Boise St	13	32-50	1.6	16-30	100	3	23	31-144	4.6	32-41	290	1	+2
10,452	New Mexico St	23	44-190	4.3	19-31	317	2	21	25-80	3.2	30-49	318	3	+4
13,027	at Louisiana Tech	23	26-105	4.0	28-47	369	1	18	38-152	4.0	22-36	261	2	0
12,678	Nevada	25	40-86	2.2	30-47	346	1	22	35-174	5.0	12-24	252	1	+1
TOTALS		229	385-1005	2.6	276-450	3172	23	271	437-1985	4.5	269-430	2911	18	+13
AVERAGES		19.1	32-84	2.6	23-38	264	1.9	22.6	36-165	4.5	22-36	243	1.5	1.1

2003 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Grambling St	NL	29-0
–	at Florida	+24	3-65
–	at Stanford	+12	10-31
–	Nevada	+1'	30-42
–	at Rice	+3'	24-28
–	SMU	-7'	31-14
–	at Boise St	+27	14-77
–	Hawaii	+13	10-13
–	at UTEP	-3	69-41
–	at Fresno St	+14	7-41
–	Tulsa	+7	32-34

2004 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Stanford	+17'	3-43
–	Morgan St	NL	47-28
–	at SMU	+1'	13-36
–	Rice	+14'	70-63
–	at Washington	+17'	6-21
–	at Hawaii	+22	28-46
–	UTEP	+14'	20-38
–	at Nevada	+14	24-42
–	Boise St - #14	+33	49-56 2OT
–	at Tulsa	+10'	24-34
–	Fresno St	+26	28-62

2005 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	E Washington	NL	35-24
–	at Illinois	+14	19-40
–	at San Diego St	+13'	21-52
–	Nevada	+3'	23-30
–	at Utah St	+5	17-24
–	at Boise St	+30'	21-38
–	Hawaii	+6	38-45
–	at Louisiana Tech	+19	14-31
–	at Fresno St - #21	+33	7-45
–	New Mexico St	-8	27-10
–	Idaho	-8	26-18

2006 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Washington	+20	29-35
–	Stanford	+9'	35-34
–	Cal Poly	NL	17-7
–	San Diego St	+2'	31-10
–	Utah St	-17	21-14
–	at Nevada	+12'	7-23
–	Louisiana Tech	-10	44-10
–	at New Mexico St	-6'	31-21
–	Boise St - #14	+13	20-23
–	at Hawaii	+25	17-54
–	at Idaho	-7	28-13
–	Fresno St	-4'	24-14

2007 RESULTS

SJSt Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Arizona St	+15	3-45
–	at Kansas St	+19	14-34
–	at Stanford	+7'	0-37
–	at Utah St	+3	23-20
–	UC Davis	NL	34-14
–	Idaho	-6'	28-20
–	Hawaii - #16	+17	35-42 OT
–	at Fresno St	+13'	0-30
–	at Boise St - #22	+25'	7-42
–	New Mexico St	-4	51-17
–	at Louisiana Tech	+5'	23-27
–	Nevada	+3'	27-24

LOUISIANA TECH BULLDOGS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Tech has produced some fine QB's including Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw. Tim Rattay finished #2 in NCAA history in career passing yards despite playing just 3 seasons. LT led the NCAA in pass offense in both 1998 and 1999. In 2000, true frosh Luke McCown was forced to start and he left 4 years later #3 in the NCAA in career total offense. In 2006 the top two QB's departed. Zac Champion (PS#98) was 3rd string in both '04 and '05 (8 passes, 5 gm) and he won the starting job. He threw for 2,466 (52.2%) with a 14-18 ratio (311 rush). Backup Michael Mosley (PS#168WR) threw for 321 (49%) with a 3-1 ratio. Both QB's returned in '07. In the first 5 Champion threw for 146 ypg (54.8%). Mosley had just 6 att to date but HC Derek Dooley named him the starter vs NMSt to help spark the offense. Mosley, who has a cannon for an arm, opened 5 of 12 (numerous drops) for 54. Champion threw two 4Q TD's leading them to the win and QB'd the rest of the year (Mosley had 2 more att). Over a 6 game stretch, Champion threw for 230 ypg (62.1%) before he struggled vs Nevada hitting 9 of 23 for 114. Surprisingly rFr Ross Jenkins (6'2" 203 So, PS#121), who had not played, hit 2 of 5 for 26 yards in the finale and returns. This year they must replace Champion and while both Mosley and Jenkins are back I expect Auburn transfer Steven Ensminger (PS#50) to battle GT transfer Taylor Bennett for the starting spot and Mosley to play exclusively at WR.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, Ryan Moats broke the single-season school rushing record with 1,774 (6.2). Moats also became the first LT player to declare early for the NFL draft (#3DC PHI). Bicknell used a 3 RB rotation in 2005 with Patrick Jackson (PS#81) finishing as the #3 rusher with 367 (4.2) and he led the team in all-purp yards. The top RB, Mark Dillard (672, 4.3) was moved to DB in '06. Jackson started 11 and finished #3 in the WAC in all-purp yards (1,737) rushing for 854 (5.0). Bicknell signed three true frosh in William Griffin (5'10" 203 Jr, PS#46), Myke Compton (5'8" 190 So, PS#133) and Daniel Porter (PS#326). Porter was compared to Moats and in his first start vs Utah St he rushed for 178. Porter surprisingly had just 6 carries for 12 yards in the last 3 and finished with 464 (5.7). Griffin missed the first 5 with injury but they still burned his RS and he rushed for 174 (3.9). Last year all 3 returned and Jackson nearly reached the 1,000 yard mark with 950 (4.7). Porter had the best ypc of the backs (6.0) and finished with 592. Both Jackson and Porter topped 100 vs Utah St and Porter led twice. Griffin finished with 190 (4.4). Jackson was not 100% all year but had offseason surgery in order to return healthy for 2008. All 3 RB's return again and are now in the second year of the system. Not listed in the PSL are Allen Gilbert (5'9" 195 rFr, PS#506), Drexel Perkins (6'1" 193 rFr, PS#422), Tavaures James (5'7" 200 Sr), Keith Brown (5'8" 207 So), FB's Roosevelt Falls (6'1" 220 So, PS#290LB), Shaun Jones (6'1" 237 So) and Tristan Broussard (5'10" 248 So). Compton moves back from D where he had 15 tackles last year as a rFr.

RECEIVERS - LT lost 2 of their top receivers last year including a #7 NFL DC and also had to replace their starting TE. Josh Wheeler was the leading returnee with 503 yards in 2006 and a team high 20.1 ypc. TE Dennis Morris had 284 (17.8) as a true in 2006. Dooley spoke of concerns at the WR position after Wheeler was injured (only played 4). The team suffered 11 drops vs NMSt. Dooley did mention the big and athletic TE's were a strength with Morris, Anthony Harrison and Dustin Mitchell all being interchangeable. Shane Womack did not play until Wk 3 and finished with 246 (12.9). True frosh Phillip Livas (PS#50RB) lived up to his HT billing, leading with 504 (18.0). JUCO Philip Beck was #2 with 359 (12.0). Harrison led in rec with 33 (8.9). Another true frosh, Joe Anderson, added 186 (6.9). Not listed in the 3 deep below are E Carolina transfer Adam Linwood (5'8" 195 Jr), Earl Griffin (5'10" 210 Sr) and Grambling transfer TE Zak Latiff (6'4" 235 Sr). This year the unit returns intact and also gets the return of Wheeler and QB Mosley making it one of the WAC's most underrated WR corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year LT had to replace 2 starters but did have 8 of their top 10 back. Returning starting LG David Accardo was lost after 3 so they essentially had just 2 returning starters. While the ypg rush rose to 155, the ypc dropped to 3.8 and the sacks remained steady at 31 (7.4%). This year they lose a pair of 3 year starters in RT Ryan Considine (12 st, 3Y st'r) and LT Tyler Miller (12 st, 3Y st'r). With Accardo returning, they have seven players with starting experience and could be stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, LT had to replace five of their top 6 DL's and allowed a ghastly 5.7 ypc rush and a school record 2,930 rush yards while the D recorded an NCAA low 9 sacks. Last year almost everyone returned and naturally they were much tougher vs the run allowing 137 ypg (3.9) with 22 sacks. This year they lose DE Ben McGilton (11 st, 22 tkl, 6.5 tfl), 2nd Tm WAC DE Chris Pugh (10 st, 58 tkl, 6 sk, 6 tfl), Joshua Muse (12 st, 47 tkl, 4.5 sk) and Wes Day (8 st, 38 tkl, 3Y). They do get two significant additions in Kwame Jordan who had 17.5 sacks at JUCO last year and Rolando Melancon (PS#21) who originally signed with Tennessee. Not listed in the PSL are Breon Jackson (6'1" 307 Sr, 1 st, 6 tkl), Mark Cassimere (6'4" 255 Jr) and Adrian Logan (6'1" 244 rFr). Despite being less experienced, this group could improve thanks to the new additions.

LB Quin Harris

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 LT had to replace two starters (who were 1st and 2nd Tm WAC) and a projected starter went down early. Last year 5 players returned with starting experience including Ole Miss transfer Marquis McBeath. Brannon Jackson (PS#47) was injured in Aug and missed the season so just two full-time starters were back. McBeath lost his starting spot to Mark Dillard (11 st, 87 tkl). This year they must replace Anthony Crosby (5 st, 43 tkl), McBeath (7 st, 37 tkl), Chris Lowery (3 st, 24 tkl), Marvin Lubin (6 tkl) and Mark Dillard (11 st, 87 tkl) who moved from SS to LB to fill Jackson's spot. Top LB Quin Harris is back and Jackson also returns, plus they add in Alabama transfer Zach Schreiber (PS#48). All 3 of the LB's make my Preseason All-Conf Team but this unit is a little less experienced than in 2007.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Tech finished #40 in my pass D rankings despite an inexperienced secondary in 2005. In 2006 the only returning starter had just 18 tackles before being lost for the year due to injury. The extremely inexperienced secondary dropped to #115. Last year they had 3 starters back and moved up to #48. This year the only losses are CB's Tony Moss (11 st, 57 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu), Shalamar Walker (1 st, 45 tkl, 2 pbu) and S Justin Johnson (12 tkl). The Bulldogs should continue to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - LT finished as high as #40 in my ST rankings in 2003 but in Bicknell's final 3 years, they slumped to #98, #70 and #102. Last year Dooley brought in Eric Russell who was the ST coach at N Texas (5 yr) and had achieved a #10 finish with the Mean Green in 2003. They returned their K and P but Dooley did not even list a PR or KR on the opening day depth chart. Philip Beck had a 54 yd PR in the opener and claimed the PR job (17.4, #5 NCAA). Patrick Jackson avg'd 24.2 on KR in '06 and 22.5 in '07 and true frosh Phillip Livas avg'd 26.4 on KR. K Danny Horwedel connected on 12 of 21 with a long of 47 last year (1 miss from 51). He had just 2 TB on 53 KO. P Chris Keagle improved to 41.3 (37.0 net). LT moved all the way up to #39 and the unit was also solid at blocking FG's, a category not taken into account. This year they lose Horwedel but could move up even higher.

COACHES - Derek Dooley was the Miami Dolphins' TE coach in '05 & '06 under Nick Saban and is legendary UGA HC and AD Vince's son. Dooley spent the previous 5 years at LSU also under Saban. He brought the phrase "Eat, sleep and breath football" to life for Tech football and is all business. He did inherit a veteran roster featuring 17 seniors. Dooley is trying to get away from JUCO's by signing more frosh-heavy classes. The 2nd year OC is Frank Scelfo, who spent 11 seasons at Tulane including 8 as the OC. He tutored three NFL DC's at QB in Shaun King, Patrick Ramsey and JP Losman. DC Tommy Spangler was the HC at Div II Presbyterian College from '01-'06 and also returns. Dooley has added athletic director to his title this year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2001, LT took home the WAC Title but in 2002 was -13 in turnovers and finished 4-8 dropping some winnable games. In 2003, they led WAC Champ Boise St 23-16 at home but finished just 5-7. The 2004 season was an atypical year for the offense which had been known for its passing attack but instead was led by RB Moats. LT actually had more yards rushing than passing. LT beat Rice 51-14 in the 2004 season finale and Bicknell kept his job. In 2005, LT had an outstanding 7-4 year including knocking off #23 Fresno on the road but did not get a bowl invite. The 2005 squad was 6-2 in WAC play but was actually outgained by 11.1 ypg benefitting from +13 in turnovers. Those two factors pointed to a down season in 2006. With one of the youngest D's in the NCAA, LT was #119 in total defense and the 41.7 ppg allowed was the most in school history. The offense had 7 starters back but averaged just 18.6 ppg (10.1 less than '05). Their 3-10 record was their worst since 1993 (2-9) and they were outgained by a WAC worst 157.5 ypg. That team also suffered having 35 starts lost to injury and was -8 in turnovers. All of those factors had things pointed in an upward direction last year with 15 returning starters for new HC Dooley. After beating a IAA foe in the opener, LT nearly derailed Hawaii's undefeated season but UH got a 49 yard FG with 1:34 left to tie it and LT came up short on a 2 pt attempt in OT. Three weeks later, LT had a 21-14 FD edge, just 1 penalty and zero TO's lost yet still lost to Fresno, 17-6. LT had a 301-232 yd edge vs Ole Miss but lost. NMSt, with a backup QB, led 21-9 but LT came back to win 22-21at home. Trailing Boise 31-24 in the 4Q LT fumbled at the Boise 13 and lost by 14. LT lost 5 straight WAC road games by a 45-14 avg but went into Utah St and Idaho the next 2 weeks and came away with wins. After getting throttled by eventual National Champ LSU, LT beat SJSt at home. It was announced the winner of the LT/NV game would go to the New Mexico Bowl. The two teams came in with nearly identical stats vs mutual foes but somehow NV dominated 49-10. LT finished 4-4 in the WAC but thanks in part to the final game, was outgained by 38.9 ypg in WAC play. LT did have 35 starts lost due to injury. LT had a better season than I expected last year and despite having just 13 returning starters, two of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to be bowl eligible this year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 Steven Ensminger So. 6-2 230 **PS#50. RS Auburn '06.** Taylor Bennett (6'3" 215 Sr) PS#107. 13 st, 2136 at **GT** LY. **14** Al Hawkins (6'2" 229 Sr) **PS#32.** Grambling St transfer.

RB 23 PATRICK JACKSON SR. 5-10 193 **PS#81. 2nd Tm WAC '06 & '07.** 22 st 3Y, 2171 (4.7), 62 rec. **20** Daniel Porter (5'9" 189 Jr). 3 st 2Y, 1056 (5.8). **2** William Griffin 364 (4.1) 2Y.

TE 43 DUSTIN MITCHELL JR. 6-4 245 PS#84QB. 9 starts at FB in '07, 29 rec (6.8).

WR 19 Shane Womack (6'2" 208 Sr). 5 st LY, 246 (12.9). **8** Shawn Simmons (6'0" 184 Jr). 4 gm 2Y.

WR 6 PHILLIP LIVAS SO. 5-8 170 **PS#50RB.** 5 st true, 504 (18.0). **81** Josh Wheeler (6'4" 204 Sr), 12 st '06, **503 (20.1).** Inj LY. **7** Joe Anderson (5'11" 203 So). 4 st, 186 (6.9) LY.

WR 82 PHILIP BECK SR. 5-10 177 PS#428JC. 7 st LY, 359 (12.0). **3** Brian Jackson (6'3" 216 Jr) PS#99. 3 st, 143 (13.0) LY. **9** Michael Mosley (6'2" 206 Jr) PS#168.1 st QB, 1 st WR LY.

TE 47 ANTHONY HARRISON SR. 6-3 242 PS#260LB. 1 st '05-'06. 12 st in '07, 293 (8.9). **49** Dennis Morris (6'2" 264 Jr). 363 (14.5) 2Y. **84** Clayton Chambers (6'5" 228 So) PS#127.

C 60 LON ROBERTS SO. 6-3 272 **PS#117.** 12 st C rFr. **69** Greg Greathouse (6'4" 266 So) PS#186DL. 1 gm rFr. **LS 52** Thomas Graham (5'10" 229 Jr) 23 games in 2 years.

RG 67 JARED MILES SO. 6-3 320 PS#436. Started last 6 as true, 9 gm. **78** Ryan Snell (6'5" 306 Sr) PS#631. 3 gm rFr. Inel '06, 1 gm '07. Kevin Saia (6'2" 315) PS#145.

LG 66 DAVID ACCARDO SR. 6-4 318 PS#574. 9 gm rFr. **13 st LG** '06. First 3 st LG LY until inj. **62** Ben Harris (6'4" 280 Jr). 2 gm rFr. First 3 st LY. **68** Chris Tusch (6'3" 236 rFr).

RT 77 Bill Jones Sr. 6-6 325 PS#609. 3 st RT '06, 10 gm. 5 st RG LY. 5 gm. **76** Cudahy Harmon (6'8" 320 So) PS#301. 1 st RT rFr. **64** Corbin Best (6'1" 302 rFr).

LT 74 Rob McGill So. 6-7 292 PS#97TE. Move to OL true. L/6 st LG rFr, 12 gm. **72** Will Taylor (6'4" 283 So) PS#224. 1 gm but RS. **75** Dwight Alexander (6'5" 278 Jr) PS#343.

K 33 Brad Oestriecher Sr. 5-11 184 Hit 2-5 FG '04, long 36, 9-10 xp. 27 TB on 129 KO '04-'05. 2 TB on 42 KO '06. RS LY. **14** Dale Wallace (5'10" 175 So). 57-60 xp, 6-7 FG, long 41 HS.

DE 97 Kwame Jordan Jr. 6-3 245 PS#158JC. In spg. **17.5 sk JC LY. 91** Matt Broha (6'4" 210 rFr) PS#310. **96** Jared Parten (6'3" 278 Jr) PS#211JC. ACL med RS'06. Inj LY.

NT NR Rolando Melancon So. 6-2 260 PS#21DL '07. Orig sign Tenn. **90** Mason Hitt (6'2" 255 So) PS#165. 4 tkl true, 10 gm. **89** Ramone Randle (6'2" 297 So) PS#245LB. 16 tkl rFr, 10 gm.

DT 5 D'ANTHONY SMITH JR. 6-2 292 PS#108. 8 st true, 38 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 11 st LY, 42 tkl, 3 sk, 3.5 tfl. **79** Kris Cavitt (6'3" 285 rFr). OL in spg. **86** Adam Hymel (5'11" 282 rFr) PS#322.

DE 85 Randy Grigsby So. 6-3 242 1 st rFr, 10 tkl, 8 gm. Eric Harper PS#160. In spg. **61** Jared Barron (6'3" 230 rFr) PS#196. **48** Dusty Rust (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#87LB.

WLB 37 QUIN HARRIS SR. 6-2 221 **2nd Tm WAC.** 1 st, 30 tkl rFr. 13 st, 95 tkl, 6 tfl '06. 12 st, **102 tkl, 9.5 tfl '07. 21** Dominique Faust (5'11" 190 So) 6 tkl true. **45** Jay Dudley (6'3" 214 rFr) PS#187.

MLB 58 Brannon Jackson Sr. 6-1 256 **PS#47.** 10 tkl rFr. 11 st, 54 tkl '05. 11 st, 67 tkl, 2.5 tfl '06. Med RS LY. **38** Chase Burns (5'11" 210 rFr) PS#165. Kiamni Washington (6'2" 215 So) 2 tkl true.

SLB 42 Zach Schreiber Jr. 6-0 215 **PS#48.** 6 tkl, 204 snap at **Alabama** '06. **36** Brian White (6'1" 217 Jr) 8 tkl 2Y. **54** Nolan Darby (6'2" 223 Sr) 3 tkl 2Y. Jonathan Zeno (6'1" 232 So).

CB 35 WELDON BROWN SR. 5-10 184 7 st CB, 24 tkl, 1 pbu, 21 KR (23.4) '06. 11 st LY, 62 tkl, 4 int, 7 pbu. **28** Terry Carter (5'10" 170 rFr) PS#81. **47** Shaun Smith (6'1" 175 So).

CB 4 Tarence Calais So. 5-11 185 PS#77. 3 tkl true, 12 gm. **15** Josh Victorian (5'10" 180 So) PS#177. 1 st, 9 tkl true. **27** Stevon Howze (5'9" 170 Sr) PS#453JC. 1 tkl, 12 gm '07.

SS 25 DEON YOUNG JR. 5-11 197 13 tkl rFr. 9 st '07, 72 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **8** Tym Toussaint (5'9" 205 So) PS#394LB. Jimmie Crawford PS#416. **19** Jermaine Perkins (6'2" 207 So).

FS 34 ANTONIO BAKER JR. 5-11 200 6 st, 11 gm true, 68 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 12 st LY, 118 tkl, 3 int, 7 pbu. **24** Adrian Linwood (6'1" 206 rFr) PS#414WR. **16** Justin Johnson (6'0" 197 Sr).

P 17 CHRIS KEAGLE SR. 6-0 233 52 punts '05, 37.4 avg, 33.2 net. 66 punts '06, 38.4 avg net of 33.2. **1st Tm WAC LY**, 76 punts, 41.3 avg, net of 37.0, 26 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Rolando Melancon 6-2 260 PS#21 '07
DL	Kwame Jordan 6-3 245 PS#158JC
OL	Kevin Saia 6-2 315 PS#145
DL	Eric Harper 6-4 220 PS#160
TE	Chandler Spence 6-3 240 PS#52
DL	Christian Lacey 6-1 235 PS#188
WR	Houston Tuminello 6-1 180 PS#143
DL	Philip Longino 6-0 290 PS#196
LB	Adrien Cole 5-11 245 PS#159RB
DB	Richie Casey 6-0 180 PS#188FB
DB	Darrius Terry 5-11 180 PS#245
DB	Todd Spence 6-0 175 PS#267
WR	RP Stuart 6-3 205 PS#213
LB	Solomon Randle 6-0 235 PS#265
DB	Zack Summage 5-9 190 PS#367LB
RB	Ketaraus Stanton 5-11 215 PS#356
DB	Jimmie Crawford 6-0 210 PS#416
OL	Josh Parrish 6-4 275 PS#440
OL	Michael Lacy 6-5 310 PS#457
WR	Eric Fiege 5-8 170 PS#400
QB	Colby Cameron 6-2 170 PS#325

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score LT	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Mississippi St	A				
Sep. 6	at Kansas	A				
Sep. 13						
Sep. 20	SE Louisiana	A				
Sep. 27						
Oct. 1	at Boise St (Wed)	A				
Oct. 11	at Hawaii	A				
Oct. 18	Idaho	A				
Oct. 25	at Army	A				
Nov. 1	Fresno St	A				
Nov. 8	at San Jose St	G				
Nov. 15	Utah St	A				
Nov. 22	at New Mexico St	G				
Nov. 29	Nevada	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tim Rattay 12,746 '97-'99
2. Luke McCown 12,666 '00-'03
3. Jason Martin 9,062 '93-'96

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Jason Cooper 3,342 '91-'94
2. Ryan Moats 3,112 '02-'04
3. John Henry White 2,944 '74-'77

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Troy Edwards 4,352 '96-'98
2. Chad Mackey 3,763 '93-'96
3. Delwyn Daigre 3,056 '98-'01

La Tech trails the all-time series vs MSU 7-2. All nine previous games were played in Starkville. LT won the last meeting 38-23 in '96. LT is 7-56-2 all-time vs SEC foes.

The series is tied at 1-1. LT lost 34-14 in '05 & is 4-21 vs current Big XII schools. The Bulldogs have lost 12 straight by an avg of 37 ppg when visiting a BCS team.

LT defeated FCS Central Arkansas 28-7 in '07 but were outFD'd 28-13 & outgained 386-261 (UCA had 6 TO's). SEL went 3-8 in '07 losing 35-14 at WAC member NMSt.

The Bulldogs have dropped the L/6 in this series. These 2 have combined for 69 ppg. Last year the game was tied 24-24 in the 3Q but LT couldn't overcome 4 TO's.

The Bulldogs have not won in their 3 visits to Hawaii (1-5 all-time vs UH). LY LT opted to go for a 2 pt conv in OT for the win but their pass fell incomplete vs #20 Hawaii.

The home team has lost all 3 meetings. Last & only time here LT committed 8 TO's in a 24-14 loss. Last year RB Jackson had a career high 150 yds vs the Vandals.

1st meeting. This will be LT's 1st game against the service academies and its 1st trip to the state of New York for a game. LT is 1-8 in non-conf road games the L3Y.

LT is 2-7 all-time vs FSU, however both wins came vs ranked FSU tms ('04 & '05). Last year's gm was a def struggle which saw LT squander a 6-0 1H lead.

The Bulldogs are 3-4 in this series including last year's 27-23 win. The visitor has lost the last 5. Last time here SJSt outgained LT 644-222.

Louisiana Tech has won the last 3 in this series, all by double digits. LY LT finished with 518 yds of offense, including a 235-2 advantage in the 3Q.

Last year LT rallied from being down 21-9 in the 4Q for the win (TD with 1:53 left). The Bulldogs are 3-4 all-time vs New Mexico St & have never won in Las Cruces.

The home team has won 3 of the last 4. These 2 have combined to score 72 ppg in their 8 meetings. LY LT was outgained 641-228 managing only 12 FD's.

DEREK DOOLEY (Career 5-7)

2nd Year at Louisiana Tech — Dooley's Bowl Record: 0-0

Dooley's records AT LOUISIANA TECH

5-7	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
3-2	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
2-5	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
4-4	Vs Conference	3-3	Off A Loss

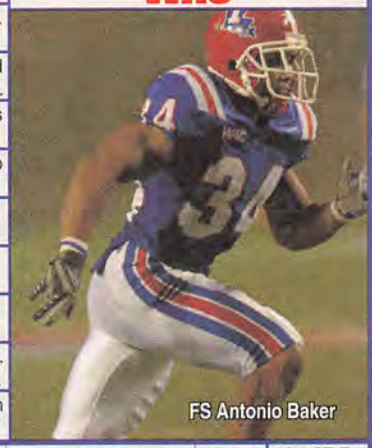
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (23,15,3)
Lost: 15 (3,11,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,562 (#96)

WAC


FS Antonio Baker

STADIUM: JOE AILLET STADIUM (30,600) (#98)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-9	7-5	4-8	5-7	6-6	7-4	3-10	5-7	40-56
Home	2-2	4-0	4-1	1-3	4-1	4-1	2-3	3-2	24-13
Away	1-7	3-4	0-7	4-3	2-5	3-3	1-7	2-5	16-41
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	–	7-1	3-5	3-5	5-3	6-2	1-7	4-4	29-27
vs Non-Conf	3-9	0-4	1-3	2-2	1-3	1-2	2-3	1-3	11-29
ATS	4-6	7-5	3-9	5-6-1	5-7	5-6	3-9	6-5	38-53-1
Home Fav (Jack Bicknell)	1-0	2-1	2-2	1-1	2-2	3-1	1-1	0-2 (Derek Dooley)	12-10
Home Dog (Jack Bicknell)	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1	2-0 (Derek Dooley)	7-3
Away Fav	0-3	1-2	0-3	1-1-1	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	6-10
Away Dog	2-3	3-1	1-3	2-1-1	1-5	1-3	1-7	2-3	13-26-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	–	5-3	2-6	3-4-1	5-3	4-4	2-6	5-3	26-29-1
vs Non-Conf	4-6	2-2	1-3	2-2	0-4	1-2	1-3	1-2	12-24
Off SU Win	1-2	4-3	0-4	1-3-1	0-5	2-4	0-3	3-2	11-26-1
Off SU Loss	3-4	2-2	2-5	4-2	4-2	3-1	3-5	3-3	24-24

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Patrick Jackson	202	1004	54	950	8	4.7
Daniel Porter	99	623	31	592	6	6.0
William Griffin	43	207	17	190	0	4.4
Michael Mosley	21	90	15	75	0	3.6
Phillip Livas	10	78	6	72	0	7.2
Zac Champion	88	268	292	-24	1	-0.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Zac Champion	395	227	57.5	2221	13	10
Michael Mosley	20	9	45.0	101	0	0
Ross Jenkins	5	2	40.0	26	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Phillip Livas	28	504	18.0	3	70
Philip Beck	30	359	12.0	1	46
Anthony Harrison	33	293	8.9	0	24
Shane Womack	19	246	12.9	1	31
Patrick Jackson	31	227	7.3	1	21
Dustin Mitchell	29	198	6.8	2	22
Joe Anderson	27	186	6.9	1	20
Brian Jackson	11	143	13.0	3	37
Dennis Morris	9	79	8.8	0	15
Daniel Porter	11	58	5.3	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Keagle	76	3139	41.3	21	37.0	0	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Danny Horwedel	25-26	4-4	5-8	3-8	0-1	12-21	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Antonio Baker	118	0.5	3	7	3
Quin Harris	102	3.5	6	11	1
Mark Dillard	87	1.5	4.5	2	0
Deon Young	72	0	0.5	4	3
Weldon Brown	62	0	0.5	7	4
Chris Pugh	58	6	6	3	0
Tony Moss	57	0	2	3	4
Joshua Muse	47	4.5	3.5	0	0
Shalamar Walker	45	0	1	2	1
Anthony Crosby	43	0	3	1	1
D'Anthony Smith	42	3	3.5	0	0
Marquis McBeath	37	0	1.5	1	1
Chris Lowery	24	0.5	1	0	0
Ben McGilton	22	1.5	5	0	1
Ramone Randle	16	0	1.5	0	0
Myke Compton	15	0	0	0	0
Wes Day	13	1	1	0	0
Justin Johnson	12	0	0	0	0
Randy Grigsby	10	0	0	0	0
Josh Victorian	9	0	1	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Philip Beck	18	313	17.4	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Patrick Jackson	21	472	22.5	0
Phillip Livas	17	448	26.4	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
77	Independence	NL	Louisville	24-14
78	Independence	NL	East Carolina	13-35
90	Independence	+1'	Maryland	34-34
01	Humanitarian	+6'	Clemson	24-49

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisiana Tech's All-Time Bowl Record 1-2-1

LOUISIANA TECH'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	20.8	20	155	3.8	196	56.7	16.9	+1	2007	9	30.7	21	137	3.9	287	57.7	13.8
7	18.6	18	130	4.1	214	51.8	18.5	-8	2006	2	41.7	22	225	5.7	258	61.4	11.6
5*	28.7	20	148	3.8	219	53.9	12.8	+13	2005	4	25.5	20	133	3.8	248	57.0	14.9
7	25.7	18	200	4.9	180	51.3	14.8	0	2004	8	31.8	21	177	4.4	231	56.7	12.8
6*	25.8	22	138	4.6	293	55.4	16.7	-5	2003	4	32.8	24	238	5.4	273	61.8	15.5
6*	26.7	20	115	4.5	303	57.9	15.7	-13	2002	7	35.5	23	177	4.1	264	62.1	12.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

LT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
20,240	C Arkansas	13	36-190	5.3	12-23	71	1	28	42-110	2.6	30-52	276	4	+4
22,135	Hawaii	26	49-223	4.6	23-36	187	3	32	20-45	2.3	43-61	548	4	+3
58,057	at California	18	38-121	3.2	19-33	153	4	25	36-217	6.0	22-36	230	2	-2
38,104	at Fresno St	21	38-100	2.6	23-49	182	7	14	43-170	4.0	8-22	92	2	+1
45,138	at Mississippi	16	48-150	3.1	17-31	151	2	13	23-65	2.8	16-32	167	2	+1
18,211	New Mexico St	20	26-98	3.8	27-47	269	1	19	36-65	1.8	29-40	319	2	0
19,199	Boise St	26	43-208	4.8	24-42	255	3	18	35-137	3.9	21-35	328	0	-2
8,543	at Utah St	30	53-288	5.4	23-29	230	1	17	35-106	3.0	17-26	220	0	0
10,479	at Idaho	22	53-211	4.0	16-26	227	2	17	26-67	2.6	17-49	218	2	+1
92,512	at LSU	15	35-67	1.9	20-39	189	2	22	40-321	8.0	16-30	274	2	-3
13,027	San Jose St	18	38-152	4.0	22-36	261	2	23	26-105	4.0	28-47	369	1	0
9,113	at Nevada	12	33-55	1.7	12-29	173	3	29	55-237	4.3	18-29	404	1	-2
TOTALS		237	490-1863	3.8	238-420	2348	31	257	417-1645	3.9	265-459	3445	22	+1
AVERAGES		19.8	41-155	3.8	20-35	196	2.6	21.4	35-137	3.9	22-38	287	1.8	0.1

2003 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Miami, Fl - #3	+28	9-48
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-4'	34-3
–	at Michigan St	+11'	20-19
–	at Fresno St	+10	6-16
–	Boise St	+8	37-43
–	at UTEP	-15	38-35
–	Hawaii	E	41-44
–	at Nevada	+4	42-34
–	at LSU - #7	+26'	10-49
–	SMU	-20	41-6
–	at Tulsa	E	18-48
–	Rice	-7'	14-49

2004 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Nevada	-5	38-21
–	Louisiana-Lft	-14	24-20
–	at Miami, Fl - #4	+30'	0-48
–	at Tennessee - #11	+23	17-42
–	Fresno St - #17	+14	28-21
–	at Auburn - #6	+26	7-52
–	at SMU	-10	41-10
–	UTEP	-2	27-44
–	at Hawaii	+3'	23-34
–	Tulsa	-6'	38-21
–	at Boise St - #13	+24	14-55
–	at Rice	+3	51-14

2005 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Florida - #10	+29'	3-41
–	at Kansas	+14'	14-34
–	New Mexico St	-10'	34-14
–	Hawaii	-3	46-14
–	at Nevada	+2	27-37
–	North Texas	-21	40-14
–	San Jose St	-19	31-14
–	at Utah St	-7	27-17
–	at Idaho	-9	41-38
–	Boise St	+6'	13-30
–	at Fresno St - #23	+23'	40-28

2006 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Nebraska - #20	+24	10-49
–	Nicholls St	NL	31-21
–	at Texas A&M	+23'	14-45
–	at Clemson - #18	+33'	0-51
–	at Boise St - #20	+36'	14-55
–	Idaho	-3	14-24
–	Utah St	-6'	48-35
–	at San Jose St	+10	10-44
–	at North Texas	+2	34-31
–	at Hawaii	+37'	17-61
–	Nevada	+17'	0-42
–	Fresno St	+12'	27-34
–	at New Mexico St	+12'	23-50

2007 RESULTS

LT Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	C Arkansas	NL	28-7
–	Hawaii - #20	+28	44-45 OT
–	at California - #8	+33'	12-42
–	at Fresno St	+12	6-17
–	at Mississippi	+13	0-24
–	New Mexico St	-7'	22-21
–	Boise St	+15	31-45
–	at Utah St	-3	31-21
–	at Idaho	-3'	28-16
–	at LSU - #2	+36	10-58
–	San Jose St	-5'	27-23
–	at Nevada	+7	10-49

IDAHO VANDALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Idaho has had some outstanding QB's with Scott Linehan, John Friesz, Doug Nussmeier, Ken Hobart, Ryan Fien and John Welsh all producing 3,000+ yard seasons (none since 2000). Last year their most experienced QB was Brian Nooy (PS#89) who had been 2nd string in '04 and '06 and 3rd string in '05. He had a combined 836 yards (50%) with a 4-8 ratio in his career. RFr Nathan Enderle (PS#73) took all but one snap in the first 4 incl throwing for 423 yards vs NI. Enderle was injured vs Hawaii and Nooy started the next 2. They started to work in true frosh Quin Ashley (PS#366) as a change of pace QB and he started vs NMSt. When Ashley was in the game they ran the spread option. He was 8 for 15 vs NMSt while splitting time with Nooy. Ashley started again vs Nevada but Enderle entered on the 3rd play and reclaimed the job. Ashley had just 4 more rush att (0 pass). Against Boise, Nooy hit 4 of 6 for 30 in garbage time. Enderle completed just 44.3% with a 10-18 ratio on the year. This year they only lose Nooy. Not listed in the PSL are Chris Joseph (6'3" 214 Sr, PS#192), Andrew Dresback (6'1" 211 rFr) and Ed Wilkins (5'10" 196 rFr). Idaho avg just 191.5 ypg passing which was its lowest total as a IA team (S/'96). This group is vastly more experienced and should put up much stronger numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Idaho went with a pair of good-sized true frosh. Jayson Bird led with 859 (5.7) and Rolly Lumbala rushed for 614 (4.4). Unfortunately, in 2005 Bird was lost for the year (3rd gm) and Lumbala struggled behind an O-line that was devastated by injury. He led with just 472 (3.7) and WR Tracy Ford became the feature back by season's end (223, 7.4). Bird and Lumbala both returned in '06 but HC Dennis Erickson brought in Brian Flowers (PS#28JC) and true frosh Andre Harris (PS#44). Bird, a between-the-tackles power runner, had 506 (3.7). Flowers with more speed and cutting ability, had 561 (4.4). Ford rushed for 148 (4.5) and Lumbala added 95 (4.5). Last year the group returned intact and surprisingly rFr Deonte' Jackson beat out all of the returnees for the starting spot. He was #1 in the WAC in rushing with 537 after 4 games but he sprained his ankle vs NI (gm 4). He still finished with five 100+ games including 214 vs Cal Poly and became the first Vandal RB since 2003 (Zach Gerstner 1,186) to top the magic 1,000 yard mark while avg 4.9 ypc. Flowers, who had a hamstring injury had 434 (4.8) and Bird had 116 (4.1) but was lost for the year at NMSt (gm 8). This year they must replace Flowers (1 st), Bird (1 st) and Lumbala (2 yd). Not listed in the PSL are John McKinley (6'0" 200 rFr), Rayce Bird (5'8" 216 So) and Devon Sturdivant (5'10" 203 Jr, PS#342, 100 ttl yd LY). A healthy Jackson should top last year's rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - The Vandals have produced conf leaders in receiving in both 2004 (Bobby Bernal-Wood) and 2005 (DJ Smith). After the spring of 2006 Erickson was underwhelmed with the receiving corps and brought in 3 JUCO's over the summer in Jomar Drake, Marlon Haynes and Tariq Ikharo. Haynes missed the opener due to eligibility issues but still led with 473 (17.5). Last year they had to replace their top 3 WR's and the leading returnee was Max Komar (313, 18.4). Komar led in '07 with 445 (14.8) and Eddie Williams (2 st '06) added 363 (12.5). DB Stanley Franks caught one pass for a 54 yard TD vs Fresno. This year the unit returns intact and not listed below is WR Daniel Hardy (6'2" 198 So) and this year's true frosh, many of whom may see action. With a much more experienced group and steadier play from the QB's, the Vandal receivers should have improved stats in 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, Idaho returned 3 starters but had one of the most banged up O-lines in the NCAA with just one player starting all 11 as they only averaged 2.5 ypc while allowing 34 sacks (8.0%). In 2006 a 3 year starter and one player who started 7 had to be replaced but 4 players who started 7 or more returned. They opened holes for 114 ypg (3.4) while trimming the sack total to 24 (6.9%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm WAC LG. The unit remained fairly healthy but RG Marcis Fennell went down to injury vs Fresno and missed the last 5 and LT Kris Anderson missed 2 starts. Surprisingly, even with the coaching change, ID improved to 158 ypg (4.0), their best totals since 1998 but the sacks did increase to 30 (7.7%). They were not aided by a mobile QB and the RB's actually avg 4.9 ypc. This year the only loss is Fennell (7 st) and 9 of the top 10 are back including my 2007 2nd Tm WAC OT Anderson. The Vandals' 110 career starts on the O-line are 5th best in IA and this figures to be an underrated group that is one of the WAC's best.

QB Nathan Enderle
OL Kris Anderson

DEFENSIVE LINE - Last year the Vandals had to replace 4 players who combined for 28 starts and 6 sacks. They then lost Ben Alexander to a broken leg after 7 starts. Surprisingly the Vandals trimmed the ypc by a full yard to 3.9, their best total since 1999. This year they lose DT Siua Musika (9 st, 46 tkl, 4 sk) and DE Alexander (7 st, 34 tkl, 5 tfl). Six of the top 8 are back including 5 with starting experience. HC Akey noted that last year, due to a shortage of linemen, they were not able to play his preferred 4-3 D at times but he has a deeper group to work with this season. I look for continued improvement even with the loss of 2 of their top 3 tacklers from the D-line.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 David Vobora earned 1st Tm WAC honors and led with 134 tackles (62 more than #2) and 15 tfl. Last year they had 2 starters returning (including Vobora) and JUCO Jo Artis Ratti (32 tkl in 6 gm '06) filled the open spot so this unit was the strength of the defense. Vobora was the #1 tackler in the WAC (148) earning 1st Tm honors again. This year the unit is my only question mark on the team as three top-notch starters (#1, #2 & #5 tkl) must be replaced. Gone are WLB Vobora (12 st, #7DC STL), MLB Ratti (10 st, 71 tkl, 7.5 tfl), SLB Brandon Ogletree (12 st, 87 tkl, 10 tfl) and Josh Bousman (2 tkl '07, 6 st, 44 tkl '06).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Despite having inexperienced units in 2004 and 2005, the Vandals finished #72 and #76 in my pass D rankings. In 2006 they got the super addition of JUCO CB Stanley Franks who tied for the NCAA int lead with 9. Surprisingly the Vandals only finished #77. Last year the two starters back were the most in four years. Hawaii QB Brennan threw a career high 5 int vs Idaho but surprisingly the Vandals finished #114 allowing 66.2% with a 27-11 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm WAC CB Franks (12 st, 42 tkl, 1 int, 10 pbu) and FS Chris Smith (12 st, 76 tkl, 2 int) but do have six of the top 8 back including team MVP SS Shiloh Keo (81 tkl). Akey signed another JUCO, TJ Taylor last year and he played in one game with 2 tackles but managed to RS and figures to fill Franks' position. Also added is VHT FS Virdell Larkins (PS#36 in '04) who RS at Cal in '05. Despite the loss of a premier CB, I look for the Vandals to make a solid climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Idaho lost their all-conf K Mike Barrow to a torn ACL prior to 2006 and dropped from #79 in my ST rankings in 2005 to #101. Last year they brought in a new ST coach, Roderick Plummer, whose unit set five school records at Cornell. All of the key players were back and as expected, Idaho showed solid improvement moving up to #40. Shiloh Keo set the school record with a 100 yard PR TD vs NI and finished #6 in the NCAA. Dewey Hale took over the KR job (21.5). Tino Amancio who hit 12 of 17 FG's with a long of 49 in '06 improved to 14 of 18 including 2 of 3 from 50+. TJ Conley has handled the punting for 3 years with his best avg being last year's 40.7 and his best net being 34.8 in '06. Vincente Rico had a solid 16 TB on 46 KO. Everyone returns so this is one of the top ST units in the WAC.

COACHES - Nick Holt left after the 2005 season to return to USC then Dennis Erickson, who coached here from 1982-'85, returned in 2006 but also quickly moved on to the Pac-10. Robb Akey, who was the DL coach at Wash St from 1999-'02 and the DC there from '03-'06, became the 3rd HC here in 3 seasons. Keep in mind WSU is less than 10 miles away from the Idaho campus so he's not unfamiliar with the area. He brought in OC Steve Axman who was the QB coach at Montana in '06 and was his boss at N Arizona in the 1990's. His offenses at N Ariz finished near the top in IAA each year and Akey thinks his team has an advantage of playing in a dome. Axman also has had stops at UCLA, Wash, Minny, MD, Stanford, Ariz and Illinois. The DC is Mark Criner who was the LB/ST coach at Minny in 2006 and DC at MT, Cincy, Port St and the XFL's Las Vegas Outlaws. His father, Jim, was the coach at Boise St in the late '70's and early '80's.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Idaho has had just 9 losing seasons since 1982 but unfortunately they have suffered 8 in a row! Moscow, ID is the dry pea and lentil capital of the world and is an out-of-the-way location which gives the Vandals a solid home edge. Idaho also plays its home games in the Kibbie Dome (105-56-1 there since 1975) but they are just 10-22 in the last 7 years. As mentioned in the coaches paragraph, last year Akey became the 3rd HC in 3 years. Idaho's last winning conf record came in 2000 in the Big West Conference. UI was in the SBC from 2001-'04 and joined the WAC in 2005. They went 2-6 in their first year but then in 2006 under Erickson won their first 3 WAC games. Unfortunately, after a close loss to Boise, they were outscored 175-30 in the final four conference games and finished 4-8. UI's 16.9 ppg in 2006 was the lowest since 1978 (14.8) and they had 59 starts lost due to injury in 2006. Last year they had six home games but had to learn new schemes and only had 11 returning starters. UI had 182 yards in the 1H vs #1 USC in a 38-10 loss but benefitted from Cal Poly fumbling the ball 7 times to even their record at 1-1. They led Wash St 14-7 early but trailed by 10 at the half. The next week vs N Illinois they had a 586-356 yd edge but trailed 35-7 in that game. The only time UI led in the 2H for the rest of the year was when they hosted LT and led 16-14. LT got a pair of TD's in the final 8:54 for the win. After a blowout loss to Boise, they outgained Utah St 428-272 but lost at home for a poor 1-11 finish. UI was -9 in TO and allowed 11.3 ypp (see For Better/For Worse). UI was 0-8 in the WAC but was "only" outgained by 95.1 ypg (2nd worst). For just the 2nd time S/'94 they have 6 home games and lose just 11 lettermen, the fewest in the WAC. While much more experienced than they were in Akey's first season, it looks like another rebuilding year.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

QB 10 NATHAN ENDERLE SO. 6-5 223 PS#73. 8 st LY (inj 3), 1787 (44.3%) 10-18 ratio, 108 rush. **12** Quin Ashley (5'11" 192 So) PS#366. 2 st, 92 (36.4%) 1-1 ratio, 134 rush as true.
RB 3 DEONTE' JACKSON SO. 5-8 181 **2nd Tm WAC**. 10 st rFr (inj) 1175 (4.9), 17 rec. **20** Princeton McCarty (5'8" 165 rFr) 4.32 spd. GS '06. **25** Corey White (5'9" 199 rFr) PS#106.
WR 22 MAX KOMAR JR. 5-10 185 5 starts rFr. 313 (18.4). 11 starts LY, 445 (14.8). **81** Steve Brown (5'10" 165 So) 91 (9.1) rFr. **16** Dewey Hale (5'10" 173 So) 42 KR (21.5) true.
WR 2 MAURICE SHAW SO. 6-2 188 8 st true, 12 gm, 276 (12.0). **88** Lee Smith (6'0" 193 Sr) 8 st 3Y. 758 (15.5). **87** Nick Conley (5'10" 195 Jr). 12 yd, 2 gm last year.
HBTE **18 EDDIE WILLIAMS SR.** 6-1 249 635 squat. 3 st, 155 (9.1) '05-'06. 12 st LY, 363 (12.5). **1** Eric Greenwood (6'6" 196 So) PS#196. 3 rec true. Tariq Ikharo (6'4" 190 Sr) 6 rec '06.
TE 89 PETER BJORVIK JR. 6-4 259 PS#121. 10 st, 255 (15.0) LY. **80** Jim Reuber (6'3" 254 Sr) PS#131JC. **84** Kevin Small (6'3" 261 Jr) PS#53TE. RS. Rick Harrison (6'5" 233 Sr) PS#241LB.
C 72 ADAM KORBY SR. 6-2 292 11 st C rFr. 12 st C '06. 12 st C LY, **2nd Tm WAC**. **69** Irvin Stevens III (6'3" 267 Jr) 2nd string 2Y. **LS 35** Joel Jones (6'1" 230 Sr) 12 gm LY.
RG 62 Adam Juratovac Jr. 6-3 297 10 st RG rFr (inj 2). 5 st RG LY, 11 gm. **70** Matt Cleveland (6'4" 307 rFr) PS#422. **67** Tyrone Novikoff (6'7" 306 rFr) PS#606.
LG 77 MIKE IUPATI SR. 6-6 330 2nd string '06, 3 gm. 12 st LG LY. 390 bench, 225 24x. **74** Brandon Schulte (6'3" 290 Sr). 2nd string 12 gm LY. **60** Kai Jensen (6'5" 260 So).
RT 71 BILLY BATES SR. 6-5 271 PS#204. 3 st LT true. 2 gm '06. 12 st RT last year. **75** Kellen Beam (6'7" 254 So). PS#138TE. 2nd string rFr. **78** Spencer Towne (6'6" 258 So).
LT 65 KRIS ANDERSON SR. 6-3 299 9 st rFr. 12 st RT '06. 10 st LT LY, 2nd Tm WAC (PS). **79** Bryce Sinclair (6'5" 345 Jr). 2 st LT, 2nd string LY. **66** Kurt Newboles (6'7" 298 So).
K 19 TINO AMANCIO SR. 5-9 215 PS#85. 12-17 FG '06, long 49. 14-18 FG LY, **2-3 from 50+! 99** Vincente Rico (6'1" 201 Sr) PS#216JC. 57 yd FG JC. 16 TB KO here LY.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN GOLD)

DE 98 JOSH SHAW SR. 6-2 254 PS#241LB. 6 st '06, 25 tkl, 3 tfl. 6 st, 29 tkl '07. **61** Jonah Sataraka (6'2" 243 So) PS#258. 3 st, 8 tkl rFr. **52** Derek Wieting (5'11" 216 rFr). 600 squat.
DT 43 Fonomanu Sekona So. 6-2 293 PS#451. 4 st, 3 tkl true. **90** Bryan Wilson (6'3" 280 rFr). **93** Michael Cosgrove (6'4" 250 rFr) PS#553OL. Bilal Liggins (6'2" 249 Fr) PS#565OL '07. GS.
DT NA Oga Faumui Jr. 6-0 309 PS#402JC. 47 tkl, 4 sk JC '06. **90** Marcus Pedro (6'1" 270 Sr) PS#453JC. 3 tkl, 5 gm LY. Henry Asuega PS#226. Larry Dugan PS#464.
DE 57 TAYLOR RUST SR. 6-2 232 PS#385. 2 tkl, 3 gm '05-'06. 12 st LY, 35 tkl, 3 sk. **65** Aaron Lavarias (6'3" 244 So) PS#305DL. 6 st rFr. 25 tkl, 2 tfl. Charles Smith PS#174.
SLB **34 JoJo Dickson So.** 6-1 202 2 st true, 34 tkl, 4 tfl. **46** Andrew Blevins (5'11" 222 Sr) PS#274JC. 1 st LY, 17 tkl, 4 tfl. **42** Paul Senescall (6'1" 215 So) PS#109. 2 tkl rFr.
MLB **43 Jonathan Faraimo So.** 5-11 220 PS#320. GS '06. 27 tkl, 4 sk "true". **13** Adam Shamion (6'2" 234 So) PS#473. 15 tkl, 1 tfl 9 gm rFr. **30** Tyler Brooks (6'0" 220 rFr) PS#426. PS#409. 7 tkl true. **44** Tyrone Turner (5'9" 190 Jr) 1 tkl rFr. Robert Siavii (6'2" 200 Fr) PS#369.
WLB **55 Andre Ferguson rFr.** 6-3 205 **PS#114**. Verbal AZ St. **39** Justin Allen (5'11" 207 So)
CB 4 TJ Taylor Jr. 5-11 187 PS#244JC. 8 int, 2Y JC. 2 tkl 1 gm '07 but RS. **37** Justin Rowley (5'9" 168 rFr) PS#402RB. **29** Chris Williams (5'11" 212 Jr) JC '06. RS LY.
SS 10 SHILOH KEO JR. 5-10 175 **Tm MVP '07**. 12 st FS true. 72 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. 12 st SS LY. 81 tkl, 4 int. **15** Cary Jensen-Madison (6'2" 195 So) 4 tkl. Brandon Artz (5'10" 177 So).
FS 24 Virdell Larkins Jr. 6-0 195 **PS#36. Orig at California! 27** Isaac Butts (6'0" 167 So) 9 tkl rFr. **33** Brandon Nystrom (6'1" 208 Jr) PS#195RB. **16** Tom Dowers (5'10" 197 So).
P 14 TJ CONLEY SR. 6-3 216 28 punts until broken leg as true, 40.0 avg. 67 punts, 39.4 avg, 34.8 net in '06. 67 punts in '07, 40.7 avg and net of 33.8. 20 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Virdell Larkins 6-0 195 PS#36 '04
WR	Preston Davis 6-1 189 PS#116
DL	Charles Smith 6-5 238 PS#174
DL	Faleaoga (Oga) Faumui 6-0 309 PS#402JC
OL	Guy Reynolds 6-3 305 PS#202
DL	Henry Asuega 6-0 268 PS#226
LB	Kent (Brad) Marboe 6-3 189 PS#269DB
OL	Ronald Mallory 6-7 285 PS#297
RB	Troy Vital 6-0 203 PS#257
WR	Marsel Posey 5-10 160 PS#271
DL	Haroun (Hank) Bryant 6-3 222 PS#395
LB	Robert Siavii 6-2 200 PS#369
K	Trey Farquhar 6-1 175 PS#74
WR	Robert Hatchett III 5-9 159 PS#360
DB	Shelton Miles 5-9 175 PS#456
DB	Andre Robinson 6-0 190 PS#456
LB	Tre'Shawn Robinson 5-11 225 PS#408
QB	Justin Morales 6-0 180 PS#285
DL	Larry Dugan 6-2 279 PS#464
DL	Isaiah Lavea 6-2 285 PS#464
DL	Bilal Liggins 6-2 249 PS#565OL '07
RB	Shelden (Kama) Bailey 5-9 168 PS#430

IDAHO VANDALS

Moscow, Idaho
Weather (208) 342-6569

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#94

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UI	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Arizona	G					
Sep. 6	Idaho St	A					
Sep. 13	W Michigan	A					
Sep. 20	at Utah St	A					
Sep. 27	at San Diego St	G					
Oct. 4	Nevada	A					
Oct. 11	at Fresno St	G					
Oct. 18	at Louisiana Tech	A					
Oct. 25	New Mexico St (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	San Jose St	A					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 15	Boise St	A					
Nov. 22	at Hawaii	A					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Doug Nussmeier 10,824 '90-'93
2. John Friesz 10,697 '86-'89
3. Ken Hobart 9,300 '80-'83

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joel Thomas 3,929 '93-'98
2. Sherriden May 3,748 '92-'94
3. Willis Smith 3,029 '29-'32

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kasey Dunn 3,847 '88-'91
2. Jerry Hendren 3,435 '67-'69
3. Chris Lacy 2,368 '98-'01

Idaho is just 34-231-9 (13%) all-time vs the Pac-10 including 2-9 vs Arizona. The Vandals are 2-11 in road openers losing 8 straight by an avg of 26 ppg.

UI leads the series 27-11 & has won 10 of the L/11 meetings dating back to '88. ISU's lone win during that stretch was a 26-21 victory in '95. UI's only win LY was vs FCS Cal Poly, 20-13.

This is only the 6th non-conf HG vs a FBS tm since becoming IA in '96 (N Ill LY). Vandals are 4-7 vs current MAC foes including 0-1 vs W Michigan.

Idaho is 3-7 since 1959 at Utah St but won its last trip here. LY the Vandals outgained Utah St 428-272 but being -4 in TO's cost them the win.

Coming into '08, the Vandals have lost 9 straight non-conf RG's by an avg of 24 ppg. Idaho is 20-31-2 all-time against the MWC including 1-1 vs San Diego St.

Idaho has dropped the last 3 games since they renewed this series in '05 (1999). The Vandals have dropped 7 straight home conf games by an avg of 18 ppg.

UI has lost the L/5 (4-6 all-time) vs Fresno St being outscored 36-14. UI rushed for 279 yds, but couldn't come back after the Bulldogs got out to a 31-7 3Q lead.

The visitor has won all 3 of their meetings by an avg of 7 ppg. Coming into '08, UI is 3-9 away vs the WAC since joining the conf in 2005.

The Vandals lead this series 10-4 & have won 3 of 4 overall & 4 of 5 in Moscow. These 2 tms have avg'd 64 ppg all-time while the winner has avg'd 39 ppg the L/8.

UI trails this series 7-11-1 including 3 straight losses. LY QB Nooy made his 1st career start for the inj'd Enderle. These 2 teams average just 38 ppg all-time.

Idaho has lost the L/9 gms to Boise St S/'99. DC Criner's father Jim was the coach at BSU in late 70's early 80's. LY rFr RB Jackson became the 1st Vandal to rush for 1,000 yds S/'03.

The Vandals are 1-7 vs Hawaii with the avg loss by 35 ppg (48-13). UI's only win vs UH was on the island in 1960. UI has lost 8 of the L/9 season finales.

ROBB AKEY (Career 1-11)
2nd Year at Idaho — Akey's Bowl Record: 0-0

Akey's records AT IDAHO

1-11	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
1-5	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
0-6	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
0-8	Vs Conference	1-9	Off A Loss

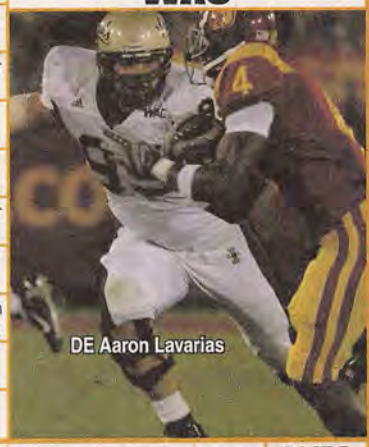
2007 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (22,17,4)
Lost: 11 (2,9,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 11,479 (#117)

WAC


DE Aaron Lavarias

STADIUM: KIBBIE DOME (16,000) (#120)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL(Real Grass Pro)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	1-10	2-10	3-9	3-9	2-9	4-8	1-11	21-72
Home	3-1	1-3	2-3	1-4	1-1	1-3	2-3	1-5	12-23
Away	2-5	0-7	0-7	2-4	1-8	1-6	2-5	0-6	8-48
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	3-2	1-5	1-5	3-4	2-5	2-6	3-5	0-8	15-40
vs Non-Conf	2-4	0-5	1-5	0-5	1-4	0-3	1-3	1-3	6-32
ATS	3-6	3-7	6-5	5-5	4-8	5-5-1	5-6	3-8	34-50-1
Home Fav (Tom Cable)	1-1	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0 (Dennis Erickson)	0-2 (Robb Akey)	2-6
Home Dog	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	1-1	2-1	1-2	0-3	9-11
Away Fav	0-2	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-7
Away Dog	2-3	3-2	3-2	1-1	2-7	3-3-1	2-4	3-3	19-25-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0
vs Conf	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-4	3-4	3-4-1	4-4	1-7	20-34-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	3-2	2-1	1-4	2-1	1-2	2-1	14-16
Off SU Win	1-3	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-1	1-0	8-11
Off SU Loss	2-2	3-5	4-4	3-4	4-4	3-4-1	1-5	1-8	21-36-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Deonté Jackson	240	1206	31	1175	7	4.9
Brian Flowers	91	454	20	434	2	4.8
Jayson Bird	28	127	11	116	1	4.1
Quin Ashley	28	134	23	111	0	4.0
Eddie Williams	9	82	1	81	3	9.0
Nathan Enderle	52	108	183	-75	1	-1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Nathan Enderle	298	132	44.3	1787	10	18
Brian Nooy	71	36	50.7	389	3	4
Quin Ashley	22	8	36.4	92	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Max Komar	30	445	14.8	4	51
Lee Smith	25	365	14.6	1	58
Eddie Williams	29	363	12.5	3	35
Maurice Shaw	23	276	12.0	2	26
Peter Bjorvik	17	255	15.0	2	35
Deonté Jackson	17	153	9.0	0	47
Jayson Bird	7	102	14.6	0	31
Steve Brown	10	91	9.1	0	16
Rolly Lumbala	8	67	8.4	0	18
Stanley Franks	1	54	54.0	1	54

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
TJ Conley	67	2730	40.7	17	33.8	2	20

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Tino Amancio	30-30	5-5	4-5	3-5	2-3	14-18	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
David Vobora	148	1	5.5	1	1
Brandon Ogletree	87	1	9	2	0
Shiloh Keo	81	0	5	4	4
Chris Smith	76	0.5	2	1	2
Jo Artis Ratti	71	1	6.5	3	0
Siua Musika	46	4	2	1	0
Breyon Williams	44	0	0	4	1
Stanley Franks	42	0	1	10	1
Taylor Rust	35	3	3	1	0
Ben Alexander	34	1	4	1	0
JoJo Dickson	34	1	3	1	0
Josh Shaw	29	0	0.5	2	0
Jonathan Faraimo	27	4	2.5	0	0
Aaron Lavarias	25	0	2	0	0
Eric Hunter	19	0	0.5	0	2
Andrew Blevins	17	0	4	0	0
Adam Shamion	15	0	1	0	0
Isaac Butts	9	0	0	1	0
Jonah Sataraka	8	0	1	0	0
Justin Allen	7	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Shiloh Keo	19	319	16.8	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dewey Hale	42	903	21.5	0
Brian Flowers	8	203	25.4	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
98	Humanitarian	+17	S Mississippi	42-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Idaho's All-Time Bowl Record 1-0

IDAHO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	21.5	20	158	4.0	192	45.2	16.3	-9	2007	6	36.9	24	161	3.9	257	66.2	11.3
8*	16.9	16	114	3.4	196	48.6	18.3	-1	2006	5	34.8	21	165	4.9	229	62.6	11.4
7*	22.1	18	78	2.5	257	56.5	15.2	-6	2005	7	38.1	21	183	4.8	238	59.5	11.1
5	20.4	19	132	3.5	208	63.3	16.7	-2	2004	3	39.4	22	197	5.0	232	56.4	10.9
6*	20.7	19	125	3.7	256	53.4	18.5	-5	2003	7	26.2	20	217	4.8	199	62.2	15.9
7	23.8	22	115	3.5	290	59.0	17.0	-14	2002	7	35.7	22	190	4.7	274	58.8	13.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

UI 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
90,917	at USC	14	32-98	3.1	16-35	155	2	24	43-214	5.0	22-34	206	1	+2
9,820	Cal Poly	19	41-235	5.7	7-22	101	1	20	51-171	3.4	10-24	175	0	+2
32,064	at Wash St	19	38-120	3.2	17-35	205	2	31	39-138	3.5	26-36	307	1	-2
12,461	N Illinois	31	41-163	4.0	27-54	423	5	17	45-188	4.2	10-17	168	1	-2
13,807	Hawaii	19	34-90	2.6	19-41	213	5	31	25-91	3.6	32-51	394	3	+1
16,289	at San Jose St	13	43-183	4.3	8-15	68	3	23	48-134	2.8	22-30	302	0	-1
14,205	Fresno St	19	45-279	6.2	9-26	144	1	25	47-238	5.1	17-22	178	1	0
15,788	at New Mex St	25	43-234	5.4	19-35	212	1	26	24-88	3.7	36-49	404	1	-3
11,960	at Nevada	17	35-56	1.6	12-24	156	4	26	45-159	3.5	15-26	203	2	0
10,479	Louisiana Tech	17	26-67	2.6	17-49	218	2	22	53-211	4.0	16-26	227	2	-1
30,681	at Boise St	17	44-136	3.1	12-29	212	2	25	36-151	4.2	26-37	405	2	-1
8,102	Utah St	24	52-237	4.6	14-27	191	2	15	44-154	3.5	11-15	118	2	-4
TOTALS		234	474-1898	4.0	177-392	2298	30	285	500-1937	3.9	243-367	3087	16	-9
AVERAGES		19.5	40-158	4.0	15-33	192	2.5	23.8	42-161	3.9	20-31	257	1.3	-0.8

2003 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Washington St	+28	0-25
–	E Washington	NL	5-8
–	Boise St	+23	10-24
–	at Washington - #19	+26'	14-45
–	at Montana	NL	28-41
–	at New Mexico St	+10	35-31
–	North Texas	+7	14-24
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	21-28 OT
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-3	20-31
–	at Arkansas St	-1'	23-24
–	at ULM	-1'	58-20
–	Utah St	+1	20-13

2004 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Boise St	+31'	7-65
–	at Utah St	+10'	7-14
–	at Washington St	+25	8-49
–	at Oregon	+35	10-48
–	at E Michigan	+7	45-41
–	ULM	+1	14-16
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3'	38-25
–	at Middle Tenn	+10	14-34
–	at Troy	+24'	7-47
–	† Arkansas St	+2'	45-31
–	at North Texas	+18'	29-51
–	at Hawaii	+21	21-52

2005 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Washington St	+29	26-38
–	at UNLV	+12	31-34
–	at Washington	+13'	6-34
–	Hawaii	E	0-24
–	Utah St	+2'	27-13
–	at Nevada	+8	14-62
–	Fresno St - #24	+29'	10-40
–	at New Mexico St	+5'	38-37 2OT
–	Louisiana Tech	+9	38-41
–	at Boise St	+32'	35-70
–	at San Jose St	+8	18-26

2006 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Michigan St	+29'	17-27
–	at Washington St	+17	10-56
–	Idaho St	NL	27-24
–	at Oregon St	+25'	0-38
–	at Utah St	-3	41-21
–	New Mexico St	-1	28-20
–	at Louisiana Tech	+3	24-14
–	Boise St - #18	+21	26-42
–	at Hawaii	+26'	10-68
–	Nevada	+10	7-45
–	at Fresno St	+11	0-34
–	San Jose St	+7	13-28

2007 RESULTS

UI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at USC - #1	+47	10-38
–	Cal Poly	NL	20-13
–	at Washington St	+24'	28-45
–	N Illinois	-3	35-42
–	Hawaii - #19	+25	20-48
–	at San Jose St	+6'	20-28
–	Fresno St	+10	24-37
–	at New Mexico St	+9	31-45
–	at Nevada	+17'	21-37
–	Louisiana Tech	+3'	16-28
–	at Boise St - #17	+34	14-58
–	Utah St	-2'	19-24

UTAH ST AGGIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Leon Jackson (PS#82), who has 4.58 speed and a strong arm, was recruited by several Pac-10 schools. He threw for 404 (56.5%) as a rFr in '04 and also handled the punting duties. HC Brent Guy wanted a mobile QB and Jackson won the starting job in '05. His best game was vs LT when he threw for 372 but he injured his shoulder and missed the final two. He threw for 1,547 (57.6%) with an 8-6 ratio (523 rush). In 2006, they signed local product and Parade AA Riley Nelson (PS#65) who ran a similar offense in HS. Nelson was going to RS but Jackson struggled and after an 0-5 start with only 3 offensive TD's (all 3 in 5th gm), Nelson took over. He threw for 925 (55.4%) with a 6-7 ratio. Jackson's numbers were poor at 694 (48.7%) with a 3-7 ratio. It was a 5-man battle for the QB spot in Aug of '07 as Nelson left for a 2 year mission. Jackson, Jase McCormick, Ariz St transfer Mike Affleck (PS#24), true frosh Diondre Borel (PS#320) and walk-on Ben Longshore (6'2" 213, PS#311) all competed for the job. Sean Setzer (PS#381JC) was #2 but suffered a tendon injury in his arm and sat out the season. McCormick originally signed in 2002 and will turn 25 in Oct. Jackson took all of the snaps in the first 2. McCormick came off the bench in garbage time vs Okla hitting 6 of 10 for 22 and 7 of 8 for 86 vs Hawaii. He also saw action vs LT and then vs Boise where he came in late in the 3Q and threw 3 int's. Amazingly the same Leon Jackson who completed 48.7% in '06, set the school's single season % record (Eric Hipple 60.2%, 1979) hitting 65.4% with a 9-4 ratio and was the team's #2 rusher. Jackson moves on as does Affleck. This group probably won't match Jackson's 65% and I feel it is a two-horse race between McCormick and Setzer.

RUNNING BACKS - Utah St had some excellent RB's from 1999-2002 with Demario Brown breaking the Utah St single season rushing record (1,536) in 1999. Emmett White led the NCAA in all-purpose yards in 2000 and twice topped 1,000 rushing. The team had a 100 yard rusher in 51 of their previous 77 games heading into 2002 but has had just 9 by a RB in the SIX years since (zero in '07). In 11 games in 2005, a RB led the team in rushing just TWICE! In 2006 Guy signed JUCO Marcus Cross (PS#62). He had two 100 yard efforts in 2006 and led with 650 (3.7). Unfortunately, Cross opted to transfer so the leading returning RB in '07 was Aaron Lesue (51, 3.2). He was joined by Chris Forbes (PS#175) who played DB in 2006 while the rest of the candidates were frosh. Due to injuries, true frosh Curtis Marsh (Navy prep in '06) led with 143 yards in the first 3. He set a school frosh record with 50 in his debut game. He sprained an ankle vs Okla and rFr Derrvin Speight, who had just 3 yards in the first 3, rushed for 99 vs SJSt. Speight led in 6 of the last 9 while a QB led in the other three and he led USU with 504 (3.9). Marsh finished with 302 (3.7) and Lesue had 92 (2.6). This year they lose Lesue and Josh Anderson (0 rush) but adding depth are Robert Turbin (5'11" 195 rFr, 17 yd, 1 gm) and this year's true frosh. This unit is much more experienced than '07.

RECEIVERS - The Aggies had their entire receiving corps back last year including their star, Kevin Robinson, who had 582 (16.2) in '06 after having 1,263 (14.5) in '04 and '05 combined. Robinson was the go-to man again and led with 640 (11.6) and had more than double the catches of the #2 man. TE Rob Myers was the talk of '06 spring with his outstanding size and speed but had just 125 (12.5) that year. Last year after 6 games he only had 2 rec for 9 yards but he finished #2 with 320 (15.2). Otis Nelson was #2 in '06 (238, 8.8) but had 189 (9.4) in '07. Oregon transfer Tarell Richards was not cleared until mid Aug and only had 2 rec. This year they lose WR's Robinson (11 st, #6DC KC), Tony Harkey (4 rec) who left to play baseball, Richards (2 st), Preston Robinson (0 rec) and TE's Jimmy Bohm (9 st, 9 rec), Will Fausel (11 st, 6 rec) and Doug Barbour (1 st, 7 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Chase Griffiths (6'1" 205 So), Chase Harris (5'11" 180 rFr) and Austin Alder (5'11" 175 rFr). Myers should be one of the WAC's top TE's but with the loss of their star, this group is down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In Guy's first year (2005) he said they would like to have a zone blocking scheme but since the unit was so light they were unable to incorporate those schemes. They had to use DL's and TE's to plug holes in the O-line. In 2006, they had to replace 3 starters and then 2 players (11 career st) missed the year. Malik Cin missed the first 3 but still earned 2nd Tm WAC. The Aggies did improve to 3.2 ypc rush (2.9 '05) while allowing just 19 sacks (6.4%). Last year they had to replace Cin and one other starter. Two returning starters changed positions with T Shawn Murphy moving to G and G Ryan Tonnemacher to C to give them more size in the middle and the Aggies had their best rushing production (125 ypg, 3.2) since 2001 but did allow 30 (11%) sacks. This year they must replace 2nd Tm WAC LG Murphy (12 st, 2Y st'r, #4DC MIA) and RG Pace Jorgensen (11 st, 3Y st'r) but do have 8 of the top 10 back. This is not an overwhelming unit but it is on par with '07.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Utah St has produced some great DL's like Merlin Olsen and Rulon Jones. In Guy's first year they moved to a 4-3 defense and went 3 deep with solid, experienced players up front. DE John Chick led the WAC in sacks (12.5) and the Aggies allowed just 144 ypg rush (3.9), their best since 1998 (123). In 2006, they had to replace Chick and had just one starter back. The ypc increased to 5.0 (11 sk). Last year four starters returned but 1 was lost over the summer along with 3 backups and Ben Childs (6 st '06) broke his leg in the 2nd game so basically two starters returned. The Aggies ypg rush allowed increased to 196 (4.9) while the D recorded 12 sk. This year they lose Childs (3 st, 3 tkl), Def MVP DT Frank Maile (12 st, 32 tkl, 8 tfl) and DE Carl Singleton (11 st, 41 tkl, 7.5 tfl). Guy said he would sign a JUCO pass rushing DE over the summer so check philsteele.com for additions to the roster. Ben Calderwood was 2nd Tm WAC in '06 and they add in some top-notch JUCO's who were in for the spring. The Aggies should put up their best numbers in three years.

LB Jake Hutton

LINEBACKERS - In Guy's first season the Aggies had to replace all 3 starters and true frosh walk-on Jake Hutton became the first frosh in school history to be the #1 tackler. He was also the #3 frosh tackler in the NCAA. They had 3 soph starters in 2006 but Hutton, who was leading the team in tackles at the time was lost after 4 starts (foot inj). Another true frosh, Paul Igboeli, became the WAC Frosh POY despite having just 8 starts. Last year the unit returned intact and Hutton and Igboeli were #1 and #2 in tackles, respectively. This year the entire 2 deep returns again but De'von Hall, who has 25 starts at LB in three years, has moved to safety to open up room for JUCO Deshon Benton. Not listed in the PSL is Jason Moore (6'4" 214 So) and Chris Curtis (6'0" 187 Sr). This shapes up as one of the stronger LB corps in the WAC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Aggies actually finished #48 in my pass D rankings in 2003 but dropped to #100, #103 and #119 the following 3 years. Last season they had 3 starters back as FS Antonio Taylor was susp'd after 2 games in which he had already recorded 25 tackles! The Aggies moved from dead last in the NCAA to #101 allowing 69.3% with a 21-15 ratio. One of 2006's returning starters, CB Drew Pearson (9 st '06), lost his job (1 tkl) and he and Taylor are the only departures. The unit is ridiculously deep with 9 players with starting experience including De'Von Hall who moves in at SS. Not listed in the 3 deep are Sidney Allen (6'1" 173 rFr), Angelo Pree (5'7" 158 rFr), Chad Higley (5'10" 145 rFr), Adrian Bybee (5'10" 193 Jr) and Ryan Higley (5'9" 166 Jr). The Aggies will have their best finish in my pass D rankings since 2003.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Thanks to the presence of Kevin Robinson, Utah St finished in the top half of my ST rankings with a #20 finish in '04 and #54 in '05. Surprisingly in '06, Robinson only avg 20.7 on KR and 5.3 on PR and with a below avg K and P, they finished #114. Last year I said they would make significant improvement and they did finishing #35. Robinson set the school record for career PR's and was a key weapon with four return TD's (3 KR, 1 PR) in '07. Robinson finished 1st in the NCAA avg 18.9 on PR's and 6th in the NCAA avg 29.3 on KR's consistently setting the Aggies up with great field position. He also broke Emmett White's record for career all-purp yards and was used as a gunner on the ST unit. Guy had no confidence in his kickers in '06 but in '07 Peter Caldwell connected on 13 of 21 with 2 misses from 50+ (3 were blk'd). P Leon Jackson improved his avg to 41.3 (34.2 tm net). Chris Ulinski had 9 TB on 49 KO. This year they must replace Robinson and Jackson and will drop in my ST rankings.

COACHES - This is Brent Guy's first head coaching job and his second stint at Utah St (LB coach '92-'94). He was the DC at Boise St from '98-2000 and Ariz St from 2001-'04 before taking over in '05. Guy made a great hire in 2007 in OC Darryl Dickey who was the HC at North Texas where he won four straight conf titles. Dickey was also OC at Memphis ('88-'89), UTEP ('94-'96) and SMU ('97). The DC is Mark Johnson who was the LB coach at UC Davis from 2002-'04 and enters his fourth year here.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Brent Guy became the 7th Aggies coach in 21 years and the last coach to leave with a winning record was Bruce Snyder ('82). In Guy's first year they had to replace 22 lettermen and learn new schemes on both offense and defense with less than 70 scholarship players. For the 3rd consecutive year they finished with exactly 3 wins. Twelve frosh started at least one game which was the 3rd highest in the NCAA in 2005. WMich had 17 and Cincy had 13 and both of those teams went on to bowls in 2006. While they were 2-6 in WAC play in '05, which tied them for 6th, they had the best ypg of those three 2-6 teams at -54.4. They did have a 478-276 yd edge vs LT but lost. In 2006 they had 11 starters back and got the addition of RB Marcus Cross. An improved record was expected. Guy took the names off the back of their uniforms and replaced it with the word "Aggies." They had a couple of close losses and surprisingly had their first one win season since 1984. They were -142.2 ypg in league play (2nd worst to LT). Last year they lost their starting QB (mission) and top RB but still had 17 starters back. Down 16-10 in the 4Q in the opener vs UNLV they got a TD but missed the crucial xp. Utah St then gave up a TD and lost. They led WY 18-14 in the 3Q but lost by 14. After being blown out by Oklahoma, SJSt got a 31 yd TD pass with :53 left to hand them another tough loss. They "only" lost to Hawaii by 15. They led Nevada 28-24 in the 4Q but lost by 3. They were throttled the next 3 weeks and stood 0-10 setting a school record for consecutive losses with 16. They beat NMSt on the road 35-17 which broke a 12 game road losing streak and then despite being outgained by ID (428-272), got their 2nd straight win. It marked their first 2-game win streak since 2003. They were up to 85 scholarship players LY for the first time under Guy. In his first three years, he could not have an official spring game due to lack of numbers but was able to this year. In his first spring they had 56 players but this year had 97 (incl 64 on scholarship). Offensively Utah St had 1,499 yards rushing in '07, their most since 1999, and their 272 pass att were the fewest since 1975. Utah St's last winning season came in 1996. Three of my 8 sets of power ratings actually call the Aggies the 6th best team in the league but the other 5 all have them 9th. The Aggies will field by far their best D yet under Guy, but do play a tough schedule (non conf gm vs Oregon, Utah, BYU) and appear headed for another losing season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 15 Jase McCormick Jr. 6-1 190 PS#272 '02. 25 years old. 4 gm LY, 258 (63%) 2-5 ratio, 99 rush. **10 Sean Setzer** (6'2" 231 Sr) 2034 JC '06. Diondre Borel (6'1" 175 So) 58 yd ttl true.

RB 27 CURTIS MARSH SO. 6-0 190 PS#377. 3 starts as true (inj), 302 (3.7), 16 rec. **21 Derrvin Speight** (5'9" 201 So) 6 st rFr, 504 (3.9). **6** Robert Turbin (5'11" 195 rFr) PS#331.

FB 32 Jacob Actkinson So. 6-0 218 4 st rFr, 86 (3.9), 12 rec. **5** Derrick Cumbee (6'1" 212 Sr) 5 st LB, 61 tkl 2Y. **2 Chris Forbes** (5'11" 212 Sr) PS#175. 9 st, 533 (3.5) '04-'05.

WR 14 OTIS NELSON SR. 6-2 214 PS#108TE. 18 st 3Y, 427 (9.1). **85** Omar Sawyer (5'9" 177 Jr) 1 st, 147 (13.4) 2Y. **11** Stanley Morrison (5'9" 170 rFr). **82** Eric Moats (6'0" 170 Jr).

WR NA Tremel Kline Jr. 6-3 200 **PS#71. S Carolina** signee. 42 rec (17.1) at JC '06. Xavier Bowman (6'2" 195 Jr) PS#265. 4 st true. 108 (8.3) 2Y. Nnamdi Gwacham (6'3" 209 Jr).

TE 86 ROB MYERS SR. 6-4 240 8 st rFr, 125 (12.5). 4 st in 2007, 320 (15.2). **83** Jeremy Mitchell is PS#294JC. Kellen Bartlett is PS#78. **90** Tarren Lloyd (6'6" 240 rFr).

C 56 RYAN TONNEMACHER SR. 6-3 288 PS#158. 3 st true. 12 st LG '06. 12 st C LY, 759 plays. **55** David Disman (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#515. **LS** Patrick Scales (6'4" 235 So) LS LY.

RG 75 Carlos Cuevas rFr. 6-3 315 PS#308. **70** Zac Zimmerman (6'5" 265 Jr) 1 gm LY. **62** Mike Green (6'5" 293 Sr) Utah trans. **64** Brad Jakel (6'2" 260 rFr) PS#565.

LG 79 Robert Hill rFr. 6-3 275 PS#243. 2nd string true but RS. **69** Ty Rogers (6'4" 305 So) PS#492. **73** Seth Lamb (6'2" 296 So) 1 gm rFr. **65** Jeremiah Baerss (6'1" 290 rFr).

RT 77 DEREK HOKE SR. 6-9 310 4 st at RT as true. 1 st in '06. 12 st RT, 759 plays. **61** Brennan McFadden (6'2" 294 Jr) 2 st, 13 gm 2Y. **68** Phillip Gapelu (6'2" 285 rFr) PS#606.

LT 52 SPENCER JOHNSON SO. 6-5 283 PS#302. 12 st LT rFr, 717 plays. Tanner Richins (6'6" 310 Fr) PS#282. GS '07. In for spring. **76** Funaki Asisi (6'4" 290 rFr).

K 8 PETER CALDWELL SO. 6-4 213 PS#96. 15-16 FG in HS, long 57. Hit 13-21 as true here, long 47, 2 miss 50+, 25-25 xp. **16** Chris Ulinski (6'2" 207 Jr). 9 TB, 49 KO.

DE 58 BEN CALDERWOOD SR. 6-2 268 7 st, **2nd Tm WAC '06**, 44 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 10 st LY, 41 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **54** Nathan Royster (6'0" 246 So) 1 st, 6 tkl rFr. **91** Brian Mason (5'10" 242 So). 2 gm. (6'3" 285 Jr) PS#311JC in spg. **66** Gregg Clark (6'4" 278 Sr) PS#436. JC 30 tkl. 5 tkl here in '07.

DT 57 Magnum Mauga Jr. 6-0 285 **PS#98JC in spring.** 80 tkl, 10.5 sk at JC in '07. **95** Jervon Graves (6'1" 290 So) PS#214. 5 tkl true. Cedric Reeves (6'2" 300 rFr) PS#451. +50 lb.

DE 46 Darby Golden Jr. 6-1 246 5 st DE '06, 18 tkl, 5.5 tfl. Last 3 st LY, 18 tkl, 1 sk. **59** Junior Keiaho (6'3" 240 rFr). PS#495. **98** Steven Clark (6'4" 245 rFr) PS#352LB.

OLB 44 DESHON BENTON JR. 5-10 222 PS#374JC LY. RS. **43 Kyle Gallagher** (6'0" 200 So) PS#426WR. 47 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. **41** Jordan Glass (6'2" 220 So) 5 tkl true. Tim Wlodarczyk (6'1" 208 rFr).

MLB 53 JAKE HUTTON SR. 6-0 231 11 st, 87 tkl, 7.5 tfl true. 4 st until inj '06. 12 st LY, 102 tkl, 4.5 tfl, **2nd Tm WAC. 50** Andy Carlsen (6'0" 226 Jr) PS#326RB. 6 tkl, 6 gm LY.

OLB 31 PAUL IGBOELI JR. 6-0 206 L/8 st LB true, **WAC Frosh Yr**, 69 tkl, 8 tfl. 12 st LY, 95 tkl, 8 tfl. **47** Daryl Fields (5'7" 209 Sr) 5 st, 86 tkl, 2.5 tfl 3Y. Jason Moore (6'4" 214 So).

CB 2 ROY HURST SR. 5-9 187 PS#177JC. L/2 st FS LY, 36 tkl, 3 int. **26 Marquise Charles** (5'8" 171 Sr) **25 st CB 3Y,** 89 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. **7** Chris Randle (5'10" 170 So) 2 st true.

CB 23 JOSHUA TAYLOR SR. 6-0 179 13 st CB 3Y, 80 tkl, 2 int, 10 pbu. **1** Kejon Murphy (5'8" 160 Jr) PS#361RB. **8 st CB** 2Y, 52 tkl. **22** Geno Odong (5'9" 181 So). 3 st, 38 tkl rFr.

SS 3 JAMES BRINDLEY JR. 5-10 191 PS#215. 22 tkl true. 11 st at SS in '07, 84 tkl, 3 int. **45 DE'VON HALL** (6'3" 220 Sr) **25 st LB 3Y, 181 tkl,** 3 int, 6 pbu. Walter McClenton (5'11" 177 rFr). Christopher Williams PS#194JC in spg. Maxim Dinka (5'11" 207 So) PS#423. Alfred Kikau PS#426.

FS 39 CALEB TAYLOR SR. 6-3 197 12 st SS '06, 64 tkl, 2 int. 10 st LY, 81 tkl, 2 int 7 pbu.

P 8 Peter Caldwell So. 6-4 213 PS#96. Avg 43.0 on punts in HS. 4 punts as true, backup LY, 41.2 avg, 1 inside 20. **16** Chris Ulinski is Nevada trans who had 56 yd FG in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Magnum Mauga 6-0 285 PS#98JC
DB	Christopher Williams 6-3 190 PS#194JC
QB	Exavier Johnson 6-2 200 PS#69
TE	Jeremy Mitchell 6-5 255 PS#294JC
DL	Casey Davis 6-3 285 PS#311JC
WR	Tremel Kline 6-3 200 PS#71
QB	Robert Fuller 6-2 195 PS#110
WR	Emmanual Ojeriakhi 6-3 185 PS#206
TE	Kellen Bartlett 6-3 235 PS#78
TE	Joe Moreno 6-3 230 PS#106
OL	Tanner Richins 6-6 310 PS#282 '07
DB	Sheldon Armstrong 6-0 180 PS#416
DB	Alfred Kikau 6-0 180 PS#426
TE	Harold Moleni 6-3 230 PS#143
LB	Quinn Garner 6-3 230 PS#145TE
RB	Marquis Butler 6-0 185 PS#391
RB	Chris Harris 5-10 185 PS#391
OL	Patrick Dvoracek 6-4 295 PS#481
LB	Bobby Wagner 6-3 210 PS#408
DL	Oscar Molina 6-4 245 PS#464
DL	Robert Tidwell 6-3 235 PS#464
RB	Ronald Scott 6-0 205 PS#430

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score USU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at UNLV	A					
Sep. 6	at Oregon	A					
Sep. 13	Utah	A					
Sep. 20	Idaho	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 3	BYU (Fri)	A					
Oct. 11	at San Jose St	G					
Oct. 18	at Nevada	A					
Oct. 25	Fresno St	A					
Nov. 1	Hawaii	A					
Nov. 8	at Boise St	A					
Nov. 15	at Louisiana Tech	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29	New Mexico St	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jose Fuentes 9,168 '99-'02
2. Tony Adams 6,226 '70-'72
3. Brent Snyder 6,105 '87-'88

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Demario Brown 4,053 '96-'99
2. Abu Wilson 3,933 '92, '94-'96
3. Rick Parros 3,537 '76-'79

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kendal Smith 2,943 '85-'88
2. Kevin Curtis 2,789 '01-'02
3. Kevin Robinson 2,485 '04-'07

USt leads the all-time series 12-6. The Aggies have won the last 5 games played in Vegas S/'89 & have won 9 of L/11. Last year UNLV scored w/1:02 left for the win.

The Aggies are 6-30 all-time vs the Pac-10 including 0-3 vs Oregon. Utah St is 1-25 vs current BCS teams since 1993 getting outscored 144-12 the L/4.

The 108th meeting. USt trails the series 75-28-4. USt has lost 26 of the L/31 including 10 straight. Coming into '08, the Aggies had dropped 6 straight to the MWC.

These 2 are deadlocked at 16-16-2. Utah St is 3-5 the last 8 but 14-7 the last 21. Last year the Aggies got the win despite being outgained 428-272.

USt trails the series 41-33-3 but owns a winning mark of 17-15-2 at home. USt's has lost 24 of 27 in the series including 8 consecutive. USt's last win was a 58-56 victory in '93.

The Aggies were either tied or leading in the 4Q in losses against UNLV, WY, San Jose St & Nevada LY. Utah St trails in this series 10-19-1 & has lost 10 of the last 11.

USt is 4-14 vs the Wolf Pack losing its last 3. The visitor has won 7 of the last 8 in this series with the only loss being a 42-0 shutout in their last visit here in 2006.

Aggies are 5-19 in their 1st 3 yrs in the WAC. The HT has won 6 straight in this series. USt had one of the largest upsets in college FB w/a home win in '06 as a 4 TD dog.

Utah St is 4-4 vs Hawaii but has lost all 3 current games by a 32 ppg avg. Last year's 37 pts were the most scored by Utah St on the road since 2002.

USt is 2-8 in its L/10 gms vs Boise St including 7 straight losses. BSU has avg'd 55 ppg vs the Aggies over the L/5 gms. USt HC Guy was the DC at Boise from '98-'00.

Utah St has lost the last 3 vs Louisiana Tech. LY USU won B2B WAC gms & for the 1st time S/'99 won B2B RG's. The Aggies are 3-16 in conference AG's since '02.

The Aggies are 26-6 vs New Mexico St and have won 3 of last 4. LY USt's win over NMSt broke their 16 gm losing streak. Utah State won 19 in a row from '68-98.

BRENT GUY (Career 6–29)
4th Year at Utah St — Guy's Bowl Record: 0-0

Guy's records AT UTAH ST

6-29	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
3-12	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
3-17	Away	0-3	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-2	Off A Bye
5-19	Vs Conference	5-23	Off A Loss

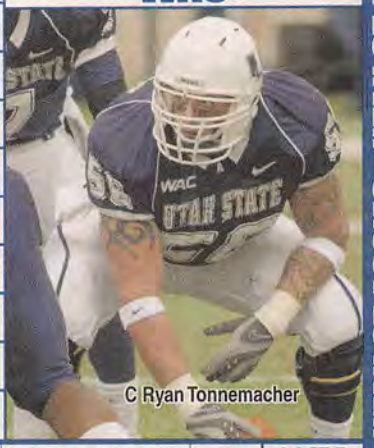
2007 RECORD: (2–10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 39 (13,23,3)
Lost: 13 (9,3,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,131 (#115)

WAC



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STADIUM: ROMNEY STADIUM (25,513) (#110)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sprinturf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	4-7	4-7	3-9	3-8	3-8	1-11	2-10	25-66
Home	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	2-2	2-3	1-4	0-5	17-22
Away	2-4	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-6	1-5	0-7	2-5	8-44
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-1	–	–	3-4	2-5	2-6	1-7	2-6	14-29
vs Non-Conf	1-5	4-7	4-7	0-5	1-3	1-2	0-4	0-4	11-37
ATS	4-5	3-6	4-6	6-6	2-9	7-4	3-9	7-5	36-50
Home Fav	1-0	0-1	0-0	3-1	0-2	1-0	0-0	0-1	5-5
Home Dog	1-1	1-1	3-1	0-1	1-1	2-2	1-4	1-3	10-14
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	2-5
Away Dog	1-4	2-3	1-4	3-2	1-6	3-1	2-5	6-1	19-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	4-1	–	–	4-3	1-6	4-4	2-6	5-3	20-23
vs Non-Conf	0-4	3-6	4-6	2-3	1-3	3-0	1-3	2-2	16-27
Off SU Win	3-2	1-2	1-3	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-0	1-0	9-12
Off SU Loss	1-2	1-4	3-2	5-3	2-6	5-3	2-8	6-4	25-32

Mick Donnelly / Brent Guy

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
46	Raisin	NL	San Jose St	0-20
60	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	13-20
61	Gotham	NL	Baylor	9-24
93	Las Vegas	NL	Ball St	42-33
97	Humanitarian	+2'	Cincinnati	19-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Utah St's All-Time Bowl Record 1–4

UTAH ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	20.6	15	125	3.2	153	65.1	13.5	+2	2007	9	33.8	24	196	4.9	254	69.3	13.3
6*	10.8	14	115	3.2	140	52.0	23.5	-6	2006	5	38.5	21	187	5.0	249	64.2	11.3
5	18.9	18	117	2.9	200	60.3	16.8	-2	2005	5	32.7	22	144	3.9	262	62.2	12.4
4*	16.7	17	76	2.3	214	57.2	17.3	-6	2004	6	30.3	20	192	4.5	203	61.9	13.0
4	22.0	19	108	3.5	242	54.9	15.9	-4	2003	7	26.3	21	167	3.6	193	54.0	13.7
6*	27.7	19	84	3.1	308	53.0	14.2	-11	2002	7	39.3	22	235	5.1	236	53.6	12.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Derrvin Speight	129	525	21	504	3	3.9
Leon Jackson	142	498	160	338	6	2.4
Curtis Marsh	82	302	0	302	2	3.7
Aaron Lesue	35	101	9	92	1	2.6
Jacob Actkinson	22	86	0	86	1	3.9
Jase McCormick	28	99	33	66	0	2.4
Jimmy Bohm	9	45	0	45	1	5.0
Kevin Robinson	16	52	13	39	0	2.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Leon Jackson	231	151	65.4	1576	9	4
Jase McCormick	40	25	62.5	258	2	5
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Kevin Robinson		55	640	11.6	5	77
Rob Myers		21	320	15.2	3	37
Otis Nelson		20	189	9.4	1	26
Jacob Actkinson		12	167	13.9	1	82
Curtis Marsh		16	96	6.0	0	17
Derrvin Speight		13	57	4.4	0	12
Doug Barbour		7	52	7.4	0	17
Xavier Bowman		7	34	4.9	1	14
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Leon Jackson	62	2558	41.3	11	34.2(t)	1	16
Peter Caldwell	4	165	41.2	1	–	0	1
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Peter Caldwell	25-25	4-6	6-8	3-5	0-2	13-21	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jake Hutton	102	1	3.5	1	1
Paul Igboeli	95	0	8	3	0
James Brindley	84	0	1.5	3	3
Caleb Taylor	81	0	8.5	7	2
De'von Hall	69	0	3	2	1
Kyle Gallagher	47	0	1.5	0	0
Joshua Taylor	42	0	0	6	1
Carl Singleton	41	6	1.5	1	0
Ben Calderwood	41	2.5	3	0	0
Geno Odong	38	0	2	0	1
Roy Hurst	36	0	1.5	1	3
Frank Maile	32	0	8	2	0
Kejon Murphy	31	0	0.5	3	0
Daryl Fields	27	0	0	0	0
Chris Randle	27	0	1	3	0
Antonio Taylor	25	0	0	1	0
Marquise Charles	23	0	0	1	2
Darby Golden	18	1	0	1	0
Derrick Cumbee	13	0	1.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Kevin Robinson	20	378	18.9	1
Kejon Murphy	1	6	6.0	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Kevin Robinson	43	1260	29.3	3
Aaron Lesue	16	394	24.6	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

USU 2007 RANK	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
15,102	UNLV	15	40-97	2.4	13-19	137	4	14	38-173	4.6	12-20	141	2	-1
19,443	at Wyoming	15	42-133	3.2	17-25	147	0	25	42-189	4.5	19-32	180	1	+1
84,403	at Oklahoma	8	34-66	1.9	15-24	87	2	24	39-343	8.8	21-33	274	1	-2
13,685	San Jose St	15	39-175	4.5	11-21	78	0	30	32-98	3.1	35-48	426	0	0
41,884	at Utah	15	46-136	3.0	17-24	139	1	16	36-144	4.0	18-29	181	1	+1
36,360	at Hawaii	21	44-123	2.8	21-29	247	6	23	19-47	2.5	28-38	465	1	0
9,462	Nevada	12	34-106	3.1	11-19	106	3	27	57-302	5.3	15-23	170	2	0
8,543	Louisiana Tech	17	35-106	3.0	17-26	220	1	30	53-288	5.4	23-29	230	1	0
32,904	at Fresno St	20	38-155	4.1	18-26	214	6	23	47-255	5.4	13-18	131	0	+1
18,864	Boise St	11	30-82	2.7	12-24	154	2	26	45-190	4.2	28-32	294	1	-3
7,537	at New Mex St	19	45-166	3.7	14-20	189	3	23	22-88	4.0	42-58	367	0	+1
8,102	at Idaho	15	44-154	3.5	11-15	118	2	24	52-237	4.6	14-27	191	2	+4
TOTALS		183	471-1499	3.2	177-272	1836	30	285	482-2354	4.9	268-387	3050	12	+2
AVERAGES		15.3	39-125	3.2	15-23	153	2.5	23.8	40-196	4.9	22-32	254	1.0	0.2

2003 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Utah	+19'	20-40
–	at Nebraska - #23	+32'	7-31
–	at Arizona St - #16	+27'	16-26
–	ULM	-13'	28-10
–	at New Mexico	+14	7-34
–	Wyoming	+2	21-48
–	at North Texas	+14	27-37
–	Arkansas St	-8'	49-0
–	Middle Tenn	-2	41-20
–	at New Mexico St	-2'	21-26
–	Troy	-6'	14-23
–	at Idaho	-1	13-20

2004 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Alabama	+26	17-48
–	Idaho	-10'	14-7
–	Utah - #15	+19	6-48
–	at UNLV	+13	31-21
–	at Troy	+14	21-49
–	North Texas	-2	23-31
–	at Clemson	+22'	6-35
–	at Middle Tenn	+9'	0-21
–	at ULM	+6'	25-32
–	at Arkansas St	+7	7-16
–	New Mexico St	+5'	34-25

2005 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Nicholls St	CANCELLED	
–	at Utah	+24'	7-31
–	UNLV	+3'	31-24
–	at Idaho	-2'	13-27
–	San Jose St	-5	24-17
–	at Fresno St	+33	21-53
–	Boise St	+19	21-45
–	at Alabama - #5	+34	3-35
–	Louisiana Tech	+7	17-27
–	at Hawaii	+16'	23-50
–	Nevada	+9'	24-30
–	at New Mexico St	-2'	24-21

2006 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Wyoming	+13	7-38
–	at Arkansas	+28'	0-20
–	Utah	+20'	0-48
–	at BYU	+28'	0-38
–	Idaho	+3	21-41
–	Fresno St	+27	13-12
–	at San Jose St	+17	14-21
–	at Louisiana Tech	+6'	35-48
–	Hawaii	+26	10-63
–	at Nevada	+29	0-42
–	at Boise St - #13	+37'	10-49
–	New Mexico St	+6'	20-42

2007 RESULTS

USU Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	UNLV	+6'	16-23
–	at Wyoming	+25	18-32
–	at Oklahoma - #3	+45'	3-54
–	San Jose St	-3	20-23
–	at Utah	+21'	18-34
–	at Hawaii - #16	+39'	37-52
–	Nevada	+7	28-31
–	Louisiana Tech	+3	21-31
–	at Fresno St	+20'	27-38
–	Boise St - #19	+24'	0-52
–	at New Mexico St	+8	35-17
–	at Idaho	+2'	24-19

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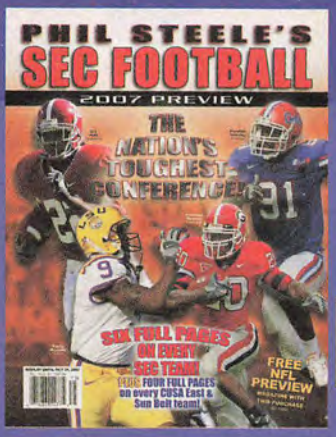
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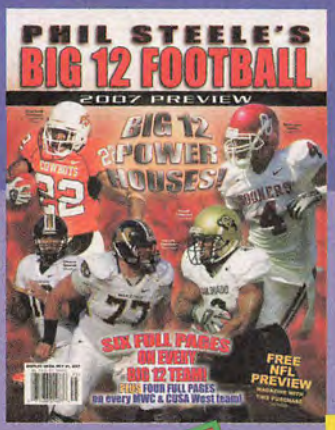
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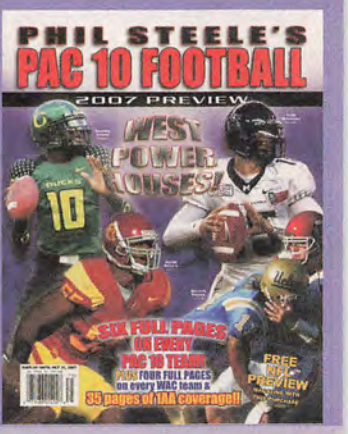
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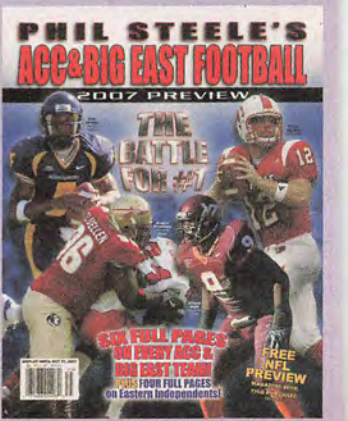
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INDEPENDENT

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
29	Navy	39.3	1	444.1	1	348.8	1	5.64	1	95.3	4	54.4	3	11.3	1	18	1	14	1
110	Notre Dame	16.4	4	242.3	4	75.3	4	2.07	4	167.0	2	55.8	2	14.8	3	25	2	58	4
119	Army	16.9	3	275.6	3	86.6	3	2.60	3	189.0	1	52.9	4	16.3	4	31	4	31	3
120	W Kentucky	33.2	2	408.8	2	247.2	2	5.12	2	161.7	3	62.8	1	12.3	2	27	3	16	2

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
42	Notre Dame	28.8	2	357.0	2	195.4	3	4.28	2	161.6	1	52.6	1	12.4	3	25	2	19	2
93	Army	30.3	3	423.5	3	233.5	4	4.76	4	190.0	3	64.6	3	14.0	2	21	3	15	3
117	Navy	36.4	4	439.2	4	175.8	2	4.29	3	263.4	4	69.9	4	12.1	4	16	4	12	4
120	W Kentucky	20.8	1	319.6	1	135.0	1	3.71	1	184.6	2	57.1	2	15.3	1	29	1	24	1

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 INDEPENDENT FORECAST

1. Notre Dame - It was almost an automatic to put the Irish at the top of the Independent standings with Navy the only team to contend for the best record. Last year there were 4 Independent teams and amazingly the Irish finished tied for last at just 3-9 after appearing in a pair of BCS bowl games the previous two years. This year the Irish make my most improved list and I not only expect them to play in a bowl but it would not surprise me if they made it to a BCS bowl. This year's squad will more resemble the 2005 and 2006 versions rather than last year's nightmare year and they will finish with the best record of the 3 Independents.

2. Navy - Paul Johnson did a phenomenal job with the Midshipmen as they have not had fewer than 8 wins (including bowls) in a season in any of the last five years. This year the Midshipmen lose some key players on offense but have a much improved defense with 8 starters back. Due to injuries, last year's squad was basically down to zero returning starters at times. It will be interesting to see if Ken Niumatalolo can keep the program rolling as this is his first head coaching opportunity as he is filling some large shoes. I do expect Navy to achieve bowl eligibility which will get them to their 6th straight bowl but I think it will be tough to match last year's 8 win total.

3. Army - Army now has 4 MAC teams on their schedule and I really feel that the Black Knights and the MAC conference are a perfect fit. Army would balance the MAC schedule and be competitive on a yearly basis while also contending for a conference title. Despite having just 8 returning starters this year, the Black Knights have a softer schedule and have a shot at improving their record. They could be a surprise team if true frosh QB Paul McIntosh lives up to his advanced billing. This is one team that has not benefitted from being an Independent and would fare much better in the MAC than they did in CUSA.

Independent Notes: A remarkable NCAA stat is that ND has not punted vs Navy in the last 3 games with their last punt coming in 2004. Somehow the nation's longest series win streak ended last year and Navy stunned Notre Dame in South Bend (1st win in 44 yrs). Army actually tied ND for the 2nd best record of the Independents at 3-9 last year. This year ND is bowl caliber and will be much stronger. I still think Army should join the MAC. I know that little venture into CUSA was disastrous but look at the success Temple is having and it is in their region and they would contend for the conference title in a few short years. The MAC also needs a 14th team to balance its schedule. Army is getting closer to Navy in terms of talent but have just 8 starters back. Will that be enough for them to end their 6 game losing streak to the Middies in one of the top rivalries in all of college football?

Army
LB Frank Scappaticci

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 INDEPENDENT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team
QB	Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame	Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy
RB	James Aldridge, Notre Dame	Shun White, Navy
RB	Eric Kettani, Navy	Robert Hughes, Notre Dame
WR	Robby Parris, Notre Dame	David Grimes, Notre Dame
WR	Duval Kamara, Notre Dame	Tyree Barnes, Navy
TE	Mike Ragone, Notre Dame	Mike Evans, Army
C	Dan Wenger, Notre Dame	Andy Lark, Navy
OG	Eric Olsen, Notre Dame	Anthony Gaskins, Navy
OG	Michael Turkovich, Notre Dame	Brandon Cox, Army
OT	Sam Young, Notre Dame	Andrew McGinn, Navy
OT	Paul Duncan, Notre Dame	Mike Lemming, Army
DL	Victor Ugenyi, Army	Justin Brown, Notre Dame
DL	Steven Filer, Notre Dame	Nate Frazier, Navy
DL	Michael Walsh, Navy	Pat Kuntz, Notre Dame
DL	Ted Bentler, Army	Nicholas Emmons, Army
LB	Frank Scappaticci, Army	Kerry Neal, Notre Dame
LB	John Ryan, Notre Dame	John Plumstead, Army
LB	Maurice Crum, Notre Dame	Ross Pospisil, Navy
LB	Clint Sovie, Navy	Joshua McNary, Army
CB	Darrin Walls, Notre Dame	Rashawn King, Navy
CB	Terrail Lambert, Notre Dame	Blake Carter, Navy
SS	Wyatt Middleton, Navy	Harrison Smith, Notre Dame
FS	David Bruton, Notre Dame	Jeff Deliz, Navy
K	Brandon Walker, Notre Dame	Matt Harmon, Navy
P	Eric Maust, Notre Dame	Kyle Delahooke, Navy
KR	Armando Allen, Notre Dame	Golden Tate, Notre Dame
PR	David Grimes, Notre Dame	Carlo Sandiego, Army

2007 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG ALL GAMES 2007	2006	2005
Navy	8	5	511	473	+4.9	+47.8	+60.3
Army	3	9	203	364	-147.9	-93.9	-30.6
Notre Dame	3	9	197	345	-114.7	+49.6	+112.2
W Kentucky	7	5	398	250	+89.2	-	-

2007 INDEPENDENT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	98	55	56.1	5	952	9.7	0	154.5
Carson Williams, Army	287	151	52.6	12	1770	6.2	11	108.7
Jimmy Clausen, N Dame	245	138	56.3	6	1254	5.1	7	103.9

TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	12	180	834	98	952	1786	148.8
Carson Williams, Army	12	37	-123	287	1770	1647	137.3
Jimmy Clausen, N Dame	10	62	-187	245	1254	1067	106.7
Eric Kettani, Navy	13	152	880	0	0	880	67.7
Jarod Bryant, Navy	11	94	464	31	252	716	65.1
Shun White, Navy	12	78	620	0	0	620	51.7
Adam Ballard, Navy	13	141	665	0	0	665	51.2
James Aldridge, N Dame	11	121	463	0	0	463	42.1

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC/AVG
Jeremy Trimble, Army	12	62	912	7	14.7	5.2	76.0
Duval Kamara, N Dame	11	32	357	4	11.2	2.9	32.5
John Carlson, N Dame	12	40	372	3	9.3	3.3	31.0
Robby Parris, N Dame	12	29	361	1	12.4	2.4	30.1
Corey Anderson, Army	12	31	339	1	10.9	2.6	28.3
Justin Larson, Army	10	21	273	3	13.0	2.1	27.3
David Grimes, N Dame	10	27	224	2	8.3	2.7	22.4
Zerbin Singleton, Navy	13	12	263	1	21.9	0.9	20.2

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG.
Reggie Campbell, Navy	40	1098	2	27.5
Corey Anderson, Army	44	1078	1	24.5
Golden Tate, N Dame	15	326	0	21.7
Zerbin Singleton, Navy	26	555	0	21.3
Armando Allen, N Dame	33	704	0	21.3

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Trevor Laws, N Dame	12	53	59	112	9.3
Joe Brockington, N Dame	12	52	56	108	9.0
Jordan Murray, Army	12	67	36	103	8.6
Caleb Campbell, Army	12	68	29	97	8.1
Frank Scappaticci, Army	12	54	35	89	7.4
Brian Chmura, Army	12	47	41	88	7.3
Irv Spencer, Navy	13	57	38	95	7.3
David Bruton, N Dame	12	55	30	85	7.1
Maurice Crum, N Dame	12	35	49	84	7.0
Wyatt Middleton, Navy	13	57	31	88	6.8
Tom Zbikowski, N Dame	12	42	38	80	6.7
Blake Carter, Navy	11	50	21	71	6.5

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Jeremy Trimble, Army	19	280	1	14.7
Tom Zbikowski, N Dame	23	234	0	10.2

FIELD GOALS

	FG	FGA	PCT	LONG
Joey Bullen, Navy	11	17	64.7	51
Matt Harmon, Navy	6	10	60.0	46
Owen Tolson, Army	8	15	53.3	45
Brandon Walker, N Dame	6	12	50.0	48
Adam DeMarco, Army	1	2	50.0	36

RUSHING YDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDS/PG
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada, Navy	12	180	834	4.6	12	69.5
Eric Kettani, Navy	13	152	880	5.8	10	67.7
Shun White, Navy	12	78	620	7.9	7	51.7
Adam Ballard, Navy	13	141	665	4.7	5	51.2
Jarod Bryant, Navy	11	94	464	4.9	5	42.2
James Aldridge, N Dame	11	121	463	3.8	0	42.1
Reggie Campbell, Navy	13	71	522	7.4	5	40.2
Zerbin Singleton, Navy	13	67	484	7.2	9	37.2
Armando Allen, N Dame	12	86	348	4.0	0	29.0

TFL

	NO	YDS
Michael Walsh, Navy	10.5	37
Irv Spencer, Navy	8.5	28
Joe Brockington, N Dame	8.5	13
Trevor Laws, N Dame	8	44
Victor Ugenyi, Army	7.5	16
John Plumstead, Army	6.5	24
Tony Fusco, Army	6.5	22
Matt Wimsatt, Navy	6	28

SACKS

	NO	YDS
Trevor Laws, N Dame	4	31
Ted Bentler, Army	3	16
Michael Walsh, Navy	3	22
Matt Wimsatt, Navy	3	20
John Ryan, N Dame	2.5	23
Chris Kuhar-Pitters, Navy	2.5	27
Jon Plumstead, Army	2	16
Kerry Neal, N Dame	2	9

2006 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	10	3	403	310
Navy	9	4	367	261
Army	3	9	232	335
Temple	1	11	131	496

2005 INDEPENDENT STANDINGS

All Games

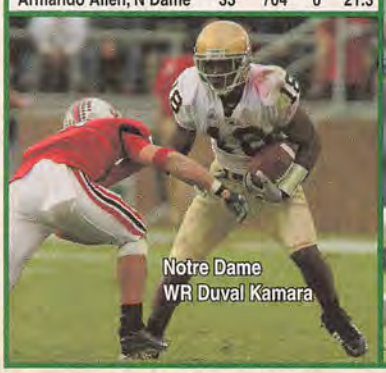
	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	9	3	440	294
Navy	8	4	410	313
Army	4	7	220	294
Temple	0	11	107	497

PUNTING

	NO	YDS	AVG
Owen Tolson, Army	73	3283	45.0
Geoff Price, N Dame	54	2260	41.9

PHIL'S INDEPENDENT UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Notre Dame	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Navy	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3
Army	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	2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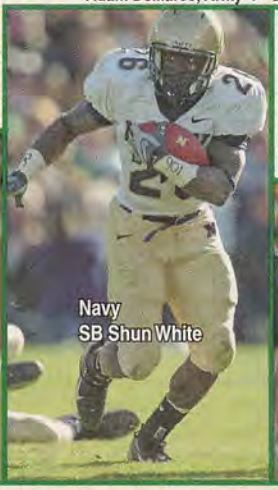
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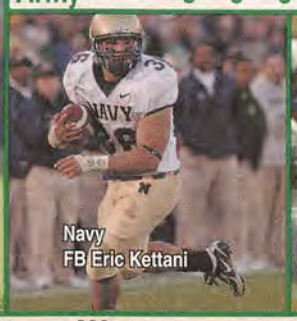
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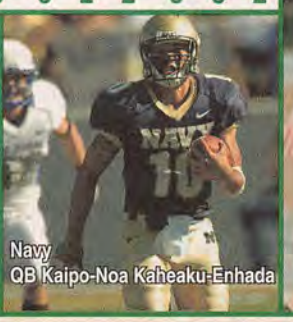
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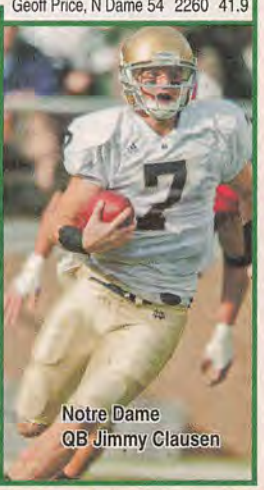
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NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In Brady Quinn's first year as a starting QB he threw for 1,831 (47%) with a 9-15 ratio. In his senior season, with a veteran offense, he threw for 3,426 (61.9%) with a 37-7 ratio. Quinn's backup, Evan Sharpley (PS#13), played in 8 (2 passes) in '06 while true frosh Demetrius Jones (PS#6) and Zach Frazer (PS#7, best arm) ran the scout team. Sharpley, Jones, Frazer and true frosh Jimmy Clausen (PS#5) battled for the spot in spring '07. Frazer transferred to Connecticut over the summer and Clausen underwent elbow surgery in June and was not 100% in Aug. It also affected his conditioning and arm strength. Weis kept the starter a secret for the opener vs blitz happy GT but it was the more mobile Jones getting the nod. In the first 20 snaps, Weis allowed him just 1 pass and he was benched late 2Q while Sharpley and Clausen finished the game. Clausen became the earliest frosh to start at QB and just the 8th frosh to start since 1951 when he started in Wk 2. Jones transferred to Cincinnati. Clausen was benched in the 4Q vs Mich for Sharpley. Sharpley hit 16 of 26 for 208 in the 2H vs Purdue but Clausen started in the road win over UCLA. Sharpley played in the 2H vs BC leading the team to a TD and then started the next 2 for a banged up Clausen. When Clausen was deemed healthy he started the final three in which he had a 6-1 ratio, including a rush TD. For the season, the QB's combined to hit just 55.8% with a 12-9 ratio. Clausen added 18 lbs in the offseason and should be vastly improved.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 Darius Walker led with 1,267 (5.0) while true frosh James Aldridge (PS#2) rushed for 142 (3.8) missing the 1H of the year. Last year they had to replace Walker. Travis Thomas (2 st, 273 in '04 & '05) started 10 at LB in '06 but returned to the backfield last year. Aldridge had the best combination of size and speed of the RB's whereas true frosh Armando Allen (PS#13) was the team's fastest with 4.34 speed. True frosh Robert Hughes (PS#9) had the best hands, Junior Jabbie was the best blocker and Thomas was the best near the goal line. Aldridge started 5 and led with 463 (3.8) but an ankle injury limited him down the stretch. Allen was #2 with 348 (4.0). Hughes, who tragically lost his brother prior to Navy, got the bulk of the carries in the final 2. His powerful running helped on the muddy field vs Duke (110 yd) then he added 136 vs Stanford. Thomas had 2 starts but only rushed for 58 (2.1) and Jabbie added 35 (3.5). This year they lose Thomas and Jabbie. Not listed in the PSL are Eras Noel (5'8" 190 So), Nikolas Rodriguez (5'11" 205 Sr), Mike Narvaez (5'11" 231 Jr) and Joe Vittoria (5'11" 244 Jr) plus true frosh Jonas Gray (PS#5). They should easily top last year's 75 ypg which marked the 2nd straight year ND had its worst ever ypg rushing in school history (126 in '06).

RECEIVERS - The Irish's all-time career leading receiver was Tom Gatewood (1969-'71) and he was also the team's last 1,000 yard receiver until Weis arrived in 2005. In his first 2 years, Weis produced three 1,000 yard receivers. Last year the unit had to replace 2 WR's (combined 1924 rec yd '06) but did return TE John Carlson who had 634 (13.5) while the top returning WR was David Grimes (336, 12.9). Carlson led with just 372 (9.3). True frosh Duval Kamara (PS#8) had 357 (11.2) and soph Robby Parris (PS#31) added 361 (12.4). Grimes saw his numbers drop to 224 (8.3) while only starting 8. True frosh Golden Tate (PS#27DB) got his first start vs UCLA and finished with 131 and a team high 21.8 ypc (next closest was 12.4). This year they lose their top man Carlson (#2DC SEA, 12 st) but have everyone else back and add in 5 VHT true frosh.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Irish OL is made up almost exclusively of VHT's but despite fielding experienced fronts from 2002-2006, the best ypg rush was 157 (4.0) in 2003. In the other 4 years they avg just 3.4, 3.3, 3.6 and 3.9 ypc rush. That 2006 unit had to replace 2 starters but had 7 of the top 10 back and allowed a solid 31 sacks (6.6%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters (including #3 and #7 DC's) and two backups. They had three 1st time starters. The O-line set a school record (38 in '02) by allowing an NCAA worst 58 sacks (14.9%) and only avg 75 ypg (2.1) rush. That total is 50 ypg less than any season in the last 60 years. This year while John Sullivan (10 st, 4Y st'r, #6DC MIN) and Matt Carufel must be replaced, 9 of the top 10 are back. This should be one of the most improved O-lines in the country.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ND had all 4 starters back in 2006 but surprisingly yielded 3.8 ypc. Last year they had to replace 3 of their 4 starters including #2 and #5 DC's but switched to a 3-4 D. The less experienced front yielded 195 ypg rush (4.3) which was the most they allowed since 1991 and the D had just 19 sacks. It was an undersized group and 7 different players earned starts. Trevor Laws ended up leading the Irish in tackles (112) with the 2nd highest total for an Irish DL since 1956 (Steve Niehaus 113, 1975). Pat Kuntz led all IA DL's in pbu (9). This year they lose Tm MVP Laws (12 st, 8 tfl, #2DC PHI), DE Dwight Stephenson (4 st, 40 tkl, 4 tfl) and Derrell Hand (1 st, 3 tkl). Kuntz sat out the spring semester but is expected to return in Aug although he may be behind Ian Williams on the depth chart. New asst HC Tenuta ran a 4-3 D at GT but the Irish are sticking with the 3-4 this year. Despite the loss of their top DL, this figures to be an improved unit.

LB Maurice Crum

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Irish shifted to a 3-4 D. They lost 2 backups to graduation and starting LB Travis Thomas moved back to RB so they had 2 starters back in the four spots. The coaches were very high on true frosh Brian Smith (PS#34) and Kerry Neal (PS#38) and they combined for 8 starts. This year they lose their #2 tackler, Joe Brockington (10 st, 108 tkl, 8.5 tfl) and Anthony Vernaglia (4 st, 20 tkl). They also move John Ryan to DE but have 4 players back with starting experience and look stronger. They add in two VHT rFr and 3 VHT true frosh including Steve Filer (PS#1) and Anthony McDonald (PS#14).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Irish secondary allowed 281 ypg in 2004 (#75 in my pass D rankings). They had to replace 3 starters in '05 but climbed to #42. In 2006 all 4 starters returned but surprisingly the Irish dropped to #88. Last year they had to replace two starters (#6 & #7 DC's) but had 6 players back with starting experience. The Irish moved up to #26 allowing 162 ypg (52.6%), their lowest total since 1996. This year they lose SS Tom Zbikowski (12 st, 80 tkl, 2 int, #3DC BAL), CB Ambrose Wooden (4 st, 27 tkl) and 3rd stringers Munir Prince (3 tkl) and Leo Ferrine (3 tkl). Once again six players return with starting experience and DC Brown (NYJ DC coach '04-'06) took over the coaching duties here. This is the best Irish secondary in years.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Charlie Weis inherited a unit that finished #59 in my ST rankings in 2004 and with most of the players back they moved up to #39. They have dropped the last 2 years to #64 and #93. Weis admitted a mistake by splitting the ST coaching duties among 9 asst's noting that "it did not work." Last year they had to replace their K. Soph Ryan Burkhart (PS#13) had 8 TB on KO's in '06 but missed all 4 FG's in an Aug scrimmage and fell behind two frosh. True frosh Brandon Walker (PS#5) connected on 6 of 12 FG's with a long of 48 while rFr Nate Whitaker was 0 of 1 on FG's and had zero TB on 28 KO (Walker 0 on 13). P Geoff Price, who avg 45.4 in '06 with a 37.8 team net, saw his avg drop to 41.9 (37.9 tm net) and he split time with baseball walk-on Eric Maust while battling an injury. Surprisingly vs Navy, Weis turned down a shot at a 41 yard FG with :45 left and went for it on 4th & 8 which cost them the game. This year they must replace their top PR Tom Zbikowski (10.2) as well as Price, Whittaker and LS JJ Jansen (186 career flawless snaps). Maust should fill in well at P and this unit has a solid freshmen class coming in, and can only improve.

COACHES - Charlie Weis has 3 Super Bowl rings as the NE Patriots OC and is a 1978 ND graduate. He took over as head man in 2005 and guided the team to a pair of BCS bowls in his first two years. His OC is Mike Haywood, a former ND player and most recently RB coach, co-ST coach and recruiting coordinator at Texas. Weis handled the play calling the first three years but Haywood will assume that role this year. Weis made a tremendous hire in the offseason bringing in Jon Tenuta who has been the DC at Georgia Tech ('02-'07), N Carolina ('01) and Ohio St ('00). He will assist DC Corwin Brown who is in his 2nd season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

After a 5-7 season in 2003, I called the Irish the 7th most improved team in the country and they became yet another squad that got to a bowl after a losing season. When Ty Willingham took over in 2002, he converted the team from an option-style rush attack to a pro-style pass attack and that is usually a 3-to-4 year process. In 2005 Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation as it was the 4th year after the change of offense and the team had possessed a pro-style QB, pro-style receivers and an OL that was used to pass blocking. He also inherited 10 returning starters on offense and rolled up 36.7 ppg. They upended #3 Michigan on the road, which was the highest ranked team that ND had beaten since 1993 and later earned a BCS bowl berth but were outgained by Ohio St 617-348 in their 8th straight bowl loss. Weis was named the FWAA Coach of the Year. In 2006 they had 16 returning starters and the Irish opened at #2 in the AP poll. They became the first team since USA Today took over the coaches poll ('91) to start one year unranked and the next year be ranked in the top 3. The Irish rolled to a 10-1 record (#6) but lost to #3 USC by 20 then were thrashed in the bowl by 27 vs LSU. They also had a 26 pt home loss to Michigan. Last year it looked like a rebuilding year but Weis refused to use those words. The Irish went from a veteran unit to one with just 9 returning starters and a frosh QB. It ended up being a record breaking year for all of the wrong reasons. They were basically non-competitive as they opened the season 0-5 with all the losses coming by double digits including their 6th straight loss to Mich St in South Bend. They upset UCLA 20-6 but were outgained 282-140. After two more losses, they had a 43 game win streak vs Navy snapped in a 3 OT loss. Despite having a bye and preparing to play vs B2B option teams, the Irish D was clueless and allowed 405 yards in an embarrassing 17 point home loss vs AF after Navy. They got past lowly Duke then Stanford missed 4 FG's allowing ND to beat the Cardinal despite being outgained. Ironically, as miserable as their 3-9 season was, it was the first time they ended the season with 2 straight wins since 1992! Nine true frosh started at some point. It was their 4th losing season since 1999 and just the 13th in school history. Since ND won its last bowl game, 89 different teams have won a bowl game. This year much like in 2004, the Irish are on the top of my most improved list.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 7 JIMMY CLAUSEN SO. 6-3 207 **PS#5**. 9 st true. 1254 (56%) 7-6 ratio. **13** Evan Sharpley (6'2" 216 Jr) PS#13. 2 pass rFr, 2 st LY. 736 (55%) 5-3 ratio. Dayne Crist is **PS#5**.

HB 34 JAMES ALDRIDGE JR. 6-0 222 **PS#2**. 5 st LY. 605 (3.8) 2Y. **5 Armando Allen** (5'10" 190 So) **PS#13**. 4 st, 348 (4.0). **33 Robert Hughes** (5'11" 238 So) **PS#9**. 1 st, 294 (5.5).

WR 18 DUVAL KAMARA SO. 6-5 222 **PS#8**. 5 st true. 357 (11.2). **Michael Floyd PS#2.**

FB 44 Asaph Schwapp (6'0" 261 Jr) PS#80. 9 st 3Y. **32** Luke Schmidt (6'4" 248 So) **PS#15.**

WR 82 ROBBY PARRIS JR. 6-3 209 PS#31. 4 st LY, 361 (12.4). **19** George West (5'8" 197 Jr) PS#42DB. 7 st, 172 (8.2) LY. **1** DJ Hord (6'1" 196 Jr) **PS#10**. John Goodman **PS#10.**

WR 11 DAVID GRIMES SR. 5-10 177 PS#69. 16 st 3Y, 579 (10.5). Golden Tate (5'11" 188 So) PS#27DB. 2 st, 131 (21.8) true. Richard Jackson (6'3" 204 So) **PS#12**. Barry Gallup (5'11" 185 So) **PS#16.**

TE 83 Mike Ragone So. 6-5 230 **PS#2**. 1 rec, 11 gm true. **84** Will Yeatman (6'6" 263 Jr) PS#33. 3 st, 6 rec LY. Susp spg. Kyle Rudolph is **PS#2. 39** Kevin Brooks (6'2" 241 So).

C 51 Dan Wenger So. 6-4 287 **PS#24**. 5 st rFr (2C, 3RG). **67** Thomas Bemenderfer (6'5" 285 Jr) PS#216. N'western trans. **LS 62** Bill Flavin (6'3" 252 So). Paul Kuppich (6'3" 232 Sr).

RG 55 ERIC OLSEN JR. 6-4 303 **PS#28**. 8 gm true. Last 6 st RG LY. **59** Chris Stewart (6'5" 339 So) **PS#14**. NG spg '07. 2nd string rFr. Mike Golic Jr. (6'5" 265 Fr) **PS#38.**

LG 77 MIKE TURKOVICH SR. 6-6 301 PS#167. 7 gm true, 23:45. 9 gm '06, 23:03. 12 st LG LY. **76** Andrew Nuss (6'5" 292 rFr) PS#58DL. Lane Clelland (6'5" 265 Fr) **PS#19.**

RT 74 SAM YOUNG JR. 6-8 310 **PS#1**. 13 st RT true, 292:17. 12 st LY (3RT, 9LT). 310:08. **75** Taylor Dever (6'5" 289 rFr) PS#149. 2nd string but RS. **63** Jeff Tisak (6'5" 306 Sr).

LT 72 PAUL DUNCAN SR. 6-7 308 **PS#53**. 6 gm true, 23:45. RT in '06, 84:09. 12 st LY (3LT, 9 RT). **70** Matt Romine (6'5" 279 rFr) **PS#18. 78** Trevor Robinson **PS#13** in spg.

K 14 BRANDON WALKER SO. 6-3 197 **PS#5**. Hit 6 of 12 FG true, long 48. 1-5 from 40+, 0 TB on 13 KO. **39** Ryan Burkhart (5'11" 196 Jr) **PS#13**. 8 TB on 45 KO true in '06.

DE 94 Justin Brown Sr. 6-3 261 PS#198. 1 st, 18 tkl '05-'06. 5 st LY, 30 tkl, 3.5 tfl. Emeka Nwankwo (6'4" 283 rFr) **PS#27OL**. Sean Cwynar (6'4" 283 Fr) **PS#13.** Martin Quintana (6'1" 242 Jr).

NG 96 PAT KUNTZ SR. 6-2 285 PS#103. 11 tkl '05-'06. 10 st at NG LY, 42 tkl, **9 pbu.** **35** Ian Williams (6'2" 300 So) PS#45. 45 tkl, 1.5 tfl true. **93** Paddy Mullen (6'3" 290 So) **PS#12TE.**

DE 90 JOHN RYAN JR. 6-5 253 PS#67. 4 tkl true. 10 st LB '07, 39 tkl, 2.5 sk. **53** Morrice Richardson (6'2" 244 Jr) PS#20LB. 9 gm, 7 tkl, 1 sk LY. Ethan Johnson **PS#11.**

SLB 56 BRIAN SMITH SO. 6-3 233 **PS#34**. 3 st true. 25 tkl, 4 tfl. **41** Scott Smith (6'3" 235 Jr) PS#69. 12 games, 18 tkl LY. Darius Fleming **PS#26. 35** Kevin Smith (5'8" 200 Sr).

MLB NA Steve Filer Fr. 6-4 220 **PS#1. 49** Toryan Smith (6'1" 245 Jr) **PS#22.** 9 tkl true. 2 st LY, 14 tkl. **42** Kevin Washington (6'1" 241 Jr) PS#80QB. Anthony McDonald **PS#14.**

ILB 40 MAURICE CRUM SR. 6-0 230 PS#80. 12 st, 57 tkl rFr. 13 st '06, 100 tkl, 10 tfl. 12 st LY, 84 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **48** Steve Quinn (6'2" 231 Jr) 17 tkl 3Y. Aaron Nagel (6'1" 229 rFr) PS#32.

WLB 56 Kerry Neal So. 6-2 245 **PS#38DL**. 5 st true, 20 tkl, 2 sk. **97** Kallen Wade (6'5" 257 So) **PS#33DL. 50** Steve Paskorz (6'2" 235 rFr) **PS#30. 64** Tom Burke (5'10" 242 Jr).

CB 2 DARRIN WALLS JR. 6-0 180 **PS#5**. 2 st true, 4 tkl. 11 st LY, 32 tkl, 1 int, **9 pbu.** **4** Gary Gray (5'11" 180 rFr) **PS#12**. Robert Blanton **PS#22. 43** John Leonis (5'9" 169 Sr).

CB 20 TERRAIL LAMBERT SR. 5-11 191 **PS#15**. 10 st '06, 40 tkl. 12 st LY, 34 tkl, 1 int. **8** Raeshon McNeil (6'0" 187 Jr) **PS#16** 1st, 9 tkl, 3 pbu in '07. **37** Mike Anello (5'10" 170 Sr).

SS 28 Kyle McCarthy Jr. 6-0 207 PS#265. 1 st, 29 tkl 2Y. **31** Sergio Brown (6'2" 196 Jr) PS#31. 11 tkl 2Y. **24** Leonard Gordon (5'11" 194 So) PS#79. Ray Herring (5'10" 197 Sr) PS#61. 1 st, 3Y.

FS 27 DAVID BRUTON SR. 6-2 207 41" VL. 4.39 spd. 32 tkl '05-'06. 11 st LY, 85 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **29** Jashaad Gaines (6'0" 203 Jr) PS#44. 6 tkl. **30** Harrison Smith (6'2" 205 So) **PS#22.**

P 43 Eric Maust So. 6-2 177 PS#357QB. 21 punt rFr, 42.1 avg, 9 inside the 20. P on baseball tm (2.23 E.R.A.). **14** Brandon Walker **PS#5. 91** Xavier Burton (6'4" 185 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Michael Floyd 6-3 200 PS#2
LB	Steve Filer 6-4 220 PS#1
QB	Dayne Crist 6-5 225 PS#5
DB	Dan McCarthy 6-2 190 PS#6
RB	Jonas Gray 5-11 214 PS#5
TE	Kyle Rudolph 6-7 235 PS#2
OL	Trevor Robinson 6-5 304 PS#13
WR	John Goodman 6-3 186 PS#10
DL	Ethan Johnson 6-4 265 PS#11
DL	Sean Cwynar 6-4 283 PS#13
WR	Deion Walker 6-3 185 PS#13
OL	Lane Clelland 6-5 265 PS#19
LB	Anthony McDonald 6-3 220 PS#14
DB	Robert Blanton 6-1 175 PS#22
LB	Darius Fleming 6-2 230 PS#26
DL	Hafis Williams 6-4 295 PS#33
TE	Joseph Fauria 6-7 250 PS#10
DL	Kapron Lewis-Moore 6-4 230 PS#40
OL	Mike Golic Jr. 6-5 265 PS#38
OL	Braxston Cave 6-3 292 PS#39
DL	Brandon Newman 6-1 305 PS#46
DB	Jamoris Slaughter 6-1 180 PS#35
LB	David Posluszny 6-2 214 PS#82

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Weis' records AT NOTRE DAME

22-15	Straight Up	1-5	Vs Top 10
11-9	Home	4-8	Vs Top 25
10-4	Away	17-13	Vs BCS Teams
1-2	Neutral	2-4	Off A Bye
3-1	Vs Independents	5-8	Off A Loss

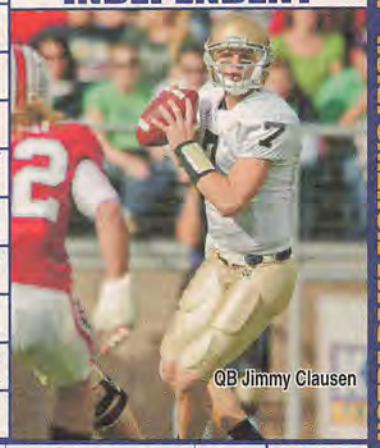
2007 RECORD: (3–9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 37 (20,17,0)
Lost: 26 (12,12,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 80,795 (#17)

INDEPENDENT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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#67

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ND	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	San Diego St	G					
Sep. 13	Michigan	G					
Sep. 20	at Michigan St	G					
Sep. 27	Purdue	G					
Oct. 4	Stanford	G					
Oct. 11	at North Carolina	G					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Washington	A					
Nov. 1	Pittsburgh	G					
Nov. 8	at Boston College	A					
Nov. 15	† Navy (Baltimore)	A					
Nov. 22	Syracuse	G					
Nov. 29	at USC	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brady Quinn 11,762 '03-'06
2. Ron Powlus 7,602 '94-'97
3. Steve Beuerlein 6,527 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Autry Denson 4,318 '95-'98
2. Allen Pinkett 4,131 '82-'85
3. Vagas Ferguson 3,472 '76-'79

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jeff Samardzija 2,593 '03-'06
2. Derrick Mayes 2,512 '92-'95
3. Tim Brown 2,493 '84-'87

Notre Dame dropped their home opener LY, but they are 9-3 (L/53 were vs current BCS tms). 1st meeting with SDSt & ND is 27-8 all-time vs current MWC opponents.

The Fighting Irish had a ssn low 79 yds of offense getting shutout last year. UM leads 20-14-1 in this series, but ND hasn't dropped 3 consecutive to them since 1908.

MSU became the 1st opponent to win 6 in a row at Notre Dame Stadium last yr. The HT is an amazing 0-7 over the L7Y with 7 of the L/8 decided by single digits.

With its loss LY to Purdue, ND started 0-5 for the 1st time in school history. ND is 14-1 S'76 hosting PU & LY had ssn highs in ttl (426) & passing yds (377).

ND has won 6 straight & their last lost hosting Stanford was in 1992. These schools combined for 6 TO's, 5 missed FG's, 4 plays overturned by replay & 9 PF's LY.

Fighting Irish are 16-1 all-time vs the Tar Heels, but haven't been to Chapel Hill S/'75. ND has won 7 of 10 when visiting teams not in the PAC-10 & Big Ten.

ND is 6-0 vs UW w/former & current Huskies' HC Willingham picking up a win in '04 (LY as HC at ND). The Fighting Irish are 23-4 S/'91 after a bye week during the reg ssn.

ND is 12-2 vs Pitt S/'88, but the Panthers pulled the upset their L/trip here in '04. The Irish are 18-7 at Notre Dame Stadium in November since 1994.

ND hasn't won in Chestnut Hill S/'98 & have dropped 6 of the L/7 meetings (5 straight). BC's 1st ever win over ND was in 1993 costing the Irish a National Title shot.

It took 44 yrs & 3 OT's for Navy to finally beat ND LY (prior loss to the Middies was in '63). Last yr HC Weis passed up a 41 yd FG w/:45 left & they were sacked on 4th & 8.

Irish are 12-2 S/'94 in home finales w/the 2 L's by a combined 5 pts & the avg W by 23 ppg. LY, ND's only home win was in their finale as they had lost a school record 6 straight.

The 38 pt margin of defeat at the hands of USC LY was ND's largest in their 79-gm history. ND has dropped 6 straight to USC with their last win in LA in '00 (1-5-1 S/'94).

STADIUM: NOTRE DAME STADIUM (80,795) (#18)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	5-6	10-3	5-7	6-6	9-3	10-3	3-9	57-40
Home	5-1	4-2	5-1	3-3	3-3	4-2	6-1	1-6	31-19
Away	3-1	1-4	3-1	2-4	2-2	5-0	3-1	2-3	21-16
Neutral	1-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	5-5
vs Indep	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	8-1
vs Non-Indep	8-3	4-6	9-3	4-7	5-6	8-3	8-3	3-8	49-39
ATS	8-4	4-7	9-4	4-8	6-6	7-5	4-8-1	5-7	47-49-1
Home Fav (Bob Davie)	2-2	1-3	4-1	1-3	2-2	2-3	2-5	1-2	15-21
Home Dog (Ty Willingham)	2-0	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-0	0-0	1-3	7-7
Away Fav (Charlie Weis)	3-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1-1	0-0	7-4-1
Away Dog (Ty Willingham/Kent Baer (bowl))	0-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	1-1	3-0	0-1	3-2	14-11
Neutral	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	4-6
vs Indep	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-0	0-1	2-0	0-1	4-5
vs Non-Indep	7-4	4-6	9-3	4-7	5-6	7-4	2-8-1	5-6	43-44-1
Off SU Win	6-3	2-2	8-2	2-3	3-3	4-5	4-6	2-0	31-24
Off SU Loss	1-1	2-4	0-2	2-4	3-2	2-0	0-1-1	3-6	13-20-1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
00	Fiesta - #10	+3'	Oregon St - #5	9-41
02	Gator - #11	+1	NC State - #17	6-28
04	Insight	+4	Oregon St	21-38
05	Fiesta - #5	+4'	Ohio St - #4	20-34
06	Sugar - #11	+8'	LSU - #4	14-41

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Aldridge	121	488	25	463	0	3.8
Armando Allen	86	370	22	348	0	4.0
Robert Hughes	53	305	11	294	4	5.5
Travis Thomas	27	74	16	58	5	2.1
Junior Jabbie	10	39	4	35	0	3.5
Demetrius Jones	12	39	11	28	0	2.3
Asaph Schwapp	12	19	5	14	0	1.2
Evan Sharpley	38	68	163	-95	0	-2.5
Jimmy Clausen	62	97	284	-187	2	-3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jimmy Clausen	245	138	56.3	1254	7	6
Evan Sharpley	140	77	55.0	736	5	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
John Carlson	40	372	9.3	3	41
Robby Parris	29	361	12.4	1	35
Duval Kamara	32	357	11.2	4	35
David Grimes	27	224	8.3	2	25
George West	21	172	8.2	0	20
Golden Tate	6	131	21.8	1	43
Armando Allen	24	124	5.2	1	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Geoff Price	54	2260	41.9	12	37.9(t)	0	11
Eric Maust	21	884	42.1	6	–	1	9

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Brandon Walker	22-23	5-5	0-2	1-5	0-0	6-12	48

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Trevor Laws	112	4	4	5	0
Joe Brockington	108	1	7.5	1	0
David Bruton	85	1	3.5	2	3
Maurice Crum	84	1	3.5	5	2
Tom Zbikowski	80	1	0.5	1	2
Ian Williams	45	0	1.5	0	0
Pat Kuntz	42	0	2.5	9	0
Dwight Stephenson	40	1	3	2	0
John Ryan	39	2.5	2.5	0	0
Terrail Lambert	34	0	0	0	1
Darrin Walls	32	0	2.5	9	1
Justin Brown	30	1	2.5	0	0
Ambrose Wooden	27	0	0	0	0
Brian Smith	25	1.5	2.5	0	1
Anthony Vernaglia	20	0	1	0	0
Kyle McCarthy	20	0	0	1	1
Kerry Neal	20	2	0	3	0
Scott Smith	18	0	0	0	0
Toryan Smith	14	0	0.5	0	0
Raeshon McNeil	9	1	0	3	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tom Zbikowski	23	234	10.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Armando Allen	33	704	21.3	0
Golden Tate	15	326	21.7	0

NOTRE DAME'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
4	16.4	16	75	2.1	167	55.8	14.8	0	2007	5	28.8	21	195	4.3	162	52.6	12.4
7*	31.0	22	126	3.9	264	61.6	12.6	+5	2006	9	23.8	19	137	3.8	203	55.2	14.3
10*	36.7	26	147	3.6	330	64.8	13.0	+10	2005	3	24.5	20	132	3.9	265	53.2	16.2
8*	24.1	18	127	3.3	218	53.9	14.3	+5	2004	6	24.1	19	88	2.7	281	58.2	15.3
5*	20.3	17	157	4.0	179	47.4	16.6	+2	2003	8	26.3	17	127	3.1	213	57.6	13.0
6*	22.3	15	139	3.4	174	50.4	14.1	+5	2002	7	16.7	17	96	2.8	205	49.2	18.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

ND 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
80,795	Georgia Tech	13	41-(-8)	-0.2	15-22	130	9	20	43-259	6.0	11-24	121	1	-3
110,078	at Penn St	9	26-0	0.0	17-32	144	6	19	46-164	3.6	12-22	131	2	+2
111,178	at Michigan	10	33-(-6)	-0.2	13-22	85	8	25	61-289	4.7	7-16	90	0	-2
80,795	Michigan St	9	35-117	3.3	11-20	86	4	19	49-219	4.5	11-24	135	1	+1
65,250	at Purdue	21	26-49	1.9	34-52	377	2	27	42-119	2.8	22-37	252	2	-1
78,543	at UCLA	12	38-46	1.2	18-28	94	3	20	37-89	2.4	16-38	193	5	+7
80,795	Boston College	14	21-27	1.3	18-49	195	2	21	34-168	4.9	32-49	291	0	-1
80,795	USC	10	30-48	1.6	17-33	117	7	24	36-227	6.3	21-38	235	0	-2
80,795	Navy	27	63-235	3.7	17-27	140	4	23	66-257	3.9	6-9	81	1	0
80,795	Air Force	19	38-58	1.5	22-40	246	6	23	63-285	4.5	10-16	120	0	0
80,795	Duke	24	48-220	4.6	16-32	194	2	16	27-94	3.5	18-38	138	2	+1
48,953	at Stanford	19	38-117	3.1	19-32	196	5	18	44-175	4.0	15-33	152	5	-2
TOTALS		187	437-903	2.1	217-389	2004	58	255	548-2345	4.3	181-344	1939	19	0
AVERAGES		15.6	36-75	2.1	18-32	167	4.8	21.3	46-195	4.3	15-29	162	1.6	0.0

2003 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre #20	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
#19		Washington St	-6	29-26 OT
#15	at	Michigan - #5	+10	0-38
–		Michigan St	-11'	16-22
–	at	Purdue - #22	+10'	10-23
–	at	Pittsburgh - #15	+9	20-14
–		USC - #5	+8	14-45
–	at	Boston College	+4	25-27
–		Florida St - #5	+12'	0-37
–		Navy	-8	27-24
–		BYU	-8'	33-14
–	at	Stanford	-4'	57-7
–	at	Syracuse	-2'	12-38

2004 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre–	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at	BYU	-5	17-20
–		Michigan - #8	+12	28-20
–	at	Michigan St	-3	31-24
–		Washington	-11'	38-3
–		Purdue - #15	+2'	16-41
–		Stanford	-5	23-15
–	†	Navy	-6	27-9
#24		Boston College	-6'	23-24
–	at	Tennessee - #9	+7	17-13
#24		Pittsburgh	-11	38-41
–	at	USC - #1	+23'	10-41

2005 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre–	Opponent	Line	Post #9 Score
–	at	Pittsburgh - #23	+3	42-21
#20	at	Michigan - #3	+7	17-10
#10		Michigan St	-6	41-44 OT
#16	at	Washington	-12	36-17
#13	at	Purdue - #22	+3	49-28
#9		USC - #1	+12	31-34
#9		BYU	-18'	49-23
#8		Tennessee	-8'	41-21
#7		Navy	-23'	42-21
#6		Syracuse	-34	34-10
#6	at	Stanford	-15	38-31

2006 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre #2	Opponent	Line	Post #17 Score
#2	at	Georgia Tech	-6'	14-10
#4		Penn St - #19	-8'	41-17
#2		Michigan - #11	-5'	21-47
#12	at	Michigan St	-3	40-37
#12		Purdue	-14'	35-21
#12		Stanford	-29	31-10
#10		UCLA	-12'	20-17
#11	†	Navy	-13'	38-14
#11		North Carolina	-24'	45-26
#9	at	Air Force	-10'	39-17
#6		Army	-29	41-9
#6	at	USC - #3	+8'	24-44

2007 RESULTS

ND Rank	Pre–	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Georgia Tech	-1	3-33
–	at	Penn St - #14	+17'	10-31
–	at	Michigan	+9'	0-38
–		Michigan St	+10'	14-31
–	at	Purdue	+21'	19-33
–	at	UCLA	+22	20-6
–		Boston College - #4	+14	14-27
–		USC - #13	+17'	0-38
–		Navy	-3	44-46 3OT
–		Air Force	+4	24-41
–		Duke	-6'	28-7
–	at	Stanford	+4'	21-14

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 Zac Dahman became Army's career passing leader and threw for 1,864 (56.2%) with an 11-13 ratio. In 2006 former HC Ross said he wanted to go to more of an option attack (like Navy) and David Pevoto (1 gm '05) started 8 and threw for 1,012 (54.9%) with a 6-14 ratio. True frosh Carson Williams started the final 4 throwing for 577 (57.1%) with a 4-10 ratio. Williams took all of the snaps with the #1's in the spring of '07 but surprisingly Pevoto beat him out. Pevoto started the first 2 completing 55.2% but then suffered an ankle injury and missed the next 9 before returning for spot duty vs Navy. Williams took over but they began to work in Kevin Dunn who was a solid option runner. In the first six Williams and Pevoto led scoring drives on just 11 of 79 poss but Dunn led them on 3 consecutive scoring drives vs Tulane hitting 6 of 7 for 80 yards. Surprisingly, Dunn played in just 3 more games. Facing Rutgers he hit just 2 of 8 for 11 and was injured. Williams' best game by far came vs Tulsa when he hit 26 of 38 for 328 with 3 TD's which was 127 yards better than his #2 effort (201 CM). Both Peveto (266 yd) and Dunn (200) depart this year. HC Brock has talked of wanting to incorporate more option and when asked about it, Williams emphatically stated he was not an option QB and another QB would have to run it. True frosh Paul McIntosh, who was Indiana's Mr Football in '07 and threw for 2,292 with a 22-6 ratio and ran for 1,621, is expected to play right away. McIntosh also benches 350 lbs. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Chip Bowden (6'0" 218 So, PS#213), Chase Prasnicki (6'1" 212 Jr, PS#176), Kyle Stancombe (5'10" 188 Jr), Carlo Sandiego (5'6" 176 Sr) and Joseph Van Deusen (6'2" 210 So). Despite being less experienced, I look for improved numbers from the Army QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 the Knights had to replace Carlton Jones who became just the 3rd player in Army history (Mike Mayweather, Glen Davis) to lead in rushing four straight years and finished the #2 all-time rusher. Diminutive Wesley McMahand (5'5"), who benches 320 and has excellent speed, led with 654 (4.4) and Tony Moore (6'0" 237 Jr) added 399 (3.8). Mike Viti led with 57 yd vs Navy and finished with 239 (4.3). All 3 returned last year and they got a significant addition in Pat Mealy (PS#154) who broke the USMAPS rushing record in 2006 and entered as a true frosh. McMahand led in the first 3 with 173 but surprisingly had just 40 the rest of the year. Mealy led 4 times including 86 vs GT. Tony Dace led 3 times and broke a streak of 24 straight games that Army failed to have a 100 yard rusher (104 vs Navy). He led with a paltry 330 (3.4). True frosh Ian Smith added 157 (5.8) playing in just 4 and FB Viti rushed for 81 (2.5). Moore missed '07 with a hip injury. This year they lose Viti (10 st). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jamal Robinson (5'8" 188 So), Jonathan Douglas (5'8"166 Sr), Ross Richert (6'1" 259 Jr), Justin Turner (5'8" 197 Jr), Peyton Johnson (5'11" 242 So), Nicholas Sabellico (5'9" 210 Jr) and Robert McClary (5'11" 247 So). I look for significant improvement in Army's rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - Jeremy Trimble made CUSA's All-Frosh team in '04 with 349 yds (17.5). He led with 535 (12.7) in '05 and again in '06 with 534 (10.3). Trimble had his best season yet in '07 with 912 (14.7) and departs as Army's all-time career leading receiver (2,330). TE's Justin Larson and Mike Evans combined for just 6 rec in '06 but had 9 in the opener of '07 and the two combined for 399 yards (12.5) on the year. WR Corey Anderson had 339 (10.9) and Mike Wright added 149 (12.4). This year they must replace Trimble (12 st), Anderson (4 st), Larson (9 st, 273) and Elliott Emerich (6 st, 74). Not listed in the PSL are Mark Allen (6'0" 181 So), Brian McSween (5'11" 165 Jr), Matt Vane (6'4" 214 So), Nelson Simmons (5'8" 179 So) and Don Gbaanador (5'11" 186 Jr). With more emphasis on the option and their top 3 receivers gone including their star, this unit clearly looks weaker.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Last year Army had to replace 4 starters and 2 backups. The returnees were C Trey Miranne (6 st in '06) and LT Ray Zelenak (7 st). Zelenak was injured and only started 3 last year and 2 OL's got their first start vs Temple. After 8 weeks, 9 different players had started. With the constant shifting, it's not surprising the ypg rush dropped to 88 (2.6) while the sacks rose to 28 (7.4%). This year they lose Miranne (12 st), OG Seth Fabin (8 st), LT Zelenak (3 st) and OG Connor Wicklund (4 st). Not listed in the PSL are Jacob Stucky (6'1" 252 So), Anees Merzi (6'3" 268 So), Dean Garretson (6'2" 282 Jr), Drew Coyle (6'2" 286 Sr), David Sprague (6'3" 288 Jr), Tyler Mattox (6'5" 254 So), Dan Cunningham (6'2" 286 So), Matt Ridgeway (6'3" 287 Sr), Cameron Reed (6'6" 228 So), Mike Schumacher (6'3" 265 Sr) and LS Walter Gouldin (6'0" 214 Sr). Usually service academies graduate a good portion of their starting OL but this group has 5 players back with starting experience and should have much improved numbers.

DT Ted Bentler

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Knights allowed 199 ypg rush (4.8) in 2006 as the D-line was banged up. Last year they had to replace two starters but got back 2006 starter Brandon Thompson and added Iowa transfer Ted Bentler (PS#50). Surprisingly the numbers ballooned as Army allowed 234 ypg rush (4.8) while the D had just 15 sacks. This year they lose DE Thompson (11 st, 40 tkl, 4.5 tfl), DT John Wright (12 st, 33 tkl, 4.5 tfl), DT Tony Fusco (3 st, 26 tkl, 6.5 tfl), DE Evan Williams (1 st, 10 tkl, 1 sk) and DE Marcus Millen (8 tkl). DE Victor Ugenyi (PS#171), who originally committed to Baylor, started 8 and Bentler started the last 9 at DT and both are back. Not listed in the PSL below are Andrew McDonald (6'2" 230 So), Edwin Pitts (6'1" 261 So), Jake Walsh (6'3" 280 Sr), Marcus Hilton (6'0" 252 So), Grant Johnson (6'1" 242 Jr), Ryan Crider (6'4" 239 So), Carson Homme (6'4" 252 So), Nathan Held (6'2" 274 So), Bryan Rodriguez (5'11" 285 So), Greg Spencer (6'0" 260 Jr) and Taylor Dawson (6'2" 254 Jr). Despite the losses, the Knights look improved up front.

LINEBACKERS - Last year they had to replace two starters (#1, #2 tkl'rs). The lone returnee was Charles Rockwood and he was lost after 7 starts (42 tkl). This year they lose Rockwood as well as MLB Brian Chmura (11 st, 88 tkl, 2 tfl) and LB Steve Hole (4 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Adam McMurray (6'0" 204 So), Chad Thayer (6'0" 218 Jr), Bradley Mareen (6'1" 222 Jr), Bryant Watrous (6'1" 232 Jr), Dean Lisante (6'0" 202 Jr), Kyle Bates (6'2" 232 Jr), Dennis Hilburn (6'1" 224 Jr), David Labensky (6'2" 230 Jr), Andrew Dieugenio (6'1" 222 Jr) and Evan Leitch (6'1" 224 Sr). This unit has more experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Army finished #108 and #115 in my pass D rankings in 2003 and 2004 but had 3 starters back in 2005 and moved up to #82 allowing a 10-12 ratio. They had to replace 3 starters in 2006 but Ross was very high on their safety combo of Caleb Campbell and Jordan Murray. Surprisingly Army dropped to #107 with the CB spot being the problem as they allowed a 16-4 ratio. Last year just one player departed from the 3 deep but Army only moved up to #100 despite a respectable 12-7 ratio. This year the unit is my biggest ? on the team (beside ST's). Gone are SS Campbell (12 st, 97 tkl, #7DC DET), FS Jordan Murray (12 st, #1 w/103 tkl), CB John Laird (9 st until inj, 43 tkl), CB Kevin Opoku (12 st, 44 tkl, 3 tfl), FS Dennis Cooper (18 tkl) and SS Brandon White (7 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Donald Dixon (6'0" 203 So), Jamal Olatunde (5'8" 178 So), Desmond Lamb (6'2" 193 So) and Lawrence Brown (5'6" 167 So).

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Bobby Ross' final season Army finished an outstanding #23 in my ST rankings. Last year they only had to replace their K. P Owen Tolson had another fine year finishing 7th in the NCAA with a 45.0 avg (35.5 net) and also had 8 TB on 40 KO. Tolson took over the FG duties and struggled at times hitting 8 of 15 but had 2 misses from 50+. Corey Anderson was the top KR (24.5) and Trimble remained one of the nation's top PR's avg 18.1 with 2 TD's in '06 and 14.7 with 1 TD in '07. Surprisingly Army dropped to #59. Army did have two ST TD's in the same game (Temple) for the first time since 1960. This year they must replace Tolson, Trimble, Anderson and even Marcus Millen who was the ST's Captain, so Army basically starts from scratch with this unit.

COACHES - Bobby Ross unexpectedly retired after the 2006 season with a 9-25 record. His OL coach for those 3 seasons, Stan Brock, took over. He played for Ross on the Chargers' Super Bowl team and was a HC in the Arena Football League from 1997-'01. Last year the new OC was Tim Walsh who resigned as the HC at Portland St (90-68 in 14 years) to take the job. He ran a multiple pro-style offense in '07 but is installing a new option-based offense this year. John Mumford was the DL coach under ex-coach Todd Berry and took over as the interim HC when he was fired in '03. Mumford stayed on as the DC and is in his 5th year in that capacity.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Army used to be one of the NCAA's powerhouses winning three straight National Titles from 1944-1946 while notching 14 Top 25 finishes in their history. Those years have long passed. They have not beaten a Top 20 team since 1972. They set a school record for losses in 2002 (11) and in 2003 became the first ever IA team to go 0-13. In 2004 Bobby Ross took over a team that was outgained by 193.4 ypg in '03 and cut it to 108.5. They broke their 19 game losing streak including 15 straight losses at home and finished 2-9. Ross had just 10 starters back in '05 but nearly upset #22 Iowa St at home, blew a late 10-7 lead vs CM and trailed #25 TCU by 7 points with less than 6:00 left. They snapped a 13 game losing streak at AF to finish 4-7. In 2006 they opened 2-2. They had some tough losses and despite having an unusually high amount of returning starters (15), finished just 3-9 and a frustrated Ross stepped aside. Since their last bowl season ('96) Army is just 27-99 and has not won more than 4 ('97 & '95) in a season. Army had more tough losses last year. Versus Wake Forest they had a 256-213 yard edge but allowed 84 yd IR and 55 yd PR TD's. They put up 491 yards vs Tulsa and were SOD late in a game trailing by 3. They were also non-competitive in many games. On the season they were outgained by 147.9 ypg and outscored by 13.4 ppg. They did get one very fortunate win vs Tulane where they had a Hail Mary pass deflected in the EZ for a 38 yd TD on the last play of regulation and won it in OT. Army was -10 in TO's (pg 312). The Black Knights are trying to soften their schedule (see Hardcore Fans) and are an improved team with just 5 true road games (Navy neutral site) but with just 8 starters back are probably another year away from a winning record.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Paul McIntosh 6-2 191 PS#94
RB	Lonnie Liggins 5-9 175 PS#142
QB	Max Jenkins 6-1 180 PS#95
QB	Demetrius Richardson 6-3 215 PS#97
DL	Michael Ross 6-1 265 PS#252
TE	Corey Myers 6-5 230 PS#75
OL	Frank Allen 6-4 275 PS#294
DB	Chris Ingram 6-2 218 PS#286
LB	Geoffrey Easterling 6-1 205 PS#247
LB	Bobby Pennington 6-2 219 PS#255
OL	John Neill 6-3 275 PS#323
QB	Josh Jones 6-0 192 PS#181
QB	Spencer Otto 6-3 185 PS#182
WR	Ekolu Soon 5-10 160 PS#269
RB	Kelechi Odocha 5-7 175 PS#296
LB	Zach Watts 6-0 220 PS#312
QB	Matt Arent 6-3 195 PS#211
TE	Jake Arbanas 6-5 195 PS#112
OL	Michael Netherland 6-5 303 PS#420
K	Tom Balough 5-10 170 PS#51
DL	Derek Bisgard 6-1 255 PS#392
DB	Joshua Powell 6-0 176 PS#408
DB	Sean Maag 6-2 190 PS#425
DL	Parker Whitten 6-3 230 PS#438
RB	Johnny Franco 5-10 185 PS#374
WR	Nathan Hughes 6-0 168 PS#360
DB	Michael Tamez 6-2 185 PS#456
RB	Chad Littlejohn 6-1 240 PS#391
OL	DJ Bennett 6-4 260 PS#481
OL	Will Wilson 6-4 300 PS#481
LB	David Ford 6-3 225 PS#408
LB	Corey Laufasa 6-0 225 PS#408
DL	Wyatt Cahill 6-4 235 PS#464
LB	La'Tarrance Young PS#417
OL	Matt Villanti 6-3 300 PS#490
LB	Nate Combs 6-2 215 PS#435
RB	Malcolm Brown 5-11 170 PS#430
TE	D Brad Kelly 6-5 220 PS#180
OL	Kevin Flanagan 6-5 290 PS#525
OL	Travis Gibson 6-3 270 PS#525
DL	Matt Dillon 6-4 280 PS#505
DL	Shola Mustapha 6-2 215 PS#505
LB	Sean Dyhre 6-0 208 PS#450
LB	Steve Erzinger 6-2 220 PS#450

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 16 **PAUL McINTOSH FR.** 6-2 191 **PS#94.** Indiana Mr FB, 2292 pass, 22-6 ratio, 1621 rush '07 HS. 15 **Carson Williams** (6'3" 212 Jr) 14 sts, 2 yr, 2358 (54%), 15-22 ratio.

RB 29 **PAT MEALY SO.** 5-8 203 PS#154. USMAPS rush rec'd '06. 3 st, 302 (3.2) '07. **Tony Dace** (5'6" 187 Sr) 2 st, 330 (3.4) LY. **Wesley McMahand** (5'5" 177 Sr) 15 st, 867 (3.9) 2Y.

FB 30 **Collin Mooney Sr.** 5-10 247 PS#450LB. 143 yd, 21 gm, 2 yr. 43 Kingsley Ehie (5'10" 221 So). 40 Matt Feiden (5'7" 222 Jr). Geoffrey Hewitt (6'0" 268 Jr). Bryson Carl (6'0" 256 Jr).

WR 10 **Damion Hunter Jr.** 5-10 173 178 ret yd true. 6 rec, 4 gm '07. 36 Jameson Carter (5'11" 187 So). 37 Josh Kornmann (6'0" 192 So) PS#199. 11 Tim Horan (6'3" 228 Sr).

WR 8 **Mike Wright Sr.** 6-2 218 1 st, 9 rec '06. 3 st '07, 149 (12.4). 17 Jamison Maehler (6'4" 211 Sr) PS#409. 14 Todd Olson (6'0" 189 Sr). 20 Joe LeForte (6'2" 199 Sr).

TE 89 **Mike Evans Jr.** 6-2 238 PS#172.5 st, 126 (11.5) '07. 84 Ernie Bernal (6'3" 248 Jr). 81 Dominick Cinotto (6'5" 245 Sr). Todd Miller (6'2" 243 So). Matt Coulthand (6'2" 235 Jr).

C 72 **Tyson Quink Sr.** 6-3 281 1 st C '07. Karl Thompson (6'2" 302 Jr). Jakob Johnsen (6'2" 285 Sr). Thomas Hagan (6'2" 264 So). **LS** Jeremy Jonas (6'5" 255 Jr). Carson Homme (6'4" 252 So).

RG 93 **Mikel Weich So.** 6-3 281 PS#452. 3 st RG true. 68 Richard Miller (6'2" 296 Jr). Ray Quintanilla (6'3" 295 So). Zachary Peterson (6'1" 269 So). Zachary Joanos (5'11" 251 So).

LG 79 **BRANDON COX SR.** 6-3 294 Last 3 st LT '06. 12 st '07 (8 LG, 4 LT). 70 John Keller (6'3" 295 Sr). 10 gm '07. 57 Wyatt Batchelor (6'3" 263 Sr) PS#340. Kenric Lull (6'3" 265 Jr).

RT 63 **MIKE LEMMING SR.** 6-3 298 2 st LT '06. 12 st RT '07. 77 Joe Muldoon (6'6" 295 Jr). 2nd string '07. 78 Steven Westbrook (6'5" 270 Sr). 97 Ethan Thies (6'4" 319 So).

LT 67 **Jason Johnson Jr.** 6-3 260 5 st LT '07. 62 Ali Villanueva (**6'10"** 302 Jr) DE '06-'07, 1 tkl. 88 Andrew Krumwied (6'4" 270 So) PS#533. 72 Jude Cooke (6'6" 270 Jr) PS#471.

K 10 **Adam DeMarco Sr.** 5-9 185 #3 K '06. 1 of 2 FG '07 but inj so mostly xp's (16-17). 47 Matt Campbell (5'9" 195 So). PS#45K. Two 47 yd FG USMAPS '06. No stats LY.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 92 **VICTOR UGENYI JR.** 6-3 253 PS#171. 1 st DE, 11 tkl '06. 33 tkl, 7.5 tfl in '07. 97 David Shore (6'5" 253 Sr). 2 gm LY. 53 Tim Jennings (6'3" 267 Sr) 5 tkl '05 & '06. 0 tkl LY.

DT 93 **Mike Gann Jr.** 6-2 270 2 tkl true. 22 tkl, 2.5 tfl '07. 94 Mark Faldowski (6'3" 262 Sr) PS#93TE. 58 Devin Cox (6'2" 266 So) PS#305OL. 72 Seth Reed (6'1" 261 So).

DT 99 **TED BENTLER JR.** 6-2 280 **PS#50. Iowa transfer.** Last 9 st '07, 42 tkl, 3 sk. 74 David Kava (5'10" 224 Sr). 39 Joe Paolini (6'0" 264 Sr). 65 Hunter Byles (6'1" 280 Jr).

DE 45 **Nicholas Emmons Jr.** 6-4 250 Last 4 st '07, 21 tkl, 4 tfl. 77 Fritz Bentler (6'3" 235 Jr) **PS#135,** 2 gm. 65 Phillip Smith (6'4" 269 Jr). 75 Aaron Irby (6'1" 254 Jr). '06-'07 squad.

SLB 42 **JOHN PLUMSTEAD SR.** 5-10 222 18 tkl '05 & '06. 3 st LY, 43 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 43 Matt Eason (6'0" 224 Sr). 4 tkl LY, 12 gm. 47 Charlie McDonald (5'11" 217 Sr). Reginald Williams (5'11" 220 So).

MLB 48 **FRANK SCAPPATICCI SR.** 6-1 224 11 tkl '06. 12 st LY WLB, 89 tkl, 6 tfl. 52 Arlance Jenkins (5'10" 220 Sr). 9 tkl, 2 yr. 81 Tyler Hufstetler (6'1" 226 So). Alan Sheehan (6'2" 238 Jr).

WLB 70 **Joshua McNary So.** 6-1 231 15 tkl, 2 tfl true. 50 Stephen Anderson (5'10" 231 So) 15 tkl, 2 tfl true. 48 Peter Anderson (5'9" 210 Sr) 4 tkl, 9 gm. Cody Buck (6'3" 219 So) PS#423DB.

CB 2 **Josh Mitchell Sr.** 5-9 160 2 st '06, 14 tkl. 4 st '07, 30 tkl, 2 int. 3 TJ Walker (5'8" 160 Sr). 2 gm '07. 8 Richard King (5'11" 188 So) PS#453. William Wedley (5'10" 207 Sr).

CB 18 **Jordan Trimble So.** 5-10 183 14 tkl, 12 gm true. 5 Mario Hill (6'0" 182 Jr). 12 tkl, 9 gm '07. John Wasniewski (6'1" 211 So). Sean Westphal (6'1" 205 So). Steven Jason (5'10" 199 Jr).

SS 26 **David Black Sr.** 6-1 195 PS#135. 4 tkl, 2 yr. 19 Lowell Garthwaite (6'1" 207 Sr). 2 st, 10 tkl '06. 21 Rod Murray (5'11" 206) 8 gm true. 23 Mark Myers (6'2" 181 So).

FS 9 **Markenson Pierre Sr.** 5-11 197 1 st, 5 tkl, 2 yr. 18 Donovan Travis (6'1" 187 So). Vincent Comasco (6'1" 206 Jr). Joseph Puttmann (6'1" 202 Jr). Shane Woolwine (5'9" 188 Jr).

P 18 **Andrew Rinehart Sr.** 6-1 217 #3 P in '05. #2 P in '06 and '07 but 0 punts. Holder on FG's 2 yrs. 31 Jonathan Bulls (6'1" 215 So). New Mexico Military Institute. In for spring.

ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

West Point, New York
Weather (845) 343-0551

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#116

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ARMY	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 29	Temple (Fri)	A					
Sep. 6	New Hampshire	A					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	Akron	A					
Sep. 27	at Texas A&M	G					
Oct. 4	at Tulane	A					
Oct. 11	E Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 18	at Buffalo	A					
Oct. 25	Louisiana Tech	A					
Nov. 1	Air Force	A					
Nov. 8	at Rice	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	at Rutgers	A					
Nov. 29							
Dec. 6	† Navy (Philadelphia)	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Zac Dahman 6,904 '02-'05
2. Leamon Hall 5,502 '74-'77
3. Kingsley Fink 3,079 '71-'73

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Mike Mayweather 4,299 '87-'90
2. Carlton Jones 3,536 '02-'05
3. Glenn Davis 2,957 '43-'46

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Jeremy Trimble 2,330 '04-'07
2. Clennie Brundidge 2,279 '75-'78
3. Aaron Alexander 1,820 '02-'04

Black Knights were 20-3 from 1974-'96 in home openers, but just 2-9 the L11Y. Army is 4-1 all-time vs Temple, but just 5-24 at West Point S/'02 vs IA opponents.

Knights are 32-4 all-time vs current Colonial teams (1-1 vs NH, but L/gm in 1922). The Wildcats went 7-5 LY but still made the IAA playoffs for the 4th straight yr.

Bonus: During those 4 yrs New Hampshire was 3-0 vs IA teams (wins over Marshall, Northwestern & Rutgers.

Coming into 2008, Army is 16-8 all-time vs current MAC tms including 3-1 vs the Zips. These schools squared off in the inaugural Patriot Bowl LY in Cleveland Browns Stadium.

Army had a 3rd & goal w/:09 left in their '06 4pt loss vs A&M in San Antonio. Army has dropped 11 straight RG's with their L/win coming in TX vs Baylor in OT.

The Black Knights were CUSA members from 1998-2004 going 9-41 in conf play. Since 1998 (9 gms), these former conf foes have averaged a combined 63 ppg.

Army won the only prior meeting with EM in '92, a 57-17 blowout at West Point. The Black Knights are 9-5 the L14Y on Homecoming including a current 3-1 run.

Army's last & only win vs UB was at West Point in '60. In the most recent match up in '01, Army led 19-18 in the 4Q before the Bulls sealed the gm on a 13 pl/80 yd, 5:05 TOP drive.

This will be Army's 1st meeting w/LT & 1st vs a current WAC opp S/'03 (L 59-28 vs UH). Black Knights were 5-1 from 1996-'01 the game prior to AF, but just 1-5 since.

Last time Army hosted AF ('06) they suffered their 2nd worst defeat in the series (42 gms). Army is 1-9 the L10Y in Michie Stadium finales with the avg loss by 16 ppg.

Coming into '08, Black Knights are 13-36-2 all-time vs current CUSA tms (1-1-1 vs Rice). In '06 Army was outFD'd 25-17 & outgained 457-302 & were -4 in TO's.

Army holds an 18-16 advantage vs Rutgers but have lost 4 straight by an avg of 27 ppg. In Army's blowout loss LY to RU they committed 5 TO's & had a P blk'd ret for a TD.

Army last won the CIC Trophy in '96 & since are just 2-9 vs Navy (both W's in Philadelphia). Army's 6 gm losing streak is the longest in this historic rivalry (109th meeting).

STAN BROCK (Career 3-9)
2nd Year at Army
Brock's Bowl Record: 0-0

Brock's records AT ARMY

3-9	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
3-2	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
0-5	Away	0-4	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
0-2	Vs Service Academies	2-6	Off A Loss

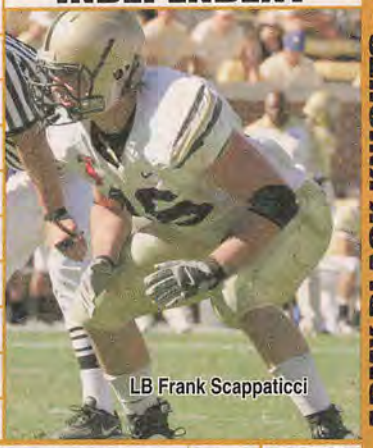
2007 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 4*
DEFENSE: 4

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (16,19,3)
Lost: 40 (18,20,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 31,712 (#72)

INDEPENDENT


LB Frank Scappaticci

STADIUM: MICHIE STADIUM (40,000) (#78)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	1-11	0-13	2-9	4-7	3-9	3-9	17-76
Home	1-4	2-3	0-6	0-6	1-4	2-4	2-3	3-2	11-32
Away	0-5	0-5	1-4	0-6	1-4	2-2	1-4	0-5	5-35
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	1-9
vs Conf/Svc Academies	1-6	2-5	1-7	0-8	2-6	1-1	0-2	0-2	7-37
vs Non-Conf/Svc Academies	0-4	1-3	0-4	0-5	0-3	3-6	3-7	3-7	10-39
ATS	4-7	6-5	4-6-1	4-9	5-6	5-5	3-8	4-6-1	35-52-2
Home Fav (Todd Berry)	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0 (Bobby Ross)	0-0	1-0	0-2	1-1	2-4
Home Dog	1-4	3-1	2-2-1	0-6	3-2	1-3	0-2	1-1	11-21-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-3
Away Dog	3-2	2-3	2-2	4-2	2-2	3-1	1-3	2-2-1	19-17-1
Neutral	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-0	0-2	3-7
vs Conf/Svc Academies	4-3	3-4	4-3-1	4-4	5-3	1-1	1-1	0-2	22-21-1
vs Non-Conf/Svc Academies	0-4	3-1	0-3	0-5 (Todd Berry (1-7)/John Mumford (8-1))	0-3	4-4	2-7	4-4-1	13-31-1
Off SU Win	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-1	1-2	1-2	6-9
Off SU Loss	3-6	4-4	4-5-1	4-8	4-4	3-3	2-5	3-3-1	27-38-2

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tony Dace	97	363	33	330	1	3.4
Patrick Mealy	94	332	30	302	0	3.2
Wesley McMahand	73	256	43	213	2	2.9
Ian Smith	27	157	0	157	0	5.8
Mike Viti	32	89	8	81	2	2.5
Corey Anderson	6	34	8	26	1	4.3
Kevin Dunn	10	48	25	23	0	2.3
Carson Williams	37	54	177	-123	0	-3.3

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Carson Williams	287	151	52.6	1770	11	12
David Pevoto	58	32	55.2	266	0	3
Kevin Dunn	31	16	51.6	200	2	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jeremy Trimble	62	912	14.7	7	69
Corey Anderson	31	339	10.9	1	35
Justin Larson	21	273	13.0	3	37
Mike Wright	12	149	12.4	1	36
Mike Evans	11	126	11.5	0	24
Carlo Sandiego	8	82	10.2	0	28
Elliott Emerich	10	74	7.4	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Owen Tolson	73	3283	45.0	7	35.5	2	26

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Owen Tolson	6-6	4-5	3-5	1-3	0-2	8-15	45
Adam DeMarco	16-17	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-2	36

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jordan Murray	103	0	0.5	1	0
Caleb Campbell	97	0	2	2	0
Frank Scappaticci	89	1	5	4	2
Brian Chmura	88	0.5	1.5	0	1
Kevin Opoku	44	1	2	2	1
John Larid	43	0.5	1	3	0
John Plumstead	43	2	4.5	0	0
Charlie Rockwood	42	0	1	1	0
Ted Bentler	42	3	2.5	5	0
Brandon Thompson	40	0.5	4	1	1
John Wright	33	1	3.5	3	0
Victor Ugenyi	33	1	6.5	1	0
Josh Mitchell	30	0	0	2	2
Tony Fusco	26	1	5.5	0	0
Mike Gann	22	0.5	2	0	0
Nicholas Emmons	21	1	3	1	0
Dennis Cooper	18	0	0	0	0
Joshua McNary	15	1	1	0	0
Stephen Anderson	15	0	2	0	0
Jordan Trimble	14	0	0	1	0
Mario Hill	12	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy Trimble	19	280	14.7	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Corey Anderson	44	1078	24.5	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
84	Cherry	+4	Michigan St	10-6
85	Peach	+6'	Illinois	31-29
88	Sun	+14	Alabama - #20	28-29
96	Independence - #24	+7'	Auburn	29-32

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Army's All-Time Bowl Record 2-2

ARMY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	OFF PASS %	OFF YPP	OFF TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	16.9	14	88	2.6	188	52.9	16.3	-10	2007	6	30.3	22	234	4.8	190	64.6	14.0
8	19.3	16	128	3.7	133	55.6	13.5	-18	2006	7	27.9	19	199	4.8	156	62.3	12.7
5*	20.0	19	140	3.3	176	55.8	15.8	-2	2005	5	26.7	19	173	4.4	174	63.8	13.0
9*	23.6	18	176	5.1	206	51.9	16.1	+3	2004	8	35.3	27	249	5.1	241	66.1	13.9
5*	15.8	17	64	2.0	207	51.8	17.1	-20	2003	7	36.6	23	211	4.5	253	65.2	12.7
4	18.8	16	120	3.4	179	47.7	15.9	-14	2002	5	40.9	21	210	4.4	183	61.8	9.6

ARMY 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2007 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
17,865	† Akron	17	29-58	2.0	23-44	184	4	18	35-133	3.8	17-29	154	1	-2
27,601	Rhode Island	14	28-46	1.6	21-33	230	3	17	60-158	2.6	11-13	145	5	-1
32,142	at Wake Forest	13	38-91	2.4	14-34	165	2	11	45-164	3.6	9-12	49	2	0
40,329	at Boston College	7	29-44	1.5	16-33	215	0	34	37-202	5.5	36-53	371	0	+1
34,176	Temple	14	39-154	3.9	11-26	175	1	25	40-104	2.6	24-43	359	2	+2
30,022	Tulane	14	37-47	1.3	21-29	193	5	17	45-247	5.5	16-25	154	1	+1
21,013	at C Michigan	22	38-114	3.0	24-35	283	2	20	36-177	4.9	30-39	251	0	-6
50,242	at Georgia Tech	13	33-118	3.6	12-28	148	2	29	51-292	5.7	14-25	218	2	-1
46,144	at Air Force	10	26-17	0.7	14-33	164	5	24	67-437	6.5	9-12	105	0	+1
39,073	Rutgers	6	20-97	4.9	7-24	55	1	25	72-404	5.6	3-12	42	0	-3
27,687	Tulsa	25	43-163	3.8	26-38	328	2	27	40-197	4.9	24-34	425	1	0
71,610	† Navy	15	40-100	2.5	12-23	117	1	19	61-287	4.7	2-5	7	1	-2
TOTALS		170	400-1050	2.6	201-380	2257	28	266	589-2802	4.8	195-302	2280	15	-10
AVERAGES		14.2	33-88	2.6	17-32	188	2.3	22.2	49-234	4.8	16-25	190	1.3	-0.8

ARMY Pre-Rank – 2003 RESULTS – Post-Rank

Opponent	Line	Score
Connecticut	+16'	21-48
Rutgers	+6'	21-36
Tulane	+16'	33-50
USF	+19	0-28
at TCU - #20	+30'	0-27
at Louisville	+31	10-34
East Carolina	+5'	32-38
at Cincinnati	+27'	29-33
at UAB	+21'	9-24
at Air Force	+26'	3-31
Houston	+10'	14-34
at Hawaii	+26'	28-59
† Navy	+21'	6-34

ARMY Pre-Rank – 2004 RESULTS – Post-Rank

Opponent	Line	Score
Louisville	+22'	21-52
at Houston	+15'	21-35
at Connecticut	+22'	3-40
TCU	+18'	17-21
Cincinnati	+14'	48-29
at USF	+15	42-35
at East Carolina	-3	28-38
Air Force	+3'	22-31
at Tulane	+6'	31-45
UAB	+11'	14-20
† Navy	+13	13-42

ARMY Pre-Rank – 2005 RESULTS – Post-Rank

Opponent	Line	Score
at Boston College - #19	+27'	7-44
Baylor	+5'	10-20
Iowa St - #22	+17	21-28
Connecticut	+10'	13-47
C Michigan	+2'	10-14
at TCU - #25	+22	17-38
at Akron	+9	20-0
at Air Force	+11'	27-24
Massachusetts	NL	34-27
Arkansas St	-8'	38-10
† Navy	+6	23-42

ARMY Pre-Rank – 2006 RESULTS – Post-Rank

Opponent	Line	Score
at Arkansas St	-4'	6-14
Kent St	-6	17-14 OT
† Texas A&M	+28	24-28
at Baylor	+11	27-20 OT
Rice	-11	14-48
VMI	NL	62-7
at Connecticut	+4'	7-21
TCU	+12	17-31
at Tulane	+5'	28-42
Air Force	+4'	7-43
at Notre Dame - #6	+29	9-41
† Navy	+19'	14-26

ARMY Pre-Rank – 2007 RESULTS – Post-Rank

Opponent	Line	Score
† Akron	+6	14-22
Rhode Island	NL	14-7 OT
at Wake Forest	+20	10-21
at Boston College - #14	+27'	17-37
Temple	-6'	37-21
Tulane	-6'	20-17 OT
at C Michigan	+14	23-47
at Georgia Tech	+24	10-34
at Air Force	+16'	10-30
Rutgers	+19'	6-41
Tulsa	+15'	39-49
† Navy	+14	3-38

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - The QB is the key to Navy's option offense. In 2006 Brian Hampton became the 4th starter in 5 years. Hampton was injured and Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada started the final 5 reg season games leading the team to a 4-1 record while throwing for just 384 (47.9%) with a 5-1 ratio and rushing for 507 net (3.9). Kaheaku-Enhada battled Jarod Bryant (128 ttl yd, 11 gm '06) last year. Kaheaku-Enhada added 15 lbs of muscle but became the first QB here in 10 years to have 3 int in the same game (Rutgers). The Mids had 4 int total in 2006. Kaheaku-Enhada had 117 1H rush yd but suffered two sprained ankles vs Ball St and missed the 2H. He got winded vs Duke when they trailed by 10 and Bryant led the comeback win. Kaipo did rebound with a 78 yard TD run in the win vs AF. He was injured in the 2Q vs WF with the game tied at 17 and Bryant's first play was a fumble that was ret'd for a TD. In the loss to Delaware when trailing by 7, Kaipo was pulled for Bryant who is considered to be the better passer. Kaheaku-Enhada was also injured in the 3Q vs NT and missed the NI game. Kaheaku-Enhada threw for 952 (56.1%) with an 8-5 ratio and rushed for 834 (4.6). Bryant threw for 252 (54.8%) adding 464 (4.9) rush yd. They run a different style of offense with Bryant as he's more of an inside runner and he also practiced at SB in spring. With Kaheaku-Enhada they run a true triple-option as he has the speed to get to the outside. Also in the mix this year are Ricky Dobbs (6'1" 190 So, PS#142) and Greg Zingler (6'0" 197 Jr) as well as three true frosh. Dobbs QB'd the JV team in '07 and throws a good deep ball while also being a solid runner. Kaheaku-Enhada will have challenges but will become the first 3-year starter here since Brian Broadwater (1998-2000).

FB Eric Kettani

RUNNING BACKS - Navy's spread offense uses a FB and 2 slotbacks with the FB getting the bulk of the carries. FB Kyle Eckel was Navy's leading rusher out of the backfield (QB Candeto was #1 rusher in '02) for 3 straight years ('02-'04) and the first RB to top 1,000 since Napoleon McCallum in 1985. He finished as the #4 all-time leading rusher. In 2005 QB Lamar Owens led in rushing and FB Adam Ballard had just 668 (6.1). Matt Hall was the top RB rusher after 9 (493, 5.0) but tore an ACL. Ballard had 488 in the last 3. SB Reggie Campbell (PS#160) became just the 4th player in NCAA history to have 5 TD's in a bowl game and finished with 514 (9.0!) with 314 yards receiving (26.2 ypc!). Three of the top 4 returned in 2006 and Ballard led with 792 (5.1). Campbell finished #2 with 706 (7.1) and SB Shun White had 578 (12.0!). Hall had 3 fumbles in his first 26 att's and finished with just 229 (5.1). Backup FB Eric Kettani rushed for 229 (4.3). GT transfer Zerbin Singleton, who is primarily a blocker, had 71 in the bowl (191, 6.8). Everyone returned last year except for Hall. Kettani and Ballard split the FB duties with Kettani leading with 880 (5.8) and Ballard adding 665 (4.7). White had 620 (7.9), Campbell 522 (7.4) and Singleton added 484 (7.2). This year they lose Ballard (8 st), Campbell (13 st) and Singleton (11 st). Not listed in the 3 deep are Jack Hatcher (5'11" 194 Jr), Glen Woods (5'11" 226 Jr), Frank Rizzo (5'9" 181 Jr), Julius Bratton (5'8" 185 So) and Wes Holland (5'11" 197 So). Kettani and White form a solid duo but this group is not as deep.

RECEIVERS - Navy's WR's do not get a lot of touches but are excellent blockers. They sometimes call themselves "wide tackles". Last year the top returnees were Tyree Barnes (6 rec) and OJ Washington (3 rec). They moved Greg Sudderth (PS#88LB) from DB and finally had a healthy Barnes. Barnes, who is 6'2", has had a career beset with injuries but has the best hands on the team. Washington led the receivers with 248 (12 rec) and had an outstanding 20.7 ypc while Barnes added 168 (16.8). This year they lose Washington (13 st) but have everyone else back. This is not an overwhelming group, but it is more experienced than last year.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Under Paul Johnson Navy almost always had a solid O-line no matter how many starters returned. They only had to replace one starter in 2006 and the unit paved the way for a school record and NCAA high 327 ypg rushing (5.6) although they allowed 19.6% sacks (22). Last year they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups but had 3 back with starting experience. They used an 8-man rotation and despite being less experienced, improved the ypg rush to 349 (5.6) which led the country again by 49 ypg and trimmed the sack total to 14 (10.3%). This year they lose LT Josh Meek (13 st, 2Y st'r), C Antron Harper (13 st, 3Y st'r), RG Ben Gabbard (13 st), RT Paul Bridgers (6 st) and backup C Reyn Kaupiko. As usual, Navy's O-line is inexperienced with just 25 career starts returning which is the 5th lowest in the NCAA and just 2 players return with starting experience. I will call the OL a notch down.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In each of Johnson's first 5 years they improved vs the run allowing 4.3, 4.2, 3.9, 3.8 and 3.6. The 2006 unit had 2 starters back. Last year all 4 players who started and two backups departed. The inexperienced front slipped back to yielding 4.3 ypc while the D had just 12 sacks. This year they lose DE Chris Kuhar-Pitters (12 st, 36 tkl, 2.5 sk) and NG Andy Lark (10 tkl) who moves to the OL. Not listed in the 3 deep are Zach Weatherington (6'4" 250 Jr), Taylor Hamilton (6'3" 220 So), Lee Calloway (5'11" 240 So), Clayton Lydick (6'4" 240 So), Chase Burge (6'4" 240 So), Steve Dorman (6'8" 245 Sr) and Billy Yarborough (6'5" 245 So). This group is much more experienced and should start another trend of improvement.

LINEBACKERS - Navy went from allowing 20.1 ppg in 2006 to 36.4 in 2007 and one of the main culprits was an inexperienced LB corps. Last year they had to replace three starters (including #1 & #2 tkl'r) and four backups. The lone returnee, Clint Sovie, was lost in Wk 2 (ankle inj). This year they must replace OLB Matt Wimsatt (12 st, 77 tkl, 3 sk), ILB Irv Spencer (13 st, #1 tkl'r w/95, 8.5 tfl), Jon Alvardo (9 tkl) and Matt Humiston (2 st, 12 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Brian Smith (6'1" 217 Jr), Kalin Krause (6'0" 230 So), Elliott Joses (6'1" 220 Jr), Jerry Hauburger (6'0" 212 So), Armando Guerrero (5'11" 194 So), Charles Summers (6'0" 180 So) and John Ponce (5'9" 180 So). Five players return with starting experience including Sovie so it's like having 3 starters back making this group vastly more experienced than last year.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2006 Navy finished #100 in my pass D rankings and had to replace 3 starters last year. They did get back FS Greg Thrasher who missed '06. Unfortunately, FS Jeff Deliz (captain) went down in gm 2. Ketric Buffin became the smallest starting S in the NCAA (5'7") after moving over from CB. Buffin was injured vs Pitt and true frosh Wyatt Middleton started the last 5 at ROV. Returning starter Rashawn King did deflect a key TD pass on 4th down in the 2OT vs Pitt but missed 3 with a shoulder injury and the unit was forced to play numerous frosh. As you would expect, Navy dropped even further finishing dead last allowing a ghastly 69.9% with a 32-10 ratio. This year the Mids figure to have one of the most improved pass D's in the country. The only loss is Thrasher (5 st, 32 tkl). Nine players return who started last year (71 st overall).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Heading into 2007 Navy's last KR TD was in '97 and their last PR TD was in '96 (longest drought in NCAA) with their last punt block coming in '99. Navy finished #76, #113, #69 and #107 in my ST rankings from '03-'06. Last year their only loss was their top PR. Reggie Campbell broke the KR TD drought with a 73 yard KR TD vs NT then set a school record with a 98 yd KR TD vs Army. He avg 27.5 on KR and 14.3 on PR. Matt Harmon who hit 8 of 11 FG in '06, hit 6 of 10 in '07 with a long of 46 but suffered two blk'd FG's vs Ball St including one that would have been a game winner in regulation. Joey Bullen was the starting PK in '05 (9-12 FG) but missed most of '06 (inj). Bullen hit 11 of 17 with a long of 51 and even had misses from 50 and 56 last year alternating with Harmon. P Greg Veteto's net rose from 32.7 to 33.4. Navy got that elusive punt block and thanks in part to a +3 in the TD/blk category, finished an outstanding #15. This year they lose Bullen, Veteto, Campbell, Singleton, LS Matt Oberlander and may drop dramatically.

COACHES - Paul Johnson did a phenomenal job here in his 6 seasons and in 2004 was named the Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year. He guided Navy to 5 consecutive bowl games after having been in just one the previous 21 years. Johnson moved on to GT prior to the bowl last year. The new HC is Ken Niumatalolo (1st Polynesian HC in IA) who served as asst HC and OL coach under Johnson. He was the OC at Navy from 1997-'98 and the offensive play caller at UNLV for 3 years ('99-'01). His first game as HC was the bowl game. His OC is Ivin Jasper who is in his 9th year at Navy and was the QB coach the last 7. The DC is Buddy Green who surprisingly left NC St (alum), where he held the same post, to come here in '02. Green was also the HC at Chattanooga from 1994-'99 (27-39).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Navy was just 11-45 from '98-'02 which included Paul Johnson's first season. They got their first bowl bid since '96 in '03 and amazingly have gone to 5 straight bowls. Navy has won 5 straight Commander-in-Chief's Trophies after not having won it since '81 and Johnson was 11-1 (11 straight wins) vs his military rivals. His avg win over Army was by 28 ppg. In 2004 Johnson had one of Navy's most veteran groups yet (14 ret st) and they finished 10-2 including a 34-19 bowl win over NMex. They started out 7-1 for the first time since '78. Navy had 9 regular season wins for the first time since '63 and their 10 wins were the most in 99 years of football. It was the first time they finished the season ranked (#24) since '63 and the first time they even appeared in the polls since '79. Against a tougher schedule in 2005 they went 8-4 including a 51-30 Poinsettia Bowl win over Colo St, despite the fact that they had just 5 returning starters (NCAA's fewest). Navy lost to two BCS schools by 3 points each. In 2006 Navy played its best ball down the stretch and went 9-3 before losing by a point in the Meineke Car Care Bowl to Matt Ryan and BC despite a 403-315 yd edge. On the downside only one of Navy's wins in '05 and '06 came vs a IA team that finished with a winning record. Last year the Mids opened 1-1 in a pair of road games but then lost to Ball St at home in OT. They were forced to play without 2 def starters who where lost for the year with injury and had a game winning 32 yard FG blocked on the last play of regulation. They did get a 44 yd FG on the last play to beat Duke, a game in which they trailed 43-32 in the 4Q. They trailed AF 20-17 in the 4Q but rallied for a 31-20 win. They went to 2OT vs Pitt and won. Against WF QB Kaheaku-Enhada was injured in the 2Q with the game tied at 17 and they lost by 20. Delaware came in #9 in IAA and came away with the 59-52 upset. The next week Navy ended the NCAA's longest series losing streak (43 games) when they beat ND in 3OT. They survived the euphoria of that victory the next week rallying to beat NT 74-62. Twenty-two seniors played their FHG and they beat NI 35-24 then thumped Army (as usual). Ken Niumatalolo, who is 42 years old, coached the bowl and there was a controversial call late when Utah fumbled into the pylon for an apparent TB. It was ruled OOB with the Utes retaining poss and that was a difference maker in their 3 pt loss. Last year's D allowed the most pts in school history (473) with the previous high being (2002, 436). The offense scored its most pts (511) breaking the long standing record set in 1917 (442). Due to the unexpected coaching change and the loss of some key offensive players, Navy will likely have its fewest wins since '02 but should still qualify for its 6th straight bowl.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GOLD — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GOLD — DEFENSE

QB 10 KAIPO-NOA KAHEAKU-ENHADA SR. 5-11 194 18 st L2Y, 1336 pass (53%) 13-6 ratio, 1341 net rush (4.3). **2** Jarod Bryant (5'10" 185 Sr) PS#239 DB. 2 st L2Y, 294 pass (50%). 550 rush. '08 Captain.

FB 38 ERIC KETTANI SR. 6-1 233 PS#272 LB. 229 (4.3) '06. 5 st LY, #1 rush, 880 (5.8). **45** Kevin Campbell (5'11" 193 Jr). **43** Vince Murray (6'1" 205 So). **47** Devan Clark (5'10" 210 So).

SB 28 Shun White Sr. 5-9 186 Track tm. 578 (**12.0**) '06. 2 st LY, 620 (7.9). Andre Byrd (5'7" 165 So) PS#411. **25** Emmett Merchant (5'9" 185 So) 11 tkl LY DB. JJ Cosh (5'9" 175 So).

SB 29 Greg Shinego Sr. 5-9 182 22 yd 3Y. **39** Bobby Doyle (5'11" 194 Jr) 18 yd, 18 gm 2Y. **21** Cory Finnerty (5'10" 190 Jr) PS#462 DB. **32** Greg Jones (5'10" 180 So).

WR 24 Greg Sudderth Sr. 6-2 207 PS#88 LB. 2 st, 13 tkl DB '05. 6 rec LY (inj). Curtis Sharp (6'4" 239 Sr) PS#297. Greg Harrell (6'4" 200 So) PS#299. Nick Henderson (6'4"206 Jr).

WR 89 TYREE BARNES SR. 6-2 188 13 st LY. 427 yd (**19.4**) 3Y. **84** TJ Thiel (6'0" 191 Sr) PS#285. **88** James Dryden (6'3" 206 Jr). **85** Mario Washington (5'9" 170 So).

C 58 Andy Lark Jr. 6-0 290 PS#204 DL. 10 tkl NG LY. Jake Cross (6'2" 275 So). Penetekoso Peau (6'1" 263 Jr). Patrick Snow (6'1" 248 So). **LS** Scott Reider (6'0" 213 Sr).

RG 67 Curtis Bass Jr. 6-1 275 PS#382. JV in '06. 8 gm LY. **79** Osei Asante (6'1" 270 Jr). **77** Jeff Lenar (6'6" 268 Jr) JV Tm '06-'07. **54** Matt Cook (6'3" 272 So). JV LY.

LG 72 ANTHONY GASKINS SR. 6-1 281 3 gm true. 13 gm '06. 13 st LG LY. **64** Mike Von Bargen (6'5" 272 Sr) 13 gm LY. **58** Andrew Barker (6'4" 280 So). **78** Chad Peterson (6'4" 271 Sr).

RT 76 ANDREW McGINN SR. 6-1 255 PS#340 LB. 8 pl true. L/5 st '06. 1st 7 st RT LY. Sander Gossard (6'4" 273 Sr) 3 gm. Jeff Battipaglia (6'4" 265 So) PS#302. Donnie Bowers (6'6" 230 So).

LT 68 Ricky Moore Sr. 6-4 283 JV '05-'06. 13 gm LY. **69** Austin Milke (6'3" 260 Jr) 1 gm LY. Matt Molloy (6'3" 243 So). **70** Arnold Taylor (5'11" 235 Jr). **LS** Jerry Feehery (6'0" 195 Sr).

K 19 Matt Harmon Sr. 5-10 182 PS#90. 8 of 11 FG '06, long 39. 6-10 LY, long 46. **35 Kyle Delahooke** (6'1" 185 So) PS#75. 54 & 47 yd FG JV tm. **17** Joe Buckley (5'9" 170 So).

DE 98 MICHAEL WALSH SR. 6-2 239 2 tkl '06. 13 st LY, 57 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **77** Maurice Cumberland (6'4" 265 So). **93** Will Scarle (6'4" 242 Sr). **83** Andrew Burger (6'3" 243 Jr).

NG 99 NATE FRAZIER JR. 6-3 285 3 gm '06. 13 st LY, 42 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **69** Jordan Stephens (6'4" 251 Jr) 1 st, 13 tkl LY. **91** Ryan Griffith (6'2" 257 Sr) 2 tkl. **95** John Maddox (6'4" 257 Sr).

DE 59 Matt Nechak Jr. 6-4 244 2 st OLB LY, 22 tkl. **97** Kyle Bookhout (6'2" 240 Jr) 9 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **76** Bayard Roberts (6'2" 233 Jr) **PS#137**. **76** Richard Marshall (6'6" 228 Jr).

OLB 5 COREY JOHNSON SR. 6-2 192 1 st LY, 20 tkl. **94 Ram Vela** (5-9 196 Jr) **9 st**, 57 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **38** Mike Sweeney (6'3" 215 So). Trey Grissom (6'3" 220 So). James Ousley (6'2" 195 So).

ILB 44 Clint Sovie Jr. 5-11 201 **9 st '06, #5 tkl'r 61.** 2 st, 10 tkl until inj LY. **50 Tony Haberer** (6'1" 229 Jr) **7 st**, 44 tkl, 2 tfl. Casey Nichols (6'0" 192 Sr). **98** Alex Horne (6'0" 223 Sr).

ILB 51 ROSS POSPISIL JR. 6-0 223 4 st LY, 67 tkl, 2 tfl. **52** Jordan Eddington (6'0" 225 Jr). **42** Tyler Simmons (6'3" 208 So). **36** James Simien (6'1" 210 So). **29** Josh Stewart (6'1" 205 So).

OLB 49 Craig Schaefer Jr. 6-2 215 13 tkl LY. **46** Travis Sudderth (6'2" 215 So). **13** Joe Taylor (5'11" 194 Sr) 4 gm LY. **40** Ian Meredith (6'3" 229 Jr). Nick Peterson (6'2" 200 So).

CB 18 RASHAWN KING SR. 6-0 190 10 st '06. 50 tkl, 4 pbu. 10 st in '07, 53 tkl, 2 pbu. **15** Kevin Edwards (6'2" 175 So) 3 st, 27 tkl true! John Angelo (5'9" 180 So). Josh Ulrich (5'9" 180 Jr).

CB 11 KETRIC BUFFIN SR. 5-7 170 **12 st** 3Y, 60 tkl, 6 int. **1 Blake Carter** (5'11" 188 Jr) 9 gms, 2 tkl true. Last 9 st LY, 71 tkl, 1 pbu. **4** David Dawson (5'9" 172 Jr). James Howell (5'8" 175 So).

ROV 8 WYATT MIDDLETON SO. 6-0 200 **10 st true** (5FS, 5ROV). #2 tkl'r **88.** **37** Darius Terry (5'7" 168 Jr) 2 st, 17 tkl, 2 pbu. **32** Kevin Snyder (5'11" 192 Sr) 1 st, 9 tkl LY. Joe Davis (6'0" 185 So).

FS 17 JEFF DELIZ SR. 5-11 195 PS#320. 25 tkl, 3.5 tfl '06. 2 st FS LY, 13 tkl. **3** Jesse Iwuji (6'1" 179 Jr) 3 st LY, 9 tkl. **18** Joey Taylor (6'0" 196 Sr). **19** Jason Wright (6'1" 190 So).

P 35 Kyle Delahooke So. 6-1 185 PS#75. 54 & 47 yd FG JV tm. Jared Smearman (6'1" 195 Sr) JV tm '05-'06. **17** Joe Buckley PS#96. John Charles White (6'2" 190 So) JV LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Jonathan Hill 6-1 230 PS#205
K	Jon Teague 6-2 195 PS#35
WR	Bruce Andrews 6-0 190 PS#278
QB	Kriss Proctor 6-1 180 PS#198
DL	Jabaree Tuani-McKissack 6-0 220 PS#351
RB	Chris Hill 5-11 205 PS#348
RB	Jarren Brown 5-8 188 PS#348
LB	Eric Stein 6-1 210 PS#368
OL	Mike McCarthy 6-3 270 PS#434
WR	Hal Bowron 6-1 192 PS#334
LB	Andrew Sharp 6-0 210 PS#383
QB	Gordon Law 6-0 180 PS#261
OL	John Dowd 6-5 265 PS#450
DB	Ricky Kyles 6-2 180 PS#367 WR
DB	Jarred Shannon 6-1 195 PS#461
K	Michael Wilson 6-0 170 PS#84
DB	Bryant Alsup 6-0 180 PS#463
LB	Aaron McCauley 6-0 190 PS#417
DL	Thomas Batchelder 6-3 250 PS#417 LB
OL	Taylor Newton 6-2 275 PS#490
LB	James Bornhoft 6-2 235 PS#429
DL	Francis Archibald 6-1 250 PS#404 '07
QB	Kameron Smith 6-0 175 PS#325
DB	Syril Gaines 6-2 215 PS#325 QB
RB	Cooper Shockley 5-10 180 PS#430
OL	Ryan Ackerman 5-11 180 PS#525
OL	Warren Fisher 6-5 265 PS#525
OL	Austin Hill 6-0 195 PS#525
OL	David Sumrall 6-5 240 PS#525
LB	Hal Hunter 6-1 215 PS#450
LB	Mason Graham 6-0 195 PS#450

NAVY MIDSHIPMEN

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Phil's Homefield Edge-4
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#85

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NAVY	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	Towson	A				
Sep. 5	at Ball St (Fri)	A				
Sep. 13	at Duke	G				
Sep. 20	Rutgers	A				
Sep. 27	at Wake Forest	A				
Oct. 4	at Air Force	A				
Oct. 11						
Oct. 18	Pittsburgh (HC)	A				
Oct. 25	SMU	A				
Nov. 1	Temple	A				
Nov. 8						
Nov. 15	† Notre Dame (Baltimore)	A				
Nov. 25	at N Illinois (Tues)	A				
Nov. 29						
Dec. 6	† Army (Philadelphia)	G				

Navy has won 5 of the L/6 season openers but is just 3-7 the L/10 home openers. Towson Tigers went 3-8 in '07 as members of the FCS Colonial Athletic Assoc.

Navy has won 5 of the last 6 road openers. Navy is 16-12 vs the MAC & 0-2 vs Ball St & last year both teams combined for 1,124 yds in the Cardinal's 34-31 OT win.

The Mids have won 4 in a row vs Duke by an avg score of 35-22 & lead the series 20-12-5. LY Navy trailed 43-32 to start the 4Q & kicked a 44 yd FG on the final play to win.

The Midshipmen are 1-6 vs Rutgers losing by an avg of 16 ppg. Navy is 4-15 hosting BCS teams in Annapolis but 4-3 the last 7 since 1997.

Navy is just 2-6 all-time vs Wake Forest as their only win at WF was in 1996. Last year Wake Forest turned 3 Navy TO's into 17 pts in their 44-24 win.

Navy is 11-1 vs Service Academies the last 6 yrs winning 5 consecutive CIC Trophies. Navy has won 5 in a row vs Air Force, the longest streak in school history.

Last year's game was tied 6 times & Navy held Pitt on 4th & goal in 2OT to win it. Navy is 3-6 after Air Force the L9Y. The Mids are 2-7 the L/9 Homecoming gms.

The Midshipmen are 8-4 vs current CUSA teams since '02 including 5-0 at home. Navy is 5-7 all-time vs SMU with the last meeting in 2002, a 38-7 Navy win.

Coming into 2008, Navy is 8-1 vs current MAC tms since '03 including 3-0 vs Temple. The Midshipmen have outgained the Owls by 169 ypg & avg'd 6.6 ypc the L3Y.

Bonus: The Mids are 16-5 in Annapolis in November games since 1994.

Navy's 46-44 win in 3OT's last year ended the Nation's longest series win streak by Notre Dame (43 gms). ND hasn't punted in 3 years vs Navy.

Last year Navy bkup QB Bryant started in place of inj'd Kaheaku-Enhada & led the team to a 35-24 win. Navy is 4-8 their last 12 "true" away games in November.

Bonus: The Mids have won 5 straight at Lincoln Financial Field,

LY Navy's potent offense was limited to 294 yds vs Army but they did set the school record for pts in one season breaking the 1917 tm's work. Navy has won 6 in a row.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jim Kubiak 6,008 '91-'94
2. Bill Byrne 4,582 '84-'86
3. Mike McNallen 3,996 '68-'70

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Napoleon McCallum 4,179 '81-'85
2. Chris McCoy 3,401 '95-'97
3. Eddie Meyers 2,935 '78-'81

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Rob Taylor 1,736 '65-'67
2. Phil McConkey 1,278 '75-'78
3. Larry Van Loan 1,259 '71-'73

KEN NIUMATALOLO (Career 0-1)

1st Year at Navy — Niumatalolo's Bowl Record: 0-1

Niumatalolo's records AT NAVY

0-1	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Independents	0-0	Off A Loss

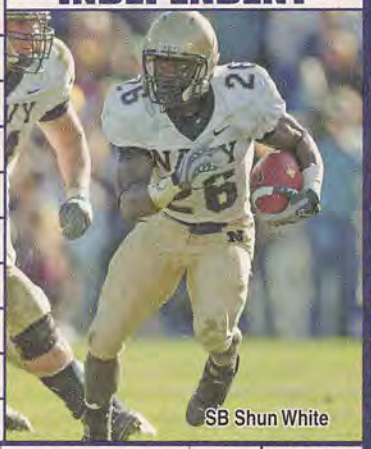
2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 5*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 30 (11,17,2)
Lost: 21 (9,9,3)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 34,617 (#68)

INDEPENDENT


SB Shun White

STADIUM: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL (34,000) (#86)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	0-10	2-10	8-5	10-2	8-4	9-4	8-5	46-50
Home	0-5	0-5	0-5	5-1	6-0	4-1	3-2	3-3	21-22
Away	0-4	0-4	1-4	2-3	2-1	2-2	4-0	4-1	15-19
Neutral	1-1	0-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	2-2	1-1	10-9
vs Service Academies	1-1	0-2	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	12-4
vs Non-Service Academies	0-9	0-8	1-9	6-5	8-2	6-4	7-4	6-5	34-46
ATS	4-7	4-6	6-6	9-2	6-4	8-3-1	7-5	5-7	49-40-1
Home Fav (Charlie Weatherbie)	0-3	0-0	0-2	3-0	2-2	1-2	1-3	1-3	8-15
Home Dog (Paul Johnson)	1-1	2-3	1-2	1-0	0-0	1-0-1	0-0	0-1	6-7-1
Away Fav (Paul Johnson/Ken Niumatalolo (Bowl))	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	0-2	4-4
Away Dog	2-2	2-2	3-2	3-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	2-1	18-8
Neutral	1-1	0-1	2-0	1-1	2-1	3-0	2-2	2-0	13-6
vs Service Academies	2-0	1-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	2-0	13-3
vs Non-Service Academies	2-7	3-5	5-5	7-2	4-4	6-3-1	6-4	3-7	36-37-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-0	0-1	5-2	4-3	5-2	5-3	4-4	23-15
Off SU Loss	4-6	4-5	5-5	4-0	1-1	2-1-1	2-1	1-2	23-21-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eric Kettani	152	881	1	880	10	5.8
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada	180	914	80	834	12	4.6
Adam Ballard	141	665	0	665	5	4.7
Shun White	78	633	13	620	7	7.9
Reggie Campbell	71	534	12	522	5	7.4
Zerbin Singleton	67	506	22	484	9	7.2
Jarod Bryant	94	512	48	464	5	4.9
Tyree Barnes	2	32	0	32	0	16.0
Troy Goss	6	25	0	25	0	4.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Kaipo-Noa Kaheaku-Enhada	98	55	56.1	952	8	5
Jarod Bryant	31	17	54.8	252	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Zerbin Singleton	12	263	21.9	1	58
OJ Washington	12	248	20.7	1	53
Reggie Campbell	13	242	18.6	4	47
Tyree Barnes	10	168	16.8	1	41
Shun White	8	118	14.8	1	37
Greg Sudderth	6	110	18.3	0	42
Adam Ballard	5	49	9.8	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Greg Veteto	24	895	37.3	5	33.4	0	5

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Joey Bullen	43-45	5-5	4-5	1-4	1-3	11-17	51
Matt Harmon	15-15	2-3	2-3	2-3	0-1	6-10	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Irv Spencer	95	1	7.5	7	0
Wyatt Middleton	88	0	1	1	0
Matt Wimsatt	77	3	3	3	2
Blake Carter	71	0	2	1	0
Ross Pospisil	67	0	2	1	1
Michael Walsh	57	3	7.5	0	0
Ram Vela	57	0	3.5	0	1
Rashawn King	53	0	1	2	1
Tony Haberer	44	1	1	0	0
Nate Frazier	42	1.5	3	0	0
Chris Kuhar-Pitters	36	2.5	1.5	1	0
Greg Thrasher	32	0	2.5	2	1
Ketric Buffin	30	0	1.5	1	4
Kevin Edwards	27	0	2	2	0
Matt Nechak	22	0	1	1	0
Corey Johnson	20	0	0	1	0
Darius Terry	17	0	2	2	0
Zerbin Singleton	15	0	0	0	0
Jordan Stephens	13	0	0	0	0
Jeff Deliz	13	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Campbell	11	157	14.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Reggie Campbell	40	1098	27.5	2
Zerbin Singleton	26	555	21.3	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
03	Houston	+11'	Texas Tech	14-38
04	Emerald	+3	New Mexico	34-19
05	Poinsettia	-3	Colorado St	51-30
06	Meineke Car Care	+7	Boston College - #23	24-25
07	Poinsettia	+8	Utah	32-35

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Navy's All-Time Bowl Record 6-7-1

NAVY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	39.3	24	349	5.6	95	54.4	11.3	-2	2007	2	36.4	24	176	4.3	263	69.9	12.1
7	28.2	21	327	5.6	56	45.5	13.6	+2	2006	8	20.1	18	117	3.6	218	61.7	16.7
2	34.2	22	319	5.7	117	46.9	12.8	-6	2005	3	26.1	22	155	3.8	223	63.0	14.5
6	27.8	20	290	5.0	99	53.3	14.0	+3	2004	8	19.8	19	151	3.9	200	62.6	17.7
7*	30.5	22	323	5.5	100	46.8	13.9	+7	2003	6	21.8	20	173	4.2	180	61.9	16.2
5	24.2	19	271	5.0	99	46.0	15.3	-14	2002	8	36.3	22	203	4.3	220	65.9	11.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

NAVY 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
30,368	at Temple	21	56-361	6.4	3-7	78	0	16	25-74	3.0	21-29	199	1	0
43,514	at Rutgers	20	54-254	4.7	5-12	35	1	24	43-210	4.9	14-19	266	0	-2
32,087	Ball St	27	65-521	8.0	4-8	64	1	27	42-262	6.2	19-33	277	0	-1
31,278	Duke	29	69-304	4.4	13-21	236	2	21	26-78	3.0	23-36	428	1	+1
37,615	Air Force	18	56-302	5.4	4-7	79	1	25	52-237	4.6	18-23	237	1	+1
30,103	at Pittsburgh	26	70-331	4.7	9-14	166	2	25	48-227	4.7	20-28	191	0	+1
36,992	Wake Forest	23	67-328	4.9	4-12	39	4	28	44-196	4.5	22-28	213	0	-3
35,213	Delaware	26	65-342	5.3	10-15	164	0	29	33-147	4.5	30-41	434	2	-2
80,795	at Notre Dame	23	66-257	3.9	6-9	81	1	27	63-235	3.7	17-27	140	4	0
26,012	at North Texas	31	57-572	10.0	4-6	108	0	29	28-157	5.6	40-50	478	0	+1
34,517	N Illinois	24	60-359	6.0	3-6	60	0	18	44-149	3.4	21-35	206	2	+1
71,610	† Army	19	61-287	4.7	2-5	7	1	15	40-100	2.5	12-23	117	1	+2
39,129	† Utah	21	58-316	5.4	7-14	122	1	26	45-213	4.7	22-27	238	0	-1
TOTALS		308	804-4534	5.6	74-136	1239	14	310	533-2285	4.3	279-399	3424	12	-2
AVERAGES		23.7	62-349	5.6	6-11	95	1.1	23.8	41-176	4.3	22-31	263	0.9	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

NAVY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	VMI	NL	37-10
–	at TCU - #25	+23	3-17
–	E Michigan	-12'	39-7
–	at Rutgers	-1'	27-48
–	Air Force	+14'	28-25
–	at Vanderbilt	+4'	37-27
–	at Rice	-3'	38-6
–	Delaware	NL	17-21
–	Tulane	-10	35-17
–	at Notre Dame	+8	24-27
–	C Michigan	-20	63-34
–	† Army	-21'	34-6

2004 RESULTS

NAVY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post #24 Score
–	Duke	-7	27-12
–	Northeastern	NL	28-24
–	at Tulsa	+1	29-0
–	Vanderbilt	-8'	29-26
–	at Air Force	+1	24-21
–	† Notre Dame	+6	9-27
–	Rice	-9'	14-13
–	Delaware	NL	34-20
–	at Tulane	-11	10-42
–	Rutgers	-3'	54-21
–	† Army	-13	42-13

2005 RESULTS

NAVY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Maryland	+12'	20-23
–	Stanford	+3	38-41
–	at Duke	-6	28-21
–	Air Force	+2	27-24
–	Kent St	-12'	34-31
–	at Rice	-7	41-9
–	at Rutgers	+6'	21-31
–	Tulane	-11	49-21
–	at Notre Dame - #7	+23'	21-42
–	Temple	-27	38-17
–	† Army	-6	42-23

2006 RESULTS

NAVY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	East Carolina	-12'	28-23
–	Massachusetts	NL	21-20
–	at Stanford	+1	37-9
–	Tulsa	-5	23-24 OT
–	at Connecticut	+1'	41-17
–	at Air Force	+2'	24-17
–	Rutgers - #24	-2'	0-34
–	† Notre Dame - #11	+13'	14-38
–	at Duke	-10	38-13
–	† E Michigan	-15	49-21
–	Temple	-31'	42-6
–	† Army	-19'	26-14

2007 RESULTS

NAVY Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Temple	-21	30-19
–	at Rutgers - #15	+16'	24-41
–	Ball St	-7	31-34 OT
–	Duke	-14	46-43
–	Air Force	-2'	31-20
–	at Pittsburgh	+4	48-45 2OT
–	Wake Forest	+3	24-44
–	Delaware	NL	52-59
–	at Notre Dame	+3	46-44 3OT
–	at North Texas	-15	74-62
–	N Illinois	-16'	35-24
–	† Army	-14	38-3

MAC CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 MAC TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team	Honorable Mention
QB	Dan LeFevour, C Michigan	Nate Davis, Ball St	Tyler Sheehan, B Green	Drew Willy, Buffalo	Julian Edelman, Kent St
RB	Eugene Jarvis, Kent St	Anthony Turner, B Green	Brandon West, W Michigan	Andrew Johnson, Akron	Marquise Liverpool, Temple
RB	Justin Anderson, N Illinois	James Starks, Buffalo	Justin Hoskins, C Michigan	DaJuane Collins, Toledo	Ontario Sneed, C Michigan
WR	Bryan Anderson, C Michigan	Freddie Barnes, B Green	Matt Simon, N Illinois	Nick Moore, Toledo	Corey Partridge, B Green
WR	Dante Love, Ball St	Antonio Brown, C Michigan	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	Dustin Woods, Miami	Ernest Jackson, Buffalo
WR	Jamarko Simmons, W Mich	Stephen Williams, Toledo	Bruce Francis, Temple	Deryn Bowser, Akron	Britt Davis, N Illinois
TE	Darius Hill, Ball St	Branden Ledbetter, W Mich	Andrew Mooney, Ohio	Reed Cunningham, N Illinois	David Carter, Ohio
C	Alex Derenthal, Temple	Dan Gerberry, Ball St	Eddie Adamski, N Illinois	Josh Perry, Kent St	Colin Miller, C Michigan
G	Dave DiFranco, Miami	Jason Onyebuagu, N Illinois	Jeff Maddux, C Michigan	Zach Anderson, Akron	Kevin Kowalski, Toledo
G	Jeff Niedermier, Buffalo	Travis McGraw, Kent St	Jared Dewalt, Toledo	Phillip Swanson, W Michigan	Mike Ward, Akron
T	Robert Brewster, Ball St	Jon Brost, N Illinois	Andre Ramsey, Ball St	Jordan Jerrold, Buffalo	Josh Leuck, Ohio
T	Andrew Hartline, C Michigan	Augustus Parrish, Kent St	Chris Kemme, Akron	Ray Norell, Buffalo	TJ Lang, E Michigan
DE	Larry English, N Illinois	Zach Davidson, W Michigan	Brandon Crawford, Ball St	Joe Coniglio, Miami	Junior Galette, Temple
DT	Andre Neblett, Temple	Ryan Bain, Akron	Casey Droscha, C Michigan	Nick Varcadipane, W Michigan	Greg Marshall, W Michigan
DT	Terrance Knighton, Temple	Craig Rusch, N Illinois	Josh Hunt, E Michigan	Alex Krutsch, N Illinois	Ronald Hilaire, Buffalo
DE	Almondo Sewell, Akron	Diyral Briggs, B Green	Jameson Hartke, Ohio	Frank Zombo, C Michigan	Kevin Hogan, Kent St
LB	Clayton Mullins, Miami	Caleb Bostic, Miami	Derek Burrell, Kent St	Andre Hatchett, E Michigan	Doug Williams, Akron
LB	Daniel Holtzclaw, E Michigan	Tim McCarthy, N Illinois	Kevin Grant, Akron	Nick Bellore, C Michigan	Cobrani Mixon, Kent St
LB	Bryant Haines, Ball St	Joey Hudson, Miami	Wendell Brown, Ball St	Lester Richmond, Toledo	Amara Kamara, Temple
LB	John Haneline, B Green	Boston McCornell, W Mich	Erique Dozier, B Green	Cedrick Maxwell, Kent St	Michael Brown, Ohio
CB	Londen Fryar, W Michigan	Trey Lewis, Ball St	Kenny Lewis B Green	Josh Gordy, C Michigan	EJ Biggers, W Michigan
CB	Mark Parson, Ohio	BJ Hill, Ball St	Antonio Smith, B Green	Rico Murray, Kent St	Walter Atkins, Toledo
SS	Barry Church, Toledo	Alex Kube, N Illinois	PJ Mahone, B Green	Dominique Harris, Temple	CJ Wilson, W Michigan
FS	Davonte Shannon, Buffalo	Louis Delmas, W Michigan	Bradley Pruitt, N Illinois	Jordan Gafford, Miami	Ryan Downard, E Michigan
K	Nate Reed, Kent St	Igor Iveljic, Akron	Sinisa Vrvilo, B Green	Alex Steigerwald, Toledo	Nathan Parseghian, Miami
P	Zach Johnson, E Michigan	Chris Miller, Ball St	Jacob Richardson, Miami	Matt Schulte, Ohio	Andy Dittbenner, N Illinois
KR	Travis Shelton, Temple	Bryan Williams, Akron	Antonio Brown, C Michigan	Brandon West, W Michigan	Chris Garrett, Ohio
PR	Andre Jones, Akron	Chris Garrett, Ohio	Naaman Roosevelt, Buffalo	Eugene Harris, Miami	Antonio Brown, C Michigan

Bowling Green
WR Corey Partridge

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 MAC FORECAST

MAC WEST

1. Central Michigan - Surprisingly only 3 of my 8 sets of power ratings call CM the best team in the MAC overall but they are of course #2 or #3 in the others. CM draws Buffalo, Temple and Ohio from the East and those games do count in the standings this year. They have 4 senior starters (fewest MAC) and also get their toughest foes in the West (WM & Ball St) at home. With the best offense in the MAC, they must be considered the favorite to grab a 3rd straight MAC West Title.

2. Western Michigan - In 2005 Bill Cubit fashioned a winning season despite having 35 frosh play and a DIV IA record, 17 starting. Naturally this year's squad is very experienced. They did not catch any breaks last year and could easily have had a much stronger record. This WM team is loaded with my top rated D in the MAC and one of the best offenses. Despite the fact they have to play both Ball St and CM on the road, I'll call for WM to return to the post season and quite possibly play in the MAC Title game.

3. Ball St - Brady Hoke is doing a great job. Ball St's an amazing 9-2 in their last 11 conference road games. The Cardinals have my #2 rated offense and #6 rated defense in the league and 2 of my 8 sets of power ratings call them the best team in the MAC overall. While it would not surprise me to see them walk away with the MAC West Title, two things have me calling for them 3rd. Ball St benefitted from +17 in turnovers in 2007 and of the top 3 MAC West teams, they are the only one who draws Miami out of the East, and they must play them on the road.

4. Northern Illinois - Last year looked like a rebuilding season for the Huskies as they had just 2 senior starters. They went full throttle into a rebuilding year when the team was ravaged by injuries. They still suffered a net 3 close losses and were -17 in turnovers and after having a winning record in each of this decades first 7 years they fell to 2-10. Jerry Kill steps into an unbelievable situation as this year they have 17 seniors with starting experience and 20 returning starters (most in MAC West). If you are looking for a surprise team in the West, the Huskies are it, as they make my most improved list which means I think they can achieve bowl eligibility after last year's 2-10 finish.

5. Toledo - Toledo has 15 returning starters from a team that outgained MAC foes by 49.9 ypg last year which was the 4th best mark in the league. They have a veteran QB and a much improved defense. Toledo is the only one of the MAC West teams that pulls both Miami and BG (my top two rated teams) out of the East plus they have three road games vs their West foes. They also have only 5 senior starters (2nd fewest MAC). It was surprising to me that Toledo had a losing record last year but it would not surprise me to see if Toledo contended for MAC West honors this season as they do return 50 lettermen (2nd MAC West).

6. Eastern Michigan - This is probably Genyk's best team and they could be 4-4 after 8 games but face a brutal final 4 with road trips to Ball St, WM and Temple while closing out with a home game vs C Michigan. Despite losing just 11 lettermen and being the defending Michigan MAC Champs, I do not see EM attaining its first winning season since 1995.

MAC EAST

1. Bowling Green - BG returns 17 starters from a team that had the best overall record in the MAC East last year at 6-2 (only MAC East games counted toward the division championships last year). While they did only outgain MAC foes by 1.6 ypg, they have 12 senior starters ranking them the most experienced (see page 311). BG gets 3 MAC East home games including the key home game vs Miami while their two division road games are winnable. I'll call for them to get to their first MAC Title game since 2003.

2. Miami - Miami has my #2 rated defense in the MAC and last year outgained MAC foes by 97.8 ypg (league best). They have 17 returning starters and should have their first winning season in 3 years. They dominated the team I picked #1 in the East (BG) 47-14 last year. Their battle on Oct 18th (at BG) will likely determine the East winner and unfortunately that takes place at Bowling Green.

3. Kent St - Kent St suffered injuries at QB and were down to a 4th string QB late in the year. They suffered 5 net close losses and were -11 in TO's. Naturally all of those factors have me pointing them to a much stronger year and a big move up in the MAC standings.

4. Buffalo - Last year the Bulls were 5-3 in the MAC, outgained MAC foes by 70.1 ypg (3rd best) and this year have 18 returning starters. It appears to be a slam dunk that this team will contend for the MAC East Title but they do have a tough schedule and actually may find it tough to match last year's five win MAC total. They have to face both of my projected division winners on the road.

4. Temple - Temple was 4-4 in the MAC last year and I'm calling for them to have their most wins in a season since 1990 (19 years)! Basically all 22 starters return and they lose just two lettermen. They return tons of experience but on the troubling side is the fact that they were outgained by 56.6 ypg (3rd worst) in league play last year.

6. Ohio - The Bobcats came into 2007 with the fewest amount of returning starters in the MAC (10) but last year fashioned a 4-4 finish. On paper they have the weakest offense in the league but they do get both Akron and Buffalo at home which gives them a shot at escaping the basement.

6. Akron - The Zips were 3-5 in the MAC last year but were actually outgained by 74.5 ypg (league worst). They only have 13 returning starters (league low), which ties them for fewest in the MAC and the MAC is the most improved conference in the country this year. The Zips do have my #5 rated O-line and D-line which could make them a surprise team but it looks like a 3rd straight losing season in the final year of the Rubber Bowl.

MAC Notes: Temple is the only MAC team that plays its home games on grass. N Illinois set a MAC record for largest "HOME CROWD" for a MAC team in league history at 61,500. Of course, the game was played in Soldier Field and Iowa had 2/3 of the fans. The old, and perhaps truer record, is 36,852 set in 2001 when Navy travelled to Toledo and that is the largest on-campus crowd. It was a TOUGH post season for the MAC which had a sterling record of 8-2 in the bowls from 2000-03. The last 4 years they have gone just 4-10 but it was embarassing last year as they were 0-3 with two humiliating losses. Ball St lost to Rutgers 52-30 and in the biggest blowout in NCAA bowl history, BG was throttled by Tulsa 63-7. Central Michigan won the league title for a 2nd straight year and were down big in their bowl vs Purdue but made it respectable (lost by 3). Miami clinched a berth in the MAC Title game and mailed it in for the season finale losing to Ohio in what could have been a meaningless game. It ended up costing them a bowl as they lost the MAC Title game and DNQ at 6-7. The MAC was just 5-28 vs BCS teams (as you would expect) with the biggest win being Western Michigan over Iowa. The other 4 wins were vs Minnesota, Iowa St (twice) and Syracuse who were all at the bottom of their leagues. On the bright side they fared well for a 2nd straight year vs non-BCS 1A schools. In 2006 they were a combined 6-5 and went 7-4 last year including 3-0 against the Sun Belt. In 2006 their 5 wins vs BCS conference teams was more than the ACC which only had 4 in non-conf games. Last year the Big Ten, Big XII and Pac-10 each had just 5 non-conf wins vs BCS conf teams which tied the MAC! Having 13 teams in a conference is a scheduler's nightmare. I still think Army joining the MAC would be GREAT for both Army and the league. Last year only division games counted in the standings for each division race which is why BG, which was 6-2 overall in the MAC did not play in the title game over a 5-2 Miami. Each was 4-2 in the division and Miami beat BG straight up. This year the teams do not play every team in their own division, so the division winner will be determined by overall conference record.

2007 MAC vs MAC OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
37	C Michigan	42.9	1	511.6	1	221.6	2	5.46	1	290.0	1	68.9	2	11.9	1	10	4	7	1
49	Toledo	35.9	2	500.8	2	223.9	1	5.27	2	276.9	2	58.2	8	14.0	7	16	7	9	3
64	Ball St	33.3	4	417.0	3	143.6	12	3.88	10	273.4	3	56.7	10	12.5	5	1	1	12	5
66	Bowling Green	33.9	3	407.4	5	153.3	9	4.35	5	254.1	5	61.1	5	12.0	3	13	5	14	8
81	W Michigan	24.1	9	409.3	4	152.1	10	3.65	12	257.1	4	64.0	3	17.0	12	17	10	15	9
88	Ohio	32.4	5	387.1	8	171.8	5	4.40	4	215.4	7	56.8	9	12.0	2	17	10	13	6
103	E Michigan	29.4	6	388.3	7	204.0	3	4.67	3	184.3	12	62.7	4	13.2	6	5	2	7	1
104	Kent St	21.9	11	361.6	10	189.4	4	4.32	6	172.3	13	51.7	12	16.5	10	14	6	27	12
105	Buffalo	28.9	7	352.9	11	159.3	6	4.19	7	193.6	11	71.2	1	12.2	4	8	3	17	11
112	Miami	23.6	10	392.9	6	153.7	7	3.97	9	239.1	6	59.3	7	16.7	11	16	7	16	10
113	Akron	24.5	8	345.4	12	146.5	11	3.83	11	198.9	9	50.6	13	14.1	8	21	13	13	6
117	N Illinois	18.0	12	368.6	9	153.4	8	4.16	8	215.1	8	56.0	11	20.5	13	19	12	11	4
118	Temple	17.5	13	287.5	13	93.5	13	2.54	13	194.0	10	59.5	6	16.4	9	16	7	35	13

2007 MAC vs MAC DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
73	Miami	18.6	1	295.1	2	108.9	1	3.18	1	186.3	2	57.6	3	15.9	1	13	6	27	1
78	Temple	24.4	5	344.1	3	137.9	2	3.88	4	206.3	4	59.5	4	14.1	8	18	1	12	11
81	Ball St	23.7	3	363.7	4	153.6	6	4.32	8	210.1	6	62.5	11	15.3	3	13	6	13	10
83	W Michigan	23.3	2	366.9	5	142.3	3	4.05	6	224.6	7	50.2	1	15.8	2	11	11	17	4
92	Akron	28.9	8	419.9	10	168.9	8	4.08	7	251.0	11	60.4	7	14.5	6	15	4	16	5
94	Buffalo	24.3	4	282.8	1	157.8	7	3.94	5	125.0	1	61.0	10	11.7	13	12	8	18	3
98	N Illinois	29.4	9	436.0	12	188.0	10	4.43	10	248.0	10	63.8	12	14.8	5	9	13	16	5
100	Bowling Green	27.4	6	405.8	8	202.4	12	4.48	11	203.4	3	59.9	6	14.8	4	14	5	20	2
102	E Michigan	34.7	12	429.7	11	197.0	11	5.54	13	232.7	9	60.9	9	12.4	10	16	3	9	12
102	Kent St	28.1	7	405.6	7	151.0	5	3.56	2	254.6	12	66.1	13	14.4	7	11	11	15	8
104	Ohio	32.5	11	388.9	6	180.6	9	4.33	9	208.3	5	53.6	2	12.0	11	12	8	14	9
113	Toledo	38.0	13	450.9	13	223.9	13	5.25	12	227.0	8	59.8	5	11.9	12	17	2	3	13
114	C Michigan	31.7	10	419.6	9	145.0	4	3.76	3	274.6	13	60.4	7	13.2	9	12	8	16	5

Central Michigan
QB Dan LeFevour

Eastern Michigan
P/K Zach Johnson

Temple
C Alex Derenthal

Toledo
SS Barry Church

2007 MAC STANDINGS

	DIV		Conference				All Games				YPG CONF PLAY		
EAST	W	L	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2007	2006	2005
Bowling Green	4	2	6	2	271	219	8	5	392	417	+1.6	+21.6	+69.6
Miami	4	2	5	2	165	130	6	7	250	333	+97.7	-11.1	+51.1
Buffalo	4	2	5	3	231	194	5	7	291	331	+70.1	-111.3	-41.6
Ohio	3	3	4	4	259	260	6	6	366	359	-1.8	+60.6	-137.8
Temple	3	3	4	4	140	195	4	8	197	315	-56.6	-236.7	-213.4
Akron	2	4	3	5	196	231	4	8	254	350	-74.5	+4.5	+47.7
Kent State	1	5	1	7	175	225	3	9	259	350	-44.0	+33.3	-74.3
WEST	W	L	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA	2007	2006	2005
C Michigan	4	1	6	1	300	222	8	6	487	517	+92.0	+9.8	+74.9
Ball State	4	1	5	2	233	166	7	6	409	368	+53.3	-52.2	-99.7
W Michigan	2	3	3	4	169	163	5	7	323	347	+42.4	+63.8	-91.3
E Michigan	3	2	3	4	206	243	4	8	290	374	-41.4	-81.0	-28.8
Toledo	2	3	3	5	287	304	5	7	395	470	+49.9	+8.9	+146.8
N Illinois	0	5	1	6	126	206	2	10	229	370	-67.4	+53.1	+82.6

Coach of the Year: Turner Gill, Buffalo
MAC TITLE GAME: C Michigan 35 Miami 10

2006 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Ohio	7	1	197	119	9	5	276	253
Kent State	5	3	172	140	6	6	214	241
Akron	3	5	153	187	5	7	236	271
Bowling Green	3	5	166	214	4	8	234	340
Miami	2	6	164	187	2	10	222	304
Buffalo	1	7	201	314	2	10	220	431
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
C Michigan	7	1	235	145	10	4	416	312
W Michigan	6	2	177	148	8	5	299	259
N Illinois	5	3	207	144	7	6	331	275
Ball State	5	3	225	184	5	7	326	309
Toledo	3	5	157	204	5	7	281	332
E Michigan	1	7	106	174	1	11	167	322

Coach of the Year: Frank Solich, Ohio
MAC TITLE GAME: C Michigan 31 Ohio 10

2005 MAC STANDINGS

	Conf				All Games			
EAST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Akron	5	3	204	174	7	6	307	318
Miami	5	3	272	194	7	4	371	258
Bowling Green	5	3	240	193	6	5	372	304
Ohio	3	5	162	243	4	7	192	336
Buffalo	1	7	107	240	1	10	110	327
Kent St	0	8	102	236	1	10	180	331
WEST	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
N Illinois	6	2	262	169	7	5	388	274
Toledo	6	2	266	174	9	3	429	260
W Michigan	5	3	282	267	7	4	354	342
C Michigan	5	3	230	190	6	5	260	260
Ball St	4	4	230	259	4	7	233	416
E Michigan	3	5	183	202	4	7	240	295

Coach of the Year: Bill Cubit, W Michigan
MAC TITLE GAME: Akron 31 N Illinois 30

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Brett Kern, Toledo	12	52	2399	46.1
Chris Miller, Ball St	**13**	**61**	**2772**	**45.4**
Jake Richardson, Miami	13	68	3063	45.0
Jim Laney, W Mich	12	62	2720	43.9
Andy Dittbenner, N Illinois	**12**	**59**	**2564**	**43.5**
Zach Johnson, E Mich	**12**	**56**	**2355**	**42.1**
Ben Woods, Buffalo	12	62	2583	41.7
Nick Iovinelli, BG	**12**	**53**	**2035**	**38.4**
Jeff Wathne, Temple	**12**	**68**	**2596**	**38.2**
Tony Mikulec, C Mich	14	66	2519	38.2

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Andre Jones, Akron	**16**	**232**	**0**	**14.5**
BJ Hill, Ball St	**23**	**223**	**0**	**9.7**
Eugene Harris, Miami	**30**	**279**	**0**	**9.3**
Schneider Julien, W Mich	**22**	**179**	**0**	**8.1**
Jon Drager, Kent St	22	129	0	5.9
Marquise Liverpool, Temple	**15**	**81**	**0**	**5.4**
Nate Beard, E Mich	**11**	**55**	**0**	**5.0**

FIELD GOALPCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Alex Steigerwald, Toledo	**12**	**13**	**13**	**100.0**	**44**
Michael Braunstein, Ohio	12	24	20	83.3	47
Igor Iveljic, Akron	**10**	**18**	**15**	**83.3**	**51**
Sinisa Vrvilo, BG	**13**	**19**	**15**	**78.9**	**49**
Nate Reed, Kent St	**12**	**24**	**18**	**75.0**	**52**
AJ Principe, Buffalo	**12**	**20**	**15**	**75.0**	**47**
Mike Jones, W Michigan	11	15	11	73.3	45
Chris Nendick, N Illinois	12	18	12	66.7	47
Nathan Parseghian, Miami	**13**	**20**	**13**	**65.0**	**42**

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Bryan Williams, Akron	**21**	**670**	**1**	**31.9**
Jalen Parmele, Toledo	20	560	1	28.0
Chris Garrett, Ohio	**23**	**614**	**1**	**26.7**
Joshua Abrams, Ohio	26	683	1	26.3
Antonio Brown, C Mich	**40**	**1048**	**1**	**26.2**
Brandon West, W Mich	**35**	**906**	**1**	**25.9**
Roger Williams, BG	**39**	**954**	**1**	**24.5**
Dontayo Gage, E Mich	**44**	**1016**	**1**	**23.1**
Dante Love, Ball St	**48**	**1100**	**1**	**22.9**
Jamal Rogers, Miami	**43**	**973**	**0**	**22.6**

2007 MAC LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Nate Davis, Ball St	**478**	**270**	**56.5**	**6**	**3667**	**7.7**	**30**	**139.1**
Drew Willy, Buffalo	**377**	**258**	**68.4**	**6**	**2572**	**6.8**	**15**	**135.7**
Dan LeFevour, C Mich	**543**	**355**	**65.4**	**13**	**3652**	**6.7**	**27**	**133.5**
Tyler Sheehan, BG	**476**	**303**	**63.7**	**11**	**3264**	**6.9**	**23**	**132.6**
Tim Hiller, W Mich	**421**	**267**	**63.4**	**15**	**3021**	**7.2**	**20**	**132.3**
Andy Schmitt, E Mich	**255**	**164**	**64.3**	**6**	**1613**	**6.3**	**14**	**130.9**
Aaron Opelt, Toledo	**249**	**144**	**57.8**	**7**	**1756**	**7.1**	**12**	**127.4**
Brad Bower, Ohio	232	127	54.7	10	1766	7.6	11	125.0
Dan Nicholson, N Illinois	**248**	**151**	**60.9**	**14**	**1633**	**6.6**	**9**	**116.9**

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Dante Love, Ball St	**13**	**100**	**1398**	**10**	**107.5**	**7.7**	**14.0**
Jabari Arthur, Akron	12	86	1171	10	97.6	7.2	13.6
Stephen Williams, Toledo	**12**	**73**	**1169**	**7**	**97.4**	**6.1**	**16.0**
Jamarko Simmons, W Mich	**12**	**84**	**980**	**6**	**81.7**	**7.0**	**11.7**
Bryan Anderson, C Mich	**14**	**90**	**1132**	**10**	**80.9**	**6.4**	**12.6**
Matt Simon, N Illinois	**12**	**52**	**969**	**5**	**80.8**	**4.3**	**18.6**
Freddie Barnes, BG	**13**	**82**	**962**	**9**	**74.0**	**6.3**	**11.7**
Bruce Francis, Temple	**10**	**47**	**731**	**6**	**73.1**	**4.7**	**15.6**
Nick Moore, Toledo	**10**	**60**	**731**	**8**	**73.1**	**6.0**	**12.2**
Antonio Brown, C Mich	**14**	**102**	**1003**	**6**	**71.6**	**7.3**	**9.8**

Ball St
QB Nate Davis

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Jason Jones, E Mich	19.5	67
Larry Hutchinson, Buffalo	19	84
Larry English, N Illinois	**17**	**91**
Brandon Crawford, Ball St	**16**	**59**
Trevor Scott, Buffalo	15	89
Colin Ferrell, Kent St	15	65
Brion Stokes, Akron	14.5	69
Clayton Mullins, Miami	**13.5**	**51**
Zach Davidson, W Mich	**12.5**	**54**
Landon Cohen, Ohio	12.5	47

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Larry English, N Illinios	**10.5**	**79**
Trevor Scott, Buffalo	10.0	75
Frank Zombo, C Mich	**7.5**	**57**
Junior Galette, Temple	**7.5**	**49**
Brandon Crawford, Ball St	**7.0**	**39**
Greg Marshall, W Mich	**6.5**	**51**
Joe Coniglio, Miami	**6.5**	**42**
Zach Davidson, W Mich	**6.5**	**39**
Larry Hutchinson, Buffalo	5.5	40
Brion Stokes, Akron	5.5	36

**Numbers come from MAC final statistics.*

TACKLES PER GAME

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Clayton Mullins, Miami	**13**	**69**	**74**	**143**	**11.0**
Red Keith, C Mich	14	75	73	148	10.6
Daniel Holtzclaw, E Mich	**12**	**50**	**75**	**125**	**10.4**
Davonte Shannon, Buffalo	**12**	**73**	**50**	**123**	**10.3**
Alex Kube, N Illinois	**11**	**49**	**62**	**111**	**10.1**
Bryant Haines, Ball St	**13**	**65**	**60**	**125**	**9.6**
John Haneline, BG	**10**	**42**	**54**	**96**	**9.6**
Derek Burrell, Kent St	**12**	**52**	**60**	**112**	**9.3**
Darran Matthews, E Mich	12	51	56	107	8.9
Erique Dozier, BG	**13**	**43**	**69**	**112**	**8.6**

RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Eugene Jarvis, Kent St	**12**	**279**	**1669**	**10**	**6.0**	**139.1**
Jalen Parmele, Toledo	12	276	1511	14	5.5	125.9
Kalvin McRae, Ohio	12	294	1434	19	4.9	119.5
Justin Anderson, N Illinois	**12**	**274**	**1245**	**8**	**4.5**	**103.8**
James Starks, Buffalo	**12**	**251**	**1103**	**12**	**4.4**	**91.9**
Dan LeFevour, C Mich	**14**	**188**	**1122**	**19**	**6.0**	**80.1**
Brandon West, W Mich	**12**	**183**	**848**	**4**	**4.6**	**70.7**
Pierre Walker, E Mich	12	214	839	10	3.9	69.9
Mark Bonds, W Mich	11	157	690	8	4.4	62.7
Bryan Williams, Akron	**12**	**152**	**728**	**2**	**4.8**	**60.7**

TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME

	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Dan LeFevour, C Mich	**14**	**188**	**1122**	**543**	**3652**	**4774**	**341.0**
Nate Davis, Ball St	**13**	**78**	**235**	**478**	**3667**	**3902**	**300.2**
Tyler Sheehan, BG	**13**	**93**	**148**	**476**	**3264**	**3412**	**262.5**
Tim Hiller, W Mich	**12**	**50**	**-69**	**421**	**3021**	**2952**	**246.0**
Daniel Raudabaugh, Miami	11	38	27	382	2431	2458	223.5
Aaron Opelt, Toledo	**9**	**46**	**156**	**249**	**1756**	**1912**	**212.4**
Drew Willy, Buffalo	**12**	**60**	**-44**	**377**	**2572**	**2528**	**210.7**
Julian Edelman, Kent St	**9**	**120**	**412**	**189**	**1318**	**1730**	**192.2**
Dan Nicholson, N Illinois	**9**	**21**	**-66**	**248**	**1633**	**1567**	**174.1**
Andy Schmitt, E Mich	**11**	**67**	**279**	**255**	**1613**	**1892**	**172.0**

PHIL'S MAC UNIT RANKING

West	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
C Michigan	1	2	3	1	8	12	12	9	4
W Michigan	3	8	2	11	1	3	1	2	1
Ball St	2	8	1	3	12	5	10	2	6
N Illinois	9	3	6	2	2	4	7	12	11
Toledo	7	6	6	3	8	10	2	13	1
E Michigan	10	11	11	7	5	8	2	4	11
East	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Bowling Green	3	3	4	12	7	7	2	10	4
Miami, Oh	8	8	5	7	4	1	7	8	6
Kent St	3	1	12	7	8	2	11	5	9
Buffalo	6	5	10	6	12	12	5	5	10
Temple	10	11	8	7	2	6	6	11	11
Ohio	12	13	12	13	8	9	7	7	1
Akron	13	6	9	5	5	11	13	1	6

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - CM's top 3 QB's had a combined 3 att's heading into 2006 but when starter Brian Brunner was injured in the opener, Dan LeFevour took over and has had a PHENOMENAL two seasons. In LeFevour's first year he set an NCAA record for most pass att's by a frosh (388) and was the MAC Frosh POY. He was #1 in the MAC in TD passes, comp % and total offense, throwing for 3,031 (63.7%) with a 26-10 ratio (735 rush). I mentioned it would be tough for LeFevour to improve on 2006's stats but he proved me wrong. LeFevour became the first QB in school history to top 100 yards rushing in two straight games. His 19 rushing TD's were 2nd in the NCAA to Tim Tebow. He became the first MAC QB in history to guide the team to conf titles as both a frosh and soph. He also set a CM record with 506 all-purp yards vs Ball St then topped that with 514 vs Akron. The most amazing stat from '07 was that LeFevour became just the 2nd QB in NCAA history to have 1,000 yards rushing and 3,000 yards passing in the same season with the only other being Longhorn Vince Young (now a Titan). Backing up LeFevour are Brunner (6'3" 241 Sr, PS#89), who has 390 pass yards in 3 years, Derek Rifenbury (6'3" 205 rFr, PS#366) and Steve Beltowski (6'6" 236 So). LeFevour was the #1 rusher (6.0 ypc), completed 65.4% and had a 27-13 ratio. He cannot possibly top those numbers this year, can he?

RUNNING BACKS - During the summer of 2005, CM's returning 1,000 yard rusher was dismissed as was his top backup. True frosh Ontario Sneed stepped in and had an 80 yd TD run vs Indiana in the opener and would top the magical 1,000 yard barrier (1065, 4.8). The top backup had just 65 (3.8). Sneed struggled early in '06 and only led in rushing in 5 with the QB's leading 6. True frosh Marcel Archer led with 69 vs Kentucky and 70 vs WM finishing with 335 (4.0). Sneed saw his numbers fall to 764 but still avg 5.7 ypc. Last year they added in transfer Justin Hoskins (PS#20) who started the Insight Bowl as a true frosh at Notre Dame. I thought Hoskins would be one of the best RB's in the MAC but he did not get his first start until N Illinois. He avg'd 5.8 ypc but only had 664 yards. Sneed battled injuries and finished with 486 (4.1). Both RB's had 22 rec's while Archer added 114 (3.8). Carl Volny (5'11" 189 So) led with 10 carries for 36 yards vs Clemson. This year the unit returns intact and added to the mix are Johnnie Daniels (5'11" 215 rFr, PS#290), FB Kevin Mays (6'3" 240 So) and true frosh Jahleel Addae (PS#65). I look for more production from the CM RB's with perhaps the best RB duo in the MAC.

WR Bryan Anderson

RECEIVERS - In 2006, 6'5" rFr Bryan Anderson burst onto the scene and was 1st Tm MAC setting a then school record with 73 rec (11.9). Anderson ret'd last year and led again with 1,132 yards (12.6) but walk-on Antonio Brown, who was not in the team's media guide, proved to be the impact frosh of '07. Brown was not only a dangerous returnman, but both he and Anderson crushed the record as Brown led in rec with 102 (9.8). They do lose #3 Duane Brooks (9 st, 325), #4 WR Justin Gardner (9 st, 305) and TE JJ Watt (2 st, 77). Brown (MAC Fr POY) set a IA frosh record with 2,267 all purp yds and this looks like one of the MAC's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, CM had 4 starters returning and they were #2 in my MAC O-line ratings heading into the year. Four OL's amazingly earned 1st or 2nd Tm MAC honors and the O-line opened holes for 4.3 ypc rush and allowed 30 sacks (6.7%). Last year CM had to replace two starters, who were #1 and #6 DC's, and another OL, who had 6 starts but returned a pair of 2nd Tm MAC OL in RG Eric Tunney and RT Andrew Hartline (who moved to LT). Despite the losses, the still veteran unit improved in Coach Jones' 1st year opening holes for 180 ypg (4.9) while allowing just 22 sacks (3.9%). Of course, having a mobile QB like Dan LeFevour (1,267 rush) aides those stats. This year they lose 3rd Tm MAC RG Tunney (13 st, 3Y st'r), LG Mike Decker (4 st), LG Michael Raffaeli (1 st) and LT Andrew Cribbs (5 gm). Four starters return including 2nd Tm MAC LT Hartline and this remains one of the MAC's top OL's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, CM had a veteran D-line with 7 of their top 8 back and Dan Bazuin tied a MAC single season record for sacks with 16. CM allowed the MAC's lowest rushing ypg (114) and just 3.2 ypc. In 2006, they had 5 of the top 8 back but DE Bazuin had an injury-plagued year. He battled double and triple teams and saw his stats drop, but still left as CM's sack and tfl leader. CM allowed 3.5 ypc rush with 31 sacks. Last year they had to replace Bazuin (#2DC) and one other starter. They slipped to allowing 157 ypg (4.0) and the sacks total dropped to 24. This year they lose 3rd Tm MAC DT Steven Friend (14 st, 49 tkl, 6 tfl) and NG Ronnie Ekdahl (2 st, 10 tkl). Even with the loss of their top DL, they should be tougher up front.

LINEBACKERS - It sure will be strange watching CM games this year and not seeing #41 Red Keith on the field. Keith led the team in tackles for each of the last four years and had a career high 148 last year (1st Tm MAC). Ike Brown had 11 starts in 2005 but just 2 in '06 (inj). He returned in '07 and had 106 tackles and 11 tfl (1st Tm MAC). Unfortunately, both must be replaced. Also gone is Victor Doman (16 tkl) and Chris Wohlgamuth (2 tkl). This group is more experienced than it would seem as Jonathan Lapsley started 12 in '06 (5 gm in '07) and they move in Calvin Hissong who has 18 career starts at FS. Still, with the loss of two 1st Tm MAC players (#1 & #2 tkl'rs), this group is down a few notches.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - CM lost both their CB's over the summer of 2006 but still had their best finish recently in my pass D rankings at #81. Last year they only had to replace one starter but injuries wiped out the unit and nine different players started. CB Josh Gordy led with 4 int despite missing 4. SS Curtis Cutts (13 st '06) was lost after 5 starts. This year the only losses are Cutts (29 tkl), Jemmy Jasmin (4 tkl, 1 int) and Calvin Hissong (4 st, moves to LB). CM finished #115 allowing 65.4% with a 34-18 ratio and should make a dramatic improvement in my pass D rankings as they return 6 players with starting experience.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004, thanks mostly to the presence of kick blocking extraordinaire James King, CM led the NCAA in blocked kicks with 12. In 2005, they had to replace King and dropped to #92 in my ST rankings but moved up to #58 in '06. Last year they had to replace their K and top PR (5.6) and I called for continued improvement. Surprisingly, despite explosive true frosh returnman Antonio Brown (26.2 KR, 10.9 PR), they slipped to #88. P Tony Mikulec saw his avg drop from 42.0 to 38.2 and the team net drop from 37.4 to 32.9. Andrew Aguila (PS#144JC) had 7 TB on 89 KO and hit 9 of 14 FG's with a long of 51 with 1 miss from 52. Mikulec must be replaced and Brett Hartmann (PS#49) should fare well in his place. CM will definitely move up in my ST rankings.

COACHES - After CM's MAC Championship win in 2006, 3rd year HC Brian Kelly (19-16) left to become the HC at Cincinnati. Butch Jones, who was previously the OC at CM from 2001-'03 and spent 2 years as WR coach at W Virginia from 2005-'06, became the first coach to win the MAC Title in his first year since 2001 and the 9th overall in the MAC. He signed a new 5 year contract through 2012. OC Mike Bajakian enters his 2nd season here after spending 3 years as the offensive quality control asst with the Chicago Bears (QB cch here '02-'03). Tim Banks also enters his 2nd year as DC after spending 4 years at Maryland (ILB cch 3 yr, DB cch 1 yr). He is a 1995 CM grad and 4 year letterman.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2003, CM slumped to 1-7 in MAC play and was outgained by 140.1 ypg so they opted to bring in new HC Brian Kelly. Kelly's Div II offense in 2001 averaged 600.8 ypg. In 2004, CM returned a 1,000 yard rusher, their top receiver, four starters on the O-line and had 17 returning starters. They also installed new FieldTurf, hoping for fewer injuries. They were outgained by 60 ypg in MAC play and finished 3-5 (4-7 overall). In 2005 veteran QB Kent Smith led them to their first winning season since 1998 and their 4 road wins were the most since 1994. CM improved to 5-3 in the MAC (+74.9 ypg, 3rd best). In 2006 they were picked 4th in the MAC West by the media. I rated their OL #2 in the MAC and the DL #1 and the line play was the key as their top 2 players were frosh in QB LeFevour and WR Anderson. They opened 5-0 in the MAC and defeated six IA foes in back-to-back years for the first time since 1984-'85. CM wrapped up a spot in the MAC Title gm early and in that game dominated Ohio 31-10. They then beat up MT in the Motor City Bowl giving them 10 wins for the first time since 1979. Last year they had to replace Coach Kelly, their OC and DC and became the only school in MAC history to have players in each of the first two rounds of the NFL draft. HC Butch Jones concentrated on MAC West games. CM was blown out by non-conf Kansas 52-7 (KU finished #7). They were tied with Toledo 31-31 in the 4Q but won by 21. Purdue waxed them by 23 and they were stunned by IAA N Dakota St (#1 IAA 6 weeks). NI turned the ball over 6 times allowing CM to win by 25 and they played their most impressive game dominating Ball St on the road with a 658-369 yd edge. Army had 7 TO's and CM won by 24 despite only outgaining them by 31 yards. They then had a non-conf 70-14 blowout loss to Clemson. Interestingly, their first 8 games were all decided by 20 or more. Kent St was using a true frosh in his 1st start and CM won on the road. The next week CM got a TD with :12 left to get past WM benefitting from WR Simmons (best player) being ejected in the 1Q. CM played for the Michigan MAC Championship vs EM and lost at home by 3 then trailed Akron by 12 in the 4Q but rallied for a 3 point win. They won their 2nd straight MAC Title whipping Miami by 25 then had a close loss to Purdue in the bowl. CM was 7-1 in the MAC outgaining foes by 92 ypg (2nd best). The Chips have 16 starters back including the best set of skill players in the MAC and my #1 rated O-line. They have 4 senior starters (fewest MAC) and the defense is a question mark. Only 3 of my 8 sets of power ratings call CM the best overall team in the MAC but they get to host their two toughest MAC West foes (Ball St and WM) which has me calling for a 3rd straight MAC Title game.

OFFENSE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN SOLID

QB 13 DAN LeFEVOUR JR. 6-3 226 **MAC Off POY '07, 2nd QB NCAA hist 3,000 pass, 1,000 rush in 1 yr.** 26 st 2Y, 6683 (65%), 53-23 ratio, 1643 net yd rush. **MAC Frosh of Yr '06.**

RB 3 JUSTIN HOSKINS SR. 5-10 195 **PS#20 Notre Dame.** 9 st last year, 664 (5.8). **20 Ontario Sneed** (5'11" 203 Sr) **#1 rusher '05 & '06.** 28 st 3Y, 2315 (4.9), 125 rec (8.5).

WR 1 Kito Poblah So. 6-2 196 Last 4 st rFr, 137 (9.8), 9 rec last 4. **5 Taylor Bradley** (6'1" 189 So) 4 st true, 112 (11.2). **83** Joe Bockheim (6'2" 197 Sr) 1 st, 7 rec LY.

WR 7 BRYAN ANDERSON JR. 6-5 205 **1st Tm MAC rFr,** 14 st, 867 (11.9) 14 st LY, 1132 (12.6). **18** Jean Pitts (5'10" 170 Jr) 2 st, 10 rec LY. **87** Jeremy Wilson (6'3" 180 rFr).

WR 27 ANTONIO BROWN SO. 5-11 175 **1st Tm MAC true,** 9 st, 1003 (9.8). Matt Torres (6'1" 189 So). Dan Sirovy (6'0" 180 rFr). Sean Skergan (6'1" 204 So). Ken McClure (6'4" 182 Jr).

TE 86 Rocky Weaver rFr. 6-6 220 PS#34. **88** Andre Moore (6'2" 222 Sr) 1 st TE LY. 11 gms ST '05. **84** Brandin Friske (6'3" 207 rFr) PS#426WR. **84** Jake Ekkens (6'4" 243 So).

C 68 COLIN MILLER SO. 6-3 280 PS#143DL. 14 st C rFr. **57** Adam Antonides (6'3" 284 Jr) 2nd string LY. **LS 93** Chris Starkey (6'4" 246 So) PS#68TE. Brian Bennyhoff PS#490.

RG 75 Joe McMahon Jr. 6-2 285 PS#149JC. Signed at **Iowa St** LY but trans. '05-'06 JC. **76** Nick Rademaker (6'1" 283 So) 1 gm as rFr. Darren Keyton is PS#434.

LG 66 JEFF MADDUX SO. 6-4 318 PS#129. 10 st rFr (1RG, 9LG). **67** Kyle Curtis (6'3" 262 Sr) Walk-on. **99** Anthony Quinn (6'4" 252 So) PS#65TE. DL LY, no stats.

RT 77 GREG WOJT SR. 6-4 285 PS#114TE. Canadian. 2nd string both '05 and '06, 6 gm '06. 14 st RT LY. **64** Allen Ollenburger (6'4" 245 Jr) 3 rec rFr TE. 9 gm OL LY.

LT 74 ANDREW HARTLINE SR. 6-5 297 11 st RT rFr. 14 st RT '06. 14 st LT LY. **2nd Tm MAC both '06 & '07. 78** Jake Olson (6'8" 240 Fr) PS#264. Matt Kanitz PS#473DL. Walk-on.

K 36 ANDREW AGUILA JR. 6-0 175 PS#144JC. 9-14 FG here LY, long 51, 1 miss from 50+, 7 TB on 89 KO. **70** Logan Mitseff (6'4" 240 rFr). **93** Mark Mooradian (5'9" 170 rFr).

DE 95 LARRY KNIGHT JR. 6-3 243 26 tkl, 2 sk rFr. 8 st DE LY, 41 tkl, 5 sk, 2.5 tfl. **15** Sam Williams (6'4" 218 Jr) 5 st TE '06, 10 rec. 6 st DE LY, 19 tkl, 2 sk. Tredale Kennedy (6'3" 250 So).

NG 51 CASEY DROSCHA SR. 6-1 258 Last 6 st NG '06, 40 tkl, 6.5 tfl. 12 st NG LY, 52 tkl, 11 tfl. Mark Dietz (6'3" 255 rFr) PS#260JC. Orig at Minnesota. Kashawn Fraser PS#464.

DT 47 Josh Allison rFr. 6-2 245 **PS#85.** John Williams PS#430. Antrione Archer (6'3" 232 Sr) 8 gm, 1 tkl LY. Ben Schley (6'1" 247 Jr). Darryll Stinson (6'6" 225 Fr) PS#430.

DE 98 FRANK ZOMBO JR. 6-4 259 PS#171TE. 1 st rFr, 23 tkl, 2.5 sk. 14 st LY, 62 tkl, 7.5 sk. **34** Sean Murnane (6'1" 237 So) 14 gms, 14 tkl rFr. Jason Chomic (6'4" 210 rFr).

SLB 45 Matt Berning So. 6-1 235 31 tkl true, 1 int. **29 Jonathan Lapsley** (6'2" 254 Sr) PS#106WR. **12 st '06,** 51 tkl, 2 tfl. 3 tkl in 6 gm LY. **39** David Lawrence (6'0" 213 Sr) 33 tkl 3Y.

MLB 43 NICK BELLORE SO. 6-1 234 PS#220. 14 st true, 102 tkl, 7 tfl. **53** Barron Miles (6'2" 202 Jr) 1 st, 13 tkl LY. **59** Shane Torzy (6'2" 197 So) PS#215. 10 tkl true. Vince Khoury (5'11" 249 So).

WLB 20 Calvin Hissong Jr. 6-4 196 **14 st FS '06,** 63 tkl, 2 int, 8 pbu. 4 st FS LY, 37 tkl, 1 int. **17** Tim Brazzel (6'0" 185 Jr) 1 st, 38 tkl 2Y. **30** Mike Petrucci (6'2" 208 rFr) PS#427.

CB 14 TOMMY MAMA JR. 5-10 187 6 st LY, 35 tkl, 1 int. Lorenzo White PS#408. **27** Josh Wilkins (5'10" 170 So). Dannie Bolden (5'11" 181 rFr). Gary Jackson (5'8" 170 rFr).

CB 19 JOSH GORDY JR. 5-11 190 14 st rFr, 66 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 8 st LY (inj 4), 56 tkl, 4 int, 5 pbu. **22** Vince Agnew (5'11" 188 So) 9 tkl rFr. LaVarus Williams is PS#154WR.

SS 12 ERIC FRASER JR. 6-0 202 Canadian. 1 st rFr, 34 tkl, 1 int. 12 st LY, 80 tkl, 5 pbu. **31** Kirkston Edwards (6'1" 183 Jr) 2 st, 56 tkl 2Y. **34** Marc McKinney (6'0" 190 rFr).

FS 4 CHAZ WEST JR. 5-11 181 Last 2 st true, 24 tkl. 13 st LY, 90 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **24** EJ McLaughlin (6'0" 203 So) 5 st rFr, 42 tkl. **8** Bobby Seay (5'11" 185 So) 18 tkl, 12 gms LY.

P 38 Brett Hartmann So. 6-3 215 PS#49. Handled KO in 2006 as true and 5 TB on 48 KO, 12 gms, 3 tkl. RS LY. 35.2 avg HS. Jake Linklater (6'2" 180 Fr) 42.8 avg in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Jahleel Addae 5-9 176 PS#65
QB	Ryan Radcliff 6-2 195 PS#87
DB	LaVarus Williams 5-11 185 PS#154WR
RB	Bryan Schroeder 5-9 212 PS#194
DL	Steve Winston 6-3 235 PS#243
RB	Paris Cotton 5-9 175 PS#203
DB	John Carr 6-2 180 PS#291
OL	Jake Olson 6-8 240 PS#264 '07
DB	Derek Carter 6-0 183 PS#408
DB	Lorenzo White 6-0 170 PS#408
LB	Armond Staten 6-1 205 PS#368
OL	Richard Hayes 6-3 275 PS#434
OL	Darren Keyton 6-3 275 PS#434
DL	John Williams 6-0 270 PS#430
DL	Darryll Stinson 6-6 225 PS#430
WR	Valtorrey Showers 5-9 170 PS#343
LB	Joe Kinville 6-2 210 PS#390
OL	Grant Cartwright 6-5 245 PS#450DL
WR	Cedric Fraser 6-3 180 PS#360
WR	Jerry Harris 6-3 182 PS#360
DB	Yvener Lisca 5-9 170 PS#456
DL	Kashawn Fraser 6-3 215 PS#464
DL	Mike Repovz 6-4 243 PS#464
TE	David Blackburn 6-3 245 PS#154
LB	Kyle Torzy 6-2 232 PS#417
OL	Brian Bennyhoff 6-0 225 PS#490
K	Jake Linklater 6-2 180 PS#90
OL	Matt Kanitz 6-6 260 PS#473DL
DB	Jake Bentley 6-2 205 PS#450
LB	Mike Redmond 5-10 210 PS#450

CENTRAL MICHIGAN CHIPPEWAS

Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#83

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score CM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	E Illinois (Thur)	A					
Sep. 6	at Georgia	G					
Sep. 13	at Ohio	A					
Sep. 20	at Purdue	G					
Sep. 27	Buffalo	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	Temple (HC)	A					
Oct. 18	Western Michigan	A					
Oct. 25	at Toledo	A					
Nov. 1	at Indiana	A					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 12	at N Illinois (Wed)	A					
Nov. 19	Ball St (Wed)	A					
Nov. 28	at E Michigan (Fri)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Dan LeFevour 6,683 '06-Present	1. Curtis Adams 4,162 '81-'84	1. Reggie Allen 3,242 '95-'98
2. Jeff Bender 6,528 '88-'91	2. Walt Hodges 3,886 '73-'76	2. Bryan Schorman 2,968 '95-'98
3. Pete Shepherd 5,754 '97-'00	3. Jesse Lakes 3,702 '69-'71	3. Damien Linson 2,279 '03-'06

C Michigan is 21-2 all-time vs the Panthers including 17-2 from 1951-'69 when both were members of the IIAC. E Illinois went 8-4 LY including a loss (52-6) to Purdue.

Chippewas are 2-23 in reg ssn non-conf away games (both W's in the past 3 yrs). CM is 6-27 on grass S/'95. This is their 1st meeting vs Georgia (0-6 SEC).

CM is 26-43-2 since 1991 in MAC RG's but did go 5-0 LY including the title gm. Rematch of the 2006 Mac Title gm when Central Michigan outgained Ohio 457-224.

Including LY's bowl game, the Chippewas are 0-15 vs the Big Ten since 1993 being outscored on average 41-15. Third meeting with Purdue in a span of 371 days.

Coming into 08, Chippewas are 10-0 the last 3 years vs the MAC East Division. This will be the 1st meeting in Mt Pleasant as CM was 3-1 in Buffalo (1st gm in '99).

First MAC meeting. In their only prior gm in '06, CM won 42-26 with a 499-309 yd edge. The Chippewas are 40-17 on Homecoming since 1951, but just 3-6 the L9Y.

These schools are about 161 miles apart. The home team is 12-2 the L/14 gms. EM, CM & WM compete each ssn for the Michigan MAC Championship Trophy.

In '06, CM handed Toledo its worst conference home loss since 1993 (42-20). CM will be seeking their first 4 game winning streak vs Toledo since '75-'78.

CM is 0-3 all-time vs Indiana but nearly won in their last game in '05 (20-13 loss). All of CM's FBS non-conf opp's went to a bowl LY & EIU finished ranked #15 in the FCS.

Chippewas snapped a 9 game losing streak to N Illinois LY on Homecoming. Central Michigan has not won in DeKalb since 1977 (0-8 since).

LY vs BSU, QB LeFevour ran for a career high 146 yds finishing with 506 ttl yds. That was the highest single gm total in school history & 3rd most in MAC history.

The 53 wins over EM is the most vs any school in CM history (19 more than #2 tm). Three of the L/4 gms in this series have gone to OT, all 4 decided by a TD or less.

BUTCH JONES (Career 8-6)

2nd Year at C Michigan — Jones' Bowl Record: 0-1

Jones' records AT C MICHIGAN

8-6	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
3-2	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
4-3	Away	0-4	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
7-1	Vs Conference	4-1	Off A Loss

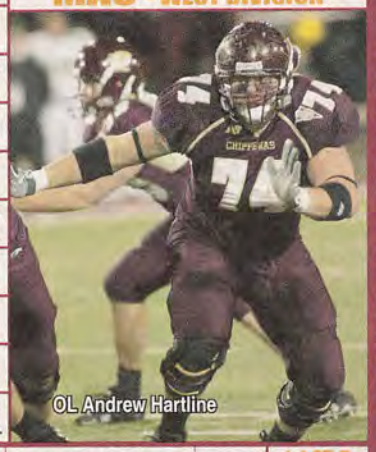
2007 RECORD: (8-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (21,22,2)
Lost: 15 (7,7,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,771 (#94)

MAC - WEST DIVISION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STADIUM: KELLY/SHORTS STADIUM (30,255) (#103)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	4-8	3-9	4-7	6-5	10-4	8-6	40-56
Home	2-3	2-3	2-4	3-3	4-1	2-3	4-1	3-2	22-20
Away	0-6	1-5	2-4	0-6	0-5	4-2	4-3	4-3	15-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	1-1	3-2
vs Conf	2-6	2-6	2-6	1-7	3-5	5-3	8-1	7-1	30-35
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	2-2	2-2	1-2	1-2	2-3	1-5	10-21
ATS	3-8 (Mike DeBord)	7-3	5-6	3-7	3-7 (Brian Kelly)	6-4-1	11-2-1 (Brian Kelly/Jeff Quinn (bowl))	7-5-1 (Butch Jones)	45-42-3
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	0-2	1-1	3-0	3-1	9-7
Home Dog	3-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-1-1	2-0	0-0	11-8-1
Away Fav	0-0	1-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	2-2	1-1-1	8-4-1
Away Dog	0-6	5-0	0-4	1-5	2-2	2-2	2-0-1	1-3	13-22-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-0	2-0	4-1
vs Conf	3-5	5-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	8-1	5-2-1	35-29-1
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-0	1-2	0-2	1-1	1-1-1	3-1-1	2-3	10-13-2
Off SU Win	0-2	2-1	2-2	0-2	1-2	3-2	6-2-1	4-3-1	18-16-2
Off SU Loss	3-5	5-2	3-4	3-4	2-4	3-2	4-0	3-1	26-22

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dan LeFevour	188	1267	145	1122	19	6.0
Justin Hoskins	115	693	29	664	10	5.8
Ontario Sneed	119	514	28	486	6	4.1
Marcel Archer	30	123	9	114	0	3.8
Carl Volny	29	108	8	100	0	3.4
Antonio Brown	10	88	14	74	1	7.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Dan LeFevour	543	355	65.4	3652	27	13
Brian Brunner	12	5	41.7	54	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bryan Anderson	90	1132	12.6	10	49	
Antonio Brown	102	1003	9.8	6	76	
Duane Brooks	30	325	10.8	2	26	
Justin Gardner	33	305	9.2	1	43	
Ontario Sneed	22	212	9.6	0	45	
Justin Hoskins	22	171	7.8	2	28	
Kito Poblah	14	137	9.8	3	30	
Taylor Bradley	10	112	11.2	1	27	
Joe Bockheim	7	82	11.7	1	23	
JJ Watt	8	77	9.6	0	21	
Jean Pitts	10	75	7.5	0	12	

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Tony Mikulec	66	2519	38.2	13	32.9(t)	1	18

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Andrew Aguila	60-64	6-7	1-2	1-3	1-2	9-14	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Red Keith	148	0	7	6	2
Ike Brown	106	2.5	8.5	0	0
Nick Bellore	102	1	6	1	2
Chaz West	90	0	3.5	4	3
Eric Fraser	80	0	1	5	1
Frank Zombo	62	7.5	3	0	1
Josh Gordy	56	0	1	5	4
Casey Droscha	52	2	9	1	0
Steven Friend	49	1	5	0	0
Kirkston Edwards	43	0	1	1	0
EJ McLaughlin	42	0	1	1	1
Larry Knight	41	5	2.5	2	0
Calvin Hissong	37	0	1	0	1
Tommy Mama	35	0	0.5	1	1
Matt Berning	31	0	3.5	0	0
Curtis Cutts	29	0	0	2	0
Tim Brazzel	19	0	1	2	0
Sam Williams	19	2	0	0	0
Bobby Seay	18	0	0	0	0
Victor Doman	16	0	0	0	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Brown	13	142	10.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Brown	40	1048	26.2	1
Duane Brooks	14	211	15.1	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
90	California		+14	San Jose St	24-48
94	Las Vegas		+5	UNLV	24-52
06	Motor City		-8	Middle Tennessee	31-14
07	Motor City		+7'	Purdue	48-51

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Central Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 1-3

CENTRAL MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	34.8	24	180	4.9	267	64.8	12.9	+6	2007	7	36.9	25	157	4.0	304	65.4	12.5
7	29.7	19	129	4.3	246	62.6	12.6	+7	2006	6	22.3	20	127	3.5	215	62.1	15.3
6*	23.6	21	159	4.0	260	60.8	17.7	+5	2005	6	23.6	21	114	3.2	281	57.5	16.7
8	23.6	20	170	4.2	226	55.7	16.7	-4	2004	9	34.4	22	170	3.9	261	60.4	12.6
7*	23.1	21	196	4.3	175	55.1	16.1	-4	2003	4	35.7	26	246	5.2	256	64.5	14.1
8*	22.3	20	206	4.4	166	51.9	16.7	+3	2002	8	32.0	21	140	3.6	264	63.4	12.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

CM ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	TURN
46,815	at Kansas	17	28-114	4.1	20-38	180	2	28	43-230	5.3	26-35	308	1	-1
22,031	Toledo	28	42-218	5.2	22-32	244	0	21	36-101	2.8	26-42	381	2	+1
60,038	at Purdue	23	33-101	3.1	35-56	364	2	30	37-223	6.0	29-40	360	1	+2
16,522	N Dakota St	22	26-91	3.5	28-48	220	3	25	45-175	3.9	25-31	261	0	-3
18,465	N Illinois	21	38-177	4.7	19-28	204	2	28	39-203	5.2	24-49	318	1	+5
9,617	at Ball St	32	45-298	6.6	30-38	360	0	20	39-141	3.6	18-38	228	2	0
21,013	Army	20	36-177	4.9	30-39	251	0	22	38-114	3.0	24-35	283	2	+6
81,000	at Clemson	15	24-76	3.2	21-37	216	0	35	61-341	5.6	23-27	315	1	-3
6,439	at Kent St	32	51-221	4.3	33-43	359	0	23	40-136	3.4	18-28	247	5	-1
16,952	at W Michigan	22	43-149	3.5	23-38	235	3	21	35-107	3.1	27-37	311	2	-1
15,822	E Michigan	25	25-231	9.2	26-37	246	1	27	49-214	4.4	26-36	227	0	-1
15,573	at Akron	27	40-257	6.4	33-54	382	1	19	32-113	3.5	23-38	210	4	-1
25,013	† Miami, Oh	23	44-267	6.1	24-34	185	2	19	25-52	2.1	29-50	254	1	0
60,624	† Purdue	22	44-143	3.3	17-35	292	6	28	27-41	1.5	35-54	546	2	+3
TOTALS		329	519-2520	4.9	361-557	3738	22	346	546-2191	4.0	353-540	4249	24	+6
AVERAGES		23.5	37-180	4.9	26-40	267	1.6	24.7	39-157	4.0	25-39	304	1.7	0.4

2003 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Michigan - #4	+33	7-45
-	New Hampshire	NL	40-33
-	E Kentucky	NL	42-41
-	at Ball St	+5'	14-27
-	at Bowling Green	+28'	3-23
-	N Illinois - #16	+17'	24-40
-	Toledo	+14'	13-31
-	at UCF	+7	13-31
-	E Michigan	-7'	38-10
-	Akron	+7	28-40
-	at W Michigan	+9	21-44
-	at Navy	+20	34-63

2004 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Indiana	+10'	10-41
-	at Michigan St	+25	7-24
-	SE Missouri St	NL	44-27
-	Kent St	+1	24-21
-	Bowling Green	+15	14-38
-	at N Illinois	+19'	10-42
-	at Toledo	+24	22-27
-	W Michigan	-7'	24-21 OT
-	† E Michigan	-1	58-61 4OT
-	at Buffalo	-5	6-36
-	Ball St	-3'	41-40

2005 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Indiana	+7	13-20
-	at Miami, Oh	+22	38-37
-	at Penn St	+22	3-40
-	E Michigan	-5'	20-23 OT
-	at Akron	+11	31-17
-	at Army	-2'	14-10
-	Ohio	-6'	37-10
-	Toledo	+7'	21-17
-	N Illinois	+2	28-31
-	at W Michigan	+3	24-31
-	at Ball St	-4	31-24 OT

2006 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	Boston College	+11	24-31
-	at Michigan - #10	+28	17-41
-	Akron	+1	24-21
-	at E Michigan	-4'	24-17 OT
-	at Kentucky	+9	36-45
-	at Toledo	+2'	42-20
-	Ball St	-10	18-7
-	Bowling Green	-7	31-14
-	at Temple	-20	42-26
-	W Michigan	-6	31-7
-	at N Illinois	-4	10-31
-	at Buffalo	-14'	55-28
-	† Ohio	-3	31-10

2007 RESULTS

CM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
-	at Kansas	+7'	7-52
-	Toledo	-3	52-31
-	at Purdue	+21'	22-45
-	North Dakota St	NL	14-44
-	N Illinois	-3	35-10
-	at Ball St	+13	58-38
-	Army	-14	47-23
-	at Clemson	+16'	14-70
-	at Kent St	-3	41-32
-	at W Michigan	-3	34-31
-	E Michigan	-14	45-48
-	at Akron	-3'	35-32
-	† Miami, Oh	-3	35-10

WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - In '05, Ryan Cubit (HC son) began as the starter but was injured and true frosh Tim Hiller started the final 5. Hiller would have been #1 in the NCAA in pass eff (178.85) had he played enough games. He threw for 1,334 yards (64.9%) with an outstanding 20-3 ratio and was the MAC Frosh of the Year. With Cubit back in 2006, Hiller was able to RS (knee inj '05 finale). Cubit threw for 2,138 (61.4%) with a 16-13 ratio. Last year Hiller (PS#89) battled Thomas Peregrin (PS#47JC) and rFr Drew Burdi (PS#255). All 3 QB's saw the field in gm 2 vs Indiana, but after an 0-2 start, Bill Cubit chose Hiller. Statistically, Hiller had a fine season becoming the first soph in WM history to top 3,000 passing yds with 3,021 (63.4%) but just a 20-15 ratio. He showed improvement in the final 3 as he threw for 318 ypg (367 vs Iowa) with a 6-2 ratio (63.6%). Cubit was still frustrated with some of the decision making and likes what Burdi's mobility can bring to the offense. Burdi was hampered by a sprained ankle (only played 2). This year they must only replace Peregrin (5 gm, 158 yds pass) but add rFr Robert Arnheim (PS#90), Dennis Reedy (6'3" 200 Sr, PS#316) and Alex Jagels (6'3" 210 So). I look for improved play from the WM QB's in '08.

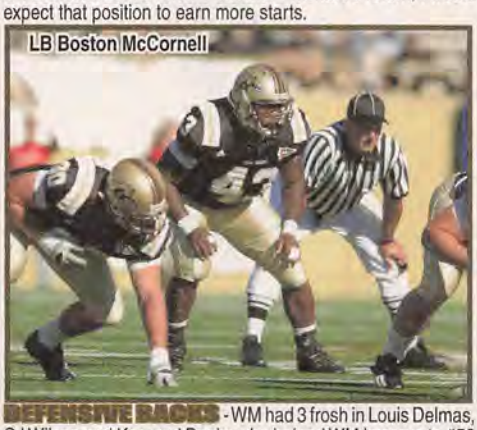
RUNNING BACKS - The Broncos had five 1,000 yard rushers from 1997-'02 but the team avg'd just 81 ypg rushing in '03 (2.8) and 100 (3.0) in '04 to end that streak. Mark Bonds was the #2 rusher in '04 with 225 (3.4) and was the first true frosh RB to play here since 1997. Trovon Riley led in '04 with 691 (4.0). He was susp the first 2 of '05 but led the team with 1,004 (4.6). Bonds finished with 456 (4.5) in '05 and was in and out of the doghouse in '06 but still ended with 1,082 (4.3). Brandon West (PS#349), who was the speed back, added 633 (4.8). Last year Glenis Thompson led in gm 1, West in gm 2, Bonds the next five, West the next four then Bonds had 105 in the finale. West's best game came vs Ball St with 171 and Bonds had 143 vs Toledo. West led overall with 848 (4.6) and was also #2 in rec (45, 8.1) and Bonds added 690 rush (4.4). Thompson, a bowling ball-type power back added 127 (3.5). This year they lose Bonds and FB Nic Saad (1 rec). Adding depth are Kirk Elsworth (6'0" 225 Sr, PS#279), who has 89 yards in 3 years, Bobby Crawford (5'7" 191 So) and Jaron Deshazor (5'8" 190 rFr). True frosh Aaron Winchester (2,023 rush, 29 TD HS LY) has been compared to NFL's Brian Westbrook for his combination of power and speed and could make a big impact. This group should produce their third 1,000 yard rusher in the last four years.

RECEIVERS - In 2006, WM had some huge losses in WR Greg Jennings and TE Tony Scheffler (both #2DC's). Jamarko Simmons (PS#102) is a big, physical, explosive player but had an injury-plagued 2005 with just 11 rec. In 2006, Simmons had just 31 rec after 10 but Cubit called him a changed man and he had 30 rec in the final 3. Cubit also called the group the best blocking WR's he'd been around. Last year the unit returned intact and Simmons led with 980 (11.7). Much was expected of JUCO Herb Martin (PS#182JC) and after having 365 (12.2) in '06, he added 465 (11.1) last year. WM has produced some great TE's including TE Coach Jake Moreland who had been tied with Scheffler for the all-time TE TD record (13). Branden Ledbetter has already broken that record (14) in just 2 years as a starter and had 550 (14.5). The talk of 2007's spring and through Aug was Schneider "Spida" Julien but surprisingly he had just 120 (9.2). This year they lose both Martins, Herb (10 st), Kelly (1 rec) and TE Keith Schultz (4st, 6 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE's Matt Stevens (6'4" 243 Jr, PS#226WR) who had 7 starts (5 rec) in 2 years, James O'Neill (6'5" 235 So), James Randall (6'4" 254 Jr) and Chad Baliko (6'3" 239 Jr). Despite the losses, the Simmons-Ledbetter combo could be just as outstanding as the Jennings-Scheffler combo. This is one of the top receiving corps in the MAC and I expect Julien to have more of an impact.

OFFENSIVE LINE - WM only had to replace one starter in 2006 and was #1 in the MAC in sacks allowed (17, 4.2%) but the ypc surprisingly slipped slightly to 3.7. Last year they had to replace their top OL (2nd Tm MAC) and one backup but did have six players back with starting experience. Cubit said of his frosh OL's, "They're the best looking group I've been around, at any school." Star C Robbie Krutilla did miss 3 with injury and RG Matt Williams (13 st '06) only started 4 LY. The unit had its lowest ypg rush in 3 years (130) as well as ypc (3.4) with 28 sacks allowed (6.1%). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC RT James Blair (12 st, 3Y st'r), 3rd Tm MAC C Krutilla (44 st 4Y), RG's Williams and Schyler Truesdell (7 st). Four OL's are back who started four or more LY and while not an overwhelming unit, it would not surprise me to see improved numbers.

DEFENSIVE LINE - WM had an experienced D-line in 2006 only having to replace three players who combined for 7 starts. They allowed just 76 ypg rush (2.6) while the D had 46 sacks. Last year they only had to replace two players who combined for 12 starts. Perhaps due to the loss of outstanding LB Ameer Ismail (17 sk), WM's sack total fell to 28 and surprisingly the rush defense slipped to 179 ypg (4.6). They have one of the most experienced D-lines as the entire 2 deep returns with a combined 108 career starts and 511 tackles. One of Cubit's priorities in the offseason was recruiting an edge rusher. While it is possible a true frosh could emerge at a rush DE spot, this unit figures to put up much better numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Broncos had to replace just the 3rd WM player to ever earn 2nd Tm AP AA honors here in Ameer Ismail (sch rec 17 sk) in '06. The only returning starter was Dustin Duclo who is a 5'11" former walk-on that has been highly productive. The top SLB spot was filled by Austin Pritchard (4 st true) who had 11 tackles in the opener vs WV but was lost for the season. The other LB spot was filled by JC transfer Boston McCornell who originally committed to LSU and was referred to by a writer as "The Incredible Hulk". This year the only losses are Cornelius Robinson (5 st, 12 tkl) and Garrett Sosnovich (24 tkl). They only started an SLB five times, using a 4-2-5 defense the other 7 but with Pritchard's return, I would expect that position to earn more starts.


LB Boston McCornell

DEFENSIVE BACKS - WM had 3 frosh in Louis Delmas, CJ Wilson and Kennard Banks who helped WM improve to #50 in my pass D rankings in '05. Banks was susp'd in '06 and SS Antwain Allen (#1 tkl'r '05) tore his ACL so they had 2 starters back. Londen Fryar was 1st Tm MAC and WM led the entire NCAA in int (24) rising to #6. Last year the unit returned intact and perhaps due to a decreased pass rush, they dropped to #59. This year the group returns intact again. The four starters have 112 career starts, 25 int and 3 All-MAC selections combined.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Cubit inherited a group that finished #63 in my ST rankings in '04 and moved up to #56 in '05 but slipped to #77 in '06. Last year they had to replace their K and top PR (14.4). Cory Flom set a WM record as a soph in '06 with 4 blk's and is already the career leader here (5). WM struggled on kickoffs LY with Mike Jones producing just 5 TB on 56 KO. Spida Julien avg'd 8.1 on PR and Brandon West 25.9 on KR. Jim Laney tied the school record (Adam Anderson 2003) for punting avg in a season (43.9) and would have broken it (44.2 into gm 12) but had 2 punts from inside Temple territory. Jones was cruising along with a solid year but had 2 blocked FG's vs Iowa then a blocked FG and xp vs Temple. Walk-on Chris Kelly replaced him and hitting 1 of 2 FG's vs the Owls. Jones connected on 11 of 15 (only 1-1 from 40+). This year they must replace Jones as well as P Laney. Cubit signed true frosh John Potter whose HS coach said they had to move KO to the 25 if they wanted to get KR work in practice as he put most through the EZ! How Laney's replacement fares will determine if WM can move up even higher in my ST rankings (#38 LY).

COACHES - Bill Cubit is now in his 32nd year of coaching. He was a HC at Widener where he compiled a 34-18-1 record. He's previously been the OC at Stanford, Rutgers, Missouri and here ('97-'99 when his team avg'd 30.4 ppg and was 22-12). He is a solid HC and brings a great deal of discipline to the program. Last year he took over the OC duties himself as his OC left for Minnesota. Cubit has had to replace his DC in each of the last two years and the new DC is Steve Morrison (LB & DL coach the last 3Y).

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1990, WM has had just 6 losing seasons, unfortunately four of them came from 2001-2004. Gary Darnell established WM as a MAC power from 1997-2000. They finished #27 in the final polls in 2000 (3 shutouts) and led the MAC West for 24 straight weeks until they fell out of first in 2001. In 2004, with just 11 starters back, a new QB and a tough schedule, the season was even worse than expected (1-10) as they were outgained by a MAC worst 152.1 ypg. That 2004 squad was -13 in turnovers (pg 312). They returned 13 starters in '05 and I said they would have the most improved record of any team in the MAC and could actually flirt with a winning season. Only 30 players stayed to workout over the summer of 2004 but 70 were on hand in '05 under new HC Cubit. After opening 0-2 and trailing Div IAA S Illinois by 11 they ended their 12 game losing streak. QB Cubit was injured early but Hiller came off the bench and earned MAC Frosh of the Year. WM won the Michigan MAC Championship knocking off both EM and CM. In the season finale vs NI with a possible bowl berth on the line, they lost Hiller (inj) and the game. Despite a 7-4 record, they were not invited to a bowl and became the first MAC team to lose 8 conf games one year and win 5 the next. Cubit was named MAC Coach of the Year. They only had 21 upperclassmen and had 35 frosh play in '05 (most in NCAA) and set a Div IA record with 17 frosh starting. WM was outgained by 91.3 ypg in conf play. In 2006, they had to replace a 1,000 yard rusher and NFL DC's at WR and TE. QB Hiller also missed the season. WM's offensive production dropped from 32.2 ppg to 23.0. The key was a defense that returned 8 starters and went from allowing 31.1 ppg down to just 19.9 (275 ypg). WM upset Virginia on the road and nearly upset Florida St. They made their 1st bowl since 1988 and had their first back-to-back winning seasons since 1999-2000 finishing 8-5. They outgained MAC foes by a league best 63.8 ypg. Last year WM did have 16 returning starters but did not catch a lot of breaks. They had to face 4 BCS foes in Indiana, WV, Iowa and Missouri (2 finished top 6). After opening 1-3 they got their first win in the Glass Bowl S/'88. They suffered an unbelievable loss to Akron. They led 38-33 and had the ball with :15 left but took an intentional safety then allowed an 89 yd KR TD. MAC officials later apologized for 2 penalties that were not called. Ball St got a 1 yd TD run with 1:07 left to pull out a win. Six TO's did them in vs EM. A key in their loss to CM was the fact that WR Simmons was wrongfully ejected in the 1Q. Still, CM needed a TD with :12 left to pull out the win. WM finished strong knocking off Iowa on the road then dominating Temple with a 438-146 yd edge. While WM was 3-4 in the MAC, they outgained MAC foes by 42.4 ypg and did have 24 starts lost due to injury. I will call for a winning season and just their 2nd bowl since 1988.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BROWN — 2006 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BROWN — DEFENSE

QB 3 TIM HILLER JR. 6-5 228 PS#89. 5 st true, 1334 (65%) 20-3 ratio. RS '06, 12 st LY, 3021 (64%) 20-15. **18 Drew Burdi** (6'1" 198 So). **12 Robert Arnheim** (6'2" 180 rFr) **PS#90.**

RB 2 BRANDON WEST JR. 5-10 188 4 st true, 633 (4.8), 615 KR yd. 10 st LY, 848 (4.6), 45 rec, 906 KR yd. **22** Glenis Thompson (5'8" 210 Jr) 1 st, 212 (3.6) 2Y. Jamie Simpson PS#143.

WR 11 SCHNEIDER "Spida" JULIEN SR. 5-10 175 **PS#46JC.** 8 st last year. 120 (9.2) 8.1 PR, 17.0 KR. **81** Juan Nunez (6'0" 172 So) 2 st true, 169 (16.9). **20** Caleb Clark (6'2" 212 Jr) PS#382QB.

WR 83 Jordan White So. 6-2 206 ACL inj as true. 9 gm, 217 (11.4) rFr. **5** Deshon Lawrence (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#426. **35** Nick Davis (6'0" 168 So). Scott Hinds (6'3" 190 Fr).

WR 27 JAMARKO SIMMONS SR. 6-2 234 PS#102. 12 st '06. 668 (11.0) 12 st LY. **1st Tm MAC** LY. 980 (11.7). **4** Jamelle Murray (5'8" 167 So) PS#326. 3 rec rFr. Jeff Zipfel PS#129TE.

TE 82 BRANDEN LEDBETTER SR. 6-5 230 PS#124WR. 9 st '06, **2ndTm MAC**, 423 (11.4). 8 st LY, 550 (14.5). **88** Anthony Middleton (6'4" 215 So) PS#106. 2 st, 189 (12.6) as true.

C 63 Paul Wasikowski Jr. 6-3 291 10 gm rFr. 5 st LY (3C, 1LT, 1RG). **60** Nick Mitchell (6'1" 290 So) PS#462. 3 gm rFr. **LS 69** Tom Harrington (6'0" 223 Jr) 3rd year at LS.

RG 61 Nick Clemens So. 6-5 307 PS#206. 11 gm, 95 pl rFr. **79** Jonathan Jack (6'6" 340 rFr) 375 bench. Knee inj as true. Sam Jaeger (6'5" 321 Fr) is PS#299.

LG 65 PHILLIP SWANSON SO. 6-4 307 PS#234. 12 st LG rFr, 908 pl. **77** Matt Lochmann (6'4" 299 Jr) 2nd string last 2Y, 3 games in 3Y. **73** Josh Droppers (6'3" 295 rFr). PS#520.

RT 67 ROB JOHNSON SR. 6-5 338 4 st rFr, 305 pl. 10 st LT, 555 pl '06. 4 st LT LY (first 2, 2 of L3) 331 pl. **76** Steve Ellingsen (6'4" 307 Sr) PS#198. 3 st true, 203 pl. 3 st RT '06, 311 pl. 7 gm LY, 46 pl.

LT 72 Anthony Parker rFr. 6-5 305 PS#280. 1 gm, 15 pl LY but still RS. **56 Andy Laue** (6'4" 295 Jr) PS#111. 10 st 2Y, 527 pl LY. **58** Lee Pethan (6'4" 285 rFr). PS#363.

K 66 Chris Kelly Jr. 5-10 210 Hit 2 of 3 FG LY. John Potter PS#41. 3 KO through uprights in HS. 11-13 FG, long 50 HS. Caleb Morris (6'0" 210 So). Brooks Bunbury (5'8" 188 So).

DE 90 ZACH DAVIDSON SR. 6-2 239 PS#147. 5 st rFr. 13 st '06, 47 tkl, 8 sk. 11 st LY, 51 tkl, 6.5 sk. **48** Justin Braska (6'4" 234 Jr) 33 tkl, 4 sk 2Y. **16** Anthony Williams (6'3" 230 So).

DT 99 NICK VARCADIPANE SR. 6-2 285 PS#220. 11 st, 50 tkl, 5.5 sk rFr. 13 st, 51 tkl, 9 tfl '06. 8 st LY, 31 tkl. **91** Grant Nemeth (6'2" 270 Sr) PS#179LB. 2 st, 13 tkl L2Y. **95** Chris Pyant (6'3" 269 So).

NG 68 CODY CIELENSKI JR. 6-2 280 PS#118. 3 tkl rFr. 6 st '07, 31 tkl, 3.5 sk. **98 Cory Flom** (6'4" 276 Sr) 25 st, 3Y, 71 tkl, 11 tfl. **93** John Russell (6'3" 269 Sr) 11 tkl, 12 gms 3Y.

DE 54 GREG MARSHALL SR. 6-1 245 34 tkl, 2 tfl LB true. 2 st, 13 tkl '06. 12 st DE LY, 40 tkl, 6.5 sk. **80** Fernand Kashama (6'3" 221 Sr) 11 tkl, 19 gms 3Y. Kyle Lackner PS#149LB.

WLB 43 BOSTON McCORNELL SR. 6-1 233 PS#187JC. 12 st LY, #1 tkl'r 99, 2.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. **51** Harrison Porter (6'0" 220 So) PS#182. 22 tkl, 9 gms true. **40** Matt Murphy (6'1" 218 So).

MLB 59 DUSTIN DUCLO SR. 5-11 225 11 st rFr, 58 tkl. 13 st '06, 53 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **WM Def POY.** 12 st LY, 74 tkl, 7 tfl. **53** Matt Pickens (6'0" 215 So) 4 tkl LY. **45** Shaun Vernon (5'11" 220 rFr).

SLB 35 Austin Pritchard Jr. 6-4 233 4 st true. 54 tkl, 3.5 sk. 27 tkl, 4 tfl '06. 11 tkl in 1 gm LY until inj. **29** Scott Gajos (6'0" 223 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkl, 2Y. **41** Dan Krasinski (6'0" 212 Jr).

HB 1 EJ BIGGERS SR. 6-0 180 PS#223. 3 st true, 27 tkl, 4 pbu. 12 st '06, 31 tkl, 4 int, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 41 tkl, 7 pbu. **25** David Lewis (5'10" 170 So) 1 tkl true. Keith Dixson (6'1" 185 rFr).

CB 6 LONDEN FRYAR SR. 5-11 192 **1st Tm MAC '06 & '07!** 52 tkl, 5 int, 5 pbu '06. 11 st, 63 tkl, 1 int, **16 pbu** '07. **46** Desman Stephen (6'0" 190 Sr) 4 st, 16 tkl 2Y. **31** Nick Hunter (6'1" 210 rFr).

SS 26 CJ WILSON SR. 6-2 206 11 st FS rFr, 47 tkl. 13 st SS '06, 62 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. 10 st LY, 66 tkl, 1 int. Jamail Berry PS#277JC. **33** Mario Armstrong (6'0" 188 So) 1 st, 20 tkl true.

FS 9 LOUIS DELMAS SR. 6-0 196 7 st true, 82 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu. 11 st FS '06, 53 tkl, 4 int. 9 st LY, 64 tkl, **2nd Tm MAC. 15** Andy Dorcely (6'0" 194 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y. **30** Dervon Wallace (6'0" 180 rFr).

P 37 Ben Armer rFr. 5-10 201 PS#61. Avg 41.3 in HS and could be 4 year P here.

57 Tim Balice (5'11" 195 So) #2 punter in spg. **26** Caleb Morris is a Maryland transfer.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2006

WR	Doug Wiggins 5-11 197 PS#34DB '07
DB	Jamail Berry 6-0 190 PS#277JC
OL	Kevin Galeher 6-5 295 PS#187
RB	Jamie Simpson 6-1 237 PS#143
DL	Kyle Lackner 6-3 230 PS#149LB
DB	Josh Price 6-0 195 PS#196
LB	Mitch Zajac 6-1 220 PS#181
QB	Alex Carder 6-2 205 PS#148
OL	Sam Jaeger 6-5 321 PS#299
RB	Aaron Winchester 5-9 190 PS#300DB
DB	Ravelle Sadler 5-10 175 PS#307
DL	Weston Peiffer 6-4 245 PS#276LB
K	John Potter 6-2 195 PS#41
DL	Drew Nowak 6-4 250 PS#330
DL	Waymon Ross 6-1 225 PS#309LB
TE	Blake Hammond 6-5 236 PS#117
DL	Deauntay Legrier 6-1 240 PS#408
WR	Seth Patterson 6-3 185 PS#320
LB	Lawrence Henning 6-2 205 PS#368
OL	Alexander Starkey 6-4 280 PS#434
DL	Ryan Byrne 6-0 275 PS#421
DB	Kelly Dawsey 6-0 177 PS#423
WR	Jeff Zipfel 6-6 215 PS#129TE
DL	Freddie Bishop 6-4 247 PS#438
DL	Chris Prom 6-4 220 PS#464

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BILL CUBIT (Career 20-16) (Div III 34-18-1)
4th Year at W MICHIGAN — Cubit's Bowl Record: 0-1

Cubit's records AT W MICHIGAN

20-16	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
11-5	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
8-10	Away	2-7	Vs BCS Teams
1-1	Neutral	2-2	Off A Bye
14-9	Vs Conference	8-6	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 10

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 34 (14,19,1)
Lost: 15 (9,4,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 19,494 (#93)

MAC - WEST DIVISION

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#106

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WM	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Nebraska	A					
Sep. 6	Northern Illinois	A					
Sep. 13	at Idaho	A					
Sep. 20	Tennessee Tech	A					
Sep. 27	at Temple	G					
Oct. 4	Ohio (HC)	A					
Oct. 11	at Buffalo	A					
Oct. 18	at Central Michigan	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	Eastern Michigan	A					
Nov. 8	† Illinois (Detroit)	A					
Nov. 15	Toledo	A					
Nov. 25	at Ball St (Tues)	A					
Nov. 29							

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Tim Lester 11,299 '96-'99
2. Brad Tayles 8,717 '89-'92
3. Jay McDonagh 6,148 '93-'95

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Robert Sanford 4,219 '97-'00
2. Jerome Persell 4,190 '76-'78
3. Shawn Faulkner 3,341 '80-'83

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Steve Neal 3,599 '97-'00
2. Greg Jennings 3,539 '02-'05
3. Corey Alston 2,456 '97-'00

First meeting as WM is 1-3 all-time vs current Big XII tms (only W in '94 vs ISU). W Michigan is 2-22 S/'84 in road openers (have been outscored by 33 ppg L4Y).

WM is 22-11 all-time vs NIU. The 30 pts combined the L2Y are series lows since 1982 (1st gm in 1950). WM is 15-3 since 1990 in their Kalamazoo opener.

First trip to the Kibbie Dome & 2nd overall meeting w/Idaho (won in 1972, 27-16). Broncos are 3-3 all-time vs current WAC opp's & haven't played one since 1990.

WM is 12-3 since '97 in non-conf home games. First meeting vs the Golden Eagles who were 4-7 LY as Ohio Valley Conf members including a 35-3 loss to Auburn.

The Broncos are 6-0 vs Temple including 1-0 in Philadelphia. Last year they held the Owls to a ssn low 146 total yds & outgained them by 292 yds.

WM is 19-7 vs Ohio since 1976 but they've dropped 4 of the last 6 meetings. This will mark the Broncos 84th Homecoming game & under Cubit they are 2-1.

In the last meeting in 2005, WM QB Hiller tossed his 1st TD pass of his career in his debut on only his 2nd attempt. WM is 3-0 vs Buffalo (all by 10+ pts).

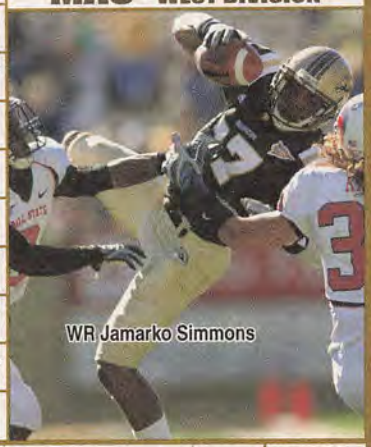
These tms played in the 1st ever Nationally televised gm at Waldo Stadium LY (espn2). Western Michigan is 1-14-1 visiting Mt Pleasant with the win coming in 2002.

These 2 are separated by 110 miles on I-94. WM is 13-3 the last 16 gms vs EM. In their last visit to Eastern Michigan, WM scored 15 4Q pts to pull out the win.

WM is 5-26 all-time vs current Big Ten tms being outscored by an avg of 28-14. WM is 0-2 vs UI being outscored 90-41. This gm will be at Ford Field (home of NFL's Lions).

WM is 4-15 the L/19 gms vs UT & snapped a 9 gm losing streak at the Glass Bowl LY. The Broncos are 22-5 since 1981 in their home finales including 3 straight wins.

W Michigan is 6-11 the last 10 years in November road games. After 4 straight wins from '97-'00, WM is just 2-5 vs BSU but did win in their last trip to Muncie ('06).


WR Jamarko Simmons

STADIUM: WALDO STADIUM (30,200) (#104)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	9-3	5-6	4-8	5-7	1-10	7-4	8-5	5-7	44-50
Home	5-0	4-1	2-4	3-3	1-4	4-1	5-0	2-4	26-17
Away	4-3	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	2-3	3-4	3-3	17-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	7-2	4-4	3-5	4-4	0-8	5-3	6-2	3-4	32-32
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	1-2	2-1	2-3	2-3	12-18
ATS	9-2	3-7	4-7	5-6	3-7	5-5	8-5	3-7-1	40-46-1
Home Fav (Gary Darnell)	3-0	2-2	0-1	2-0	0-1	2-2 (Bill Cubit)	1-2	1-1	11-9
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-0	2-0	0-1-1	3-11-1
Away Fav	2-2	0-2	2-1	2-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-2	7-9
Away Dog	3-0	1-3	2-1	1-3	3-2	2-2	3-2	2-2	17-15
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	7-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	2-6	4-4	4-4	2-4-1	29-34-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	0-2	1-2	1-2	1-1	1-1	4-1	1-3	11-12
Off SU Win	6-2	2-3	0-3	2-3	0-1	3-4	4-4	2-2	19-22
Off SU Loss	2-0	1-4	4-4	2-3	3-6	1-1	4-0	1-4-1	18-22-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Brandon West	183	910	62	848	4	4.6
Mark Bonds	157	703	13	690	8	4.4
Glenis Thompson	36	130	3	127	1	3.5
Thomas Peregrin	7	9	17	-8	0	-1.1
Drew Burdi	3	0	11	-11	0	-3.7
Tim Hiller	50	89	158	-69	2	-1.4
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Tim Hiller	421	267	63.4	3021	20	15
Thomas Peregrin	33	18	54.5	158	1	2
Drew Burdi	3	2	66.7	18	1	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jamarko Simmons	84	980	11.7	6	52	
Branden Ledbetter	38	550	14.5	6	65	
Herb Martin	42	465	11.1	2	48	
Brandon West	45	365	8.1	2	41	
Jordan White	19	217	11.4	1	50	
Anthony Middleton	15	189	12.6	3	35	
Juan Nunez	10	169	16.9	1	77	
Schneider Julien	13	120	9.2	0	38	
Mark Bonds	9	47	5.2	0	14	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jim Laney	62	2720	43.9	6	36.3(t)	0	15
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Mike Jones	31-36	6-7	4-7	1-1	0-0	11-15	45
Chris Kelly	1-1	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-0	2-3	33

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Boston McCornell	99	2.5	5.5	2	1
Anthony Gebhart	84	0	6	3	2
Dustin Duclo	74	1	6	2	0
CJ Wilson	66	0	3	8	1
Louis Delmas	64	1	2	2	1
Londen Fryar	63	0	2.5	16	1
Zach Davidson	51	6.5	6	0	0
EJ Biggers	41	0	1	7	1
Greg Marshall	40	6.5	4.5	1	0
Cody Cielenski	31	3.5	2.5	2	0
Nick Varcadipane	31	1.5	2	2	0
Cory Flom	25	0.5	3.5	2	0
Garrett Sosnovich	24	0	0.5	2	0
Harrison Porter	22	0	0	0	0
Mario Armstrong	20	0	0	0	1
Justin Braska	19	2	2	0	0
Cornelius Robinson	12	0	0	0	0
Mark Berghuis	11	0.5	2	0	0
Fernand Kashama	11	1	0	0	0
Austin Pritchard	11	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Schneider Julien	22	179	8.1	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Brandon West	35	906	25.9	1	
Louis Delmas	7	162	23.1	0	

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
61	Aviation	NL	New Mexico	12-28
88	California	NL	Fresno St	30-35
06	International	+7	Cincinnati	24-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
W Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 0-3

W MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	26.9	21	130	3.4	268	62.9	14.8	-5	2007	8	28.9	19	179	4.6	220	51.8	13.8
6*	23.0	17	135	3.7	185	61.8	13.9	+12	2006	8	19.9	15	76	2.6	199	59.2	13.8
8*	32.2	21	146	3.8	247	63.1	12.2	+6	2005	5	31.1	24	147	3.7	303	62.1	14.5
4	22.5	20	100	3.0	265	60.1	16.2	-13	2004	7	39.6	24	215	5.3	265	60.9	12.1
5*	27.6	18	81	2.8	308	60.4	14.1	-4	2003	3	30.8	23	180	4.0	245	62.5	13.8
4	25.3	18	107	3.3	256	52.2	14.4	-14	2002	6	27.5	18	151	3.8	180	53.9	12.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

WM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
60,563	at W Virginia	18	32-32	1.0	26-43	245	3	25	45-316	7.0	13-22	226	1	-1
32,129	Indiana	19	30-30	1.0	29-54	354	8	22	53-221	4.2	20-40	221	1	-4
53,480	at Missouri	22	38-132	3.5	30-43	240	2	32	36-272	7.6	30-51	347	2	-1
15,718	C Conn St	23	36-184	5.1	24-34	205	0	15	55-196	3.6	3-8	27	3	+4
18,542	at Toledo	30	58-261	4.5	21-29	229	0	16	36-224	6.2	9-23	158	1	0
25,610	Akron	27	44-116	2.6	27-40	375	2	22	31-112	3.6	23-41	389	2	+1
23,057	at N Illinois	18	48-170	3.5	20-29	226	3	12	33-130	3.9	14-26	203	1	0
17,892	Ball St	21	44-196	4.5	21-38	237	4	19	24-72	3.0	25-48	358	2	-3
7,002	at E Michigan	13	23-53	2.3	13-27	146	3	21	52-255	4.9	15-28	137	2	-5
16,952	C Michigan	21	35-107	3.1	27-37	311	2	22	43-149	3.5	23-38	235	3	+1
70,585	at Iowa	22	35-122	3.5	26-45	367	0	19	32-148	4.6	20-38	249	4	+3
8,662	Temple	19	40-162	4.1	24-39	276	1	6	27-54	2.0	6-25	92	6	0
TOTALS		253	463-1565	3.4	288-458	3211	28	231	467-2149	4.6	201-388	2642	28	-5
AVERAGES		21.1	39-130	3.4	24-38	268	2.3	19.3	39-179	4.6	17-32	220	2.3	-0.4

2003 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Michigan St	+13'	21-26
–	William & Mary	NL	56-24
–	Virginia	+7	16-59
–	at Ohio	-2	39-32
–	at E Michigan	-14	31-3
–	Bowling Green	+9	21-32
–	at N Illinois - #12	+11	10-37
–	Marshall	+8'	21-41
–	at Connecticut	+13	27-41
–	Ball St	-2'	28-20
–	C Michigan	-9	44-21
–	at Toledo	+11'	17-34

2004 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tenn-Martin	NL	42-0
–	at Virginia Tech	+25	0-63
–	at Illinois	+8'	27-30
–	at Ball St	-3'	14-41
–	Toledo	+14	33-59
–	E Michigan	-3'	31-35
–	N Illinois	+19'	38-59
–	at C Michigan	+7'	21-24 OT
–	at Bowling Green	+30'	0-52
–	Miami, Oh	+20	21-42
–	at Marshall	+27	21-31

2005 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Virginia - #25	+34	19-31
–	at Toledo	+22	23-56
–	S Illinois	NL	34-28
–	at Temple	-3'	19-16
–	Buffalo	-10'	31-21
–	Ball St	-11'	57-60 SOT
–	at Bowling Green	+25	45-14
–	Kent St	-7'	44-14
–	† E Michigan	-3	44-36
–	C Michigan	-3	31-24
–	at N Illinois	+10	7-42

2006 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Indiana	+6'	20-39
–	Toledo	+10'	31-10
–	at Virginia	+10	17-10
–	Temple	-30	41-7
–	at Ohio	-4	20-27
–	N Illinois	+3	16-14
–	at Ball St	-3'	41-27
–	E Michigan	-15'	18-15
–	Miami, Oh	-13'	27-24
–	at C Michigan	+6	7-31
–	at Florida St	+17'	20-28
–	at Akron	+2'	17-0

2007 RESULTS

WM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at West Virginia- #3	+24	24-62
–	Indiana	E	27-37
–	at Missouri	+20'	24-52
–	C Conn St	NL	51-14
–	at Toledo	+1'	42-28
–	Akron	-8'	38-39
–	at N Illinois	-4'	17-13
–	Ball St	+1	23-27
–	at E Michigan	-4'	2-19
–	C Michigan	+3	31-34
–	at Iowa	+14	28-19
–	Temple	-11'	16-3

BALL ST CARDINALS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

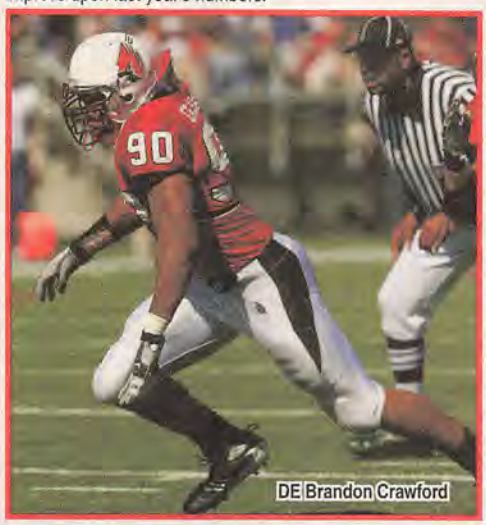
QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Joey Lynch threw 18 TD passes setting a school record. In 2006 he led the MAC in pass eff after 4 games but the switch was made to frosh phenom Nate Davis (PS#35), who has a cannon for an arm. Lynch finished the year with 1,137 (64.6%) and a 9-3 ratio while Davis threw for 1,975 (61.2%) with an 18-8 ratio. Davis is an excellent passer and set Ball St single season records for passing att's, comp, TD's and yards and in 2007 threw for 3,667 (56.5%) with an outstanding 30-6 ratio. His brother, Jose, holds Kent St's career record for TD passes (57). Davis does not like to run but is still a threat as he had 378 on year with a team high 64 vs Illinois. Davis had five 300+ passing games and returns for his junior season after guiding the team to a bowl. Backup Tanner Justice (6'3" 196 Jr) had just 4 att. This year's backup could be soph Perci Garner (6'1" 222 So, PS#66). While it will be tough for Davis to improve much upon last year's numbers, he should have another excellent season.

RUNNING BACKS - Ball St had an inexperienced RB corps in 2006 and diminutive (5'6") MiQuale Lewis (PS#194) emerged as the top man. Lewis was leading with 280 yards (5.8) when he dislocated his shoulder in game 6 at the end of a 54 yard run. Larry Bostic took over and led with 545 but with just a 3.7 ypc. Last year Hoke signed outstanding true frosh Frank Edmonds (PS#74). Lewis started the first 4 last year and rushed for 447 (4.9) but once again was lost for the year with an ACL injury vs Nebraska. Edmonds started 3 and led with 531 (3.8) but was limited due to injuries in the 2H of the year. Koreen Burch moved from CB after Lewis' injury and had 208 (3.8) getting his first start vs W Kentucky (22) but was lost for the year (shoulder inj) vs Toledo. Chris Clancy (PS#121) was at LB in the spring but started 2 rushing for 299 (6.4). He was also injured and Ray Winkler took the majority of the snaps in the 4Q vs N Illinois gaining 23 yards on 9 carries. Not listed in the PSL are Winkler (5'9" 182 So, PS#168), Jacolby Bond (6'0" 221 Jr, PS#188), Daryll Stott (5'10" 215 So) and this year's true frosh. The great news for Ball St is that all of 2007's key players are back as almost all of them were underclassmen making this a much deeper, more experienced group that can only have better health than last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2005, Ball St had to replace their career leading receiver, Dante Ridgeway, who left early for the NFL (#6DC). HS QB turned WR Dante Love was not only a dangerous returnman but also lined up at QB and RB and had 19 rec (9.7). Their top WR was Terry Moss (420, 11.7). Everyone returned in '06 but Love and TE Darius Hill emerged. Hill led the team in the first 6 but was double teamed often in the 2H of the year. He still finished #1 in yards with 741 (17.6) and 10 TD's. Love had 735 (14.1) while Moss was #3 with 685 (25.4). They only had to replace Moss last year and had two 100 yard receivers (Love and Louis Johnson) in the same game for just the 2nd time in 13 years vs WM. They later accomplished that again vs N Illinois. Love, despite starting just 11, led the MAC with 1,398 (14.0) which was only one yard shy of tying the school's single-season record while Hill had 926 (14.2) with 11 TD's. Love set the MAC record for all-purp yds in a season (2,690) breaking CM's Brian Pruitt's 1994 record (2,294). Johnson avg'd a nifty 24.8 on his 17 rec. The great news this year is that almost everyone returns with the only losses being Dan Dunford (3 st, 11 rec) and Will Bryant (2 st, 2 rec). Ball St has the MAC's top receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In HC Brady Hoke's first year (2003) the O-line was small (268 lb avg). Two years later they were plagued by suspensions and injuries allowing a MAC high 43 sacks (2.9 ypc). Three soph and 1 frosh played in '06 and they avg just 92 ypg rush (3.0) but did trim the sack total to 28 (7.5%). Last year they only had to replace one starter and I called the unit the best of the Hoke era. The unit allowed just 10 sacks in the first 8 and trimmed the % to 5.4 (26) despite allowing 10 more in the final 2. They paved the way for a Hoke-era best 149 ypg rush (4.1). RT Robert Brewster earned 1st Tm MAC honors. This year they lose LT/LG John Purdy (8 st) and C/G Dustin Brown (1 st) but 8 of the top 10 return and their 129 career starts returning are the 2nd most in IA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Ball St has struggled on the D-line and in 2006 they had six of their top 8 back but still allowed 4.9 ypc rush with the team having just 21 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters and surprisingly yielded a Hoke-era high 204 ypg rush (5.0) while the D had just 22 sacks. This year they lose DE Cortlan Booker (13 st, 59 tkl, 12 tfl), DT Jacob Jordan (8 st, 18 tkl, 3 tfl) and NT Amara Koroma (5 st, 24 tkl, 3 tfl) who was a ten game starter in 2006. Five players return with starting experience and not listed in the 3 deep below is Jason Jankowski (6'2" 262 So). It's not an overwhelming group but they can only improve upon last year's numbers.


DE Brandon Crawford

LINEBACKERS - Coach Hoke has not had a lot of luck with this unit. In 2006 their top LB, Brad Seiss, suffered an ACL injury in May and missed half the season and Bryant Haines (#1 tkl'r '05) missed four starts with injury. Last year they appeared to have two starters back including #1 returning tackler Wendell Brown. Unfortunately Brown suffered a torn pectoral tendon lifting weights and missed the year. Haines led in tackles (2nd Tm MAC) finishing with 125. This year they lose MLB Mike Dorulla (#2 tkl'r, 13 st) and Alex Moore (19 tkl). Not in the PSL is Bill Huntsinger (6'0" 210 So) who was an RB LY (51 ttl yd). Not only does Ball St have 4 of the top 6 returning, they also get Brown back so it's like having 3 full-time starters back. Provided another major injury does not crop up, this figures to be a much improved group.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Between 2002 and 2005 BSU finished #106, #102, dead last and #109. With two starters back in 2006 they only moved up to #104 in my pass D rankings. Last year they to replace one starter and moved up to #95 with a respectable 21-19 ratio. This year they lose FS Eddie Burk (11 st, 57 tkl, 1 int), SS Chris Allen (first 4 st, 26 tkl), FS Marcus McClure (2 st, 32 tkl) and SS Warren Suess (2 tkl). They have three experienced CB's as Trey Buice started 4 (3 at NB) and has 16 career starts while CB's Trey Lewis started 12 and BJ Hill started all 13 last year. Hill was in his first year at CB LY after starting 2 years at TB and earned 2nd Tm MAC honors. Not listed in the PSL are Koreen Burch (5'9" 162 So) who had 3 starts at HB as a true frosh (255 ttl yd) and moves to DB and CB Jakeem Gregory (5'9" 170 So, PS#156). The Cardinals should have their best finish in my pass D rankings in the Hoke era.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Ball St was a horrible #116 in my ST rankings in 2004 but thanks to the emergence of P Chris Miller (42.9 avg), dangerous returnmen PR BJ Hill (11.1) and KR Dante Love (24.8), they moved up to #65 in '05. Everyone returned in '06 and they moved up to #28 despite Hill's PR avg slipping to 5.8 and Love only avg 16.6 on KR (Terry Moss, 24.0). K Brian Jackson hit a super 17 of 19 FG's with a long of 52 but both he and Moss had to be replaced in '07. As expected, Love returned to form on KR (22.9) and Hill on PR (9.7). Chris Miller was #3 in the NCAA in punt avg (45.4) but just #29 in net punting (36.9). FG's were a problem with Jake Hogue hitting 11 of 19 including just 3 of 10 from 30+ and was replaced late in the year by true frosh Ian McGarvey (PS#50) who hit 7 of 9 (long 47). The great news is this year everyone returns, so the Cardinals should have no problem improving upon their #50 finish and in fact, look like a Top 20 ST contender.

COACHES - Hoke lettered here from 1977 to 1980. He was the Michigan DL coach for the six years (1997-'02) prior to coming back in 2003 and now enters his 6th year. Stan Parrish, who was the QB coach here in 2005, became the new OC in 2006. He was the OC at Michigan from 2000-'01. DC Mark Smith (6th yr) was Indiana St's DC in '01 and '02. In Feb Hoke signed a new deal with a salary of $240K, an increase of $75K from 2007.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The Cardinals have won 5 outright MAC Titles since joining the league in 1975 (1976, '78, '89, '93 and '96). The 2002 (6-6) team had their first non-losing season since 1996 but all six losses were to quality foes. They brought in new HC Hoke in 2003. He had 44 returning lettermen to work with and they opened 4-4 including 3-1 in the MAC but then went just 2-13 through 2004. Hoke's first game was played in front of 23,549 under portable lights but the FHG of '04 was in front of just 5,309 (lowest S/'93). In 2005, they suffered some big personnel losses and only had 4 home games but surprisingly Hoke engineered a solid 4-7 season. I like Hoke because he's a disciplinarian and wants a physical, tough team. Just 38 players stayed on campus in the 2003 offseason and he improved that to 78 in 2005. That squad also went through numerous suspensions and was shorthanded in many games. The 2005 team had just 9 seniors so BSU returned a MAC high 18 starters in '06. They had 5 MAC wins in a season for the first time since 1996 and only lost to 3 Big 10 teams by a combined 19 points. They won at Toledo for the first time since 1991. Their offense set many single season records including most yards passing. Last year they renovated Scheumann Stadium and added FieldTurf which cuts down on injuries. One of my sets of power ratings called Ball St the best team in the MAC and 4 of the 8 had them in the top 5. The Cardinals lived up to the power ratings as they went 5-2 and outgained MAC foes by 53.3 ypg (4th best). In the opener vs Miami they gave up a TD with :17 left and lost by 1. The next week they dominated EM on the road then upset Navy in OT. Ball St outplayed Nebraska and should have won but had a dropped TD and missed a FG and came up a point short. The worst game of the year was at home vs CM in which they were surprisingly dominated. Ball St got a TD with 1:07 left to beat WM and led Illinois 10-7 in the 3Q. After losing to Indiana they were 5-5 and trailed Toledo 20-13 late 2Q but rallied for the win. In the regular season finale, NI had 18 of their top 44 players out for the year and Ball St won by 6. They needed Miami to lose the MAC Title game for them to get to a bowl and their wishes came true. It was their first bowl in 11 years and Hoke felt they were a year ahead of schedule. In the bowl, they were whipped by a powerful Rutgers team. BSU was +17 in TO's last year and is now an amazing 9-2 in their last 11 MAC road games. Ball St has 18 returning starters and 2 of my 8 sets of power ratings call them the best team in the MAC overall. They have my #2 offense in the MAC and a much stronger defense. This is Hoke's best squad yet and they should improve upon LY's 7 win total making them a prime contender in the MAC West.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 13 NATE DAVIS JR. 6-2 217 **PS#35.** 7 st true, 1975 (61%) 18-8 ratio. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 3667 (56%) 30-6. Perci Garner (6'1" 222 So) PS#66. Tanner Justice (6'3" 196 Jr).
HB 33 MiQUALE LEWIS JR. 5-6 184 PS#194. 4 st 2Y (inj miss 15). 727 (5.2), 16 rec. **2 Frank Edmonds** (5'8" 181 So) PS#74. 3 st true, 531 (3.8) 13 rec. Chris Clancy (6'2" 231 Sr).
TE 82 MADARIS GRANT JR. 6-5 222 2 st rFr, 1 rec. 11 st LY, 12 rec. **89** Kevin Steinhaus (6'3" 238 rFr) PS#92. **47** Brendan Choy (6'4" 247 rFr) PS#156. Jake Basker (6'2" 217 So) PS#176.
WR 86 DANTE LOVE SR. 5-10 179 **1st Tm MAC LY.** #1 MAC 1398 (14.0). 20 st 3Y, 2318 (13.6) 1862 KR yd. **87** Myles Trempe (6'4" 202 So) 1 st, 4 rec. Wade Overton (6'3" 200 Sr).
WR 81 LOUIS JOHNSON SR. 6-1 195 PS#269. 13 st 3Y. 1162 (16.4). **4 Daniel Ifft** (6'3" 181 So) PS#104. 3 st, 12 gm true, 83 (9.2). **80** Joe Everett (6'0" 170 So) 155 (17.2) rFr.
TE 88 DARIUS HILL SR. 6-6 236 3 st, 11 rec '05. 7 st '06, 741 (17.6). 12 st LY, 926 (14.2), **1st Tm MAC**, John Mackey Candidate. Drew Sharick (6'6" 230 rFr) PS#78.
C 52 DAN GERBERRY SR. 6-3 292 PS#480. 11 st C rFr. 12 st C '06. 13 st C '07. **57** Ben Jacoby (6'2" 263 rFr). **LS 53** Cody Muhlenkamp (5'11" 203 So) 13 games as rFr.
RG 51 KYLE CORNWELL SR. 6-4 272 PS#150TE. 2 st TE, 1 rec true. First 4 st RG '06. 10 st RG LY. **66** Kreg Hunter (6'3" 284 rFr) PS#144. **69** Chad Davis (6'3" 263 Jr) PS#389DL.
LG 74 MICHAEL SWITZER SO. 6-5 277 PS#515. **13 st LG true! 73** Lance Helton (6'5" 296 So) PS#202. 2 gm rFr. **76** Rayondon Kennedy (6'2" 259 rFr) PS#451DL. Blaine Schafer PS#406.
RT 71 ROBERT BREWSTER SR. 6-5 310 PS#201. 11 st true. 12 st RT '06. 13 st RT LY, **1st Tm MAC**. **67** Travis Arnold (6'8" 284 So) PS#529. **70** Jordan Applegate (6'5" 301 Jr).
LT 79 ANDRE RAMSEY SR. 6-5 304 PS#236. 9 st LT true, miss 2 w/inj. 12 st LT '06. 7 st LT LY (inj). **58** Adam Cole (6'6" 278 Sr) PS#202. 14 gm 3Y. Austin Holtz is PS#200.
K 26 IAN McGARVEY SO. 5-9 210 PS#50. 7 of 9 FG as true, long 47. Jake Hogue (5'9" 195 So) 11-19 FG rFr, long 45. Steven Schott PS#27. Chris Reinking (5'11" 209 So).

DE 90 BRANDON CRAWFORD JR. 6-3 260 12 tkl, 2 sk true. 13 st '07, **3rd Tm MAC**, 60 tkl, **8 sk**, 9 tfl. **97** Jermaine Houston (6'4" 241 Sr) PS#423JC. **36** Pete Rolf (6'4" 246 rFr) PS#137LB.
NT 95 RENE PERRY SO. 5-11 271 PS#291, 3 st true, 12 tkl. **92** Jafe Pitcock (6'2" 262 rFr) PS#166. **98 Troy Davis** (5'11" 256 So) first 6 st '07, 22 tkl, 2 sk. **54** Jerrod Gray (6'3" 253 rFr).
DT 65 Drew Duffin Jr. 6-3 255 16 tkl, 5 tfl rFr. 32 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **56** Gonzalo Barinaga (6'2" 256 Sr) PS#364LB. 4 st LY, 10 tkl, 3 tfl. **64** Kaylon Woods (6'2" 254 So) PS#275.
DE 85 Justin Woodard So. 6-3 222 PS#317LB. 6 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **81** Robert Eddins (6'3" 224 So) PS#278LB. 1 st, 4 tkl rFr. **38** John Buckingham (6'1" 221 So). Andrew Puthoff (6'3" 254 rFr).
WLB 49 BRYANT HAINES SR. 6-5 223 11 st rFr, 2nd Tm Fr AA, 83 tkl, 7 tfl. 6 st '06, 49 tkl, 8 tfl. 13 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 125 tkl, 9 tfl. Lorren Womack (6'0" 221 rFr). Sam Woodworth 14 tkl LY.
MLB 11 Wendell Brown Sr. 6-0 214 PS#219. 6 st true, 62 tkl. 10 st '05, 52 tkl. 12 st '06, 83 tkl. RS LY. **42** Davyd Jones (6'1" 200 So) PS#315. 23 tkl true. Spain Cosby (5'11" 212 Jr) 28 tkl 2Y.
SLB 99 KENNY MEEKS SR. 6-2 230 7 tkl '05-'06. 7 st LY, 39 tkl, 4 sk. **59** Antonio Beasley (6'0" 219 Sr), 10 tkl 3Y. Ryan Hartke (6'4" 200 rFr). **George Tabron PS#88 '07,** in for spg.
CB 12 TREY LEWIS SR. 6-0 190 11 st FS '05, 74 tkl, 3 int. 11 st at CB '06, 66 tkl, 10 pbu. 12 st LY, 59 tkl, **5 int**, 6 pbu. **8 Trey Buice** (5'10" 175 Sr) **16 st 3Y.** 121 tkl, 7 pbu, 8 tfl.
CB 3 BJ HILL SR. 5-7 180 3 st TB '05, 802 all-purp yds. 2 st TB '06, 528 yd. **2nd Tm MAC** LY, 12 st CB, 77 tkl, 5 int. **20** Brandon Carnegie (5'11" 183 So) 10 tkl true.
SS 38 ALEX KNIPP JR. 6-0 194 PS#219RB. 4 st true, 33 tkl, 2 int. 10 st LY, 82 tkl, 4 int, **3rd Tm MAC**. **25** Sean Baker (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#202. **9** Kyle Kuntz (5'10" 193 Jr) 3 tkl LY.
FS 6 Derrick Henry So. 6-1 189 PS#194. 19 tkl, 1 pbu true. **31** Dane Cook (6'0" 186 So). **4** Tad Kilburn (6'0" 182 So). **4** Zac Jordan (5'10" 196 rFr). Reid Scheidt (6'2" 195 So).
P 35 CHRIS MILLER SR. 6-2 211 **PS#14. 1st Tm MAC '05 - '07.** Frosh AA, 42.9 avg rFr. 46.3 avg in '06 and **net of 38.2!** 61 punts (45.4) '07, net 36.9. Scott Kovanda PS#51.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	George Tabron 6-3 235 PS#88 '07
QB	Kelly Page 6-3 210 PS#82
OL	Austin Holtz 6-5 290 PS#200
WR	Briggs Orsbon 6-0 185 PS#158
WR	Torieal Gibson 5-9 165 PS#238DB
K	Steven Schott 6-1 165 PS#27
OL	Cameron Lowry 6-6 255 PS#273
DB	Kyle Hoke 5-11 190 PS#294
RB	Rashaad White 5-9 205 PS#262
RB	James Cravens 5-11 210 PS#287
DB	Joshua Smith 6-2 190 PS#351
OL	Blaine Schafer 6-6 299 PS#406
LB	Robert Martin 6-2 230 PS#345
K	Scott Kovanda 6-3 190 PS#51
OL	Steve Yoder 6-3 300 PS#457
DL	Adam Morris 6-0 305 PS#444
DL	Dan Manick 6-4 265 PS#450
DL	Jeff Barker 6-5 215 PS#140TE
WR	Jeremy Hill 6-2 175 PS#360
WR	Andre Dawson 6-0 172 PS#360
DB	Joshua Howard 6-1 190 PS#456
RB	Cory Sykes 5-7 155 PS#391

BALL ST CARDINALS

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Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	Northeastern (Thur)	A					
Sep. 5	Navy (Fri)	A					
Sep. 13	at Akron	A					
Sep. 20	at Indiana	A					
Sep. 27	Kent St (HC)	A					
Oct. 4	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 11	at Western Kentucky	A					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	E Michigan	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 5	N Illinois (Wed)	A					
Nov. 11	at Miami, Oh (Tues)	A					
Nov. 19	at C Michigan (Wed)	A					
Nov. 25	W Michigan (Tues)	A					

Ball St is 2-10 the L12Y in season openers as their wins are vs EM & Indiana St.
The Huskies went 3-8 LY as CAA members but their schedule was ranked #17 in FCS play.

Ball St is 4-23 in their last 27 games vs FBS non-conference opponents.
BSU is 2-0 all-time vs Navy including last yr when they combined for 1,124 yds.

The Cardinals are 1-11 since 1996 in road openers with the avg loss by 27 ppg.
The visitor is 1-5 since 1994 in this series & BSU's last win in Akron was in 1993.

Last year the Cardinals outFD'd the Hoosiers 22-19 & trailed 24-17 in the 3Q.
Ball St is 0-19 all-time vs current Big Ten Conf members (avg loss by 21 ppg).

This will be Ball St's 82nd HC game as they are 50-29-2 all-time.
BSU has won 13 of L/14 meetings & in the last game in 2006 lead 27-0 after 3Q.

Brady Hoke was an asst coach from 1987-'88 at Toledo.
BSU won at UT in '06 snapping a 5 game losing streak when visiting the Rockets.

LY was the 1st time these schools have played S/'29 & BSU was outgained 411-363.
Hilltoppers will be full-time SBC members in '09 after 2 transitional seasons in '07 & '08.

BSU is 5-2 S/'01 after a bye wk during the reg ssn & have won 6 of 8 in this series.
In '06, QB Davis made his college debut going 7-8 (88%) for 108 yds w/a 3-0 ratio vs EM.

NI is BSU's oldest league rival & TY will begin to play for "The Bronze Stalk Trophy".
The Cardinals & Huskies have averaged 63 ppg the last 7 years in this series.

Cardinals are 5-13 since 1998 in November road games. BSU outgained MU 338-296,
won the TO battle 2-0, but lost LY as the RedHawks scored in the final minute.

BSU is 13-7-1 vs CM since '87 but have dropped the L/4 gms (avg L by 10 ppg).
LY these 2 schools set Scheumann Stadium records with 96 ttl pts & 1,027 yds.

HC Brady Hoke was a DL/ST coach at W Michigan from 1984-'86.
Cardinals are 10-5 the last 15 years in home finales including 2 straight wins.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Mike Neu 6,271 '90-'93
2. Talmadge Hill 5,884 '00-'03
3. Nate Davis 5,642 '06-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Marcus Merriweather 4,002 '99-'02
2. Bernie Parmalee 3,483 '87-'90
3. LeAndre Moore 3,080 '95-'98

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Dante Ridgeway 3,030 '02-'04
2. Dante Love 2,318 '05-Present
3. Deon Chester 2,256 '84-'87

BRADY HOKE (Career 22-37)
6th Year at Ball St (Hoke's Bowl Record: 0-1)

Hoke's records AT BALL ST

22-37	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
11-15	Home	0-8	Vs Top 25
11-21	Away	0-16	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	3-3	Off A Bye
19-20	Vs Conference	14-19	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (17,20,4)
Lost: 14 (9,5,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,085 (#116)

MAC - WEST DIVISION

WR Dante Love

STADIUM: SCHEUMANN STADIUM (22,500) (#117)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	5-6	5-6	6-6	4-8	2-9	4-7	5-7	7-6	38-55
Home	2-3	2-3	4-1	3-3	2-3	1-3	2-4	3-2	19-22
Away	3-3	3-3	2-5	1-5	0-6	3-4	3-3	4-3	19-32
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	4-4	3-5	2-6	4-4	5-3	5-2	31-30
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	2-2	1-3	0-3	0-3	0-4	2-4	7-25
ATS	5-5	5-5	7-4	4-7	5-6	6-4-1	8-3	7-5	47-39-1
Home Fav (BJ Lynch)	2-0	0-2	2-0	1-0	1-1	0-0	2-0	2-2	10-5
Home Dog (Brady Hoke)	0-2	1-1	1-1	1-3	3-0	3-1	1-2	0-0	10-10
Away Fav	0-2	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-1	4-5
Away Dog	3-1	3-1	4-3	2-3	1-5	3-3-1	4-1	3-1	23-18-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
vs Conf	3-4	4-3	5-3	3-5	4-4	6-2	5-3	4-3	34-27
vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	2-1	1-2	1-2	0-2-1	3-0	3-2	13-12-1
Off SU Win	1-3	1-3	4-2	0-4	1-1	3-1	3-1	4-3	17-18
Off SU Loss	3-2	4-1	3-1	4-3	3-5	3-2-1	4-2	3-1	27-17-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Frank Edmonds	140	552	21	531	6	3.8
MiQuale Lewis	92	465	18	447	2	4.9
Chris Clancy	47	309	10	299	2	6.4
Nate Davis	78	378	143	235	5	3.0
Koreen Burch	55	219	11	208	1	3.8
Dante Love	35	203	11	192	1	5.5
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Nate Davis	478	270	56.5	3667	30	6
Tanner Justice	4	3	75.0	37	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Dante Love	100	1398	14.0	10	58	
Darius Hill	65	926	14.2	11	32	
Louis Johnson	17	422	24.8	3	53	
Joe Everett	9	155	17.2	2	34	
MiQuale Lewis	11	154	14.0	1	77	
Dan Dunford	11	128	11.6	0	45	
Madaris Grant	12	119	9.9	1	21	
Frank Edmonds	13	106	8.2	0	19	
Daniel Ifft	9	83	9.2	1	17	
Chris Clancy	8	60	7.5	0	16	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Chris Miller	61	2772	45.4	6	36.9	1	23
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jake Hogue	33-34	8-9	0-3	3-6	0-1	11-19	45
Ian McGarvey	16-17	4-4	1-3	2-2	0-0	7-9	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Bryant Haines	125	1	8	2	1
Mike Dorulla	97	0	2	4	1
Alex Knipp	82	0	2	2	4
BJ Hill	77	0	6	3	5
Trey Buice	64	2	2	0	1
Brandon Crawford	60	8	9	2	1
Cortlan Booker	59	3	9	1	0
Trey Lewis	59	1	1	6	5
Eddie Burk	57	0	0	0	1
Kenny Meeks	39	4	2	4	0
Drew Duffin	32	0	3	0	0
Marcus McClure	32	0	2	2	0
Chris Allen	26	0	0	0	0
Amara Koroma	24	0	3	0	0
Davyd Jones	23	0	0	0	0
Troy Davis	22	2	2	0	0
Alex Moore	19	0	1	0	0
Derrick Henry	19	0	0	1	0
Jacob Jordan	18	0	3	0	0
Sam Woodworth	14	1	0	0	0
Rene Perry	12	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
BJ Hill	23	223	9.7	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Dante Love	48	1100	22.9	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
89	California	NL	Fresno St	6-27
93	Las Vegas	+2	Utah St	33-42
96	Las Vegas	+6'	Nevada	15-18
07	International	+10'	Rutgers	30-52

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Ball St's All-Time Bowl Record 0-4

BALL ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	31.5	22	149	4.1	285	56.5	13.8	+17	2007	6	28.3	21	204	5.0	228	63.5	15.3
10*	27.2	17	92	3.0	259	62.2	12.9	+1	2006	8	25.8	21	176	4.9	258	63.7	16.8
5*	21.2	17	110	2.9	189	61.2	14.1	+3	2005	8	37.8	23	202	5.0	257	63.3	12.1
8	20.5	19	114	3.0	209	57.3	15.8	+5	2004	4	36.8	23	197	4.8	261	66.0	12.4
5*	21.8	18	115	3.3	228	58.3	15.7	-5	2003	7	32.2	21	198	4.6	190	62.6	12.0
8*	23.2	20	159	3.8	179	57.2	14.6	-5	2002	5	27.8	21	170	4.6	236	63.1	14.6

2007 STATS BY GAME

BSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
15,488	Miami, Oh	17	34-140	4.1	19-36	198	1	16	38-178	4.7	14-24	118	3	+2
5,794	at E Michigan	24	42-153	3.6	19-39	306	2	11	28-107	3.8	16-26	155	0	+1
32,087	at Navy	27	42-262	6.2	19-33	277	0	27	65-521	8.0	4-8	64	1	+1
84,394	at Nebraska	27	36-188	5.2	26-43	422	1	25	36-114	3.2	29-37	438	3	+1
14,333	Buffalo	28	48-274	5.7	21-29	233	1	11	27-83	3.1	14-19	136	1	+2
9,617	C Michigan	20	39-141	3.6	18-38	228	2	32	45-298	6.6	30-38	360	0	0
15,824	W Kentucky	19	29-75	2.6	21-31	288	1	23	54-222	4.1	22-33	189	2	0
17,892	at W Michigan	19	24-72	3.0	25-48	358	2	21	44-196	4.5	21-38	237	4	+3
55,578	at Illinois	19	38-170	4.5	16-33	167	4	22	52-324	6.2	7-15	145	1	+2
34,406	at Indiana	22	32-67	2.1	27-49	345	2	19	31-108	3.5	22-35	354	1	+1
10,162	Toledo	20	41-181	4.4	14-20	265	0	26	39-214	5.5	20-34	203	0	+2
8,237	at N Illinois	19	31-44	1.4	23-35	326	4	17	28-(-1)	0.0	25-45	262	5	+2
31,455	† Rutgers	27	31-169	5.5	25-49	291	6	25	41-292	7.1	16-26	303	1	0
TOTALS		288	467-1936	4.1	273-483	3704	26	275	528-2656	5.0	240-378	2964	22	+17
AVERAGES		22.2	36-149	4.1	21-37	285	2.0	21.2	41-204	5.0	19-29	228	1.7	1.3

2003 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Indiana St	NL	31-7
-	Missouri	+14	7-35
-	at Pittsburgh - #11	+30'	21-42
-	C Michigan	-5'	27-14
-	at Boston College	+22	29-53
-	at Kent St	+2'	34-17
-	Miami, Oh	+16	3-49
-	Toledo	+12	38-14
-	at N Illinois - #22	+15'	23-48
-	at W Michigan	+2'	20-28
-	at E Michigan	-10	14-38
-	Bowling Green - #22	+14'	14-41

2004 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Boston College	+17	11-19
-	at Purdue - #25	+30'	7-59
-	at Missouri	+25'	0-48
-	W Michigan	+3'	41-14
-	at Toledo	+16	14-52
-	E Michigan	-7	24-31
-	at Bowling Green	+29	13-51
-	at Akron	+10	23-35
-	N Illinois	+20	31-38 OT
-	UCF	-3'	21-17
-	at C Michigan	+3'	40-41

2005 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Iowa - #11	+42	0-56
-	Bowling Green	+28'	31-40
-	at Auburn	+36'	3-63
-	at Boston College - #21	+38	0-38
-	at W Michigan	+11'	60-57 5OT
-	Toledo	+22	14-34
-	at Ohio	+7	21-38
-	at N Illinois	+29	31-17
-	Akron	+3	23-17
-	at E Michigan	+6	26-25
-	C Michigan	+4	24-31 OT

2006 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	E Michigan	-5	38-20
-	Indiana	+3'	23-24
-	at Purdue	+17	28-38
-	North Dakota St	NL	24-29
-	N Illinois	+6'	28-40
-	at Buffalo	-3'	55-25
-	at C Michigan	+10	7-18
-	W Michigan	+3'	27-41
-	at Miami, Oh	+5	20-17
-	at Michigan - #2	+34	26-34
-	at Toledo	+4	20-17
-	Kent St	-3	30-6

2007 RESULTS

BSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Miami, Oh	-5	13-14
-	at E Michigan	-3'	38-16
-	at Navy	+7	34-31 OT
-	at Nebraska - #24	+23	40-41
-	Buffalo	-13'	49-14
-	Central Michigan	-13	38-58
-	W Kentucky	NL	35-12
-	at W Michigan	-1	27-23
-	at Illinois	+13'	17-28
-	at Indiana	+7	20-38
-	Toledo	-6	41-20
-	at N Illinois	-8	27-21

NORTHERN ILLINOIS HUSKIES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Dan Nicholson backed up Phil Horvath for two seasons. In 2005, Horvath was injured and Nicholson started the final three throwing for 831 (62.1%) with a 6-2 ratio. In 2006 Horvath was injured again and Nicholson started the final two throwing for 648 (52.2%) with a 5-6 ratio. Nicholson was the clear-cut starter last year and his backup was walk-on Ryan Morris (6'2" 199 Jr). It was revealed after the season that Nicholson played the entire year with a shoulder injury and had offseason surgery. Morris saw his first action vs CM and also played vs Temple when Nicholson was injured. Morris got his first start vs WM and hit 13 of 25 for 144. Nicholson returned but was injured vs Kent St and did not play in the final 2. In those two, Morris hit a combined 45 of 79 for 458 with a 4-2 ratio. Overall, the NI QB's hit 58.2% with a 14-19 ratio. This year both players return and added to the mix is Chandler Harnish (6'3" 211 rFr, PS#98) and DeMarcus Grady (6'1" 196 rFr, PS#100). This should be one of the most improved QB units in the country and it wouldn't surprise me to see one of the mobile rFr (Harnish or Grady) beat out Nicholson who missed spring recovering from surgery.

RB Justin Anderson

RUNNING BACKS - NI has had 3 players lead the NCAA in rushing in Mark Kellar ('73), LeShon Johnson ('93) and Garrett Wolfe ('06). NI has had nine straight years with a 1,000 yard rusher, the longest current streak in the NCAA! Last year the only experienced RB's were soph Justin Anderson (PS#54QB) who had 117 (4.7) and Jr Montell Clanton (PS#258) who had 102 (8.5). Anderson was my projected starter but Clanton started the first two leading with 49 vs Iowa and 91 vs S Illinois but then was lost for the season. Backup rFr Ricky Crider (5'9" 180, PS#209) broke his leg vs Wisky (7 carries). In Anderson's first 5 starts, he had 168, 167, 157, 163 and 132. He rushed for 1,245 (4.5) but injured his knee in the 1Q vs Ball St and did not return. David Bryant (5'10" 202 Jr), who had one start at LB in '06, had 110 vs Kent St and 37 vs Ball St, filling in for Anderson. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Alan Smith (5'10" 191 rFr, PS#149), Matt Schiffler (5'9" 199 Jr) and FB Anthony Antonacci (6'1" 250 Jr, PS#256DL). The FB will be used more in NI's new offense and in the spring they moved Illinois transfer Paul Blalock (PS#70QB) over from QB to man the spot. Everyone returns this year including Anderson (#2 rec w/45, 5.8) so NI should keep their streak of 1,000 yard rushers alive.

RECEIVERS - Former HC Joe Novak produced 4 NFL WR's and 3 TE's during his 12 years. Britt Davis (PS#85QB) set the school record for rec by a frosh (42) and a soph (57, 12.8). Last year the top 3 receivers returned as Marcus Perez had 406 yards (13.5) and Matt Simon added 314 (15.7) in '06. David Koronkiewicz won the starting TE job but was lost for the season after 2. Davis missed 3 with injury and his numbers dropped to 391 (11.8). Simon had four 100+ yard games including 205 vs CM. He led with 969 (18.6). Marcus Perez played in just 4 due to injury and had 89 (11.1). This year they lose TE Brandon Davis (7 st, 14 rec) but have everyone else back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Preston Williams (5'11" 173 Jr), Tyler Clasey (6'1" 189 So, PS#190), Ade Ajose (5'10" 177 Jr), Nathan Palmer (5'11" 175 rFr), Willie Clark (6'1" 192 rFr, PS#190) and TE Brett Erickson (6'4" 233 rFr). This should be an improved receiving corps and will likely maintain better health.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Novak had some outstanding O-lines during his tenure. From 2004 to 2006 their avg ypc was 5.1 and they allowed just 6.5% sacks in '06 despite having to replace 3 starters. Last year they only had to replace two starters but one was 1st Tm MAC LT Doug Free (#4DC DAL). Surprisingly the rushing numbers dipped to 136 ypg (3.8) although they allowed just 5.6% sacks. This year the Huskies lose LT Chris Acevedo (12 st, 2Y st'r) but have 9 of the top 10 back. After a rare down year, even with the coaching change, I look for solid improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 NI had two starters returning and allowed just 122 ypg rush (3.6) with 29 sacks. Last year they had to replace two starters. Their star DE Larry English tore his ACL in the '06 bowl game and wore a brace the first 3 last year. When he took it off vs Idaho, he was the Nagurski POW with 12 tackles and reset his own school record with 5 sacks. NG Adam Schroeder, a projected starter, was lost after 1 game and returning starting DT Craig Rusch was lost in Wk 3. English finished as the MAC's MVP (playing almost every defensive snap) but with inexperience in the other 3 DL spots, NI slipped to allowing 210 ypg rush and 4.7 ypc, their worst total since 1997. This year the only losses are DT Zack Holycross (5 tkl), Dan Keller (1 st, 5 tkl) who moves back to OL and Schroeder (0 tkl). Seven players return with starting experience and not listed in the PSL is Ron Newcomb (6'3" 241 rFr, PS#62TE). With English another year removed from his ACL injury, this should be one of the most improved DL's in the country.

LINEBACKERS - In 2006 NI only had to replace one starter and 8 of the top 9 were underclassmen. Last year 7 of the top 8 were back. Tim McCarthy had over 100 tackles in both 2005 and 2006 and started the first 2 last year (16 tkl) but was lost for the year. Soph Zach Larsen made his first start vs W Mich (13 tkl) and started the last 6. Returning starter Cory Hanson was injured after six starts. Not listed in the PSL are Connor Flahive (6'0" 240 So, PS#391), Mike Kritikos (6'2" 222 Jr), Nick Kamenjarin (6'0" 209 So), TJ Griffin (6'0" 227 Sr, PS#287RB), Pat Schiller (6'2" 218 rFr, PS#324), Kyle Wideman (6'1" 212 rFr), Kyle Skarb (6'0" 210 So, PS#325) and Dan Hilbert (6'2" 210 rFr, PS#404). This year the unit returns mainly intact with the only loss being 3rd stringer Saul Barro (2 tkl) and they have six players with 5 or more career starts.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 the Huskies were #34 in my pass D rankings. Six of the top 8 were back in '06 but surprisingly NI dropped to #112 with the DB's not getting an int until game 6. Last year they had to replace two starters. SS Alex Kube added 24 lbs of muscle and became the team's #1 tackler (111). The team had just 30 pbu in 2006 but had 21 after the first 5 games of '07. NI moved up to #91 allowing 59.6% with a 16-7 ratio. This year the only loss is S Mark Reiter (7 st, 65 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are John Kremer (5'11" 180 So, PS#444), Vincent Matthew (5'10" 182 Sr, PS#275WR), Tony Roby (5'8" 188 So), Ricardo Patton (6'2" 185 So), Matt Muckerheide (6'0" 183 So) and David Pratt (6'1" 200 Jr).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Novak produced four players who earned MAC ST POY 4 consecutive years and his units finished as high as #8 (2000) in my ST rankings. They finished #61 in 2006. Generally when a team is injury plagued, it affects the ST unit due to a lack of depth. The Huskies were clearly affected last year and dropped to #107 despite having all the key players back. P Andy Dittbenner did improve his avg from 37.9 to 43.5 (tm net 33.8) while K Chris Nendick had 16 TB on 52 KO. Nendick, who had hit 20 of 27 FG's (long 44) with two 50+ misses in 2006, hit 12 of 18 with a long of 47 last year. He even lost his holder at one point and missed 2 xp's vs Temple. Britt Davis and Marcus Perez were the top KR's in '06 but they were banged up in '07 and Evans Adonis was the top KR (18.8). PR Greg Turner avg'd just 8.2 (12.2 '06). This year they lose Nendick but with the squad being much deeper, I look for substantial improvement in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Novak got off to a slow start in his NI career but fortunately the AD showed patience and after just three total wins in his first 3 years, he improved with 5, 6, 6, 8, 10, 9, 7 and 7 wins the next 8. NI has been MAC West Co-Champs in 3 of the last 7. Last year NI was one of the most inexperienced teams in the country and also was perhaps the most injured team and Novak retired after a disappointing 2-10 finish. Jerry Kill steps into a great situation. Kill has been the S Illinois HC for the last 7 years and was the FCS Coach of the Year in 2007. He brings over both OC Matt Limegrover and DC Tracy Claeys who held those positions at SI from 2001-'07. Overall Kill brought 8 of his staffers to NI.

PHIL'S FORECAST

The 2002 NI squad came up just :41 short of beating Toledo which would have given them the outright MAC West Title. In 2003, NI was picked to win the MAC for the first time ever! They were 4-0 for the first time since 1965 and became the first MAC team to beat two BCS ranked teams in the same year (#15 Maryland, #21 Alabama). They opened 7-0 and were the first non-BCS team to crack the Top 10 in the BCS poll (#10). ESPN's College Gameday was on hand when #12 NI (first time ranked in AP poll) battled #23 BG in the first battle of MAC ranked teams since 1973 but BG prevailed and later NI gave up a 36 yard TD pass with :10 left for a stunning loss to Toledo. They still finished 10-2 but shockingly were not picked for a bowl. NI had 12 starters back in 2004 but Toledo ended their 11 game home win streak. NI did get to a bowl and knocked off Troy 34-21. BG coach Gregg Brandon said prior to 2004, "The loudest place that we've played in, in three years was N Illinois." He added, "It wasn't Ohio St, it wasn't Purdue." NI put up 411 yards vs Michigan in '05 and came up a 2 pt (missed) conv short of upsetting N'western on the road. They also lost to Akron in OT opening 1-3. They still got to their first MAC Title game and ended Toledo's 17 game home win streak. NI outgained MAC foes by 82.6 ypg (2nd best). It really shows how far the program has come along when I refer to 2006's 7-6 bowl season as a disappointment (preseason MAC fav). NI had 15 fifth year seniors (11 were starters) but were dominated by TCU in the Poinsettia Bowl. Novak went into last year 15-4 on the road in MAC play and his 41 wins over the previous 5 years were the most since 1962-'66 (42). Last year they were a very inexperienced team (just 3 senior starters) and then suffered an amazing rash of injuries. NI had been just 1 of 18 teams in IA ball to post winning records every season this decade. After a tough loss to Iowa they suffered an unbelievable loss to Jerry Kill's #10 S Illinois squad. They led 31-21 with 1:01 left but SI got 2 TD's including a 30 yd TD pass with :22 left. NI led EM 13-0 but had a 50 yd FG blocked at the end. After beating Idaho they had a 521-381 yd edge vs CM but were done in by 6 TO's. In their next game, Temple got a 39 yd FG with :09 left to beat them. They lost by 3 to WM then injuries began to take their toll as they were mauled the next two weeks before upsetting Kent St. After a close loss to Navy, they led Ball St early in their FHG but lost their star RB Anderson to injury and managed -1 yards rushing in the loss. Jerry Kill steps into a tremendous situation. NI was -17 in TO's, had 3 net close losses, had poor offensive and defensive ypp's last year (see pg 299) and were one of the top teams in the NCAA in starts lost. They also go from an inexperienced team with just 3 senior starters to a team with 21 starters returning with 20 seniors having starting experience. NI makes my most improved list which means I think they can get from a 2-10 record to bowl eligibility.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED

QB 19 DAN NICHOLSON SR. 6-2 192 PS#68. 14 st 3Y, 3112 pass (59%), 20-22 ratio. **12** Chandler Harnish (6'3" 211 rFr) PS#98. 2343 rush HS. DeMarcus Grady (6'1" 196 rFr) PS#100.

RB 21 JUSTIN ANDERSON JR. 5-11 222 PS#54QB. L/10 st LY, 1245 (4.5), 45 rec, **2nd Tm MAC. 20** Montell Clanton (5'9" 185 Sr) PS#258. 2 st LY (inj), 344 (5.8) 3Y. Chad Spann (5'10" 189 So).

WR 5 MARCUS PEREZ SR. 5-11 178 9 st '06, 406 (13.5). 2 st LY (inj), 8 rec. **17** Greg Turner (6'0" 190 Sr) PS#139DB. 1 st, 222 (10.6) LY. **FB Paul Blalock** (6'0" 222 Jr) **PS#70QB.** Ill trans.

WR 7 BRITT DAVIS SR. 6-3 205 PS#85QB. 9 st, 441 (10.5) rFr. 13 st, 731 (12.8) '06. 9 st LY (inj), 391 (11.8). **11** Marcus Lewis (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#165. 1 st, 110 (11.0) 2Y. Landon Cox (6'3" 203 So).

WR 85 MATT SIMON SR. 6-2 205 PS#243. 4 st '06, 314 (15.7). 11 st LY, 969 (18.6). **31** Tyler Knight (6'1" 190 So) PS#76QB. **13** Evans Adonis (6'0" 170 Sr) PS#182. 1 st, 5 rec 3Y.

TE 83 REED CUNNINGHAM JR. 6-4 250 4 st LY, 18 rec. **86 Bryan Beckner** (6'4" 255 So) PS#101. 7 st rFr, 1 rec. **91** David Koronkiewicz (6'3" 263 Sr) PS#91. 3 st, 15 rec 3Y. Brandon Beal 2 st LY.

C 50 EDDIE ADAMSKI JR. 6-2 282 PS#424. 12 st C as rFr, 43 kd. 12 st C last year. **61** Panan Tense (6'4" 294 So) PS#173. **LS 55** Nolan Owen (6'0" 215 So) 12 gm true.

RG 65 JASON ONYEBUAGU JR. 6-2 310 **PS#55.** 5 st true (1C, 4RG). 12 st RG LY, 1 rec. **78** Dan Keller (6'4" 300 Sr) 2nd string '05 & '06. DL LY. **76** Eli Alafogianis (6'4" 290 rFr).

LG 59 KEVIN SKATRUD JR. 6-6 330 PS#533. 8 gm rFr. Last 8 st LG LY. **77** Tim Mayerbock (6'4" 312 Jr) PS#333. 10 gm '06. First 4 st LG LY. **68** Keith Otis (6'4" 308 rFr) PS#353.

RT 60 JON BROST SR. 6-6 304 PS#284. 12 st rFr RT. 11 st '06 (7RT, 4RG). 12 st RT LY, **3rd Tm MAC. 74** Adam Kiel (6'6" 273 rFr) PS#218. Ohene Wiafe'Ababio (6'9" 340 So) PS#265.

LT 66 Tony Holmes Jr. 6-6 304 3 gm '06. 8 gm LY. **64** Jake Wertz (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#331. **71** Scott Wedige (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#240. **72** Joe Pawlak (6'5" 294 rFr). **62** Trevor Olson (6'6" 278 rFr).

K 11 Mike Salerno Jr. 6-0 165 Winona St in '06. **18** Andy Dittbenner (6'1" 194 Sr) Starting P last 3 years. WR & DB in HS. **43** Andrew Timmerman (6'1" 180 Fr).

DEFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED

DE 56 BRANDON BICE JR. 6-3 254 PS#345LB. 11 st LY, 38 tkl, 4 pbu. Ed Jackson (6'4" 278 So) 2 st, 7 tkl LY. Adam Coleman PS#164. Bristan Kelley (6'6" 244 Jr) 2Y st'r on NI basketball tm.

NG 69 ALEX KRUTSCH SR. 6-2 258 6 st DT '06 until injury, 13 tkl. 11 st LY, 44 tkl, 6.5 tfl. **98** DJ Pirkle (6'1" 295 So) PS#313. 3 st true, 13 tkl, 3 sk. John Hopkins (6'3" 274 So) PS#238.

DT 99 CRAIG RUSCH SR. 6-4 274 PS#225. 4 st rFr, 39 tkl, 5 sk. 7 st '06, 49 tkl, 6 sk. 8 tfl. 3 st LY, inj'd. **58** Mike Krause (6'3" 264 So) 4 st rFr, 13 tkl, 2 tfl. Jake Coffman (6'3" 240 So).

DE 51 LARRY ENGLISH SR. 6-3 254 **Vern Smith Awd (MAC MVP) '07.** 35 st 3Y, 196 tkl, 23.5 sk, 16.5 tfl, 2 pbu. **1st TM MAC '06 & '07. 45** Mike Lepper (6'2" 211 So) PS#233LB.

SLB 9 JOSH ALLEN SR. 5-11 211 PS#143QB. 5 st, 44 tkl '05-'06. 12 st LY, 89 tkl, 9 tfl. Phil Brown (5'11" 222 Jr) PS#156. 5 st 2Y, 89 tkl, 3 tfl. Darnell Bolding (6'2" 215 So) PS#205WR.

MLB 53 TIM McCARTHY SR. 6-0 232 PS#205. 6 st rFr, 101 tkl. 12 st '06, 111 tkl, 7 tfl. Inj LY, 2 gm. **57** Zach Larsen (6'0" 224 Jr) PS#175. L/6 st LY, 59 tkl, 2 sk. Pat McAvoy (6'0" 203 rFr) PS#365RB.

WLB 26 CORY HANSON JR. 6-1 209 12 st '06, 72 tkl, 3 tfl. 6 st LY, 55 tkl, 3 tfl. **42** John Tranchitella (6'2" 221 Jr) PS#241. 9 st LY, 58 tkl, 7 tfl. **47** Jason Cruikshank (6'3" 229 So) PS#316.

CB 36 CHASE CARTER SR. 5-11 170 PS#346JC. 12 st LY, 42 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. **30** James Jefferies (5'9" 180 So) PS#153WR. Tracy Wilson (5'11" 194 rFr). Boone Thorgesen (6'0" 184 rFr) PS#142QB.

CB 2 MELVIN RICE SR. 5-10 192 **PS#73.** 7 st '06, 47 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. 8 st LY, 61 tkl. **1** Anthony Mason (5'11" 185 Jr) 14 tkl LY. **33** Patrick George (5'11" 180 So) PS#230. 7 tkl true.

SS 37 ALEX KUBE SO. 6-1 203 PS#177. Add 24 lbs LY. 9 st rFr, #1 tkl'r, 111, 3 pbu. **32** Jeff Fontana (5'11" 195 Jr) 22 tkl 2Y. **38** Mike Sobol (6'0" 200 So) PS#237QB.

FS 24 BRADLEY PRUITT SR. 6-1 187 PS#338. 10 st, 49 tkl, 3 pbu '06. 11 st LY, 92 tkl, 4 tfl. **27** Spencer Williamson (6'2" 205 Jr) PS#525LB. 34 tkl LY. **39** Justin Stewart (6'1" 194 So) PS#292.

P 18 ANDY DITTBENNER SR. 6-1 194 PS#68. 41.0 avg HS. 54 punts true, 38.6 avg net 32.1. 55 punts, 37.9 '06, net 32.9. 59 punts LY, 43.5 avg. tm net of 33.8. Mike Salerno (6'0" 165 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Logan Pegram 6-3 298 PS#168
DL	Adam Coleman 6-3 259 PS#164
LB	Kevin Sabock 6-2 203 PS#160
RB	Meco Brown 5-7 185 PS#202
DL	Brian Lawson 6-3 260 PS#256
DB	Kiaree Daniels 5-10 195 PS#461JC
LB	Darnell Bolding 6-2 215 PS#461JC
QB	Brandon Rogers 6-2 210 PS#212
WR	Chase Mejia 5-8 170 PS#320
DL	Maurice Coon 6-1 238 PS#430
TE	Dan Edem 6-2 220 PS#132
WR	Tommy Davis 5-11 180 PS#391RB
DB	Jody Van Laanen 6-0 205 PS#456
DL	Jason Schepler 6-3 242 PS#464
DL	Bristan Kelley 6-6 244 PS#180TE

N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

DeKalb, Illinois
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Phil's Homefield Edge-4.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#87

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NI	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Minnesota	A					
Sep. 6	at Western Michigan	A					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	Indiana St	A					
Sep. 27	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Oct. 4	at Tennessee	G					
Oct. 11	Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 18	Toledo (HC)	A					
Oct. 25	Bowling Green	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 5	at Ball St (Wed)	A					
Nov. 12	C Michigan (Wed)	A					
Nov. 18	at Kent St (Tues)	A					
Nov. 25	Navy (Tues)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. George Bork 6,782 '60-'63
2. Chris Finlen 6,551 '97, '99-'01
3. Josh Haldi 6,015 '01-'04

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Garrett Wolfe 5,164 '04-'06
2. Michael Turner 4,941 '00-'03
3. Mark Kellar 3,745 '71-'73

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Justin McCareins 2,991 '97-'00
2. Sam Hurd 2,322 '02-'05
3. Hugh Rohrschneider 2,224 '60-'63

N Illinois has lost 4 straight season openers including 3 straight to Big Ten foes by 17 ppg. Huskies are 1-31-1 vs current Big Ten members (only win vs Wisconsin in 1988).

Huskies were 6-20 vs the Broncos from 1950 (1st gm) thru 2000, but 5-2 the L7Y. NI is 45-25 in MAC play S/'99, but LY's 1-6 mark was the worst S/'97 (rejoined league).

Bonus: N Illinois is 2-17 since 1989 in "true" road openers.

NIU is 33-12 in Huskie Stadium the L8Y & 12-2 S/'00 hosting non-MAC schools. Sycamores went 0-11 including a loss to Indiana, but NI is just 1-3 the L/4 vs ISU.

NIU has won 8 of the L/10 gms vs EM, all 8 W's have been by a TD+ (avg W by 18 ppg). The Huskies have outrushed EM the last 10 yrs on avg 230 ypg (5.3) to 95 ypg (2.8).

First meeting, but NIU is 1-8 all-time vs current SEC tms (only W in '03 vs #21 'Bama). Into 2008, N Illinois is 10-61-1 vs current BCS schools including 7 straight losses.

NIU has won the L/3 but by just 7 ppg & prior to '02 was 2-7 w/the avg score 25-8. In '06, NI went ahead by 3 w/7:46 left 4Q & then held Miami twice near midfield.

Huskies are 1-13 vs Toledo since 1990 including losing 6 straight in DeKalb. NIU is 9-1 the last 10 yrs on Homecoming (avg win by 23 ppg) & 62-29-10 all-time.

NIU is 5-10 vs BG but has won 2 of the last 3. In 2003, #12 NIU & #23 BG played in just the 2nd MAC regular season game between ranked teams since 1973.

NIU is 7-2 vs Ball St since 1999 & coming into '08, 7-2 the L7Y after a bye week. The Huskies were 0-9 from 1995-'01 in November road gms but 6-2 since 2002.

NIU's 9 gm win streak was snapped LY vs CM but the Huskies have won 8 straight at home (last loss in '77). LY they had a season high 521 yds but had 6 TO's in the loss.

NIU is 14-7 all-time vs Kent St. LY NIU int KSU w/1:25 left on the N10 to halt a Flash comeback as RB's Anderson & Bryant had 208 of the Huskies ssn-high 235 rush yds.

NIU is 6-3 the L9Y in Huskie Stadium finales with the avg win by 19 ppg (avg loss by 8 ppg). These tms met for the 1st time LY as NIU fell behind by 2 TD's early but pulled within 4 pts in the 4Q.

JERRY KILL (Career 0-0) (IAA 55-32) (Div II 49-25)
1st Year at N Illinois Kill's Bowl Record: 0-0

Kill's records AT N ILLINOIS

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 11

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (25,28,2)
Lost: 9 (4,4,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 25,137 (#85)

MAC - WEST DIVISION

DE Larry English

N ILLINOIS HUSKIES - N ILLINOIS HUSKIES

STADIUM: HUSKIE STADIUM (24,000) (#113)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	6-5	8-4	10-2	9-3	7-5	7-6	2-10	55-40
Home	4-1	5-1	4-2	7-0	4-1	4-1	4-2	1-4	33-12
Away	2-4	1-4	4-2	3-2	4-2	3-3	3-3	1-5	21-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	4-3	4-3	7-1	6-2	7-1	6-3	5-3	1-6	40-22
vs Non-Conf	2-2	2-2	1-3	4-0	2-2	1-2	2-3	1-4	15-18
ATS	6-4	4-6	9-2	6-5	7-4	7-4	4-8	5-6	48-39
Home Fav	3-0	0-3	2-1	3-2	2-1	2-2	0-4	0-1	12-14
Home Dog	0-1	1-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	3-0	9-2
Away Fav	2-1	1-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-1	2-2	0-1	13-10
Away Dog	1-2	2-1	2-1	1-1	1-1	3-0	1-1	2-3	13-10
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	4-3	2-5	7-1	3-5	5-3	5-4	3-5	3-4	32-30
vs Non-Conf	2-1	2-1	2-1	3-0	2-1	2-0	1-3	2-2	16-9
Off SU Win	3-2	3-3	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-4	3-3	1-1	27-23
Off SU Loss	3-1	1-2	2-0	1-1	2-0	3-0	1-4	4-4	17-12

Joy Nicely

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
83	California	NL	Cal St-Fullerton	20-13
04	Silicon Valley	+3	Troy	34-21
06	Poinsettia	+12	TCU - #25	7-37

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
N Illinios' All-Time Bowl Record 2-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Justin Anderson	274	1298	53	1245	8	4.5
David Bryant	62	273	28	245	2	4.0
Montell Clanton	26	148	8	140	1	5.4
Chad Spann	11	61	0	61	0	5.5
Marcus Perez	3	40	0	40	0	13.3
Ricky Crider	7	20	0	20	0	2.9
Dan Nicholson	21	39	105	-66	0	-3.1
Ryan Morris	13	0	85	-85	0	-6.5

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Dan Nicholson	248	151	60.9	1633	9	14
Ryan Morris	127	67	52.8	727	4	5

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Matt Simon	52	969	18.6	5	92
Britt Davis	33	391	11.8	2	45
Justin Anderson	45	263	5.8	3	23
Greg Turner	21	222	10.6	1	40
Reed Cunningham	18	166	9.2	1	17
Brandon Davis	14	108	7.7	1	31
Marcus Perez	8	89	11.1	0	22
Marcus Lewis	6	42	7.0	0	13
David Bryant	5	34	6.8	0	14

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Andy Dittbenner	59	2564	43.5	12	33.8(t)	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris Nendick	25-27	5-8	2-2	5-7	0-1	12-18	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Alex Kube	111	0	0.5	3	0
Bradley Pruitt	92	1	3	2	1
Josh Allen	89	2	7	3	0
Larry English	67	10.5	6.5	2	0
Mark Reiter	65	0	0.5	0	1
Melvin Rice	61	0	3.5	6	0
Zach Larsen	59	2	1.5	0	0
John Tranchitella	58	0	7	6	2
Cory Hanson	55	1	2	2	1
Alex Krutsch	44	0.5	6	0	0
Chase Carter	42	0	0.5	5	2
Phil Brown	38	0	1	0	0
Brandon Bice	38	1.5	1	4	0
Spencer Williamson	34	0	0	2	0
Tim McCarthy	16	0	1	0	0
Anthony Mason	14	0.5	0	0	0
Mike Krause	13	1	1	0	0
DJ Pirkle	13	3	1	1	0
Jeff Fontana	11	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Matt Simon	8	84	10.5	0
Greg Turner	8	66	8.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Evans Adonis	26	488	18.8	0
Patrick George	13	242	18.6	0

NORTHERN ILLINOIS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	19.1	18	136	3.8	202	58.2	17.7	-17	2007	6	30.8	22	210	4.7	224	59.6	14.1
6*	25.5	19	165	4.8	198	56.2	14.3	+2	2006	7	21.2	19	122	3.6	243	64.5	17.2
6	32.4	21	207	5.2	237	68.0	13.7	-1	2005	5	22.8	22	148	3.9	222	57.2	16.2
7*	35.1	22	238	5.2	201	55.1	12.5	+8	2004	5	25.3	21	153	3.9	223	59.3	14.8
7*	32.2	20	160	3.8	219	59.1	11.8	+14	2003	6	21.5	19	141	3.6	231	55.9	17.3
6	31.3	19	201	4.5	175	50.9	12.0	+8	2002	8	24.8	19	132	3.5	255	56.8	15.6

NU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	2007 STATS BY GAME SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
61,500	† Iowa	14	21-21	1.0	26-42	214	3	20	46-250	5.4	12-29	133	1	-3
24,182	S Illinois	24	42-207	4.9	21-27	223	1	19	37-102	2.8	21-33	238	1	-4
20,012	E Michigan	19	36-184	5.1	20-28	160	2	18	41-189	4.6	16-24	189	0	-1
12,461	at Idaho	17	45-188	4.2	10-17	168	1	31	41-163	4.0	27-54	423	5	+2
18,465	at C Michigan	28	39-203	5.2	24-49	318	1	21	38-177	4.7	19-28	204	2	-5
21,065	at Temple	16	36-146	4.1	13-28	113	2	17	41-150	3.7	18-33	202	2	0
23,057	W Michigan	12	33-130	3.9	14-26	203	1	18	48-170	3.5	20-29	226	3	0
81,883	at Wisconsin	6	18-(-13)	-0.7	12-25	112	3	20	55-331	6.0	12-20	100	0	-1
18,545	at Toledo	14	32-177	5.5	13-27	175	0	35	59-382	6.5	26-33	430	1	-1
13,831	Kent St	28	54-235	4.4	21-29	275	0	25	39-204	5.2	21-42	159	4	-1
34,517	at Navy	18	44-149	3.4	21-35	206	2	24	60-359	6.0	3-6	60	0	-1
8,237	Ball St	17	28-(-1)	0.0	25-45	262	5	19	31-44	1.4	23-35	326	4	-2
TOTALS		213	428-1626	3.8	220-378	2429	21	267	536-2521	4.7	218-366	2690	23	-17
AVERAGES		17.8	36-136	3.8	18-32	202	1.8	22.3	45-210	4.7	18-31	224	1.9	-1.4

2003 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Maryland - #15	+8	20-13 OT
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	42-17
–	at Alabama - #21	+13'	19-16
#20	Iowa St	-6'	24-16
#17	Ohio	-21'	30-23 OT
#16	at C Michigan	-17'	40-24
#12	W Michigan	-11	37-10
#12	at Bowling Green - #23	+3'	18-34
#22	Ball St	-15'	48-23
#23	at Buffalo	-23	40-9
#21	at Toledo	-1'	30-49
–	E Michigan	-26	38-24

2004 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Maryland - #22	+14'	20-23
–	S Illinois	NL	23-22
–	at Iowa St	+3'	41-48
–	Bowling Green	+1	34-17
–	Akron	-17'	49-19
–	at UCF	-18	30-28
–	C Michigan	-19'	42-10
–	at W Michigan	-19'	59-38
–	at Ball St	-20	38-31 OT
–	Toledo	-7	17-31
–	at E Michigan	-17'	34-16

2005 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Michigan - #4	+18'	17-33
–	at Northwestern	+2'	37-38
–	Tennessee Tech	NL	42-3
–	at Akron	-7	42-48 OT
–	Miami, Oh	-3	38-27
–	E Michigan	-21	24-8
–	at Kent St	-10'	34-3
–	Ball St	-29	17-31
–	at C Michigan	-2	31-28
–	at Toledo	+10	35-17
–	W Michigan	-10	42-7
–	† Akron	-13	30-31

2006 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Ohio St - #1	+17	12-35
–	Ohio	-16'	23-35
–	Buffalo	-24	31-13
–	Indiana St	NL	48-14
–	at Ball St	-6'	40-28
–	at Miami, Oh	-13'	28-25
–	at W Michigan	-3	14-16
–	Temple	-32	43-21
–	at Iowa	+16'	14-24
–	Toledo	-12	13-17
–	C Michigan	+4	31-10
–	at E Michigan	-8'	27-0

2007 RESULTS

NI Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	† Iowa	+12	3-16
–	S Illinois	NL	31-34
–	E Michigan	-13	19-21
–	at Idaho	+3	42-35
–	at C Michigan	+3	10-35
–	at Temple	-3'	15-16
–	W Michigan	+4'	13-17
–	at Wisconsin	+23'	3-44
–	at Toledo	+3'	21-70
–	Kent St	+3'	27-20
–	at Navy	+16'	24-35
–	Ball St	+8	21-27

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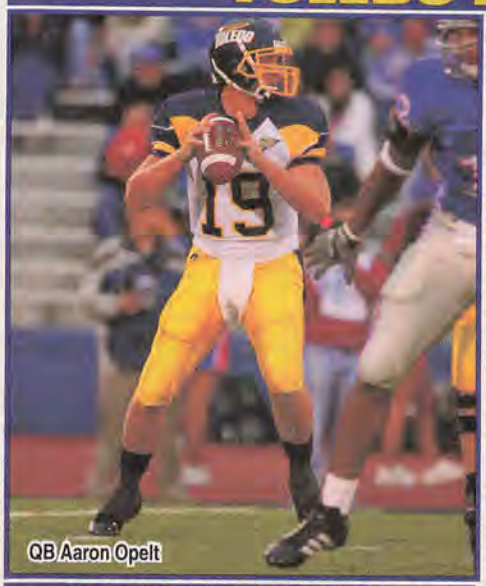
TOLEDO ROCKETS


QB Aaron Opelt

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2006 Clint Cochran threw for just 960 (56.8%) with a 6-4 ratio and Aaron Opelt threw for 875 (54.3%) with a 6-5 ratio. Toledo had their lowest passing ypg (171) since 2000 and completed just 55.7%, the lowest since 1999. Last year both QB's were supposed to play vs CM but Opelt hit 25 of 41 for 334 and took firm control of the job. Opelt was 2 of 9 for 46 when he was injured vs WM and Cochran hit 7 of 12 for 112 but then he was also injured. True frosh DJ Lenehan (PS#131), who had been working with the scout team, was 0 for 2 vs WM. Lenehan got his first start the next week vs Liberty and also started vs Buffalo combining for 51 of 73 for 533 with a 4-3 ratio. Opelt led the team to wins over Ohio, NI and EM. He was injured in the 4Q in a tight game vs Ball St and this time Lenehan didn't complete a pass (4 att). Lenehan started the next week vs BG with Opelt out and hit just 6 of 11 for 54 and Cochran hit 15 of 29 for 202. This year all 3 return but Cochran is just a student asst and will not practice with the team (will dress on game day). They also added in Alex Pettee who threw for 2,196 (54.6%) with 21 TD's and 405 yards rushing at JUCO last year (conf's Off POY) and rFr Travaris Cadet (PS#38). The group improved averaging 239 ypg (58.9%) last year and I expect further improvement this year.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 the Rockets had to replace Trinity Dawson who rushed for 1,294 (5.6) in '05. Jalen Parmele (PS#104) had 183 (4.4) as a true in '04 and 294 (4.6) in '05. Parmele improved as 2006 went on and finished with 4 straight 100 yard games (1,131, 5.5). Richard Davis rushed for 282 (3.2) and DaJuane Collins (PS#86) had 261 (5.6). Tom Amstutz predicted that Parmele would have a special season in 2007 and play in the NFL. The only 100 yard game in the first 4 was by Collins who had 102 vs Kansas (Parmele 88). Parmele then became just the 2nd Toledo RB to have 7 straight 100 yard games (Wasean Tait 12 in '95). Both Collins and Parmele topped 100 vs NI. Parmele finished with 1,511 (5.5) and 17 rec (9.2). Collins added 636 (6.4) and true frosh Gordon Warner (PS#181), who had 3 TD's vs NI, rushed for 126 (5.5). Not listed below are Cameron Mobley (5'8" 175 rFr), DeAndre Ware (5'9" 180 So), Jason Washington (6'0" 203 So) and Johnnie Bush (5'10" 205 Jr). This year they lose Parmele (#6DC MIA) and while I like Collins' potential, this group figures to be down a notch.

RECEIVERS - Toledo had not had a player with 1,000 rec yards in a single season in their 83 year history prior to Tom Amstutz. Carl Ford became the first Rocket to accomplish that in 2002 and Amstutz produced UT's top 2 career receivers in Lance Moore (from '01-'04) and Steve Odom ('03-'06). Last year they had to replace Odom who was #2 with 428 (9.3). Nick Moore (Lances' brother) had 200 (10.0) in '06 while TE Chris Hopkins led with 565 (10.5). Stephen Williams surprisingly had just 6 rec in 4 starts as a rFr. Williams is 6'5" with 4.5 speed and a 36" VL and LY was just 25 yds short of Toledo's school record for receiving yards in a season (Moore 1,194 '04) with 1,169 (16.0). Nick Moore had 731 (12.2) despite missing 2 and Hopkins had 247 (9.1). This year Williams and Moore both return but they must replace Hopkins (12 st), Andrew Hawkins (10 st, 29 rec) and David Washington (5 st, 9 rec). Not listed in the PSL is TE Jerome Jones (6'7" 220 rFr). The Williams/Nick Moore combo could be the best in the MAC and even with the losses, this unit is more experienced.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Rockets' OL numbers are almost always among the best in the MAC as their avg ypc from 1999-2003 was 5.1. Surprisingly in 2004 they slipped to 4.0 but allowed just 19 sacks. Despite losing Nick Kaczur (#3DC NE) in 2005, the ypc improved to 5.3 and they allowed just 13 sacks (3.4%). They were a veteran group in 2006 but dropped to 4.0 ypc with their 156 ypg rush being the lowest since 1998 and they allowed 30 sacks (7.8%) the most since 1999. In 2006 Jared DeWalt was the 2nd true frosh starter since 1978 on the OL with the other being Kaczur. Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 30 starts including two 12 game starters. Jan Gewont started the opener but was lost for the year and another true frosh, Kevin Kowalski, started 10 at RG. Despite having just 2.5 starters back, UT improved to 209 ypg rush (5.0) and allowed a paltry 16 sacks (3.9%). This year they lose a pair of 4 year starters in 1st Tm MAC LT John Greco (12 st, #3DC STL) and G/C David Perkins (11 st) as well as G Sam Azner (3 st) and Kevin Kilgo (4 st). They have 6 of the top 10 back including 5 with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL is Matt Rubin (6'1" 315 rFr). This looks like another strong Rocket O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 they had 5 of their top six DL's returning but slipped a notch allowing 138 ypg (3.9 ypc). Last year they only had to replace one starter but lost returning starter Sean Williamson in the opener then lost the other starting DE, Doug Westbrook, after 2 starts. Toledo had their worst numbers in recent history allowing 215 ypg rush (5.1) while the D had a MAC low 9 sacks (tied for last in IA). This year they lose DT Tyree Pollard (12 st, 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl), DE Bernard Faithful (8 st, 45 tkl, 5 tfl) and DE Justin Collins (2 tkl). Despite the losses, I list them with 3 starters returning and Williamson has 28 career starts at DE. Seven players are back with starting experience and they add LB Terrell Willis and JUCO Albertson Alexandre (PS#113). This figures to be a much improved D-line.

LINEBACKERS - The Rockets play multiple fronts and this spring list 3 safety positions on the depth chart. The players they had at LB in 2006 were listed as ROV last year so I will list that position under LB. Last year they had 2 starters back (5 w/starting exp). This year they lose Greg Hay (12 st, 96 tkl, 8 tfl) but have 5 of the top 6 back (6 w/starting exp) including Archie Donald who had 6 starts as a true frosh but sat out '07 (acad).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Rockets had 7 of their top 8 back in 2005 and shot up to #28 in my pass D rankings. They had to replace two starters in 2006 but true frosh Barry Church earned 1st Tm MAC honors and had 2 IR TD's. Amstutz said he's what an NFL player looks like as a frosh. The slightly less experienced group dropped to #61. Last year they appeared to be in great shape (only 1 starter lost) but in the opener they lost two returning starters to injury in Tyrrell Herbert and Nigel Morris. The Rockets dropped to #97 allowing a 31-10 ratio. This year the only loss is CB Morris (1 st, 1 tkl). Not listed below are Justin Davis (5'9" 170 rFr) and Marlin McMichael (5'8" 175 rFr). With Herbert's return they probably have the best set of safeties in the MAC and return 8 players with starting experience, so they should make a significant jump up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Under Amstutz, Toledo has had some fine finishes in my ST rankings including #37 in '02 and #8 in '03. The last 4 years they have only been #77, #61, #83 and #69. The last 2 years they had outstanding punter Brett Kern (39.5 net '07, #2 NCAA). Kern had some great games including completing a pass on a fake punt and running 50 yards when protection broke down. Jalen Parmele had a big impact at KR (28.0). Mike Krispinsky and Brett Brodbeck combined for just 1 TB on 75 KO's. Alex Steigerwald was perfect on FG's hitting 13 of 13 but with a long of just 44. He tied a school record with 10 xp's vs NI. This year they must replace Krispinsky and both of their stars, Kern and Parmele, so it will be tough to move up in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Tom Amstutz has spent 30 years on the staff here including the last 7 as the HC. He guided Toledo to 3 MAC Title games in 4 years ('01-'04). In 2005 he had to replace both coordinators. He brought in DC Tim Rose who was the DC at LA Tech in 2004, the DC at Miami, OH from 1978-'82 and the HC there for 7 years ('83-'89) including their '86 MAC Title season. This year Amstutz has to replace his OC again as John Shannon left for Marshall. The new OC is Chris Hedden (TE cch '01-'06, WR cch '07). Former Liberty HC Ken Karcher is the new QB coach.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Amstutz inherited a team that was 10-1 in 2000 with 17 starters returning. He made a bold move by completely changing the offense from the run-oriented scheme (36.4 ppg) to the spread offense. In his first year the team went 10-2 and won the MAC Title (#23 AP poll). Amstutz then had to replace 42% of his lettermen in 2002 and had a tough schedule. They still won the MAC West but lost to Marshall in the Title game. In 2003, once again Amstutz had to replace his star QB but Bruce Gradkowski hit 71% with a 29-7 ratio. They lost the season finale at BG and missed out on the MAC West Title. In 2004 Toledo had to replace all four starters from the defensive front and in their first two games gave up 1,205 yards (Minn & Kansas) playing 10 frosh on D. It appeared it would be a long season but Toledo won 9 of 10 beating #26 N Illinois on the road and #26 BG at home to win the West. They outgained MAC foes by a league best 128 ypg. In 2005 Toledo had 13 returning starters and the fewest lettermen lost (14) in the MAC. They were on a 34-1 run in the Glass Bowl but lost to N Illinois and were MAC West co-Champs (NI went to Title game). UT got a 45-13 blowout win over a talented UTEP team in the GMAC Bowl and finished #26. In 2005 they outgained MAC foes by 148 ypg (65.4 ypg better than #2 NI). In 2006 UT had 14 returning starters, their most since 2001, but shockingly after 12 straight winning seasons fell to 5-7. Toledo suffered a tough 3OT loss to Iowa St and opened 0-4 in the MAC (1st time S/'95) including a home loss to CM. They dropped their 2nd home game to a 3-7 Ball St team which clinched a losing season. While UT went 3-5 they still outgained MAC foes by 8.9 ypg. Last year it appeared Toledo would have a much improved record but amazingly lost 3 defensive starters in the opening game and by season's end, 7 starters on D were underclassmen. They were tied with CM 31-31 in the 4Q but lost by 21. They did, however, beat a BCS team at home (Iowa St) but were also stunned at home by WM. They needed a TD with 3:47 left to knock off IAA Liberty. Toledo had a 526-435 yd edge vs Buffalo but lost. The next week OU fumbled a PR with :26 left and UT got a 40 yd FG to pull out a home win. UT appeared to have turned the season around with blowouts over NI and E Mich including a school record 812 yards vs NI. They stood 5-5 but blew a 17-7 lead vs Ball St then were throttled by BG in the finale. This team had not had back-to-back losing seasons since 1977-'78. The Rockets were among the NCAA's leaders in starters lost and still managed a 5-2 record at home and are 41-6 at home this decade. Toledo has 15 returning starters and despite their losing record, outgained MAC foes by 49.9 ypg. They only have 5 senior starters (2nd fewest MAC) and pulled a tough schedule as they face MAC East's top two teams plus Ariz, Mich, and Fresno St. The Rockets should stay healthier and have a decent shot at bowl eligibility.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 19 AARON OPELT JR. 6-2 222 PS#256. 15 st, 2631 (56%) 18-12 ratio, 580 rush 2Y. **12** DJ Lenehan (6'3" 190 So) 3 st true, 630 (64%) 4-4 ratio. **10** Alex Pettee PS#180JC.

RB 22 DaJuane Collins Jr. 5-10 216 PS#86. 897 (6.1), 17 rec (7.2) 2Y. **15** Gordon Warner (5'10" 185 So) PS#181. 126 (5.5) true. **24** Adonis Thomas (5'10" 170 rFr) PS#131.

WR 80 Tim Cortazzo rFr. 6-1 185 PS#94. 2nd string but RS LY. **5** Trumaine Smith (6'4" 205 Sr) PS#95. 0 rec 3Y. **23** Chris Murphy (6'2" 166 Jr). Sam Gaymon is PS#165.

WR 1 NICK MOORE SR. 6-4 188 10 st '05, 335 (14.0). 8 st '06, 200 (10.0). 9 st LY, 731 (12.2). **38** Chris Silva (5'7" 160 rFr). Kenny Stafford is PS#280. Leroy Houston PS#255RB.

WR 88 STEPHEN WILLIAMS JR. 6-5 197 4 st, 87 yd '06. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 1169 (16.0). **85** Robin Bailey (6'5" 205 Jr) 10 gms, 2 rec LY. **28** Shane Hubbard (5'10" 189 Jr).

TE 83 John Allen Sr. 6-5 209 1 st as true, 209 (10.4). 144 (13.1) '06. 61 (6.1) LY. **81** Tom Burzine (6'4" 246 Jr) 1 rec 2Y. **82** Matt Fought (6'4" 234 So). Danny Noble (6'5" 220 rFr).

C 50 BUSTER GARRETT JR. 6-3 272 PS#556. 2nd string as rFr. 7 st at C LY (last 6). **55** Levi George (6'1" 294 So) 430 bench. 1 st C LY. **LS 17** Jeremy Mack (6'2" 229 Sr) 4th yr.

RG 69 KEVIN KOWALSKI SO. 6-4 270 PS#299. Last 10 st RG **true**. Top Frosh Award. **72** Patrick Dawson (6'3" 304 Sr) PS#193. 2nd string 3Y. **53** Brett Keller (6'6" 300 rFr).

LG 68 JARED DeWALT JR. 6-4 318 PS#230. L/8 st true at RG. Last 11 st at RT LY. **55** Devon McCreary (6'1" 287 rFr). **75** Nick Jones (6'4" 325 So). Phillipkeith Manley PS#267.

RT 76 Jan Gewont rFr. 6-6 310 PS#134. 1 st rFr but inj (Med RS). **82** Chris Meenan (6'7" 339 So) PS#155. 8 gm rFr. **67** Shawn Glaser (6'8" 329 Jr) PS#329. 1 gm 2Y.

LT 74 Mike VanDerMeulen rFr. 6-7 290 PS#520. **70** John Morookian (6'5" 295 Fr) PS#371. Milford LY. **60** Matt Bradbury (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#401. Danny Farr is PS#148DL.

K 85 ALEX STEIGERWALD JR. 5-11 179 PS#52. 19-21 FG HS. 7-8 FG as true, long 39. 13-13 FG LY, long 44, **2nd Tm MAC**. **25** Brett Brodbeck. **6** Andrew Weber (5'9" 170 rFr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 92 SEAN WILLIAMSON SR. 6-1 254 12 st in '05. 12 st in '06. Inj LY. 85 tkl, 15.5 tfl 3Y. **57 Albertson Alexandre PS#113JC** in spg. **51** Terrell Willis (6'1" 220 So) 10 gms, 13 tkl true.

DT 98 MAURICE HILL JR. 6-2 282 PS#218. 4 st true, 10 tkl. First 9 st LY, 27 tkl, 3 tfl. **75 Alfred Martin** (6'5" 262 Sr) 8 st true '04. 44 tkl 3Y. **65** Nate Cole (6'2" 300 So) PS#178. 9 tkl.

NT 89 Skylaar Constant Jr. 6-4 270 3 st true, 15 tkl. 7 st LY, 33 tkl, 3 tfl. **99** Joe Underwood (6'2" 256 So) PS#194LB. 1 st, 10 gms, 16 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. **63** Ben Pohl (6'3" 260 rFr).

DE 40 ALEX JOHNSON SO. 6-2 240 PS#241. 8 st rFr, 51 tkl, 4.5 tfl. Doug Westbrook (6'3" 228 So) 2 st, 11 tkl 2Y. Matt Shumaker (6'1" 234 Jr) PS#173RB. 9 tkl. Levon Washington (6'1" 240 rFr).

LB 42 Archie Donald Jr. 6-2 215 PS#290. 6 st true, 43 tkl, 4 sk, 3 tfl. DNP LY (acad). **48** Beau Brudzinski (6'1" 217 Jr) 7 tkl '06, 3 st, 39 tkl LY. **26** Uriah Akinmoju (6'2" 190 rFr).

LB 54 KEITH FORESTAL SR. 6-3 245 PS#93TE. 10 st '06, 45 tkl, 1 tfl. 10 st LY, 45 tkl, 1.5 tfl. **56** Derrick Summers (6'2" 233 Jr) PS#239. 3 st, 58 tkl, 2 tfl LY. Daris Quinn is PS#265JC.

ROV 34 LESTER RICHMOND JR. 6-1 195 PS#339DB. 19 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 97 tkl, 1 tfl. **31** Joe Shuler (6'2" 183 Jr) PS#336WR. 2 st, 14 tkl LY. **39** Darion McGuire (6'2" 185 So) 3 tkl true.

CB 37 WALTER ATKINS JR. 6-1 189 4 st, 24 tkl, 4 pbu rFr. 11 st LY, 70 tkl, 7 pbu. **30** Greg Harris (6'0" 192 So) 3 st LY, 26 tkl. **7** Ron Pickens (5'8" 170 rFr). Andre Redd (5'11" 202 Sr) PS#306WR.

CB 3 DESMOND MARROW SO. 6-3 186 1 st true, 19 tkl, 2 pbu. RS LY. **47 Myshan Pettis** (5'11" 175 So) **11 st CB** true, 41 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu. **35** Anthony King (5'10" 178 So) 3 tkl true.

SS 8 BARRY CHURCH JR. 6-2 212 PS#196. **1st Tm MAC 2Y**. 12 st true, 71 tkl, 4 int. 12 st, 92 tkl, 3 int, 4 pbu LY. Drey'Lon Pree (6'2" 200 So) 3 st true, 19 tkl. Chris Faison (6'1" 169 So).

FS 28 TYRRELL HERBERT SR. 6-2 193 12 st '05, 94 tkl, 6 pbu. 11 st '06, 74 tkl, 3 int. 2 gm (inj) LY. **23** Chris Murphy (6'2" 166 Jr) 14 tkl. Jermaine Robinson PS#118LB. Andreas Ashwood PS#456.

P 2 Bill Claus rFr. 6-0 195 PS#88. #1 P in spg. **25** Brett Brodbeck (5'11" 175 So) PS#96. 14-16 FG in HS. 1 TB on 27 KO true. David Pasquale PS#201QB. QB/P in HS.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Albertson Alexandre 6-5 240 PS#113JC
QB	Alex Pettee 6-2 200 PS#180JC
LB	Daris Quinn 6-1 220 PS#265JC
OL	Danny Farr 6-5 285 PS#148DL
DB	Jermaine Robinson 6-3 195 PS#118LB
WR	Sam Gaymon 6-3 200 PS#165
DL	Hank Keighley 6-4 230 PS#228
OL	Phillipkeith Manley 6-5 295 PS#267
DL	Johnathan Lamb 6-4 250 PS#265
WR	Leroy Houston 5-11 180 PS#255RB
DB	Mark Singer 6-1 195 PS#347
RB	Darius Reeves 6-1 180 PS#353DB
WR	Kenny Stafford 6-4 185 PS#280
OL	John Morookian 6-5 295 PS#371
QB	David Pasquale 6-2 215 PS#201
DB	Isaiah Ballard 5-11 190 PS#399
DB	Kenny Veal 6-0 180 PS#408
DL	Malcolm Riley 6-3 250 PS#440
DB	Andreas Ashwood 6-1 190 PS#456
DB	Anthony Washington 6-1 175 PS#456
OL	Fadi Farha 6-4 290 PS#481
LB	Damien McIntosh 6-3 215 PS#408
LB	Terrell Anderson 6-1 204 PS#490OL

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TOM AMSTUTZ (Career 55–32)
8th Year at Toledo
Amstutz's Bowl Record: 2-2

Amstutz's records AT TOLEDO

55-32	Straight Up	1-0	Vs Top 10
35-6	Home	3-2	Vs Top 25
17-24	Away	6-11	Vs BCS Teams
3-2	Neutral	8-6	Off A Bye
39-19	Vs Conference	19-9	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (5–7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 50 (21,26,3)
Lost: 13 (9,3,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,668 (#95)

MAC – WEST DIVISION

WR Stephen Williams

Phil's Homefield Edge-5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#75

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UT	Opp	W	L
Aug. 30							
Sep. 6	at Arizona	G					
Sep. 13	at Eastern Michigan	A					
Sep. 20	Fresno St	A					
Sep. 27	Florida Int'l	A					
Oct. 4	Ball St (HC)	A					
Oct. 11	at Michigan	A					
Oct. 18	at Northern Illinois	A					
Oct. 25	Central Michigan	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 5	at Akron (Wed)	A					
Nov. 15	at Western Michigan	A					
Nov. 21	Miami, Oh (Fri)	A					
Nov. 28	Bowling Green (Fri)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Bruce Gradkowski 9,225 '02-'05	1. Chester Taylor 4,849 '98-'01	1. Lance Moore 2,776 '01-'04
2. Gene Swick 7,266 '72-'75	2. Wasean Tait 4,338 '93-'98	2. Steve Odom 2,631 '03-'06
3. Ryan Huzjak 6,926 '93-'96	3. Trinity Dawson 3,474 '02-'05	3. Don Fair 2,191 '69-'71

Bonus: Toledo is off their 1st back-to-back losing seasons since 1977-'78.

Toledo is 1-4 in road openers including 0-2 vs BCS schools.
Since Amstutz took over as HC ('01), Toledo is 2-10 on the road vs reg ssn non-conf opp's.

HC Amstutz is 15-6 vs Michigan MAC schools (CM, EM & WM) but 1-6 the last 7.
UT is 14-4 since '90 vs EM as the wins are by 21 ppg & the losses by just 4 ppg.

In their only prior gm ('05), UT had a 20-13 FD & 304-248 yd edge but lost by 30 pts due to TO's & poor ST play. Cochran made his 1st collegiate start vs FSU (16 of 24, 163 yds).

Toledo's 1st meeting vs FIU as the Rockets are 2-0 all-time vs current SBC members.
Coming into 2008, The Rockets are 43-6 (88%) the L/49 gms at the Glass Bowl.

The visitor in this series is just 3-11-1 since '93 & the avg loss the L11Y is 20 ppg.
The game was tied at 20 at the half last year with Ball St scoring all 21 2H pts.

Coming into '08 UT has lost 8 straight when visiting a BCS tm by an avg of 28 ppg.
UT is 4-12 all-time vs current Big Ten tms but this is their 1st meeting vs Michigan.

Toledo is 28-7 all-time (13-1 L/14 gms) vs NIU including winning 6 straight at DeKalb.
LY UT finished w/812 yds vs NI which broke a MAC record set in '02 by Marshall (733).

Coming into '08, UT is an outstanding 21-2 in their 1st HG after 2 or more gms on the road S/'86.
In his 2 career gms vs CM, QB Opelt is 56-93-60.2%-622 with 5 TD's & 1 rush TD.

After losing the 1st six games in this series, UT has won 8 of the last 9.
The Rockets are 26-10-1 since 1994 vs instate MAC opponents.

These schools have played every yr S/'50 & UT hasn't lost 3 straight yrs S/'76-'78.
LY UT used true Fr QB Lenehan when 1st & 2nd string Opelt & Cochran went down w/inj's.

The last meeting was in the '04 MAC Title gm & UT scored 21 3Q pts in the win.
Toledo is 11-3-2 since 1992 prior to playing arch rival Bowling Green (0-3 L3Y).

The Rockets are 31-37-4 vs the Falcons, but 3-1 the L4Y & 9-4 since 1995.
Toledo is 22-2 since '84 in reg season Glass Bowl finales including 4-0 vs BG.

STADIUM: GLASS BOWL (26,248) (#109)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (NeXturf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-1	10-2	9-5	8-4	9-4	9-3	5-7	5-7	65-33
Home	6-0	6-0	5-1	6-0	5-0	4-1	4-2	5-2	41-6
Away	4-1	3-2	4-3	2-4	3-3	4-2	1-5	0-5	21-25
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
vs Conf	6-1	6-2	7-2	6-2	8-1	6-2	3-5	3-5	45-20
vs Non-Conf	4-0	4-0	2-3	2-2	1-3	3-1	2-2	2-2	20-13
ATS	7-2	5-7	8-4-1	7-3-1	7-5-1	4-7	5-6	4-7	47-41-3
Home Fav (Gary Pinkel)	3-1	2-3	4-1	3-0	3-1	2-2	2-2	3-1	22-11
Home Dog (Tom Amstutz)	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	6-1
Away Fav	3-1	1-4	2-0	1-1	1-0-1	0-4	0-1	0-0	8-11-1
Away Dog	1-0	0-0	2-2-1	1-1-1	1-3	1-1	2-3	0-5	8-15-2
Neutral	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	3-2
vs Conf	5-2	3-6	7-1-1	6-1-1	6-2-1	3-5	3-5	3-5	36-27-3
vs Non-Conf	2-0	2-1	1-3	1-2	1-3	1-2	2-1	1-2	11-14
Off SU Win	5-2	3-6	5-3-1	5-2-1	6-3	2-6	1-2	2-3	29-27-2
Off SU Loss	1-0	1-1	3-1	2-0	1-1-1	2-1	3-4	2-3	15-11-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jalen Parmele	276	1571	60	1511	14	5.5
DaJuane Collins	99	649	13	636	7	6.4
Aaron Opelt	46	222	66	156	4	3.4
Gordon Warner	23	130	4	126	3	5.5
Andrew Hawkins	11	61	7	54	1	4.9
Brett Kern	4	53	8	45	0	11.2
DJ Lenehan	18	57	22	35	0	1.9
Clint Cochran	12	3	71	-68	1	-5.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Aaron Opelt	249	144	57.8	1756	12	7
DJ Lenehan	95	61	64.2	630	4	4
Clint Cochran	61	33	54.1	408	1	4
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Stephen Williams	73	1169	16.0	7	64	
Nick Moore	60	731	12.2	8	70	
Chris Hopkins	27	247	9.1	2	23	
Andrew Hawkins	29	246	8.5	0	23	
Jalen Parmele	17	157	9.2	1	28	
David Washington	9	130	14.4	0	44	
DaJuane Collins	11	69	6.3	0	22	
John Allen	10	61	6.1	0	12	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brett Kern	52	2399	46.1	11	39.5(t)	1	17
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Alex Steigerwald	44-47	8-8	3-3	2-2	0-0	13-13	44

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Lester Richmond	97	0	1	3	0
Greg Hay	96	0.5	7.5	2	0
Barry Church	92	0	6	4	3
Walter Atkins	70	1	2.5	7	0
Derrick Summers	58	0	2	0	0
Alex Johnson	51	1	3.5	1	1
Bernard Faithful	45	2	3	1	0
Keith Forestal	45	0	1.5	4	0
Myshan Pettis	41	0	1	4	3
Beau Brudzinski	39	0	3	0	0
Skylaar Constant	33	1	2	0	0
Tyree Pollard	28	1.5	2	0	0
Maurice Hill	27	0	3	0	0
Greg Harris	26	0	0	0	1
Drey'Lon Pree	19	0	0	0	2
Joe Underwood	16	1	2	0	0
Andrew Hawkins	14	0	0	0	0
Chris Murphy	14	0	0	0	0
Joe Shuler	14	0	0	0	0
Terrell Willis	13	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Nick Moore	10	69	6.9	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Jalen Parmele	20	560	28.0	1	
Andrew Hawkins	21	358	17.0	0	

TOLEDO

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
95	Las Vegas - #25	E	Nevada (OT)	40-37
01	Motor City - #25	-4	Cincinnati	23-16
02	Motor City	+4	Boston College	25-51
04	Motor City	-3'	Connecticut	10-39
05	GMAC	-3	UTEP	45-13

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TOLEDO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	32.9	22	209	5.0	239	58.9	13.6	+1	2007	5	39.2	23	215	5.1	229	57.9	11.3
7	23.4	18	156	4.0	171	55.7	14.0	-3	2006	7	27.7	18	138	3.9	195	56.6	12.0
5*	35.8	24	217	5.3	230	63.8	12.5	+5	2005	8	21.8	19	126	3.5	191	55.4	14.6
7*	33.2	23	161	4.0	298	68.6	13.8	-2	2004	5	31.1	22	142	3.9	275	56.6	13.4
4	32.4	24	185	4.9	278	70.4	14.3	+11	2003	8	23.8	21	150	3.9	238	63.2	16.3
7	35.4	24	214	5.1	258	69.8	13.4	+7	2002	4	27.0	20	151	4.2	213	58.2	13.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

UT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
26,100	Purdue	19	43-172	4.0	20-42	154	3	25	34-244	7.2	14-32	244	0	+1
22,031	at C Michigan	21	36-101	2.8	26-42	381	2	28	42-218	5.2	22-32	244	0	-1
48,112	at Kansas	9	37-174	4.7	14-27	77	2	29	46-232	5.0	19-40	325	4	-1
15,219	Iowa St	14	30-98	3.3	19-27	199	1	22	52-146	2.8	24-33	251	1	+2
18,542	W Michigan	16	36-224	6.2	9-23	158	1	30	58-261	4.5	21-29	229	0	0
16,071	Liberty	27	55-267	4.9	19-23	226	1	15	31-181	5.8	10-19	101	1	-2
12,529	at Buffalo	31	49-219	4.5	32-52	307	2	16	42-250	6.0	9-17	185	1	0
18,928	Ohio	25	49-269	5.5	19-39	204	0	25	37-271	7.3	16-30	289	0	+5
18,545	N Illinois	35	59-382	6.5	26-33	430	1	14	32-177	5.5	13-27	175	0	+1
17,270	E Michigan	26	44-324	7.4	17-29	276	0	24	44-217	4.9	18-34	200	2	+1
10,162	at Ball St	26	39-214	5.5	20-34	203	0	20	41-181	4.4	14-20	265	0	-2
18,926	at Bowling Green	18	28-66	2.4	21-40	256	3	27	44-201	4.6	22-36	242	0	-3
TOTALS		267	505-2510	5.0	242-411	2871	16	275	503-2579	5.1	202-349	2750	9	+1
AVERAGES		22.3	42-209	5.0	20-34	239	1.3	22.9	42-215	5.1	17-29	229	0.8	0.1

2003 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at UNLV	E	18-28
–	Liberty	NL	49-3
–	at Marshall	+5'	24-17
–	Pittsburgh - #9	+10	35-31
–	at Syracuse	+3'	7-34
–	E Michigan	-27	49-14
–	at C Michigan	-14'	31-13
–	at Ball St	-12	14-38
–	Buffalo	-26	56-29
–	N Illinois - #21	+1'	49-30
–	W Michigan	-11'	34-17
–	at Bowling Green - #22	+8	23-31

2004 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Minnesota - #25	+11'	21-63
–	at Kansas	+3	14-63
–	at E Michigan	-10	42-32
–	Temple	-7'	45-17
–	Ball St	-16	52-14
–	at W Michigan	-14	59-33
–	Ohio	-13'	31-13
–	C Michigan	-24	27-22
–	at Miami, Oh	+5'	16-23
–	at N Illinois	+7	31-17
–	Bowling Green	+4	49-41
–	† Miami, Oh	+1'	35-27

2005 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	W Illinois	NL	62-14
–	W Michigan	-22	56-23
–	at Temple	-28	42-17
–	at Fresno St	+14	14-44
–	E Michigan	-20	30-3
–	at Ball St	-22	34-14
–	Buffalo	-30'	38-15
–	at C Michigan	-7'	17-21
–	at Ohio	-10'	30-21
–	N Illinois	-10	17-35
–	at Bowling Green	+4	44-41 2OT

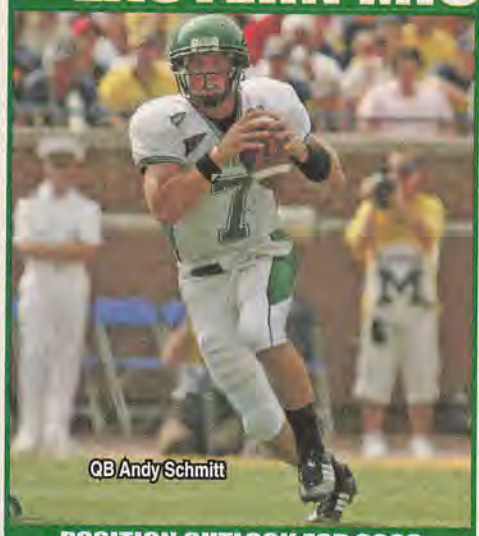
2006 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa St	+8'	43-45 3OT
–	at W Michigan	-10'	10-31
–	Kansas	-4'	37-31 2OT
–	McNeese St	NL	41-7
–	at Pittsburgh	+16'	3-45
–	C Michigan	-2'	20-42
–	at Kent St	+7'	14-40
–	at E Michigan	+1	13-17
–	Akron	+4'	35-20
–	at N Illinois	+12	17-13
–	Ball St	-4	17-20
–	Bowling Green	-6'	31-21

2007 RESULTS

UT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Purdue	+6'	24-52
–	at C Michigan	+3	31-52
–	at Kansas	+25'	13-45
–	Iowa St	+3'	36-35
–	W Michigan	-1'	28-42
–	Liberty	NL	35-34
–	at Buffalo	+4'	33-43
–	Ohio	-1'	43-40
–	N Illinois	-3'	70-21
–	E Michigan	-8	52-28
–	at Ball St	+6	20-41
–	at Bowling Green	+7	10-37

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES


QB Andy Schmitt

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Tyler Jones had one start (9 gm) and threw for 245 (63%) with a 2-1 ratio (314 rush). Jones began 2006 as the starter but was banged up and split time with rFr Andy Schmitt. Schmitt took over the starting job and Jones was moved to RB but when Schmitt was injured, Jones was back at QB. For the season, Jones threw for 754 (55%) with a 4-9 ratio while Schmitt threw for 1,182 (62%) with a 2-6 ratio. Schmitt was the only MAC QB to lead his team in rushing in 2006 and was the clear-cut starter last year. Jones moved to WR and true frosh Kyle McMahon (PS#288) became the backup. Schmitt took a hard hit to the chest early vs Vandy and had a rough outing with 3 int's and McMahon took off his RS in the 4Q. Schmitt injured his shoulder in the 4Q vs Ohio and McMahon threw the game winning TD with 1:07 left. Schmitt did have 4 TD passes vs Ohio, which was the 2nd time that he accomplished that feat LY. McMahon got the start vs NW and while he hit 28 of 48 for 282, he also had 3 int. Schmitt started vs WM and hit 7 of 11 for 63. McMahon started vs Toledo but was pulled in the 2Q. Schmitt took the majority of the snaps in the final 2 and threw for 1,613 (64%) with a 14-6 ratio (336 rush). McMahon played in 7 throwing for 544 (50.5%) but with a 3-9 ratio (187 rush). This year Schmitt and McMahon both return along with Ben Thayer (6'3" 220 So, PS#363) and Jason Williams (6'3" 191 rFr, PS#132). This is the most experienced QB squad at EM in the past few years.

RUNNING BACKS - HC Jeff Genyk's spread offense did produce a 2,000 yard rusher when he was at Northwestern (Damien Anderson). He has not yet had a 1,000 yard rusher here. Pierre Walker started 3 in '04 (173, 3.8) but was injured on the 3rd carry of 2005 and in the 6th game of 2006. He had 394 career yards entering '07 and dropped from 206 to 191 lbs. The RB's combined to avg just 3.1 ypc the first five with the best rushing performance in the first 8 being 78 by WR DeAnthony White vs N Illinois on 3 reverses. A QB led in rushing 3 times. Genyk had a heart-to-heart talk with Walker prior to WM that paid great dividends. Walker rushed for 151, 93, 155 and 149 the last four and earned the team MVP honors. He finished with 839 (3.9). True frosh Dwayne Priest had 180 (3.2) and Terrence Blevins (PS#106) had 84 (4.4). Blevins has sub 4.5 speed, benches 405 and should emerge like Walker did as a senior. Not listed in the PSL are Corey Welch (5'9" 182 rFr), Caleb Vance (5'9" 179 So) and Maurice Goodman (5'8" 190 So) who had 69 yds (4.3) as a true but was inj (ACL) vs BG. This year's group should fare better in the 1H of the season but it will be tough to duplicate Walker's performances in the final four games last year.

RECEIVERS - In 2002 Kevin Walter became the school's all-time career leading receiver and was the first WR drafted (#7DC NYG) from EM since 1976. Eric Deslauriers was a QB who moved to WR in '03 and at 6'5" with 4.45 speed broke Walter's record in his four years and had to be replaced last season. The leading returning WR's were DeAnthony White (175, 11.7) and Dontayo Gage (169, 6.0). Surprisingly, Jacory Stone, who had 5 starts as a rFr (99, 7.6), led with 462 (9.8). White had 357 (10.8) and also 118 rush and Gage, who has breakaway speed, surprisingly only had 104 (9.5). This year they must replace Travis Lewis (12 st, 311, 9.7) and TE Ken Bohnet (8 st, 158, 7.2). Genyk said about the WR's, "This is a very improved group that I am excited about." Not listed in the PSL are WR's Nate Beard (5'10" 171 Jr), Jeff Brown (6'2" 196 rFr), Reggie Brown (5'11" 175 Sr), Jordon Vanausdale (6'3" 195 rFr) and TE Dan Youssif (6'2" 231 rFr, PS#76). Despite losing two starters, their top 3 receivers are back.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 EM lost its offensive MVP (C Romeli) but still had three starters back and surprisingly dropped to 106 ypg rush (3.4), their lowest since 2000 and allowed 26 sacks (7.0%). Last year they had 8 of the top 10 back including 5 with starting experience. As expected, EM improved to 157 ypg rush (4.1) and trimmed the sacks allowed to 17 (4.7%). This year the Eagles lose RG Khalid Walton (12 st, 4Y st'r) and C Desi Mayner (1st 6 st) but have 8 of the top 10 back including 7 with starting experience. While this is one of the smaller OL's in IA (starters avg 6'2" 288), I feel they are an underrated bunch and have the potential to emerge in the upper half of the MAC O-lines.

DEFENSIVE LINE - EM had been making strides since their disastrous 2002 season in which they allowed 294 ypg and 6.1 ypc rush. They had three top-notch DL's in 2006 in 2nd Tm MAC Jason Jones, Colorado transfer Josh Hunt and JUCO transfer Eric Young but underachieved allowing 201 ypg (4.8 ypc) which was their weakest total in four years. Last year all 3 of those DL's returned so it was very surprising to me that EM allowed 5.2 ypc rush (17 sk). DT Jones was #2 in the MAC in tfl in '06, #1 in '07 and was 1st Tm MAC with 70 tackles and 19.5 tfl. Unfortunately, he departs (11 st, #2DC TEN) along with DE Young (12 st, 37 tkl, 9 tfl, Tm Def MVP). Those are some pretty large losses and while this team should improve its rush D numbers, this unit is not as talented as 2007.

LINEBACKERS - In 2005, EM's LB corps had 3 starters who had not played a down of IA ball and the 3 backups were all frosh. Those 3 starters turned out to be the #2, #3 and #5 tacklers and improved as the season went on. All returned in '06 including Daniel Holtzclaw who led with 114 tackles and they added Andre Hatchett (PS#83), who drew the attention of some Big Ten schools. Last year they did have to replace one starter (#2 tackler) but had 5 of the top 6 back. I was surprised that EM allowed 4.4 ppg more than 2006. At the time of this writing this unit is a question mark. Hatchett sat out spring (acad) and could miss the season. They lose #2 tackler Darran Matthews (12 st, 107 tkl, 5.5 tfl) and backup Cortland Selman (8 tkl). Not listed below is Paul Galloway (5'11" 227 rFr). If Hatchett returns, this should be one of the MAC's better LB corps, but if he does not, it is clearly less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - EM had its best finish of the decade in my pass D rankings at #88 in 2005. They had a very inexperienced group in 2006 and dropped to #109. EM did allow 12 TD's in the first 5 but just 8 in the final 7 and appeared to return intact last year. They then lost both CB's, Blake Smith and Duan Bracey (11 comb st '06), over the summer. Despite the unexpected losses they moved up to #66 allowing 61% with a 20-16 ratio. RFr Ryan Downard started the last 10 at FS over returning starter Chris May. Downard had 2 int (6 yr) vs Vandy and helped them improve from 7 int's in 2006 to 16. True frosh Arrington Hicks started the last two at CB. This year the only loss is Julius Brown (1 tkl) and 8 players return with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are Martavius Cardwell (5'10" 198 rFr), Keith Dixon (5'10" 191 rFr) and Corey Everson (6'0" 219 Jr). EM should move even higher in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - EM was just #115, #108 and #98 in my ST rankings from 2001-'03. The next 3 years K Andrew Wellock earned 1st Tm MAC honors and Trumaine Riley left as the MAC's career leader in KR yards. Thanks to them, EM finished #55, #66 and #33 (best ever finish). Last year both had to be replaced. Despite the losses, Genyk molded his fourth solid finish (#45). P Zach Johnson was a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award in '06 and he increased his net punting from 38.1 to 39.2 last year despite also having to handle the FG's and KO's. K Sean Dutcher hit just 2 of 5 and Johnson took over and hit 5 of 7 (long 50). Johnson also had 2 TB's on 49 KO's. Gage is a breakaway threat who set the school record for KR yards in a season with 1,016, 23.1 avg (old record Trumaine Riley 725 in '03). This year the only loss is 4 year LS Jerry Topolinski. I give EM a shot at breaking into the top 25 in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Genyk enters his 5th season as HC here after spending the previous five under Randy Walker as NW's RB coach and recruiting coordinator. At his first press conference he said, "We're going to host and win a MAC Championship." Last year they shifted 3 year OC Howard Feggins to RB coach and 3 year QB coach Scott Isphording took over the OC spot. He had OC experience at Wittenberg. Jay Peterson enters his 5th year as DC. Peterson said he ran a very vanilla defense in 2004. He added a lot to it in 2005 and EM allowed 14.8 ppg less but last year regressed allowing 31.2 ppg.

PHIL'S FORECAST

EM has had only six winning seasons since 1974. The 2002 team set MAC and NCAA records for most points allowed (566) and total yards allowed (6,239). In 2003 EM was outgained by 154.5 ypg in MAC play (3rd worst). They did rally to win 2 of their final 3 under interim HC Al Lavan to finish out of the basement at 2-6. The 2003 defense allowed "only" 30.9 ppg and 393 ypg. In 2004 some close victories led to a 4-4 record in MAC play in Genyk's first season. They won the Michigan MAC Championship (beat WM and CM) for the first time since 1986 but needed 4 OT's to get past CM. That put EM at 4-2 and in the hunt for the MAC Title but they dropped their final 2. They installed FieldTurf in '05 to help cut down on injuries. EM finished with an identical 4-7 record in '05 but went 3-5 in the MAC. They had a missed xp with :13 left in their loss to Miami, a failed 2 pt conv vs WM had them trailing by 1 late and they blew a 25-7 lead vs Ball St in what could have been a 7-4 season. They finished last in the MAC West but were only outgained by 28.8 ypg (7th best). That team benefitted from +10 in turnovers. In 2006 they were breaking in a new QB and had most of their winnable games on the road. Because of those factors, I called for a 2nd straight year in the cellar. EM achieved just that but had 6 losses by 8 pts or less and could have finished 7-5 but was just 1-11. They were outgained by 81 ypg in MAC play (2nd worst). Last year they had the 2nd most returning starters (15) in the MAC (fewest lettermen lost) and improved to 4-8 overall including 3-4 in the MAC and were "only" outgained by 41.4 ypg. They snapped a seven game losing streak in the 3rd week when they upset N Illinois on the road after blocking NI's 50 yd FG with :11 left. After beating IAA Howard, EM had expected losses to both Vandy and Michigan. They trailed Ohio big most of the game losing by 6 then gave a competitive effort vs Northwestern (Fri night) but dropped to 2-6. WM had six turnovers and EM won by 17 but they were pounded by Toledo the next week on the road. BG got a TD with 3:54 left to pull out a win but amazingly EM won its 2nd Michigan MAC Championship under Genyk when they beat eventual MAC Champ CM 48-45. EM was 3-2 in the MAC West (3-4 overall in the conf) and that team had just 11 seniors. This is probably Genyk's best team and they could be 4-4 after 8 games but face a brutal final 4 with road trips to Ball St, WM and Temple and a home game vs C Michigan. Despite losing just 11 lettermen and being the defending Michigan MAC Champs, I do not see EM attaining its first winning season since 1995.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 7 ANDY SCHMITT JR. 6-4 238 PS#300. 16 st 2Y, 2795 (63%). 16-12 ratio, 876 rush. **11 Kyle McMahon** (6'3" 208 So) PS#288. 2 st true, 7 gms, 544 (51%) 3-9 ratio. 187 rush.

RB 36 Terrence Blevins Sr. 6-1 226 PS#106. Sub 4.5 spd. 405 bench, 190 (4.2) 2Y. **22** Dwayne Priest (5'9" 186 So) 180 (3.2) true. **35** Jayson Jones (5'8" 167 So) 73 (4.9) true.

WR 15 JACORY STONE JR. 6-1 190 5 st, 99 (7.6) rFr. 12 st LY, #1 462 (9.8). **88** David Fox (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#268. **81** Michael Graham (6'3" 198 So). **80** Brandon Pratt (6'2" 189 So).

WR 2 Dontayo Gage Jr. 5-10 184 PS#320QB. 5 st 2Y 273 (7.0). 1016 KR yd LY. **86 Tyrone Burke** (5'10" 194 So) 1 st rFr, 184 (18.4). **84** Trey Hunter (5'11" 200 rFr) PS#406.

WR 5 TYLER JONES SR. 6-2 218 PS#174QB. 11 st 3Y. QB/RB/WR, 999 pass, 769 rush, 345 rec. **18** DeAnthony White (5'8"170 Jr) 13 st 2Y. 532 (11.1). **85** Trevor Hoover (6'2" 207 Jr).

TE 94 Kyle Pollock Jr. 6-3 258 PS#419JC. In spg. **48** Sonny Paluch (6'4" 246 So). John Bonner (6'2" 240 Sr) 4 st L3Y, 172 (17.2). **89** Josh LeDuc (6'3" 230 So) 5 rec rFr.

C 78 ERIC DAVIS SO. 6-2 279 Last 6 st C rFr, 10 gm. **61** Derek Gotham (6'4" 290 rFr) PS#534. **54** Chris Radney (6'3" 257 So). **LS** Mike Zupancic (6'5" 255 Fr) PS#481.

RG 74 Joe Charles Sr. 6-0 304 PS#468DL. 4 tkl, 1.5 sk DT true. 11 games as backup LY. **65 Dan DeMaster (6'5" 287 So) 8 st RT rFr. 77** James Crabill (6'1" 261 rFr).

LG 60 ANDY FRETZ JR. 6-2 285 12 st LG rFr. 12 st LG LY. **72 Darrell Davis-Budanauro** (6'4" 357 rFr) **PS#99. 64** Ross Petersen (6'5" 285 Jr). PS#621, 2 games LY.

RT 76 BRIDGER BUCHE SO. 6-3 284 PS#549. 6 gm true, 1 st TE. **55** Stephen Johnson (6'4" 280 Jr) PS#517. 3 tkl true DL. Last 4 st RT LY. David Dick, Jr is PS#248.

LT 50 TJ LANG SR. 6-4 307 PS#414DL. 1 st, 11 tkl DT true. 12 st (10RT, 2 LT) '06. 12 st LT LY. **69** Chris Larkins (6'2" 273 Sr) PS#503DL. 1 st rFr, 20 gm, 2nd string L2Y.

K 33 ZACH JOHNSON JR. 6-0 185 PS#86. P in '06. Took over K job, 9 gm LY, 5-7 FG's, long 50. **38 Sean Dutcher** (5'10" 197 So) 2- 5 FG L/41 LY. Patrick Treppa (5'10" 157 So).

DE 5 SPENSER SMITH SR. 6-1 240 PS#199LB. 9 tkl, 1 tfl true. 8 tkl '06. 10 st LY, 35 tkl, 6 tfl. **93** Brad Ohrman (6'4" 244 rFr) PS#148TE. **90** Javon Reese (6'3" 226 Fr) **PS#184LB.** GS LY.

DT 91 JOSH HUNT SR. 6-5 290 **PS#115. Colorado transfer.** 10 st, 37 tkl rFr. 11 st '06, 53 tkl, 10 tfl. 10 st '07, 30 tkl, 2 int, 6.5 tfl. **92** Ryan Kuhlman is PS#464. In for spg.

DT 99 Tyler Palsrok So. 6-4 265 PS#228. 1 st true. 9 gms, 3 tkl, 1 sk. **96** Brandon Slater (6'3" 273 rFr) #3 DT true but RS. Kalven Seilis (6'5" 230 Fr) PS#421. Canadian.

DE 97 Adam Brockman So. 6-3 244 PS#451. 2 st true, 13 tkl, 1 tfl. **45** Brandon Downs (6'0" 257 Jr) PS#468LB. 1 st TE '06. 5 tkl LY. **11 Corey Riley** (6'2" 241 Sr) 3 st, 33 tkl 4Y.

WLB 25 Jermaine Jenkins Sr. 6-2 207 PS#190QB. 9 tkl '06. 9 tkl LY. **42** Marcus English (6'1" 209 rFr) **PS#183DB. 46** Korey Jackson (6'0" 233 Sr) 2 st '05, 10 tkl. 10 gm LY, 2 KR.

MLB 44 DANIEL HOLTZCLAW SR. 6-1 246 11 st, 91 tkl, 5 int true. 12 st '06, 114 tkl, 1 pbu. 12 st LY, 125 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. Steve Brown PS#408. Fork Union LY. Lorenzo Seaberry (5'8" 216 Jr) 7 tkl 2Y.

SLB 20 ANDRE HATCHETT JR. 5-11 215 **PS#83.** 3 st, 32 tkl true. 12 st LY, 98 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **57** Tim Fort (6'0" 214 So) 4 tkl, 7 gm rFr. **47** Chris Bittner (6'1" 206 rFr) PS#381DL.

CB 34 DERRICK HUNTER JR. 6-0 184 PS#335WR. 10 st last year, 49 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. **19** Arrington Hicks (5'10" 166 So) 2 st, 10 gms true, 9 tkl, 1 int. Eric Morrison. Fork Union LY.

CB 27 KEVIN LONG SO. 6-1 196 Last 4 st CB true, 21 tkl, 4 pbu. **30 Lyle Garrison** (5'8" 167 Sr) PS#210RB. **15 st** L2Y. 54 tkl 3Y. **37** Mark Mitchell (5'11" 179 So) 6 tkl as rFr.

SS 21 JACOB WYATT SR. 5-11 197 **PS#166.** 11 st '06, 89 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu. 12 st LY, 65 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **23 Chris May** (5'10" 200 Jr) **12 st FS** '06, 89 tkl, 4 tfl. 2 st LY, 8 gms, 35 tkl.

FS 10 RYAN DOWNARD SO. 6-1 201 Last 10 st rFr, 43 tkl, **6 int. 24** Dwayne Harrison (5'9" 191 Sr) 6 st RB '05-'06, 352 (4.1), 6 rec. 12 tkl LY. **37** Nate Wilson (5'11" 180 rFr).

P 33 ZACH JOHNSON JR. 6-0 185 65 punts rFr, 40.0 avg, **38.1 net!** 20 inside 20. 56 punts LY, 42.1 avg and **super net 39.2 #6th in NCAA!** 24 inside 20. Patrick Treppa (5'10" 157 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

TE	Kyle Pollock 6-3 258 PS#419JC
OL	David Dick, Jr 6-3 290 PS#248
DB	Eric Morrison 5-10 185 PS#315
DB	Marcell Rose 5-9 180 PS#332
QB	Juandez Brown 6-3 190 PS#187
DL	Javon Reese 6-3 226 PS#184LB '07
OL	Scott MacLeod 6-7 295 PS#361
OL	Mark VanDenburgh 6-4 290 PS#385
LB	Kyle DeMaster 6-2 200 PS#380DB
WR	Marvon Sanders 5-9 160 PS#303
RB	Tyler Thomas 5-9 190 PS#334
WR	Darrion Brown 6-0 185 PS#320
DB	Jon Pryor 5-9 175 PS#320WR
OL	Corey Watman 6-2 280 PS#434
DL	Kalven Seilis 6-5 230 PS#421
RB	Dominique Sherrer 5-11 190 PS#361
RB	Corey Brown 5-11 180 PS#366
DL	Drew Serruto 6-3 245 PS#430
QB	Alex Beierwalter 6-2 195 PS#273
LB	Josh Williams 6-1 210 PS#391RB
OL	Mike Zupancic 6-5 255 PS#481
OL	Korey Neal 6-2 265 PS#481
LB	L'shane Bynum 6-1 210 PS#408
LB	Steve Brown 6-0 210 PS#408
DL	Ryan Kuhlman 6-4 235 PS#464

EASTERN MICHIGAN EAGLES

Ypsilanti, Michigan
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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#91

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score EM	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 28	Indiana St (Thur)	A				
Sep. 6	at Michigan St	G				
Sep. 13	Toledo	A				
Sep. 20	at Maryland	G				
Sep. 27	N Illinois (HC)	A				
Oct. 4	at Bowling Green	A				
Oct. 11	at Army	A				
Oct. 18	Akron	A				
Oct. 25	at Ball St	A				
Nov. 1	at Western Michigan	A				
Nov. 8						
Nov. 15						
No.v 22	at Temple	G				
Nov. 28	C Michigan (Fri)	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Walter Church 9,142 '96-'00
2. Charlie Batch 7,592 '94-'97
3. Matt Bohnet 4,988 '04-'05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Gary Patton 3,497 '84-'87
2. Mike Strickland 3,234 '72-'74
3. Anthony Sherrell 2,888 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Eric Deslauriers 3,250 '03-'06
2. Kevin Walter 2,838 '99-'02
3. Jermaine Sheffield 2,043 '97-'99

EM is 6-21 vs non-conf opponents since 2001, but 5 wins came vs FCS schools. Sycamores went 0-11 LY (1-32 L3Y) & have lost 21 straight road games.

Eagles have lost 9 straight & are 2-16 in road openers since '90 (avg loss by 26 ppg). E Michigan is 0-23 being outscored 789-133 all-time vs current Big Ten teams.

Eagles are 4-14 S/'90 vs the Rockets w/the avg win by 4 ppg & avg loss by 21 ppg. They combined for a ssn high 1,017 yds LY. EM is just 3-9 in MAC home openers.

E Mich is 0-3 all-time vs Maryland (gms from 2001-'03) being outscored 132-19. Into '08, EM's last win vs a current BCS tm was in '00, they have dropped 15 straight since.

EM is 14-22-2 all-time vs N Illinois including 4-14-1 the L/19. LY's win snapped a 6 game losing streak as EM was down 13-0 but blk'd a 50 yd FG as time expired.

HC Jeff Genyk played QB at Bowling Green from 1978-'81 ('82 graduate). E Michigan has dropped the last 9 gms vs Bowling Green by an avg of 15 ppg.

The only prior meeting was in '92 as EM was crushed 57-17 at West Point. Two yrs ago, 6 of EM's 11 losses were by 8 pts or less. LY 6 of 8 losses were by 10+ pts.

The home team is 12-2 since 1985 in this series, including 7 straight wins. Heading into '08, the Eagles are 3-7 vs the MAC East under HC Genyk.

The Eagles are 11-22 since 1975 vs Ball St including 3 straight losses. These schools have played every yr S/'73. LY EM was outgained by a ssn high 197 yds vs BSU.

EM has allowed 31 ppg the last 11 yrs vs WM but LY held the Broncos to just 199 yds forcing 6 TO's & the 2 pts were the fewest allowed to WM since 1930.

First MAC meeting. The Eagles are 0-3 vs the Owls with each loss by single digits. Coming into '08, EM is 3-19 the L/22 November RG's (includes gms at Ford Field).

EM is 1-5 S/'02 in home finales. Three of L/4 vs CM gms have gone to OT. In '04 E Michigan scored 61 pts vs CM (#3 all-time) & the gms combined 119 pts is a school record.

JEFF GENYK (Career 13-33)

5th Year at E Michigan — Genyk's Bowl Record: 0-0

Genyk's records AT E MICHIGAN

13-33	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
6-11	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
6-19	Away	0-9	Vs BCS Teams
1-3	Neutral	0-3	Off A Bye
11-20	Vs Conference	9-22	Off A Loss

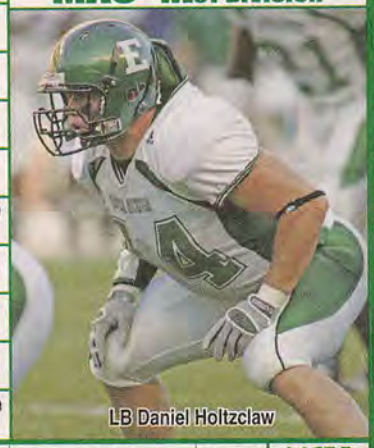
2007 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (22,21,3)
Lost: 11 (5,5,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 7,448 (#120)

MAC - WEST DIVISION


LB Daniel Holtzclaw

STADIUM: RYNEARSON STADIUM (30,200) (#105)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	2-9	3-9	3-9	4-7	4-7	1-11	4-8	24-68
Home	3-3	2-3	3-3	3-4	1-4	2-2	1-3	2-2	17-24
Away	0-5	0-6	0-6	0-5	2-3	2-4	0-7	2-5	6-41
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	2-5	1-6	1-7	2-6	4-4	3-5	1-7	3-4	17-44
vs Non-Conf	1-3	1-3	2-2	1-3	0-3	1-2	0-4	1-4	7-24
ATS	3-8	6-3	2-8	6-4	4-5-1	7-4	6-6	4-7	38-45-1
Home Fav (Jeff Woodruff)	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	0-0	5-4
Home Dog (Jeff Genyk)	1-3	1-1	1-3	4-1	0-1-1	1-0	1-2	1-2	10-13-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-1
Away Dog	1-4	4-1	1-5	2-3	3-2	3-2	4-3	3-4	21-24
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	2-5	6-1	2-6	5-3	4-3-1	5-3	5-3	3-4	32-28-1
vs Non-Conf	1-3	0-2	0-2	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-3	1-3	6-17
Off SU Win	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-2	1-2	1-0	0-2	9-11
Off SU Loss	2-5	5-2	1-5	4-4	2-2-1	5-2	5-5	4-4	28-29-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Pierre Walker	214	891	52	839	10	3.9
Andy Schmitt	67	336	57	279	6	4.2
Dwayne Priest	56	189	9	180	0	3.2
Kyle McMahon	32	187	52	135	2	4.2
DeAnthony White	15	133	15	118	1	7.9
Dontayo Gage	7	95	0	95	1	13.6
Terrence Blevins	19	85	1	84	0	4.4
Jayson Jones	15	83	10	73	0	4.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Andy Schmitt	255	164	64.3	1613	14	6
Kyle McMahon	99	50	50.5	544	3	9
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Jacory Stone	47	462	9.8	3	37	
DeAnthony White	33	357	10.8	3	67	
Tyler Jones	29	341	11.8	3	36	
Travis Lewis	32	311	9.7	2	32	
Tyrone Burke	10	184	18.4	2	41	
Ken Bohnet	22	158	7.2	3	20	
Dwayne Priest	9	108	12.0	1	24	
Dontayo Gage	11	104	9.5	0	18	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Zach Johnson	56	2355	42.1	8	39.2	1	24
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Zach Johnson	27-31	3-3	0-1	1-2	1-1	5-7	50
Sean Dutcher	4-5	1-2	0-1	1-2	0-0	2-5	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Daniel Holtzclaw	125	0.5	4.5	4	2
Darran Matthews	107	2.5	3	2	1
Andre Hatchett	98	2	5.5	1	0
Jason Jones	70	3.5	16	3	0
Jacob Wyatt	65	0	0.5	3	2
Derrick Hunter	49	0	0.5	3	1
Ryan Downard	43	0	0	1	6
Eric Young	37	4	5	2	0
Spenser Smith	35	1	5	3	0
Chris May	35	0	0.5	0	0
Josh Hunt	30	0	6.5	3	2
Lyle Garrison	28	0	1	2	1
Kevin Long	21	0	0	4	0
Adam Brockman	13	0	1	0	0
Dwayne Harrison	12	0	0	0	0
Arrington Hicks	9	0	1	1	1
Allan Cozart	9	2	1	0	0
Jermaine Jenkins	9	0	0	0	0
Cortland Selman	8	0	1.5	0	0
Lorenzo Seaberry	6	0.5	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Nate Beard	11	55	5.0	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Dontayo Gage	44	1016	23.1	1
Dwayne Priest	11	231	21.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
87	California	NL	San Jose St	30-27

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

E Michigan's All-Time Bowl Record 1-0

E MICHIGAN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	24.2	18	157	4.1	181	59.6	14.0	+8	2007	8	31.2	23	196	5.2	228	60.5	13.6
6	13.9	16	106	3.4	171	58.6	19.9	-6	2006	7	26.8	20	201	4.8	187	63.6	14.5
8*	21.8	19	123	3.8	223	62.1	15.9	+10	2005	5	26.8	23	199	4.7	210	62.6	15.2
7	29.8	23	166	4.3	262	51.5	14.4	-9	2004	9	41.6	26	192	4.4	278	64.5	11.3
7	17.1	15	117	3.1	154	54.2	15.8	-6	2003	10	30.9	20	191	4.5	202	61.1	12.7
5*	23.8	19	113	3.5	247	56.2	15.1	-22	2002	6	47.2	25	294	6.1	226	63.7	11.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

EM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
36,183	at Pittsburgh	8	23-39	1.7	16-29	106	2	19	42-130	3.1	16-24	195	1	-1
5,794	Ball St	11	28-107	3.8	16-26	155	0	24	42-153	3.6	19-39	306	2	-1
20,012	at N Illinois	18	41-189	4.6	16-24	189	0	19	36-184	5.1	20-28	160	2	+1
10,141	Howard	14	34-115	3.4	14-21	214	0	28	45-257	5.7	21-35	177	4	+4
37,220	at Vanderbilt	10	30-62	2.1	13-26	111	2	23	44-173	3.9	14-28	168	0	-2
108,415	at Michigan	16	36-135	3.8	18-36	169	3	22	37-255	6.9	18-28	204	1	-2
17,031	at Ohio	21	40-177	4.4	23-35	248	3	26	40-241	6.0	21-32	269	1	+4
10,000	† Northwestern	21	29-99	3.4	28-48	282	3	28	34-155	4.6	25-42	361	2	-2
7,002	W Michigan	21	52-255	4.9	15-28	137	2	13	23-53	2.3	13-27	146	3	+5
17,270	at Toledo	24	44-217	4.9	18-34	200	2	26	44-324	7.4	17-29	276	0	-1
4,304	Bowling Green	27	52-269	5.2	12-18	134	0	27	39-193	4.9	21-33	226	0	+2
15,822	at C Michigan	27	49-214	4.4	26-36	227	0	25	25-231	9.2	26-37	246	1	+1
TOTALS		218	458-1878	4.1	215-361	2172	17	280	451-2349	5.2	231-382	2734	17	+8
AVERAGES		18.2	38-157	4.1	18-30	181	1.4	23.3	38-196	5.2	19-32	228	1.4	0.7

2003 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	E Tennessee St	NL	28-21
–	W Illinois	NL	12-34
–	at Akron	+19'	17-24
–	at Navy	+12'	7-39
–	Maryland	+34	13-37
–	W Michigan	+14	3-31
–	at Toledo	+27	14-49
–	Bowling Green	+28	20-33
–	at C Michigan	+7'	10-38
–	UCF	+7	19-13
–	Ball St	+10	38-14
–	at N Illinois	+26	24-38

2004 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Buffalo	-7	37-34
–	at Florida - #11	+37	10-49
–	Toledo	+10	32-42
–	E Illinois	NL	28-31
–	Idaho	-7	41-45
–	at Ball St	+7	31-24
–	at W Michigan	+3'	35-31
–	at Bowling Green	+30	20-41
–	† C Michigan	+1	61-58 4OT
–	at Kent St	+12'	17-69
–	N Illinois	+17'	16-34

2005 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Cincinnati	+10	26-28
–	Louisiana-Lft	-7	31-10
–	at Michigan - #14	+29	0-55
–	at C Michigan	+5'	23-20 OT
–	Kent St	-3'	27-20
–	at Toledo	+20	3-30
–	at N Illinois	+21	8-24
–	Miami, Oh	+10'	23-24
–	† W Michigan	+3	36-44
–	Ball St	-6	25-26
–	at Buffalo	-6	38-14

2006 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Ball St	+5	20-38
–	at Michigan St	+25'	20-52
–	at Northwestern	+17	6-14
–	C Michigan	+4'	17-24 OT
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+8	14-33
–	at Bowling Green	+10'	21-24
–	Toledo	-1	17-13
–	at W Michigan	+15'	15-18
–	Ohio	+6'	10-16
–	† Navy	+15	21-49
–	at Kent St	+11'	6-14
–	N Illinois	+8'	0-27

2007 RESULTS

EM Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Pittsburgh	+20	3-27
–	Ball St	+3'	16-38
–	at N Illinois	+13	21-19
–	Howard	NL	38-15
–	at Vanderbilt	+22	7-30
–	at Michigan	+29'	22-33
–	at Ohio	+4	42-48
–	† Northwestern	+10	14-26
–	W Michigan	+4'	19-2
–	at Toledo	+8	28-52
–	Bowling Green	+3'	32-39
–	at C Michigan	+14	48-45

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - BG has had some top-notch QB's in recent years. Josh Harris (#6DC BAL) played TB most of his frosh year but as a senior threw for 3,813 (972 rush) and set a school record with 27 TD passes. He was 22-6 as a starter. Good-sized Omar Jacobs (6'4" 226) who has 4.59 speed, had a 41-4 ratio and threw for over 4,000 as a soph in 2004 setting a school record with 224 passes without an int. He missed 2 starts in '05 but still threw for 2,591 (60.7%) with a 26-7 ratio and left early for the NFL (#5DC PIT). Anthony Turner (PS#36) won the starting job in 2006 (2 st '05). Turner threw for 1,596 (57.1%) with an 11-5 ratio (598 rush). Freddie Barnes started vs Wisconsin when Turner was susp, but later moved to WR. Tyler Sheehan took off his RS in the 4th game but threw for just 192 with an 0-4 ratio. Sheehan, who has the best arm, won the starting job in Aug '07. In the opener, Turner came in for a series in the 2Q and led a scoring drive but Sheehan hit 34 of 51 for 388 and was the MAC East Off POW (3 times in '07). Anthony Glaud came off the bench vs Temple and Turner soon moved to RB/WR but also saw spot duty at QB. Sheehan and Turner were the only QB tandem in the NCAA to each have a TD passing, rushing and receiving. Sheehan had a great start, tallied off a little at midyear with a shoulder inj, but came back strong at the end and threw for 3,264 (63.7%) with a 23-11 ratio for the season. Glaud had 266 and Turner just 65. Glaud transferred to Delaware St. Adding depth are Tony Hunter (6'1" 227 Jr, PS#344), Nate Brown (PS#116) and this year's 3 newcomers including Andrew Beam and walk-on Bart Tanski (PS#142) who was Mr. Football in Ohio but was not offered a IA scholarship.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006 Dan Macon started 5 and rushed for 387 (5.4). Chris Bullock (5'11" 223 Jr) emerged and led with 769 (4.8) in 5 starts. Bullock had 99 vs Kent St, 114 vs Ohio and 182 vs Temple but surprisingly had just 90 yds the last 3. Converted QB Barnes rushed for 405 (4.2) and FB Pete Winovich (3 st) added 78 (6.5). Last year everyone returned but JUCO Eric Ransom (PS#147JC) was the expected starter. Ransom had 117 yds receiving and 46 yds rushing in just 5Q's but was lost for the year. Bullock, who is more of a between-the-tackles runner and not the perfect fit for this high-flying pass offense, led vs WK and BC but had just 83 yds combined. After the loss to Miami, HC Gregg Brandon promised more emphasis on the ground game and true frosh Willie Geter, whom he called a "special guy," had 203 vs Kent St (9.2) earning MAC East Off POW. Geter had 90 vs Ohio in the 1H but was inj'd and had just 17 carries in the last 3. QB Turner moved to RB and rushed for 104 vs Akron, 97 vs Buffalo and 96 vs Toledo giving them a solid run threat. This year everyone returns except for Winovich (4 st, 103 ttl yd) and Macon (262 ttl yd). With Turner and Geter around for a full season at RB plus the return Ransom, this looks to be a much improved RB corps.

WR Freddie Barnes

RECEIVERS - In 2003 BG had to replace Robert Redd who set the school's single season record with 83 rec and became the BG career leader in receiving yards. Cole Magner broke Redd's single ssn rec record (99 in '03) and Charles Sharon broke Redd's career receiving record. Both Magner and Sharon left in 2005. Corey Partridge missed the 1st 2 in '06 but emerged down the stretch and finished #1 with 658 (12.0). Last year they had to replace their #2 and #3 receivers but did have the often injured Partridge back. Once again Partridge suffered inj's and played in just 8 but still had 453 (9.8). Freddie Barnes emerged as the team's go-to man and led with 962 (11.7), while RB Geter was #3 in rec with 37 (8.0). Not listed below is WR Ray Hutson (6'2" 190 rFr PS#190). If Partridge can finally stay healthy (inj in spg), he could have a record breaking year. This year the only loss is WR Zach Charles (10 rec).

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 BG had to replace two starters including a 1st Tm MAC LT. The numbers improved to 4.2 ypc rush with 20 sacks allowed (5.8%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters including their top OL. Back in 2003 Brandon called his OL recruits "The 5 Blocks Of Granite" and three of them were 5th year senior starters in '07. Surprisingly the unit slipped to 124 ypg rush (3.8) while allowing 32 sacks (6.1%). This year they lose 1st Tm MAC C Kory Lichtensteiger (13 st, 4Y st'r, #4DC DEN), RT Kevin Huelsman (13 st, 2Y st'r), 2nd Tm MAC LT Drew Nystrom (13 st, 3Y st'r), backup C Pat Watson and Andrew Stanford. Six of the top 10 are back but their 36 career starts is #103 in the NCAA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 BG allowed 4.1 ypc rush while recording 26 sacks. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but one of the them was 1st Tm MAC DE Devon Parks (4Y st'r). DT Nick Davis was lost after 4 starts. Injuries plagued the unit and amazingly 11 different players started. BG allowed 4.7 ypc rush, its worst total in over a decade and had just 24 sacks. This year they lose DT Sean O'Drobinak (12 st, 36 tkl, 2.5 tfl) and Brandon Mack (5 tkl). This year 10 players are back with starting experience although DJ Young has moved to the OL. Not listed in the 3 deep are Preston Burrell (6'5" 278 rFr) and Darren Branch (6'1" 243 rFr). This could be one of the most improved D-lines in the NCAA.

LINEBACKERS - HC Brandon covets speed over size at LB. In 2005 and 2006 BG had to replace 2 of their 3 starters. Last year they had 2 starters back but had to replace their #1 tackler (2nd Tm MAC). They had 5 of the top 6 back including Erique Dozier, who was named BG's Top Def Player in 2006. Returning starter John Haneline was leading the MAC in tackles when he was lost with 4 games to go but still finished #2 on the team (96). Dozier led in tackles and was named BG's top LB. True frosh Glen Stanley only played in 8 but started three with an amazing 37 tackles in those games. Unfortunately, Stanley is no longer with the team (academics) and they also lose SLB Loren Hargrove (13 st, 87 tkl, 6.5 tfl). This still looks like one of the MAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - BG was #46 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and #69 in 2005. They had an inexperienced group in 2006 at one point starting 3 true frosh and a soph and slipped to #92. Last year the unit returned intact but surprisingly was only #88 allowing a 27-14 ratio. PJ Mahone was a backup but after Jerett Sanderson suffered a quad injury, Mahone started the last six. He had 7 int and earned 2nd Tm MAC honors. This year everyone returns (except Sanderson who moved to LB in spg) including four players who had 6 or more starts last season. Kent St Coach Doug Martin said Antonio Smith was the best CB he'd seen in the MAC last year. Not listed in the 3 deep below is Alfred Tomlinson (5'8" 185 So). I expect BG to make a significant climb in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Urban Meyer was Notre Dame's ST coach and in his 2 years at BG they finished #22 and #12 blocking 7 punts in '02. They finished #46 and #34 in '03 & '04 but in '05 dropped to #93. In '06 BG's ST's unit was a disaster in their 4-8 season as they finished #119. Brandon went out and brought in a couple of JUCO K's and they made a big difference. Nick Iovinelli avg'd 38.4 improving the net from 27.7 to 32.6. He also handled the KO's and the opp KR avg dropped from 23.7 to 20.3. Another huge area of improvement was KR's where Roger Williams and his 4.4 speed avg'd 24.5 (BG 17.6, '06). Brandon used to contemplate kicking a 30 yd FG but last year with new K Sinisa Vrvilo, BG attempted a 55 yarder and he nailed 15-19 FG's with a long of 49 with 2 misses from 50+. Surprisingly BG only moved up to #89 but everyone is back and I look for a continued improvement.

COACHES - Brandon was the OC here for two years under Meyer before taking over as HC in 2003. In 2002 his offense finished third in the nation in scoring (40.8 ppg) and set 17 school records and 7 MAC records. He has achieved 4 out of 5 winning seasons here as HC and just signed a contract extension through 2011. Last year the new OC was 4 year QB Coach Mick McCall but he left for Northwestern. This year the play calling will be split by Pass Gm Coor Troy Rothenbuhler and Run Gm Coor Matt Campbell. Brandon also had to replace his DC last year and Mike Ward now enters his 2nd year. He was the DL coach here the previous seven years. Brandon also hired Jim Hofher as QB coach. Hofher was Buffalo's HC from 2001-'05.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2002, BG outgained MAC foes by an average of 94.9 ypg and ranked as high as #20 in the polls. In Brandon's first year ('03) BG rose as high as #15 beating a ranked team (#16 Purdue) on the road for the first time since 1972 (#18 Purdue) and also knocked off #12 N Illinois. Two losses to Miami, however, knocked them down to #23 in the final polls. In 2003, BG outgained MAC foes by an even more impressive 144 ypg. In 2004, they had to replace their star QB Harris but had 16 starters back and Jacobs had a great year with an incredible 41-4 ratio. They finished 9-3 but a 2H collapse vs Toledo (led 27-7) cost them a tie for the MAC West Title. Their avg win in 2004 was by 20.8 ppg as they benefitted from +15 in turnovers. Their 12 returning starters in 2005 were the lowest in the MAC. One Achilles' heel in 2005 was their rush D which allowed 175 ypg. Another key to the season was QB Jacobs being injured in the 1Q vs WM. Without Jacobs they dropped two straight MAC games for the first time since 2000. They still had a shot at winning the MAC East Title but lost to Toledo in 2OT. BG outgained MAC foes by 69.6 ypg (#1 MAC East). In 2006 they had just 9 returning starters and had to replace QB Jacobs and basically had 8 road games. The group was young and 25 freshmen were playing (15 true) by Wk 4. While they opened 4-3 and were in the thick of the MAC East race, they stunningly lost their last five including ending the NCAA's longest losing streak by allowing Temple a 28-14 victory. BG was 3-5 in the MAC but was +21.6 ypg (6th best). It was their first losing season in six years. Last year BG made my most improved list which means I thought they would go from a losing season to bowl eligibility. They led Minny 21-0 at the half but needed a gutsy 2 pt conv in the first OT to pull out the win. They played a solid game vs bowl bound Mich St then beat lightweights Temple and WK. Versus #7 BC they only trailed 14-10 with 8:55 left in the 1H but imploded with 6 int's. The next week they played their worst game as Miami won by 33. Brandon said they would run the ball more in the 2H of the year. Twice Kent St was SOD inside the BG 10 and BG won while rushing for 197 yards. They trailed Ohio 28-20 late 3Q when the Bobcats got a 58 yd IR TD. BG also fumbled 2 PR's and fell to 4-4. BG dominated Akron, got past E Mich and Buffalo on the road and routed Toledo in the regular season finale. Their 8 wins were the most of any MAC team in the regular season but Miami won the tie-breaker and played in the MAC Title game. After a 44 day layoff, BG had the worst loss in bowl history losing by 56 to Tulsa. Despite BG's 6-2 record, they only outgained MAC foes by 1.6 ypg. They also only had 5 Sr starters with 8 Jr, 7 Soph and 2 Fr starting. They had 2 net close wins. BG has 17 returning starters and is my pick to win the MAC East.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

QB 13 TYLER SHEEHAN JR. 6-4 227 PS#163. 13 st LY, 3264 (64%), 366 rush (3.9). Andrew Beam PS#187JC. 1800 yd (72%) at JC LY. **14** Nate Brown (6'4" 225 rFr) PS#116.

RB 17 ANTHONY TURNER SR. 6-2 227 **PS#36QB**. 15 st 3Y, 2153 pass, 1169 net rush. **28** Willie Geter (5'7" 167 So) 432 (6.1) true. Eric Ransom (5'9" 189 Sr) PS#147JC. 163 ttl yd, 2 st inj.

WR 12 CHRIS WRIGHT JR. 5-10 181 Last 8 st LY, 370 (14.2). **83** Tyrone Pronty (6'0" 184 Jr). 6 st, 165 (8.7). **FB/TE 89** Jimmy Scheidler (6'4" 243 Jr). **91** Nick Rieke (6'4" 270 So).

WR 3 MARQUES PARKS SR. 6-0 197 6 start '05-'06, 144 (10.3). 11 st LY, 360 (12.9). Jermiah Kelley (6'0" 210 Sr) JC. L/3 st, 219 (18.2). **15** Calvin Wiley (5'11" 207 Jr) 23 tkl FS '06.

WR 7 FREDDIE BARNES JR. 6-0 210 **PS#60QB**. 3 st QB/2WR rFr, 818 ttl yds. 13 st LY. 962 (11.7), **3rd Tm MAC**. **80** Keston Cheathem (6'1" 203 Sr) **PS#47DB**. Michigan, JC, 2 rec LY.

WR 1 COREY PARTRIDGE SR. 5-11 189 6 st, 317 (13.8) '05. 10 st '06, 658 (12.0). 8 st LY, 453 (9.8). **84** Derek Brighton (6'0" 196 So) PS#92DB. 2 st, 97 (9.7) rFr. **82** Adrian Hodges (5'11" 183 rFr).

C 61 Ben Bojicic rFr. 6-5 292 PS#462. **70** Brady Minturn (6'4" 290 Jr) 3 st, 22 tkl DT '06. 1 st LG '07, 2nd string all yr. **LS 57** Neal Dahlman (6'1" 238 So) 13 games.

RG 55 BRANDON CURTIS SR. 6-1 286 PS#236. 10 gm, 11 tkl rFr. 3 gm C '06. 13 st RG LY. **64** Scott Albert (6'7" 292 Jr). **97** Darius Smith (6'3" 223 So) PS#176DL. 12 gm, 10 tkl LY.

LG 75 SHANE STEFFY JR. 6-3 290 PS#246. 10 gm rFr. 12 st LG LY. Miss spring. **60** Casey McHugh (6'5" 279 Jr) PS#461JC. In spg. **66** Josh Dodge (6'3" 298 rFr) PS#499.

RT 77 Jeff Fink Sr. 6-4 292 PS#233DL. 2nd string rFr. 3 st LT, 10 gm '06. 2nd string LY, 9 gm. **46** Tyler Donahue (6'6" 292 So) PS#334. 2nd string RT rFr, 10 gm.

LT 76 Aaron Kent Sr. 6-6 300 PS#612. 2nd string, 15 gm '06-'07. **87** DJ Young (6'5" 295 Jr) PS#177DL. 3 st, 7 tkl as true. 1 st, 23 tkl LY. Scott Lewis (6'2" 305 So).

K 41 SINISA VRVILO SR. 6-1 234 PS#106JC. 15 of 19 FG LY, long 49. 2 miss 50+. 6 of 8 from 40-49. 55 yd FG JC. **39** Matthew Norsic (6'0" 209 Jr). Gerald Phillips PS#74.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BROWN)

DE 99 DIYRAL BRIGGS SR. 6-3 232 PS#71TE. 38 tkl, 4.5 sk '05. 7 st '06, 69 tkl, 7 sk. 9 st LY. 54 tkl, 5 sk, **1st Tm MAC**. Adrian Baker (6'3" 231 Sr) 5 st, 37 tkl 2Y. Kevin Alvarado (6'2" 263 rFr) PS#195.

NG 90 MICHAEL REAM JR. 6-2 265 Last 3 st LY. 38 tkl, 6.5 tfl 2Y. **95** Nick Davis (6'3" 275 Sr) 39 tkl, 1.5 sk '05. First 4 st LY until inj, 8 tkl, 2 tfl. **98** Andrew Johnson (6'3" 257 rFr).

DT 58 JACOB HARDWICK JR. 6-3 261 **12 st** rFr, 28 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 4 st LY, 35 tkl, 4.5 sk. **63** Orlando Barrow (6'2" 290 So) 4 st NG rFr, 32 tkl, 3 tfl. **77** Nick Torresso (6'2" 294 So) 2 st, 16 tkl, 1.5 tfl true.

DE 51 Angelo Magnone So. 6-3 241 4 st LY, 30 tkl, 3 sk. **40** Joe Schaefer (6'4" 259 Sr) 4 st, 31 tkl 3Y. **93** Garth Hartung (6'1" 250 Sr) 2 tkl. **94** Carlos Tipton (6'3" 246 So) 4 gm, 4 tkl.

SLB 4 Jerett Sanderson Jr. 6-0 195 12 st FS true, 73 tkl. 7 st SS LY, 34 tkl. **37** Aaron Davis (6'2" 203 Jr) 12 tkl 2Y. **53** Jerrson Davis (6'1" 205 Jr) PS#460JC LY. **22** Josh Scheidler (6'0" 213 So).

MLB 58 ERIQUE DOZIER SR. 6-1 223 12 st '06, 98 tkl, 9 tfl! 13 st LY, #1 tkl'r w/112, 9 tfl. **45** Cody Basler (6'3" 236 Jr) 2 st, 40 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. **43** Brandon Jackson (6'2" 243 Jr) **PS#58**.

WLB 44 JOHN HANELINE SR. 6-2 240 11 st, 74 tkl '06. 9 st LY until inj. **#1 MAC tkl when inj.** Champ Fells (6'1" 233 So) 1 tkl. Lewis Parks (6'1" 232 So). Nate Waldron (5'10" 215 Sr) PS#231RB.

CB 2 ANTONIO SMITH SR. 5-10 182 33 st 3Y, 176 tkl, 4 int, 15 pbu. **3rd Tm MAC** in '07. **23** Tarell Lewis (5'10" 187 Jr) 3 st 2Y, 46 tkl, 3 pbu. **32** Mark Wooldridge (5'10" 181 rFr) **PS#83RB.**

CB 21 KENNY LEWIS SR. 5-11 192 PS#174RB. 25 st 3Y, 136 tkl, 6 int, 12 pbu. Top DB Award '06. **31** Roger Williams (5'10" 197 Jr) 10 tkl LY. **18** Derrick Williams (6'0" 189 rFr) PS#182.

SS 25 PJ MAHONE JR. 5-11 195 **2nd Tm MAC LY**. 2 st '06, 31 tkl. L/6 st LY, 90 tkl, **7 int. 27** Giovanni Fillari (5'11" 205 Sr). Keith Morgan is PS#370. Fred Walker (5'9" 191 Sr).

FS 24 JAHMAL BROWN JR. 5-10 193 PS#118RB. 10 st SS '06, 59 tkl. 13 st FS LY, 83 tkl, 4 pbu. **10** Calvin Marshall (5'11" 196 So) 8 tkl. Lane Robilotto PS#392. In for spring.

P 26 NICK IOVINELLI SR. 6-0 184 PS#193JC. 36.6 avg in JC. 53 punts in '07, 38.4 avg, 32.6 net, 12 inside the 20. **41** Sinisa Vrvilo (6-1 234 Sr). 5 TB on 75 KO in '07.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Andrew Beam 6-4 230 PS#187JC
OL	Blaec Walker 6-5 315 PS#190
OL	Charles Robinson 6-6 340 PS#199
DB	Robert Lorenzi 5-9 170 PS#418JC
OL	Marc Stevens 6-5 300 PS#266
QB	Bart Tanski 6-2 195 PS#142
OL	Casey McHugh 6-5 279 PS#461JC
OL	Timothy German 6-5 300 PS#289
DB	Keith Morgan 6-0 195 PS#370
DB	Adrien Spencer 6-0 175 PS#386
DB	Lane Robilotto 6-1 176 PS#392
LB	Anthony Stover 6-2 200 PS#361
WR	DeMark Jenkins 6-3 202 PS#320
DB	Marquese Quiles 6-0 170 PS#416
DL	Winston Etheridge 6-2 254 PS#430
QB	Aaron Pankratz 6-6 220 PS#268
K	Gerald Phillips 6-1 195 PS#74
DB	Jonathan Davis 5-11 170 PS#456
DL	Nicholas Tuminello 6-4 225 PS#464

BOWLING GREEN FALCONS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#101

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score BG	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Pittsburgh	G					
Sep. 6	Minnesota	A					
Sep. 13	at Boise St	A					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	at Wyoming	A					
Oct. 4	E Michigan (HC)	A					
Oct. 11	at Akron	A					
Oct. 18	Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 25	at Northern Illinois	A					
Nov. 1	Kent St	A					
Nov. 8	at Ohio	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 21	Buffalo (Fri)	A					
Nov. 28	at Toledo (Fri)	A					

BG is 5-7 in road openers S/'96 w/the wins vs Minnesota, Purdue, Kansas & Missouri. Falcons are 0-2 vs the Panthers with their gms in '99 & '00, avg loss by 19 ppg.

The Falcons are 8-0 the L7Y at Perry Stadium vs non-MAC tms (avg score 52-14). Falcons are 5-13 all-time vs current Big Ten members. BG has won 7 straight home openers.

In their last & only gm in '05, Bowling Green was outFD'd 34-13 & outgained 546-304 & Boise St led 41-6. The Falcons are 3-9 all-time vs current WAC teams.

First meeting w/Wyoming. BG is 1-4-1 all-time vs current MWC opp's (only W vs BYU in '75). HC Brandon was the WR coach at Wyoming from 1987-'90 coaching in 3 bowls.

BG is 7-0 outscoring opp's on avg 44-13 the L/7 Homecoming gms (54-22-1 all-time). BG has won 9 straight vs EM. LY there were 5 lead changes & BG scored w/3:45 left for the win.

LY BG had a season high 517 yds of offense, including 295 in the 1H vs Akron. The Falcons are 13-7 the last 5 years in MAC road games (3-1 LY).

In 2005, BG held Miami to -64 yds rushing, a school record. BG is 1-8 vs Miami & was held to a regular season low 232 total yds in LY's gm.

Since '84 the avg win in this series has been by 16 ppg w/just 2 gms being decided by single digits. The visitor is 4-11 all-time in this series which began in 1967.

The Falcons are 11-5 their last 16 games in November including a 4-0 sweep LY. Bowling Green has dominated this series going 53-16-6 all-time including 6 of the L/7.

BG scored the 3rd most pts in school history (72) in '02 vs Ohio & has won 5 of the L/6. Last year the Falcons trailed 21-20 & the Bobcats returned an int 58 yds for a TD.

Buffalo will travel to BG where former HC Hofher is now serving as the QB coach. Bowling Green is 7-3 in its last 10 regular season Perry Stadium finales.

These instate & arch rivals are just 26 miles apart. The visitor is just 1-9 & they have averaged 66 ppg the last 8 years. Last year was the largest MOV since 1981.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brian McClure 10,280 '82-'85
2. Josh Harris 7,503 '00-'03
3. Omar Jacobs 6,938 '03-'05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Dave Preston 3,423 '73-'76
2. Paul Miles 3,239 '71-'73
3. PJ Pope 3,116 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Charles Sharon 3,450 '02-'05
2. Robert Redd 2,726 '98-'02
3. Stan Hunter 2,679 '82-'85

GREGG BRANDON (Career 38-24)

6th Year at Bowling Green

Brandon's Bowl Record: 2-1

Brandon's records AT BOWLING GREEN

38-24	Straight Up	0-4	Vs Top 10
19-7	Home	2-5	Vs Top 25
17-15	Away	4-7	Vs BCS Teams
2-2	Neutral	5-3	Off A Bye
27-14	Vs Conference	15-6	Off A Loss

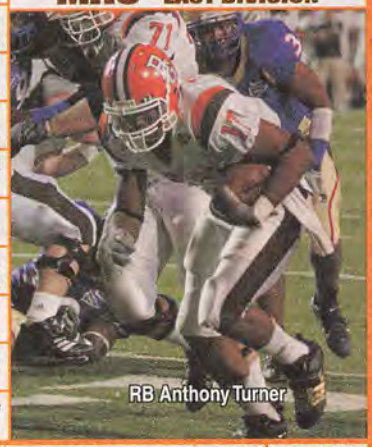
2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (23,26,4)
Lost: 16 (11,5,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,080 (#108)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


RB Anthony Turner

STADIUM: PERRY STADIUM (24,000) (#115)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	8-3	9-3	11-3	9-3	6-5	4-8	8-5	57-39
Home	1-4	4-1	6-0	6-1	5-0	2-3	2-2	4-1	30-12
Away	1-5	4-2	3-3	4-2	3-3	4-2	2-5	4-3	25-25
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	2-2
vs Conf	2-6	5-3	6-2	7-2	6-2	5-3	3-5	6-2	40-25
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	3-1	4-1	3-1	1-2	1-3	2-3	17-14
ATS	5-6 (Gary Blackney)	7-3-1 (Urban Meyer)	5-6	5-6-1 (Gregg Brandon)	8-3	3-8	3-9	7-5	43-46-2
Home Fav	1-0	1-1-1	2-2	1-2-1	3-1	2-3	0-4	2-2	12-15-2
Home Dog	3-1	2-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6-2
Away Fav	0-1	2-0	2-2	2-1	3-2	0-3	0-2	1-0	10-11
Away Dog	1-4	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-0	1-2	3-2	3-2	13-15
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	5-3	4-3-1	3-5	3-5-1	5-3	2-6	2-6	5-3	29-34-2
vs Non-Conf	0-3	3-0	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-2	1-3	2-2	14-12
Off SU Win	2-0	4-3	4-5	5-3-1	5-3	2-4	1-3	4-3	27-24-1
Off SU Loss	3-5	2-0-1	1-1	0-3	2-0	1-3	2-5	2-2	13-19-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Anthony Turner	106	552	33	519	9	4.9
Willie Geter	71	457	25	432	1	6.1
Chris Bullock	64	314	33	281	0	4.4
Dan Macon	36	186	24	162	2	4.5
Tyler Sheehan	93	366	218	148	3	1.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Tyler Sheehan	476	303	63.7	3264	23	11
Anthony Glaud	36	23	63.9	266	2	2
Anthony Turner	5	4	80.0	65	3	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Freddie Barnes	82	962	11.7	9	44
Corey Partridge	46	453	9.8	2	28
Chris Wright	26	370	14.2	3	83
Marques Parks	28	360	12.9	5	36
Willie Geter	37	296	8.0	0	33
Jermiah Kelley	12	219	18.2	3	52
Anthony Turner	22	185	8.4	1	31
Tyrone Pronty	19	165	8.7	2	23
Eric Ransom	9	117	13.0	1	53
Zach Charles	10	102	10.2	0	49
Dan Macon	7	100	14.3	1	43

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Nick Iovinelli	53	2035	38.4	13	32.6	2	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Sinisa Vrvilo	47-47	5-5	4-4	6-8	0-2	15-19	49

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Erique Dozier	112	1.5	7.5	1	2
John Haneline	96	1	4	1	1
PJ Mahone	90	0	2	4	7
Loren Hargrove	87	2	4.5	1	0
Jahmal Brown	83	0	0.5	4	0
Antonio Smith	80	0	3.5	5	2
Kenny Lewis	61	0	0.5	10	1
Diyral Briggs	54	5	2	2	0
Glen Stanley	44	0	2	1	0
Sean O'Drobinak	36	0.5	2	3	0
Jacob Hardwick	35	4.5	2	0	0
Jerett Sanderson	34	0	1	0	0
Orlando Barrow	32	1.5	1.5	0	0
Angelo Magnone	30	3	0.5	0	0
Cody Basler	30	1.5	1.5	2	0
Adrian Baker	24	2	4	1	1
DJ Young	23	0	2.5	0	0
Joe Schaefer	19	1	0	0	0
Nick Torresso	16	0	1.5	0	0
Michael Ream	14	1.5	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Zach Charles	10	41	4.1	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Roger Williams	39	954	24.5	1
Kenny Lewis	11	208	18.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
91	California		NL	Fresno St	28-21
92	Las Vegas		NL	Nevada	35-34
03	Motor City		-7	Northwestern	28-24
04	GMAC		-3	Memphis	52-35
07	GMAC		+5'	Tulsa	7-63

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Bowling Green's All-Time Bowl Record 4-4

BOWLING GREEN'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	30.2	23	124	3.8	279	63.6	13.3	0	2007	8	32.1	23	208	4.7	217	60.4	13.2
5	19.5	19	177	4.2	169	56.2	17.7	+1	2006	4	28.3	17	144	4.1	174	63.9	11.2
6*	33.8	24	144	3.8	284	60.6	12.6	+8	2005	6	27.6	20	175	4.1	204	58.8	13.7
8	44.3	26	168	4.7	338	66.3	11.4	+15	2004	8	23.5	22	132	3.6	260	55.5	16.7
6*	33.6	27	196	4.7	300	65.3	14.8	-6	2003	8	21.7	18	153	4.2	208	54.7	16.6
8*	40.8	25	219	5.3	230	57.0	11.0	+9	2002	4	25.3	20	154	3.9	211	53.8	14.4

2007 STATS BY GAME

BG 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
49,253	at Minnesota	24	22-100	4.5	35-53	412	1	24	48-246	5.1	15-31	188	1	+3
67,276	at Michigan St	20	25-47	1.9	32-51	295	7	20	41-142	3.5	17-29	250	1	0
16,482	Temple	24	27-96	3.6	30-47	351	1	24	43-102	2.4	27-41	299	6	0
20,622	W Kentucky	28	32-124	3.9	35-50	301	1	22	46-311	6.8	14-23	102	1	+5
40,117	at Boston College	26	23-64	2.8	37-58	401	4	26	35-146	4.2	25-34	325	0	-5
16,148	at Miami, Oh	14	26-25	1.0	19-32	207	6	26	53-262	4.9	16-24	237	3	-2
10,248	at Kent St	18	37-197	5.3	14-25	184	2	19	56-254	4.5	8-13	128	3	+1
11,602	Ohio	27	32-158	4.9	19-43	249	2	20	53-264	5.0	12-17	166	1	-3
12,766	Akron	28	38-216	5.7	27-37	301	1	25	46-243	5.3	14-31	192	1	+4
4,304	at E Michigan	27	39-193	4.9	21-33	226	0	27	52-269	5.2	12-18	134	0	-2
11,740	at Buffalo	23	39-140	3.6	21-30	273	2	17	30-159	5.3	20-33	215	3	0
18,926	Toledo	27	44-201	4.6	22-36	242	0	18	28-66	2.4	21-40	256	3	+3
36,932	† Tulsa	13	34-46	1.4	20-27	183	5	34	39-238	6.1	29-47	324	1	-4
TOTALS		299	418-1607	3.8	332-522	3625	32	302	570-2702	4.7	230-381	2816	24	0
AVERAGES		23.0	32-124	3.8	26-40	279	2.5	23.2	44-208	4.7	18-29	217	1.8	0.0

2003 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score	Post #23
–	E Kentucky	NL	63-13	
–	at Purdue - #16	+11	27-26	
–	Liberty	NL	62-3	
–	at Ohio St - #5	+12'	17-24	
–	C Michigan	-28'	23-3	
–	at W Michigan	-9	32-21	
–	at E Michigan	-28	33-20	
#23	N Illinois - #12	-3'	34-18	
#15	at Miami, Oh	+7	10-33	
#25	Kent St	-20'	42-33	
#22	at Ball St	-14'	41-14	
#22	Toledo	-8	31-23	
#20	Miami, Oh - #14	+7	27-49	

2004 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oklahoma - #2	+32	24-40
–	SE Missouri St	NL	49-10
–	at N Illinois	-1	17-34
–	at Temple	-7	70-16
–	at C Michigan	-15	38-14
–	Ball St	-29	51-13
–	at Ohio	-14	41-16
–	E Michigan	-30	41-20
–	W Michigan	-30'	52-0
–	Marshall	-10	56-35
#25	at Toledo	-4	41-49

2005 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Wisconsin	+1'	42-56
–	at Ball St	-28'	40-31
–	at Boise St	+7'	20-48
–	Temple	-29	70-7
–	Ohio	-21	38-14
–	at Buffalo	-23'	27-7
–	W Michigan	-25	14-45
–	Akron	-14	14-24
–	at Kent St	-10'	24-14
–	at Miami, Oh	+9	42-14
–	Toledo	-4	41-44 2OT

2006 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Wisconsin	+10'	14-35
–	Buffalo	-23'	48-40 3OT
–	at Florida Int'l	-5'	33-28
–	Kent St	-7	3-38
–	at Ohio	+6	21-9
–	at Ohio St - #1	+36	7-35
–	E Michigan	-10'	24-21
–	at C Michigan	+7	14-31
–	at Temple	-16	14-28
–	at Akron	+8	28-35
–	Miami, Oh	-4	7-9
–	at Toledo	+6'	21-31

2007 RESULTS

BG Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Minnesota	+14	32-31 OT
–	at Michigan St	+18	17-28
–	Temple	-21'	48-35
–	W Kentucky	NL	41-21
–	at Boston College - #7	+20'	24-55
–	at Miami, Oh	+1	14-47
–	at Kent St	+5	31-20
–	Ohio	-7	27-38
–	Akron	-7	44-20
–	at E Michigan	-3'	39-32
–	at Buffalo	E	31-17
–	Toledo	-7	37-10

MIAMI REDHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QB Daniel Raudabaugh

QUARTERBACKS - Mike Kokal stepped into some big shoes as MU's 3 previous QB's, Mike Bath, Ben Roethlisberger and Josh Betts, combined to throw for 24,382 yards. Kokal, playing behind an inexperienced and injury plagued O-line, threw for 2,419 (58.6%) with a 14-8 ratio (526 rush) in 2006. Daniel Raudabaugh has the bigger arm but is less mobile and in 5 games (1 st) threw for 291 (51.7%, 1-3 ratio). Last year big things were expected from Kokal but he was pulled vs Minny and again vs Cincy. Raudabaugh had a disastrous first start vs Colorado (11 of 32 for 95) and Kokal returned to guide the win over Syracuse but then he was lost for most of the year (knee inj) vs Kent St. They did not rush him back because Raudabaugh had a fine season throwing for 2,431 (54.7%) with a 12-12 ratio (125 rush). True frosh Clay Belton (PS#36) was the 2nd stringer but redshirted and Kyle Decker (6'3" 203 Sr), who is the holder on FG's, came in late in the blowout vs BG. This year they must replace Kokal (5 st, 615 pass). Adding depth are Mike Scherpenberg (6'3" 203 So) and true frosh Zac Dysert (PS#85). I look for increased production and give VHT Belton a solid shot at the starting job.

RUNNING BACKS - Miami had a 1,000 yard rusher 8 times in 10 years from 1994-2003 but have had just one since. In 2005 Brandon Murphy (PS#106) had 923 yds after 7 (#6 in the NCAA) but was injured. He still finished with 1,070 (4.7). Murphy was never 100% in 2006 (280, 3.5). Leading rusher Andre Bratton had just 285 (4.5) as they played behind an inexperienced and injury plagued O-line. Last year Murphy and Bratton were both back but stunningly both were lost for the season early. Cory Jones became the first Miami player since 1963 to post his first 100 yard game of his career as a senior when he had 125 vs Syracuse but he was then injured and missed the next 2. Austin Sykes became the second to accomplish that feat when he rushed for 124 vs BG. Sykes was injured vs Vanderbilt and Jones had two 100 yard efforts in the final four. Against BG, rFr Jamel Miller, true frosh Thomas Merriweather and true frosh TJ Lattimore combined to rush for 118 on 27 carries. For the season, Jones rushed for 483 (4.5) and Sykes 466 (4.3). Murphy, despite playing in just 2, rushed for 201 (6.5) while Merriweather (PS#48) added 143 (3.6). This year they lose Murphy (2 st), Sykes (8 st) and Jones (2 st). HC Not listed in the PSL are Lattimore (5'8" 179 So) and true frosh Dan Green (PS#129) who was in for the spring. Montgomery commented that while Sykes and Jones did a great job, they weren't going to break a long run and that this year's group of RB's has that potential.

RECEIVERS - Coming into last year Miami had a remarkable run as the career record for receptions had been broken in each season with Michael Larkin establishing a new high in '04, Martin Nance in '05 and Ryne Robinson in '06. Robinson was the first MU WR to record back-to-back 1,000 yard seasons. He had over double the amount of yards of the top returnees, Dustin Woods who had 506 (20.2) and Sean McVay 198 (9.9). It was a very young group in '07. Woods (team's fastest player) was injured in a couple of games but still led with 603 (15.1). Eugene Harris was #2 with 542 (11.8). He had three 4th down conversion rec's vs Temple. Armand Robinson (PS#137DB) added 471 (14.3). This year the top 7 receivers return and the only losses are Jared Elliott (5 st, 9 rec) and McVay (1 st, 18 rec). Adding depth at TE are Kendrick Bruton (6'4" 244 rFr) and true frosh Trevor Behmke (PS#80). It could take awhile, but this group may contain the next MU career leading receiver.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005, the RedHawks' OL paved the way for 3.6 ypc rush while allowing just 18 sacks (4.0%). They had to replace 3 starters in 2006 who were all 1st or 2nd Tm MAC then lost two returning starters to injury (one after 4, one after 6). Miami allowed 40 sacks over the first 8 but in the final 4, they allowed just 9 (49 sks, 11.7%, #118 NCAA). Last year they had 9 of their top 10 back. Matt McKeown (6 st '06) was lost in the 2007 opener but the more veteran group improved to 131 ypg rush (3.8) with 29 sacks (6.0%). This year they lose LT Charlie Norden (13 st, 3Y st'r), C Steve Meister (13 st, 3Y st'r) and McKeown (7 st career). With 3 starters back I look for continued improvement.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 MU had to replace 3 starters including both DT's. Miami allowed 4.8 ypc, which was the highest total recorded in school history dating back to 1949. The D had just 20 sacks (lowest total S/'98). Last year they once again had to replace 3 starters but still improved to 4.2 ypc while the D had 32 sacks. DT Ben Huddle was lost after six starts. Four players return who started five or more games LY and overall seven return with starting experience. This is the most experienced RedHawk D-line in years as the only losses are DE Craig Mester (4 st, 23 tkl, 2 sk) and Huddle (6 st, 13 tkl).

LINEBACKERS - Miami had to replace their top 5 LB's in 2006 and did not have a single player in the 2 deep with starting experience. Joey Hudson stepped up and earned Team Def MVP (2nd Tm MAC) leading with 97 tackles (10 tfl). Clayton Mullins was #2 with 91. Last year both returned and they had 5 of the top 6 back (1 starter lost). The LB's spearheaded the MAC's #1 scoring defense while Mullins earned MAC Def POY honors. Not listed in the PSL are Scott Madsen (6'2" 233 rFr), Alex Kaufman (6'2" 226 rFr), Mickey Mann (6'0" 235 Sr), Donnie Hardy (6'1" 181 So) and Rion Robinson (5'10" 221 Jr). The great news this year is the entire unit returns, and this is the MAC's best LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Miami finished #35 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and had to replace 3 starters including a 1st Tm MAC CB in 2006. They then lost a pair of projected starters prior to the season but surprisingly only dropped to #56. Last year they had to replace 2 starters including a 1st Tm MAC FS. Miami slipped to #62 allowing 60% with an 18-11 ratio. This year they only lose CB Jerrid Gaines (10 st, 43 tkl, 1 int) and have 7 of the top 8 back. Not listed in the PSL is Brian Palascak (6'1" 217 Sr). Miami plays man coverage with their corners and a SS is usually among the team leaders in tackles as they are involved in run D. Miami should make a solid rise up in my pass D rankings in '08.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The RedHawks usually have a solid ST unit. With Ryne Robinson, who had 7 PR TD's in his career, the unit finished #16 in my ST rankings in '03 and #12 in '04. Surprisingly they slipped to #71 in '05 and #66 in '06 despite Robinson's presence (9.7 PR avg in '06). P Jacob Richardson has improved his net each year from 32.7 to 34.1 to 37.3 and looks like one of the MAC's best. Nathan Parseghian (Ara's nephew) had 3 TB on 50 KO. Trevor Cook hit just 5 of 10 FG's (long 36). He missed a team meeting prior to Kent St and Parseghian took over the job hitting 13-20 (long 42). Jamal Rogers was the top KR (22.6) and Eugene Harris the top PR (9.3). Cook did have 3 consecutive successful onside kicks vs Temple. The unit finished just #72 but returns intact and should have their best finish since 2004.

COACHES - Miami is known as the "Cradle of Coaches" with Sid Gillman, Woody Hayes, Ara Parseghian and Bo Schembechler having coached here. Randy Walker moved on to Northwestern in '99 and Terry Hoeppner left for Indiana in '05. HC Shane Montgomery was the OC here from '01-'04 and took over as the HC in '05. His passing game coord the L3Y has been Brian Von Bergen (2nd stint here) who enters his 12th year here (10th consec) and the running game coord is Matt Hohman (5th yr). The new DC in '07 was Jay Hood (DL coach '05-'06). He was the HC at Mesa St College from '94-'97. His scoring D was #1 in the MAC in his first year.

PHIL'S FORECAST

I may be dating myself but I remember watching Miami in the early '70's when they finished #15, #10 and #12 in the final polls compiling a three year record of 32-1-1. They won three straight Tangerine Bowls, all over teams that are now in the SEC. Heading into 2003 Miami hadn't been to a bowl since 1986 and had gone 16 straight years without a MAC Title despite 9 straight winning seasons. In Roethlisberger's final season, Miami went 13-1 with their only loss being to Iowa (finished #8). They entered the Top 25 for the first time since 1975 and got their first MAC East Title. They routed Louisville in the GMAC Bowl and finished #10 in the final AP poll! Miami was a classic Turnovers=Turnaround team in 2004 (+20 TO in '03 to -10 TO '04). When they lost at Marshall, 33-25, it appeared their hopes for a MAC Title were gone but they ran the table, got fortunate when Marshall lost to Akron and won the MAC East Title again. They dropped the MAC Title game and their bowl and finished 8-5. Montgomery took over as the HC in '05. Unfortunately, they lost their top two LB's early. They still appeared to have the MAC Title in hand until a delayed start of the BG game. With very few fans in the stands and poor punt snaps, MU lost at home. They had to settle for being co-Champs of the East, despite having 16 senior starters. In 2006 they had just 7 returning starters but were going for their 13th straight winning season (5th longest streak nationally) but I actually pegged Miami to finish FIFTH in the MAC East. Miami opened a stunning 0-6 and finished 2-10. After installing FieldTurf at their stadium in 2003, they were 13-2 at home the first 3 years but went winless in 2006! Last year they made my list of most improved teams and despite being hit hard by injuries, Miami made it to the MAC Title game. They got a TD with :17 left to beat Ball St in the opener but then missed a game winning 33 yard FG and lost in 3OT vs Minnesota. An injury plagued team was without its top QB, top RB and a host of others when they were blown out by both Cincy & Colorado (their first shutout loss since 1993). They rebounded to beat Syracuse then upset Kent St on the road. They played their best game of the year dominating BG 47-14 but then, despite a 22-11 FD edge, lost at Temple. After losing to SEC member Vanderbilt, they rebounded with wins over Buffalo and Akron clinching the MAC East Title. With the MAC Title game on deck, they dropped a "look ahead" game to Ohio (led 17-7 at half). When they lost the MAC Title game to CM, they were home for the holidays. Proving my theory of close wins/close losses, they had 7 games decided by 7 points or less in 2006 and went 2-5 in them. Last year in their 7 games decided by 7 or less they were 5-2 and that was the difference between finishing 2nd to last in the MAC East and going to the MAC Title game. This year Miami has 6 HG's for the first time ever in Yager Stadium including the first ever visit from an SEC team. Miami outgained MAC foes by a league best 97.7 ypg and has 17 returning starters. They will have their first winning season since 2005.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 13 CLAY BELTON rFR. 6-5 236 **PS#36. 12 Daniel Raudabaugh** (6'4" 217 Jr) PS#265. **9 st 2Y**, 2722 (54%) 13-15 ratio, 138 rush. Zac Dysert (6'4" 195 Fr) is PS#85.

RB 34 Thomas Merriweather So. 5-10 203 **PS#48.** 143 (3.6) true. **5** Jamel Miller (5'11" 207 So) PS#136. 95 (4.3) rFr. **10 Andre Bratton** (5'11" 180 Jr) PS#173. 3 st 2Y, 357 (4.5).

WR 2 EUGENE HARRIS III SO. 5-10 180 **3rd Tm MAC.** 5 st rFr, 542 (11.8). **9** Jamal Rogers (5'11" 158 So) 1 st true, 173 (9.1). Juilian Harrell PS#159. Adam Atallah (5'11" 205 rFr).

WR 17 CHRIS GIVENS SO. 6-2 207 **PS#61.** 5 st true, 430 (17.2). **86** Donovan Potter (6'2" 198 So) 81 (8.1) rFr. **8** Brayden Coombs (6'1" 201 Jr). Kevin Bresnahan (6'1" 184 rFr).

WR 1 DUSTIN WOODS JR. 5-11 187 4 st rFr. 506 (20.2). 11 st LY, 603 (15.1). **Armand Robinson** (6'1" 198 So) PS#137DB. **9 st,** 471 (14.3) rFr. Mitchell Anderson (6'3" 189 So).

TE 80 TOM CRABTREE SR. 6-5 244 9 st '06, 11 st LY, 263 (9.1) 2Y. **83** Jake O'Connell (6'4" 255 Sr) 7 st, 195 (9.3) 2Y. **87** Pat Shepard (6'4" 231 Sr). Rob Reiland (6'3" 236 rFr) PS#89.

C 52 JOSH SATTERTHWAIT SR. 6-4 306 PS#140TE. L/3 st RG '06. 9 st RG LY. **60** Steve Bray (6'1" 254 rFr). **LS 62** Mike Rummler (6'2" 199 So) 13 gm LY. Chase Collins (6'2" 204 Jr).

RG 75 Bob Gulley So. 6-4 288 **PS#96.** 3 st, 12 gm rFr. **56 Brandon Brooks** (6'5" 335 rFr) **PS#104.** Mike Madsen (6'3" 282 rFr) PS#253. Brad Bednar (6'4" 245 Fr). PS#204.

LG 68 DAVE DiFRANCO SR. 6-4 305 PS#33TE. 1 st LT rFr, (L/gm). 12 st (10LT, 2RT) '06. 13 st LG LY, **3rd Tm MAC.** Led OL in kd's & pancake. **77** Kevin Koncelik (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#277.

RT 76 Zachary Marshall Jr. 6-7 289 **PS#86.** RS at **Maryland** in '05, 2nd string here '07, 11 gm. **63** Ken Staudinger (6'5" 270 rFr). **74** Lee Zamos (6'5" 286 rFr) PS#447.

LT 55 STEVE SUTTER SR. 6-6 286 7 gms, 3 tkl rFr DL. 8 st RT '06. 13 st RT LY. **70** Nate Williams (6'5" 303 So) PS#255. 5 gm rFr. Andrew Phelan (6'4" 285 Fr) is PS#327.

K 35 NATHAN PARSEGHIAN SR. 6-2 199 13-20 FG LY, long 42. **19 Trevor Cook** (6'2" 188 Jr) PS#48. 10 of 13 FG as true, long 49. 5-10 L/36 LY. Jim Broadway PS#23. 50 yd FG HS.

DE 99 TRAVIS CRAVEN JR. 6-4 270 PS#168. 17 tkl, 8.5 tfl rFr. 13 st '07, 21 tkl, 3.5 sk. **21** Jordan Stevens (6'4" 265 So) PS#172. 1 st, 22 tkl, 2 sk rFr. Matt Kajmowicz (6'4" 248 rFr) PS#451.

NT 93 MARTIN CHANNELS JR. 6-0 333 PS#200. 2 tkl true. 5 st LY, 22 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **98** Mark Paun (6'3" 272 Jr) PS#133. 10 tkl, 3 tfl true. 2 st, 3 tkl LY. **64** Brian Lane (6'3" 272 rFr) PS#257LB.

DT 90 Sean Redwine So. 6-4 275 2 st rFr. 21 tkl, 1 sk. **65** Alex Stewart (6'2" 264 So) PS#204OL. 6 st rFr, 21 tkl, 2 tfl. **67** Jordain Brown (6'0" 299 rFr) PS#278. **39** Nick DeBartolo (6'1" 238 Sr).

DE 51 JOE CONIGLIO SR. 6-2 259 PS#145RB. 1 st rFr, 14 tkl, 4 sk. 8 st '06, 28 tkl, 5 sk. 13 st LY, **3rd Tm MAC**, 40 tkl, 6.5 sk. Morris Council (6'2" 253 So) 10 tkl, 2 sk true. DJ Svabik (6'6" 258 So).

SLB 44 CALEB BOSTIC JR. 6-3 225 11 tkl true. 12 st LY, #2 w/103 tkl, 11 tfl. **37** Ryan Kennedy (6'1" 222 So) PS#222. 9 tkl, 1 tfl as true. **47** Dexter Korto (6'2" 225 So) PS#537.

MLB 48 JOEY HUDSON SR. 6-2 232 PS#235. **2nd Tm MAC** '06 & '07. 12 st '06, 97 tkl, 10 tfl. 12 st LY, 99 tkl, 8 tfl. **20** Chris Shula (5'11" 228 Sr) 2 st, 75 tkl L2Y. 14 tkl vs Vandy.

WLB 9 CLAYTON MULLINS SR. 6-2 241 PS#239. 12 st '06. 91 tkl, 4 tfl. **MAC Def POY LY**, 143 tkl, 13.5 tfl. **14** David Davis (6'1" 225 So) PS#426. Jerrell Wedge (5'9" 222 rFr) PS#381.

CB 26 Wendell Brunson Jr. 5-11 188 13 tkl rFr, 1 st. 3 st LY, 18 tkl, 2 pbu. **25** Cornelius Ward (6'1" 185 rFr) PS#98. **30** Brandon Stephens (5'10" 197 So) PS#249. 14 tkl, 1 pbu rFr.

CB 3 JEFF THOMPSON JR. 5-10 193 13 starts LY, 58 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **16** Bryan Roland (5'10" 191 Sr) PS#266. 11 tkl 3Y. **33** Jonathan Wells (5'8" 179 rFr). **45** Josh Krauth (6'0" 197 So).

SS 6 ROBBIE WILSON SR. 6-0 204 PS#348RB. 12 st '06, 59 tkl, 1 int. 13 st LY, 75 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. DeAndre Gilmore (6'1" 220 So) PS#239. 7 tkl true. Peris Edwards (6'1" 191 So) PS#109. 17 tkl rFr.

FS 22 JORDAN GAFFORD JR. 6-0 205 PS#240. 9 tkl true. 13 st LY, 89 tkl, 1 int. **23** Ben Bennett (5'11" 188 So) 9 tkl rFr. **18** Anthony Kokal (6'0" 186 rFr) PS#347. Jason Gibson (6'1" 210 Jr).

P 4 JACOB RICHARDSON SR. 6-1 208 46 punts rFr, 38.4 avg, net 32.7. 58 punts '06, 41.1 avg, net 34.1. 68 punts LY, 45.0 avg, net 37.3. **92** Chris DiCesare (6'2" 221 Jr) PS#86.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Zac Dysert 6-4 195 PS#85
RB	Dan Green 5-10 195 PS#129
OL	Nick Kemper 6-3 275 PS#193
LB	Luke Kelly 6-2 210 PS#139
OL	Brad Bednar 6-4 245 PS#204
WR	Julian Harrell 6-3 205 PS#159
DL	Mike Johns 6-4 245 PS#221
WR	Andrew Cruse 6-4 210 PS#181
K	Jim Broadway 6-0 175 PS#23
DB	David "DJ" Brown 6-1 175 PS#247
TE	Trevor Behmke 6-5 250 PS#80
DL	Evan Klepec 6-4 245 PS#296
OL	Andrew Phelan 6-4 285 PS#327
LB	Jaytee Swanson 6-2 210 PS#262
RB	Jay "JR" Taylor 5-9 195 PS#263
DB	Brian Sutherland 5-10 170 PS#391
WR	Joe Clarke 6-3 190 PS#320
OL	Matt Kennedy 6-5 240 PS#481

MIAMI REDHAWKS

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2008 Schedule Difficulty-#105

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	Vanderbilt (Thur)	A					
Sep. 6	at Michigan	A					
Sep. 13	Charleston Southern	A					
Sep. 20	at Cincinnati	A					
Sep. 27							
Oct. 4	Temple	A					
Oct. 11	at Northern Illinois	A					
Oct. 18	at Bowling Green	A					
Oct. 25	Kent St (HC)	A					
Nov. 4	at Buffalo (Tues)	A					
Nov. 11	Ball St (Tues)	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 21	at Toledo (Fri)	A					
Nov. 28	Ohio (Fri)	A					

Miami is off back-to-back losing seasons for the 1st time since 1988 & 1989. Surprisingly, MU is 11-12-1 all-time vs SEC tms but haven't hosted one since 1920.

Miami is 0-4 vs UM & 13-39-2 vs Big Ten teams being outscored on avg by 14 ppg. The RedHawks are 1-9 the L4Y vs non-conference opponents on the road.

CSU started its FB program in '91 & are 0-14 vs current FBS tms, avg score 48-10. The Buccaneers finished 5-6 last year including a 66-10 loss to Hawaii.

MU & UC are colliding for the 113th time in the Battle for the Victory Bell (oldest non-conf rivalry). The RedHawks have lost 3 of 4 by 23 ppg & the visitor is just 1-4.

In their only 2 meetings ('05 & LY), Miami has combined to outFD'd Temple 46-22 & outgain them 876-493 but the series is tied 1-1. MU is 3-0 off a bye under Montgomery.

MU has dropped 3 straight gms to NI as they have combined to avg 69 ppg between them. The RedHawks have won 8 of 9 opening conference road games.

Besides '02 & '04, BG & MU have played every yr S/'50 w/MU up 40-19-5 all-time. MU retired QB Roethlisberger's #7 LY in a pregame ceremony, then held BG to 25 yds rush (ssn low).

MU is 21-5 hosting Kent St but did lose in '06 as they failed to tie on a 2 pt conv. Miami is 59-28-4 on Homecoming as their 1st HC game was in 1914.

Miami is 10-0 vs Buffalo outscoring the Bulls on average 37-12 all-time. The RedHawks are 13-8 the L13Y in November away games (6-2 the L/4 seasons).

The home team is 1-8 including 6 straight losses since 1995 in this series. LY in the ssn opener, MU scored w/17 sec left for the 14-13 come-from-behind win vs BSU.

Miami last played UT in the '04 MAC Title game & is 5-2-1 S/'93 vs the Rockets. In their last trip to the Glass Bowl, Miami ended Toledo's 17 gm home winning streak.

This will be the 85th meeting & UM leads 51-31-2. LY Miami dropped B2B gms to OU for the 1st time S/'83-'84. The RedHawks are 13-5 since 1990 in home finales.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Ben Roethlisberger 10,829 '01-'03
2. Josh Betts 7,029 '02-'05
3. Mike Bath 6,524 '97-'00

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Travis Prentice 5,596 '96-'99
2. Deland McCullough 4,368 '92-'95
3. George Swarn 4,172 '83-'86

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Ryne Robinson 3,697 '03-'06
2. Martin Nance 3,131 '02-'05
3. Michael Larkin 2,772 '01-'04

SHANE MONTGOMERY (Career 15-21)
4th Year at Miami, Oh Montgomery's Bowl Record: 0-0

Montgomery's records AT MIAMI, OH

15-21	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-8	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
8-12	Away	2-9	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	3-0	Off A Bye
12-12	Vs Conference	7-12	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (6-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 46 (16,25,5)
Lost: 15 (12,3,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,186 (#107)

MAC - EAST DIVISION

LB Clayton Mullins

STADIUM: FRED C. YAGER STADIUM (24,286) (#112)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	7-5	7-5	13-1	8-5	7-4	2-10	6-7	56-42
Home	3-1	4-1	2-3	5-0	5-0	3-2	0-5	4-1	26-13
Away	3-4	3-4	5-2	7-1	3-3	4-2	2-5	2-5	29-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	5-3	6-2	5-3	9-0	7-2	5-3	2-6	5-3	44-22
vs Non-Conf	1-2	1-3	2-2	4-1	1-3	2-1	0-4	1-4	12-20
ATS	6-5	7-5	7-5	10-4	6-6	6-5	4-8	6-6-1	52-44-1
Home Fav (Terry Hoeppner)	2-1	1-2	1-3	4-1	4-0	3-2	0-2	1-1-1	16-12-1
Home Dog	1-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	5-4
Away Fav	1-2	1-1	2-1	4-2	2-2	3-1	0-1	0-1	13-11
Away Dog (Shane Montgomery)	2-2	4-1	3-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	3-3	4-1	17-13
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-3
vs Conf	4-4	4-4	4-4	7-2	6-3	4-4	3-5	3-4-1	35-30-1
vs Non-Conf	2-1	3-1	3-1	3-2	0-3	2-1	1-3	3-2	17-14
Off SU Win	2-3	4-3	5-2	9-3	4-4	3-3	0-2	3-2-1	30-22-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-2	1-3	1-0	2-2	3-1	4-5	2-4	18-19

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Cory Jones	107	506	23	483	2	4.5
Austin Sykes	109	481	15	466	3	4.3
Brandon Murphy	31	210	9	201	2	6.5
Thomas Merriweather	40	156	13	143	4	3.6
Jamel Miller	22	98	3	95	1	4.3
Mike Kokal	38	146	82	64	0	1.7
Daniel Raudabaugh	38	125	98	27	0	0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Daniel Raudabaugh	382	209	54.7	2431	12	12
Mike Kokal	99	55	55.6	615	1	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Dustin Woods	40	603	15.1	1	54
Eugene Harris	46	542	11.8	2	73
Armand Robinson	33	471	14.3	3	49
Chris Givens	25	430	17.2	2	55
Jamal Rogers	19	173	9.1	1	40
Jake O'Connell	14	152	10.9	2	20
Tom Crabtree	15	139	9.3	1	36
Cory Jones	14	115	8.2	1	19
Sean McVay	18	108	6.0	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jacob Richardson	68	3063	45.0	8	37.3	1	17

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Trevor Cook	8-9	3-3	2-4	0-3	0-0	5-10	36
Nate Parseghian	18-18	5-5	6-12	2-3	0-0	13-20	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Clayton Mullins	143	4	9.5	6	0
Caleb Bostic	103	1	10	2	1
Joey Hudson	99	2	6	1	2
Jordan Gafford	89	0	2	2	1
Robbie Wilson	75	0	1	7	2
Jeff Thompson	58	1	1	3	3
Chris Shula	54	2	2	2	0
Jerrid Gaines	43	0	2.5	6	1
Joe Coniglio	40	6.5	4	2	0
Craig Mester	23	2	1.5	1	0
Jordan Stevens	22	2	1.5	0	0
Martin Channels	22	2	3.5	0	0
Travis Craven	21	3.5	1	2	0
Sean Redwine	21	1	0.5	1	0
Alex Stewart	21	1	1	0	0
Wendell Brunson	18	0	0	2	1
Peris Edwards	17	0	0	0	0
Brandon Stephens	14	0	0	1	0
Ben Huddle	13	0	2	0	0
Tom Crabtree	11	0	0	0	0
Morris Council	10	2	1.5	1	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Eugene Harris	30	279	9.3	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jamal Rogers	43	973	22.6	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
74	Tangerine - #15	NL	Georgia	21-10
75	Tangerine - #16	NL	South Carolina	20-7
86	California	NL	San Jose St	7-37
03	GMAC - #14	-14	Louisville	49-28
04	Independence	-1	Iowa St	13-17

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MIAMI'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	DEF PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	19.2	20	131	3.8	236	54.8	19.1	-3	2007	6	25.6	20	169	4.2	207	60.0	14.7
5	18.5	18	87	2.7	232	57.4	17.2	0	2006	2	25.3	17	173	4.8	158	59.3	13.1
8*	33.7	24	134	3.6	292	57.1	12.6	+13	2005	6	23.5	18	140	4.1	208	58.4	14.8
5	31.3	22	120	3.4	280	60.2	12.8	-10	2004	8	22.9	17	123	3.3	216	57.0	14.8
7*	43.0	26	160	4.3	341	67.9	11.6	+20	2003	7	19.4	17	112	3.4	230	52.4	17.6
6*	32.0	23	128	3.4	278	62.3	12.7	+7	2002	7	27.1	21	140	4.3	273	59.2	15.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

MU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
15,488	at Ball St	16	38-178	4.7	14-24	118	3	17	34-140	4.1	19-36	198	1	-2
45,383	at Minnesota	27	34-159	4.7	30-54	418	0	28	53-306	5.8	26-40	271	0	-1
22,421	Cincinnati	21	24-56	2.3	27-54	267	5	24	42-141	3.4	26-37	297	1	-4
45,243	at Colorado	6	17-44	2.6	11-32	95	0	33	63-359	5.7	19-30	275	0	+3
16,800	Syracuse	19	50-286	5.7	13-26	150	2	14	26-66	2.5	17-36	236	2	-2
17,165	at Kent St	16	36-101	2.8	16-22	310	4	25	45-203	4.5	19-33	260	5	+1
16,148	Bowling Green	26	53-262	4.9	16-24	237	3	14	26-25	1.0	19-32	207	6	+2
21,041	at Temple	22	27-56	2.1	33-59	314	4	11	34-110	3.2	14-19	188	4	-1
26,450	at Vanderbilt	16	27-26	1.0	18-37	212	5	24	54-290	5.4	11-19	121	0	+4
12,288	Buffalo	21	39-216	5.5	20-26	259	0	18	27-103	3.8	33-45	217	6	-1
13,274	Akron	19	37-131	3.5	16-31	189	0	14	36-100	2.8	12-34	116	2	-1
11,438	at Ohio	28	41-132	3.2	22-45	247	2	16	38-81	2.1	9-18	118	3	-1
25,013	† C Michigan	19	25-52	2.1	29-50	254	1	23	44-267	6.1	24-34	185	2	0
TOTALS		256	448-1699	3.8	265-484	3070	29	261	522-2191	4.2	248-413	2689	32	-3
AVERAGES		19.7	34-131	3.8	20-37	236	2.2	20.1	40-169	4.2	19-32	207	2.5	-0.2

2003 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa	+10	3-21
–	at Northwestern	-3	44-14
–	at Colorado St	+6'	41-21
–	Cincinnati	-7	42-37
–	Akron	-16'	45-20
–	Buffalo	-36	59-3
–	at Ball St	-16	49-3
–	at Kent St	-22	38-30
–	Bowling Green - #15	-7	33-10
#23	Marshall	-12'	45-6
#18	at Ohio	-23'	49-31
#15	at UCF	-24	56-21
#14	at Bowling Green - #20	-7	49-27

2004 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Indiana St	NL	49-0
–	at Michigan - #8	+13	10-43
–	at Cincinnati	-3'	26-45
–	Ohio	-19	40-20
–	at Marshall	+7	25-33
–	Kent St	-19'	47-27
–	at Buffalo	-20	25-7
–	UCF	-22	43-7
–	Toledo	-5'	23-16
–	at W Michigan	-20	42-21
–	at Akron	-7'	37-27
–	† Toledo	-1'	27-35

2005 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Ohio St - #6	+15	14-34
–	C Michigan	-22	37-38
–	at Kent St	-6'	27-10
–	Cincinnati	-10	44-16
–	at N Illinois	+3	27-38
–	Akron	-13'	51-23
–	at E Michigan	-10'	24-23
–	at Temple	-22'	41-14
–	Buffalo	-27'	54-13
–	Bowling Green	-9	14-42
–	at Ohio	-10	38-7

2006 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern	+6	3-21
–	at Purdue	+17	31-38 OT
–	Kent St	-14	14-16
–	at Syracuse	+6'	14-34
–	at Cincinnati	+11	10-24
–	N Illinois	+13'	25-28
–	at Buffalo	-7'	38-31
–	at Akron	+7'	13-24
–	Ball St	-5	17-20
–	at W Michigan	+13'	24-27
–	at Bowling Green	+4	9-7
–	Ohio	+3	24-34

2007 RESULTS

MU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Ball St	+5	14-13
–	at Minnesota	+8'	35-41 3OT
–	Cincinnati	+7	10-47
–	at Colorado	+12'	0-42
–	Syracuse	+1'	17-14
–	at Kent St	+9	20-13
–	Bowling Green	-1	47-14
–	at Temple	-6	17-24
–	at Vanderbilt	+13'	13-24
–	Buffalo	-6'	31-28
–	Akron	-7	7-0
–	at Ohio	E	29-38
–	† C Michigan	+3	10-35

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS- In 2006, mobile Julian Edelman who had 1,253 rush and 1,312 passing at JC in '05, won the starting job. He threw for 1,859 (55.4%) with a 10-11 ratio (868 rush) in '06. Edelman was back last year while Anthony Magazu (6'3" 196 Jr) won the MIP Off Award in the spring. HC Martin compared Edelman to David Garrard who he coached at EC. Edelman has a tendency to take off and run and vs IAA Del St, Martin kept him in the pocket to work on his passing and he threw for 267. Edelman suffered a partially torn knee ligament the week before Kentucky but continued to play but then broke his arm vs BG and was done for the year. Magazu was injured vs Ohio St and on crutches vs BG so WR Darren Rogers saw action after Edelman went out late in the 4Q. Due to a rash of injuries, Martin opted to burn the RS on true frosh Giorgio Morgan and he got the start vs CM. He is as mobile as Edelman and has the strongest arm on the team. Morgan hit 18 of 28 for 247 with 3 TD's vs CM but then after hitting 5 of 8 for 27 yards vs NI he was also lost for the season. With Magazu still hurt, Jon Brown (474 yd '05) came in and went 16 of 34 for 132 and led them to a score on his first drive but couldn't complete the comeback. Magazu started vs Buffalo becoming the 4th QB to start and hit 12 of 22 for 184. This year the group returns intact plus add Rocco Colavecchia (6'2" 220 rFr) so they'll have some depth if injuries crop up again. This should be one of the most improved QB units in the country.

RUNNING BACKS- In 2005 HC Martin said the RB would be true frosh Eugene Jarvis and it was not even close between him and the #2 man. Unfortunately, he was ruled ineligible and Jerry Flowers led with just 304 (3.2) in the TT spread offense. Jarvis was eligible in '06 as was Mich St transfer Tony Howard (PS#108). Jarvis missed one game but led with 798 (4.3). Howard played in just 9 and had 262 (3.4). Jarvis is only 5'5" and hid behind Kent St's 6'4" 302 lb avg O-line and is not only fast, but also quick and elusive. He was banged up last August so WR Rogers got the start vs Iowa St but was injured in the 1Q and Jarvis took over rushing for 113. Jarvis tied a school record with 5 straight 100 yard games (old record Don Fitzgerald in '66). He went on to break Eric Wilkerson's 1988 school record of 1,325 in a season with 1,669 and avg'd an amazing 6.0 ypc while also leading Kent St in receiving yards (306, 13.3). He was the first Kent St RB to lead the MAC in rushing since 1988. Martin talked about a couple of bigger backs in Greg Keys (PS#183) and true frosh Andre Flowers. Flowers had 279 (4.4) but Keys only played in 6 and moves to DB TY. This year the only loss is Jon Drager (21 yd). Not listed in the PSL are Jamar Cromwell (5'8" 189 rFr), true frosh Jacquise Terry and Sal Battles. Jarvis could top his own records this year.

RB Eugene Jarvis

RECEIVERS- Last year Kent St had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers including star Najah Pruden who had nearly 4 times the number of yards (808) as #2 TE Tom Sitko (222, 14.8). In '07 Sitko had 5 more rec (20) but 29 less yards (193). Shawn Bayes made a spectacular jump over a Del St DB for a 42 yd TD and had a 95 yd KR but then missed 7 starts (inj). True frosh Rashad Tukes (PS#279) took his first collegiate touch 56 yards for a TD and had 248 (17.7). With a RB leading the team in receiving yards, the top WR was Phil Garner (284, 10.5). This year they must replace Sitko (10 st), Cameron Bobb (3 rec), Tukes (dismissed) and Rogers (1 st WR, 2 rec). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Kyle Reese (6'0" 207 rFr) and Kyle Sonagere (5'11" 210 rFr). This unit is more experienced and they move 2Y starting LB Jameson Konz to TE.

OFFENSIVE LINE- One of the reasons I projected Kent St to have the most improved rush offense in the NCAA in 2006 was THIS unit as well as the shift in offense. At one point in '05 vs Navy, they had 5 backup OL's in the game and Kent St avg'd just 46 ypg rush (1.8) while allowing 33 sacks (7.1%). Kent St did indeed have the NCAA's most improved rush offense, improving to 158 ypg (3.9) although they did allow 32 sacks (12%). That 2006 group had just 2 starters returning after losing two players unexpectedly but benefitted from having a mobile QB (Edelman, 868 rush). Last year they had 9 of the top 10 back, plus got back an '05 starter who missed '06. That group avg'd 6'4" 302. Kent St improved again to 200 ypg (4.4) but allowed 38 sacks (12.1%) because of untested QB's. This year they must replace RG Joe Marafine (11 st, 3.5Y st'r), LG Shawn Donaldson (12 st), LT Jon English (1 st), backup G Kiff Kinkead and C Bill Starry. Three full-time starters return and the unit has 70 career starts making it almost as experienced as the 2007 version, plus they add in a top-notch JUCO in Mike Roder (PS#182).

DEFENSIVE LINE- I list Kent St in a 4-3 using the BUCK position (DE/LB) at DE. In 2006, this unit had to replace its career sack leader in Justin Parrish but trimmed the ypc to 3.7 (4.2 '05) while the team had 30 sacks. Last year they had to replace 1st Tm MAC DT Daniel Muir but did have 3 starters returning including BUCK Kevin Hogan who started the last 6 as a true frosh. Kent St allowed 3.8 ypc but the sack total dropped to 23. Prishod Koonce (6 st '06) was injured and played in just 4. This year they lose 1st Tm MAC NT Colin Ferrell (56 tkl, 16 tfl) and NT Larry Brown (13 tkl, 4.5 tfl). Seven players return with starting experience and despite losing their top DL for the 3rd straight year, I'll call for their best rush D numbers since 2004.

LINEBACKERS- A big reason for 2005's drop in stopping the rush was the fact that Kent St had an inexperienced set of LB's. Last year all 3 starters returned. One of the returning starters, Stevon Moss (12 st '06), was injured and only started 5. This year the unit returns almost intact again. The only true loss is backup LB Tim Flores (4 tkl) but they also move Konz (9 st, 43 tkl) to TE. Still, the top 3 LB tacklers are back and they have 67 career starts. They also add in a rare VHT PS#25 Cobrani Mixon who transferred from Mich in '07 and was in for spring. Not listed in the PSL are Marc Lechlitner (5'11" 209 rFr) and Markus Burton (6'3" 200 rFr, PS#404). This should be one of the MAC's top LB corps.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2006 the entire 2 deep returned including their exceptional top cover CB, Jack Williams. Kent St moved up to #25 (#62 '05) allowing just 52.5% with an outstanding 8-16 ratio. Last year they had to replace two starters and two backups including a #3 DC but did return Williams. Williams missed one game and parts of others then returning starter SS Fritz Jacques was lost after 7 starts (still #8 tkl'r). Dan Hartman replaced him at SS and had 3 starts. It was still surprising that Kent St dropped all the way down to #110. This year they lose Williams (11 st, 93 tkl, 3 int, 8 pbu, #4DC DEN) and Jacques (44 tkl) but do have 6 back with starting experience. Not listed in the 3 deep are Andrew Hill (6'0" 205 So), Kenneth Watley Jr (5'9" 160 rFr) and Paige Williams (5'8" 187 So). Despite the loss of their top 2 DB's, I look for Kent St to make a solid rise in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS- In 2006, the difference between a 6-6 Kent St team and a MAC Title team was the Flashes' ST unit. It was atrocious in all phases as they hit 2 of 10 FG's and had a net punting of 29.9. It was a familiar theme under Martin as in 2004 the 6 losses were mostly the ST's fault (#109). They only improved to #107 in '05 and in '06 finished #117. Last year they had everyone back and finally improved to #82. Nate Reed (PS#31) made a massive difference at K going 18 of 24 and he banged home a Kent St school record 52 yarder vs CM (Paul Marchese, 51 yds '77). Jake Kilroy improved his punting from 33.0 to 36.6 (team net 30.5). Reed did have just 3 TB on 59 KO. This year the unit returns intact except for LS Matt Muller. The addition of true frosh Matt Rinehart (PS#30) could upgrade the punt game and help this unit have its best ST finish yet under Martin.

COACHES- In 2004, Kent St had to deal with the unexpected departure of HC Dean Pees, who left for the New England Patriots. Martin took over as HC just before the spring and was his own OC. He had joined the staff in 2003 as the OC after being the OC at E Carolina for 7 years. With Martin handling the offense in 2003 & 2004, KSU had its 2nd and 3rd highest ppg production in the last 30 years. This year he promoted AJ Pratt to handle the OC duties. Pratt has been with Kent St for 10 years. Defensively he brought in Pete Rekstis, who was the DC at Youngstown St the previous 3 years. Rekstis' first unit ranked #15 in the NCAA in total D in '04 and he now enters his 5th season.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Kent St had THREE alumni selected for the 2008 NFL Pro Bowl last year in Joshua Cribbs, Antonio Gates and James Harrison! Kent St has had just two winning seasons since 1977 and one of them came in QB Cribbs' first year as a starter in 2001. It was very surprising it was his only one in 4 years. In 2004, they had 3 close losses to start 1-6 but became the hottest team in the MAC and in Cribbs' final 4 had 4 blowout wins and outgained league foes by an avg of 123.7 ypg (2nd best). In 2005, KSU had to replace Cribbs and switched to the TTech offense and avg'd just 46 ypg (1.8) rushing with the offense going from 30.5 ppg to 16.4. They also suffered a cluster of injuries and dropped to 1-10. In 2006 I pointed out that Kent St was -11 in turnovers (pg 312), had 4 net close losses (pg 299) and they were more experienced than their 15 returning starters due to the '05 injuries. I called KSU one of the surprise teams in the country saying the MAC East Title game would come down to the Ohio/Kent St matchup (2 teams combined for 3 MAC wins in '05). Kent St opened the year 5-2 beating all of the teams that tied for the MAC East Title in 2005 and controlled their MAC East destiny. It was the first time they'd opened 4-0 in the MAC in school history (joined 1951). It was also the first time they had 5 straight wins since 1976. KSU had a tough loss to OU. QB Edelman was not 100% in the L/4 but they were still bowl eligible at 6-6. Last year not much went right for Kent St. They opened beating Big XII member Iowa St on the road 23-14 and at Kentucky (#8 AP at one point LY) had a 16-6 FD edge at the half but 3 TO's skidded the rails in the 2H. They dominated Akron but had a fumble just before the half, which allowed the Zips back in it and they lost despite a 375-245 yd edge. Usually the loser of the Wagon Wheel game goes into the tank. Kent St did beat Ohio the next week but then had a 25-16 FD edge vs Miami and lost. After a loss to #3 Ohio St, they were upset by BG at home. KSU then lost starting QB Edelman to injury and true frosh Morgan was lost the following week vs N Illinois where Kent St was int'd at the NI 10 late in the 7 point loss. Third string QB Brown hit 1 of 11 with 4 int in the 2H vs Temple and with Magazu in the season finale, they lost to Buffalo in OT, as the Bulls got a 73 yd drive for a TD in the 4Q to force OT. Kent St had 4 losses by 7 points. In MAC play, they were 1-7 but were only outgained by 44 ypg. There are a lot of factors pointing to a Kent St revival as they were -11 in TO's and had 3 net close losses. They have 16 returning starters and should catch better breaks. For the 2nd time in 3 years Kent St makes my most improved list, meaning I think they can achieve bowl eligibility.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 1 JULIAN EDELMAN SR. 6-0 198 PS#202JC. 19 st 2Y, 3177 (54%), 17-20 ratio,1483 rush. **14** Giorgio Morgan (6'4" 200 So) 2 st, 274 (64%), 51 rush yd as true but inj.

RB 6 EUGENE JARVIS JR. 5-5 170 PS#83. 11 st rFr, 798 (4.3). 11 st LY, 1669 (6.0), 23 rec (13.3), **1st Tm MAC. 25** Andre Flowers (5'11" 200 So) 279 (4.4), 11 games as true.

HB 85 Aaron Robinson So. 5-10 175 1 st true, 156 (13.0). **13 Leneric Muldrow** (5'8" 172 So) 7 st rFr, 131 (11.9). **3** Derek McBryde (5'11" 186 Jr) 1 st, 254 (15.9), #1 KR (19.4).

WR 4 SHAWN BAYES SR. 5-10 181 14 st, 3Y 491 (14.0). **16** Mark Woodson (5'11" 181 Jr) PS#155. 2 st, 1 rec '06. RS LY. **11** Anthony Capasso (5'10" 183 rFr). Josiah Andrews PS#495.

WR 9 PHIL GARNER JR. 5-11 182 1 st, 6 rec true. 12 st LY, 284 (10.5). **32** Alan Vanderink (5'10" 185 So) PS#259RB. 98 (7.5) true. **10** Coleman Lynn (5'7" 165 Jr). 20 gms 2Y.

TE 26 JAMESON KONZ SR. 6-3 222 **21 st LB** 3Y, 90 tkl, 10 tfl. Jonathon Simpson (6'5" 225 So) PS#158. 2 rec true. **80** Jarvis Williams (6'1" 226 Jr) 1 st 2Y. **28** Lester Troutman (6'2" 216 Jr).

C 70 JOSH PERRY SR. 6-2 295 10 st C '06. 12 st C LY. **55** Chris Anzevino (6'2" 308 rFr). **LS 84** Nick Masters (6'4" 240 So). **63** Alex Thomasson (6'0" 191 rFr). Ryan Hidalgo PS#424LB.

RG 76 Mike Roder Jr. 6-4 310 PS#182JC, in spg. **75** Dante Campbell (6'0" 280 Jr) 2nd string '06. 1 st RG LY, 7 gm. **53** Damian Matuschek (6'3" 280 Sr) DL '05-'06.

LG 66 TRAVIS McGRAW SR. 6-5 305 PS#574. ACL rFr. 12 st LG '06. First 11 st RT, 12 gm LY. **69** Michael Fay (6'4" 265 rFr). **73** Aaron Cooper (6'4" 285 So) PS#290OL.

RT 78 Pat Reedy So. 6-4 280 PS#497. Off Scout Tm POY '06. 1 st RT rFr, 10 gm. **72** Michael Page (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#515. **89** Chris Favazzo (6'5" 250 rFr) PS#451DL.

LT 56 AUGUSTUS PARRISH SR. 6-5 305 PS#86DL. 1 st LT true. 11 st LT '06. First 11 st LT LY, **2nd Tm MAC**. 343 bench. **71** Charles Laster (6'7" 320 rFr). Justin Thompson PS#129TE.

K 98 NATE REED JR. 5-8 178 PS#31. 1 of 4 FG true. 18-24 FG LY, schl rec 52 yd FG, 5-6 from 40+. **35** Will Kandray (5'10" 170 So). **42** Kevin Mulvany (5'10" 218 rFr) PS#74.

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 90 DARRIUS CARTER SR. 6-5 246 PS#423JC. 9 st LY, 21 tkl, 3 tfl. **52** David Filippi (6'3" 246 Sr) 2 st, 3Y, 41 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 30 gm. Ryan Jude is PS#164LB. 86 tkl, 10 tfl LY in HS.

DT 74 SAM FRIST JR. 6-4 269 PS#390. 8 st LY, 12 tkl, 1 sk. **95 Prishod Koonce** (6'3" 295 Sr) PS#445OL. 6 st DE '06, 14 tkl, 3 tfl. Inj LY, 4 gm, 2 tkl. **77** Lee Stalker (6'2" 221 rFr).

NT 67 Aaron Hull Jr. 6-0 280 PS#273. 11 tkl true, 4 tfl. 4 st DT LY, 17 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **93** Ishmaa'ily Kitchen (6'3" 316 rFr) PS#282OL. **48** Quinton Rainey (5'11" 245 So) 8 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr.

DE 94 KEVIN HOGAN JR. 6-3 223 L/6 st as true, 35 tkl, 7.5 sk. 10 st LY, 43 tkl, 5 sk, 5 tfl. **49** Monte Simmons (6'3" 220 So) PS#381. L/2 st LY, 19 tkl, 3.5 sk. **84** Nick Masters (6'2" 240 So).

SLB 54 CEDRICK MAXWELL SR. 5-10 220 11 st '06, 69 tkl. 10 st LY, 74 tkl, 9 tfl. **56** Howard Bowens (6'0" 215 So) 10 tkl true. **44** Byron Tyson (5'11" 207 rFr). **30** Joe Tymoszczuk (6'1" 233 So).

MLB 5 STEVON MOSS SR. 5-11 230 7 st true, 42 tkl. **12 st '06**, 72 tkl, 12 tfl. 5 st LY (inj), 57 tkl. **11 Cobrani Mixon** (6'1" 230 So) **PS#25. Mich trans. 46** Patrick Kelley (5'11" 215 So).

WLB 19 DEREK BURRELL SR. 6-2 240 6 st, 58 tkl '05-'06. 12 st LY, 112 tkl, **3rd Tm MAC. 51** Anthony Mirando (6'2" 239 Jr) 33 tkl 2Y. **35** Dorian Wood (6'1" 224 So) 13 tkl, 9 gm true.

CB 7 RICO MURRAY SR. 6-0 196 7 st SS true, 62 tkl, 2 int. 1 st FS '06. 11 st CB LY, 75 tkl, 1 int, 9 pbu. **12** Sam Kirkland (6'1" 188 rFr). **8** Corey Cox (5'8" 159 So) Tulsa trans.

HB 37 Kirk Belgrave Jr. 6-1 197 PS#211. 2 st LY, 24 tkl, 2 pbu. **21** Danny Sadler (5'10" 181 Jr) 2 st LY, 31 tkl, 2 pbu. **3** Adam Richey (5'10" 186 Jr) Kentucky trans. Brian Hummer (5'10" 181 rFr).

SS 31 BRIAN LAINHART SO. 6-1 197 8 st rFr, 63 tkl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **Dan Hartman** (6'2" 200 So). 3 st LY (inj) 35 tkl, 1 pbu. Jharron Armstrong PS#139. **29** JJ Pankewicz (5'7" 198 rFr) walk-on.

FS 1 Will Johnson So. 6-0 200 PS#198. 4 st true, 27 tkl, 2 tfl. **27** Greg Keys (6'1" 215 Jr) PS#183RB. 2 st RB 2Y, 72 yd. **45** Ja'Darrin Bell (6'1" 193 So). **33** Calvin Taylor (6'0" 183 So).

P NA MATT RINEHART FR. 5-9 160 PS#30. Avg 49.5 on punts as senior in HS, also 72 rec (11.9). **47 Jake Kilroy** (5'11" 210 Jr) 53 punts, 33.0 true. 57 (36.6) LY, tm net 30.5.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Mike Roder 6-4 310 PS#182JC
DB	Jharron Armstrong 6-2 187 PS#139
DL	Ryan Jude 6-2 255 PS#164LB
K	Matt Rinehart 5-9 160 PS#30
QB	Matthew Hurdle 6-3 190 PS#149
DB	Josh Pleasant 5-10 185 PS#279
WR	Chris Gilbert 6-0 184 PS#230
QB	Sal Battles 5-10 221 PS#167
DB	Leon Green 5-11 203 PS#314
DL	Ike Washington 6-2 288 PS#263LB
RB	Jacquise Terry 6-0 180 PS#309
OL	Kent Cleveland 6-4 285 PS#390
WR	Alex Napper 6-1 185 PS#320
LB	Joshua Stover 6-4 223 PS#368
OL	Josh Kline 6-4 270 PS#434
DB	Sidney Saulter 6-0 165 PS#416
TE	Justin Thompson 6-1 225 PS#129
WR	TJ Williams 6-0 185 PS#360
DB	Abdul Kanneh 6-0 185 PS#456
OL	Seamus Garvey 6-6 270 PS#481
DB	Rontez Miles 6-1 190 PS#443LB '07
LB	Ryan Hidalgo 6-1 215 PS#424

KENT ST GOLDEN FLASHES

Kent, Ohio
Weather (216) 265-2370

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#111

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score KSU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	† Boston College (Cleveland)	G					
Sep. 6	at Iowa St	G					
Sep. 13	Delaware St	A					
Sep. 20	at Louisiana-Lft	A					
Sep. 27	at Ball St	A					
Oct. 4	Akron	A					
Oct. 11	Ohio (HC)	A					
Oct. 18							
Oct. 25	at Miami, Oh	A					
Nov. 1	at Bowling Green	A					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 12	Temple (Wed)	A					
Nov. 18	N Illinois (Tues)	A					
Nov. 28	at Buffalo (Fri)	A					

The Golden Flashes are 3-27-1 S/'77 in their road opener, but did beat ISU LY.
This will be KSU's 1st meeting with BC as their most recent ACC opp was VT in '06 (L 23-0).

Kent St is 2-6 all-time vs current Big XII teams including 1-4 vs Iowa St.
The win over Iowa St LY was Kent St's 1st vs a BCS school since 1987 (Kansas).

KSU is 6-1 in home openers. All the wins were vs IAA/FCS opp's (loss vs Minny 44-0).
The MEAC Champ Hornets were 10-2 LY, only regular season loss was to KSU.

Could apply: Kent St is just 11-30 after a win since 1989 (0-3 in 2007).
First meeting. KSU's only gm vs a current SBC tm was in 1975 (beat ULM 31-29).

Golden Flashes are 3-9 all-time in Muncie & are just 1-13 vs BSU since 1986.
Kent St is 13-63-1 (17%) in MAC road games since 1989 & 1-5 the last 6.

These instate schools are just 14 miles apart & have played every yr since 1992.
QB Edelman had career high's in pass yds (305) on 17-21 (81%) 2 yrs ago vs UA.

The winner has won by DD's in 8 of the L/11 gms. KSU is 4-8 since 1996 vs OU.
Kent St is 4-17 since 1987 on HC. Flashes are 3-14 before a bye since 1990.

These schools have played every year S/'55, KSU has won just 5 times in Oxford.
LY KSU had 9 more FD's & a 52 yd edge but 3 TO's & 10 penalties (108 yds) cost them.

Last time KSU visited BG they won by 35 pts, largest road W S/'73 (at Toledo 51-16).
The Golden Flashes are 4-23 since 1989 in November road games.

KSU QB Brown started out LY 10 of 13 but finished 11 of 27 with 4 int's.
KSU was held to a ssn low 124 yds & Jarvis (5th leading rusher) was held to 57 yds.

RB Jarvis rushed for 170 yds (8.5 ypc) in last year's defeat.
The Golden Flashes are 5-12 S/'91 in their Dix Stadium finales but 3-2 the L/5.

Last gm in Buffalo, KSU led 14-0 w/3:56 left 2Q, but 5 TO's led to 41 unanswered by UB.
QB Magazu made his 1st career start LY vs UB going 12 of 22 for 184 yds w/a 2-0 ratio.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Joshua Cribbs 7,169 '01-'04
2. Jose Davis 6,722 '97-'99
3. Greg Kokal 5,587 '72-'75

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Astron Whatley 3,989 '94-'97
2. Eric Wilkerson 3,830 '85-'88
3. Joshua Cribbs 3,670 '01-'04

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Eugene Baker 3,513 '95-'98
2. Najah Pruden 2,131 '03-'06
3. Darrell Dowery Jr 1,931 '01-'04

DOUG MARTIN (Career 15-31)
5th Year at Kent St
Martin's Bowl Record: 0-0

Martin's records AT KENT ST

15-31	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
8-12	Home	0-3	Vs Top 25
7-19	Away	1-7	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-4	Off A Bye
10-22	Vs Conference	7-21	Off A Loss

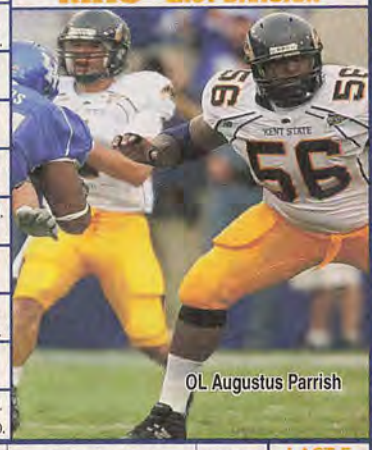
2007 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 43 (20,21,2)
Lost: 18 (12,5,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 8,999 (#118)

MAC - EAST DIVISION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STADIUM: DIX STADIUM (25,000) (#111)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	6-5	3-9	5-7	5-6	1-10	6-6	3-9	30-62
Home	0-5	4-1	2-4	3-3	3-2	1-4	3-2	1-4	17-25
Away	1-5	2-4	1-5	2-4	2-4	0-6	3-4	2-5	13-37
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-7	5-3	1-7	4-4	4-4	0-8	5-3	1-7	21-43
vs Non-Conf	0-3	1-2	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-3	2-2	9-19
ATS	3-7	7-2-1	1-9	8-3	6-4	3-7	6-6	2-9	36-47-1
Home Fav (Dian Pines)	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	4-10
Home Dog (Doug Martin)	0-3	2-1	0-3	3-0	1-0	1-2	1-1	0-1	8-11
Away Fav	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	2-1	0-0	0-2	1-2	3-7
Away Dog	3-2	4-1-1	1-4	5-1	1-2	2-4	4-1	1-2	21-17-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	1-7	6-1-1	1-7	6-2	5-3	2-6	4-4	1-7	26-37-1
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-1	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	2-2	1-2	10-10
Off SU Win	0-1	4-1	1-2	2-2	4-0	0-1	3-3	0-3	14-13
Off SU Loss	2-6	3-0-1	0-7	5-1	2-3	3-5	3-2	1-6	19-30-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
72	Tangerine		NL	Tampa	18-21

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Kent St's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

KENT ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	21.6	20	200	4.4	166	51.6	17.0	-11	2007	8	29.2	20	157	3.8	228	66.1	13.2
7*	17.8	16	158	3.9	163	53.6	18.0	+3	2006	8	20.1	16	139	3.7	159	52.5	14.8
6	16.4	16	46	1.8	237	56.1	17.3	-11	2005	7	30.1	21	203	4.2	191	60.7	13.1
7*	30.5	21	154	4.1	225	62.8	12.4	-1	2004	10	24.0	17	111	2.9	200	54.8	13.0
5*	26.8	21	156	3.7	220	48.2	14.0	+7	2003	4	33.0	25	201	4.7	261	63.4	14.0
7*	16.8	17	215	5.3	120	49.3	19.9	-16	2002	7	35.3	22	204	4.7	202	60.8	11.5

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Eugene Jarvis	279	1731	62	1669	10	6.0
Julian Edelman	118	615	160	455	2	3.9
Andre Flowers	64	298	19	279	1	4.4
Anthony Magazu	14	68	30	38	0	2.7
Giorgio Morgan	19	51	70	-19	1	-1.0
Jon Brown	7	6	41	-35	0	-5.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Julian Edelman	189	98	51.9	1318	7	9
Giorgio Morgan	36	23	63.9	274	3	0
Jon Brown	62	28	45.2	215	1	5
Anthony Magazu	27	13	48.1	190	2	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Eugene Jarvis	23	306	13.3	3	42
Phil Garner	27	284	10.5	1	32
Derek McBryde	16	254	15.9	0	45
Rashad Tukes	14	248	17.7	2	56
Shawn Bayes	14	234	16.7	3	44
Tom Sitko	20	193	9.6	1	27
Aaron Robinson	12	156	13.0	0	44
Leneric Muldrow	11	131	11.9	1	42
Alan Vanderink	13	98	7.5	1	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jake Kilroy	57	2084	36.6	17	30.5(t)	0	15

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Nate Reed	25-30	9-11	4-7	4-5	1-1	18-24	52

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Derek Burrell	112	0	5	0	1
Jack Williams	93	0	6.5	8	3
Rico Murray	75	0	2	9	1
Cedrick Maxwell	74	1.5	7.5	1	0
Brian Lainhart	63	0	1	3	2
Stevon Moss	57	0	3	3	1
Colin Ferrell	56	5	11	1	0
Fritz Jacques	44	0.5	1.5	2	1
Kevin Hogan	43	5	5	1	0
Jameson Konz	43	2	1.5	5	0
Dan Hartman	35	0	0.5	1	0
Danny Sadler	31	0	1	2	0
Will Johnson	27	0	2	0	0
Kirk Belgrave	24	0	1	2	0
Anthony Mirando	22	0	0	0	0
Darrius Carter	21	1.5	1.5	1	0
Monte Simmons	19	3.5	2	0	0
David Filippi	19	0	3	0	0
Aaron Hull	17	0.5	3	0	0
Larry Brown	13	1	3.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jon Drager	22	129	5.9	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Derek McBryde	22	426	19.4	0
Alan Vanderink	12	268	22.3	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

KSU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
47,313	at Iowa St	22	51-202	4.0	17-26	161	1	19	39-158	4.1	14-23	148	1	0
67,380	at Kentucky	26	59-324	5.5	12-29	129	2	24	39-266	6.8	15-22	218	4	-4
8,455	Delaware St	22	36-201	5.6	18-33	267	3	9	41-117	2.9	11-21	74	1	-2
21,867	at Akron	15	49-220	4.5	8-21	155	3	16	50-133	2.7	9-23	112	2	-2
18,297	at Ohio	25	50-233	4.7	12-25	169	2	16	30-88	2.9	22-40	271	1	+2
17,165	Miami, Oh	25	45-203	4.5	19-33	260	5	16	36-101	2.8	16-22	310	4	-1
105,051	at Ohio St	15	48-161	3.4	6-15	62	5	22	36-138	3.8	20-25	263	2	-2
10,248	Bowling Green	19	56-254	4.5	8-13	128	3	18	37-197	5.3	14-25	184	2	-1
6,439	C Michigan	23	40-136	3.4	18-28	247	5	32	51-221	4.3	33-43	359	0	+1
13,831	at N Illinois	25	39-204	5.2	21-42	159	4	28	54-235	4.4	21-29	275	0	+1
16,019	at Temple	7	23-48	2.1	11-27	76	1	23	55-184	3.3	18-27	191	5	-3
2,687	Buffalo	21	49-217	4.4	12-22	184	4	21	26-49	1.9	35-45	335	1	0
TOTALS		245	545-2403	4.4	162-314	1997	38	244	494-1887	3.8	228-345	2740	23	-11
AVERAGES		20.4	45-200	4.4	14-26	166	3.2	20.3	41-157	3.8	19-29	228	1.9	-0.9

2003 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Akron	+12'	41-38
–	at Pittsburgh - #10	+28'	3-43
–	Youngstown St	NL	16-13
–	at Penn St	+24'	10-32
–	UCF	+8'	36-16
–	Ball St	-2'	17-34
–	at Marshall	+20	33-49
–	Connecticut	+11'	31-34 OT
–	Miami, Oh	+22	30-38
–	at Ohio	+3	37-33
–	at Bowling Green - #25	+20'	33-42
–	Buffalo	-12'	34-24

2004 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa - #19	+30'	7-39
–	Liberty	NL	38-10
–	at Rutgers	+12'	21-29
–	Akron	-7	19-24
–	at C Michigan	-1	21-24
–	at Miami, Oh	+19'	27-47
–	Marshall	+13'	17-27
–	Ohio	-2	42-16
–	at Buffalo	-8'	33-7
–	E Michigan	-12'	69-17
–	at UCF	-8'	41-24

2005 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Michigan St	+21	14-49
–	SE Missouri St	NL	33-12
–	Miami, Oh	+6'	10-27
–	at Ohio	+4	32-35
–	at E Michigan	+3'	20-27
–	at Navy	+12'	31-34
–	N Illinois	+10'	3-34
–	at W Michigan	+7'	14-44
–	Bowling Green	+10'	14-24
–	Buffalo	-7	6-10
–	at Akron	+12'	3-35

2006 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Minnesota	+15	0-44
–	at Army	+6	14-17 OT
–	at Miami, Oh	+14	16-14
–	at Bowling Green	+7	38-3
–	Akron	+2'	37-15
–	at Temple	-23'	28-17
–	Toledo	-7'	40-14
–	Ohio	-6'	7-17
–	at Buffalo	-16	14-41
–	at Virginia Tech - #20	+30'	0-23
–	E Michigan	-11'	14-6
–	at Ball St	+3	6-30

2007 RESULTS

KSU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Iowa St	+3'	23-14
–	at Kentucky	+13	20-56
–	Delaware St	NL	38-7
–	at Akron	-2	20-27
–	at Ohio	-3	33-25
–	Miami, Oh	-9	13-20
–	at Ohio St - #3	+31	3-48
–	Bowling Green	-5	20-31
–	C Michigan	+3	32-41
–	at Northern Illinois	-3'	20-27
–	at Temple	E	14-24
–	Buffalo	E	23-30 OT

BUFFALO BULLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, starting QB Stewart Sampsel was injured in Wk 3 and true frosh Drew Willy (PS#61) took control and finished with 1,481 (60.6%) with a 6-12 ratio (234 rush). Willy's 60.6% in '05 was a school record as was his 9.9 yds per completion. With HC Turner Gill's Nebraska background, a mobile QB is the best fit for the offense and Willy was the clear-cut starter in Gill's first year ('06). In 2006, Willy was the only starting QB in the NCAA to have zero int after 4 games but he was later injured and missed the rest of the year. In 8 starts he threw for 1,391 (59.7%) with a 6-6 ratio (167 rush). Tony Paoli, who hit 17 of 23 in 3 games in '05, took over and threw for 584 (50%) with a 1-5 ratio. Last year Willy set school records for completions in a game (33) vs Miami and (34) vs Kent St (old rec Marty Barrett 32 vs Baldwin-Wallace in 1982) and ended the season with 258 (Chad Salisbury 218 in '97). He also avg 9.97 yds per completion breaking his own record. Last year Willy's backup was supposed to be Naaman Roosevelt but he played WR so basically his backups were two true frosh in Zach Ingle (PS#308) and Ed Young (PS#366) and both managed to RS. Willy threw for 2,572 (68.4%) with an outstanding 15-6 ratio and surprisingly only had 152 rush. He should have his best season yet as a senior and establish many more Bulls' records.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2006, James Starks began Aug as a backup QB but at 6'2" 210, he moved to TB to get on the field. He started 7, rushing for 704 (4.0) with 34 rec (6.6) and earned 2nd Tm MAC honors. Starks had a slow start to 2007 and backup RB Mario Henry (PS#112) led the team in rushing during the first two including 125 vs Temple. Starks did not have his first 100 yard effort until posting 183 vs Ohio (gm 6) but then powered to 231 vs Toledo, 148 vs Miami and 137 vs BG. He became Buffalo's first 1,000 yard rusher (1,103, 4.4) in IA ball and the first here since Anthony Swan in 1996. Henry missed 2 full games with injury and had 345 (4.5) and is more of a power back. Brandon Thermilus (5'11" 226 So, PS#397) added 85 (3.7). This year the only loss is FB Laron Haymore (1 st, 1 rec). Not listed in the PSL are Thermilus, Da'Von McCune (5'10" 187 Jr, 19 yd 2Y), Marquis Dorsey (5'10" 179 rFr) and Ike Nduka (5'11" 220 So, PS#157). They are in great shape as both Starks and Henry return and look like one of the MAC's best RB combos.

RECEIVERS - In 2004 the Bulls returned their top 3 receivers but Terrance Breaux ended the year #2 (330, 14.3). Breaux missed all of '05 with an injury but led in '06 with 444 (13.9). In 2006, impressive true frosh Naaman Roosevelt was the backup QB but moved to WR and despite only starting 7, was #2 with 429 (13.8). Those two were both back in '07. Breaux missed most of the season, however, with an injury (2 rec). Roosevelt took charge with 766 (12.2) while Ernest Jackson (162 in '06) emerged with 645 (12.2). Brett Hamlin, who led in '05 (371, 9.8) and missed most of '06 with an injury, returned and had 415 (10.9). Not listed in the PSL are TE's Bryan Kisabeth (6'4" 235 Sr, PS#128WR), Robert Yealu (6'3" 241 Sr) who had 4 starts in 2006 but missed last year with injury, Andrew Pakan (6'2" 210 rFr) and Matt Abdo (6'3" 255 Sr). This year they must replace Breaux and Simon Manka (0 rec) but have everyone else back, and I look for continued improvement in the Bulls' receiving numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2004, the Bulls ran an option offense and opened holes for 3.7 ypc rush with 19 sks allowed. They switched to more of a passing offense the next 2 years and the ypc dropped to 2.9 in '05 and 2.8 in '06 while the unit allowed 43 (13%) and 39 sacks (11%), respectively. Their 90.2 ypg rush in '06 was their lowest since joining IA. Last year I said they should be one of the most improved OL's in IA as they had 4 starters back and were in the 2nd year of Gill's offense. The OL also had good size avg 6'5" 301. They improved to 130 ypg rush (3.7) and the sacks dropped to 27 (7.1%). This year they lose 2nd Tm MAC C Jamey Richard (12 st, 3Y st'r, #7DC IND) and backup OT Jon Burgio (9 gm). They have 8 of their top 10 returning and the starters once again avg 6'5" 301 and their 93 career starts are 13th best in the NCAA. I look for continued improvement from a veteran Bulls O-line.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Bulls had a veteran front in 2005 but yielded 4.8 ypc rush. In 2006 the front wall lost all 4 starters and their top backup. Surprisingly, the Bulls improved slightly allowing 4.7 ypc rush while the D recorded 25 sacks. The star of the unit was DE Trevor Scott who had 9 sacks. The top 8 all returned last year so improvement was expected. The Bulls improved their ypc allowed to 4.3 (lowest since '01) with 23 sacks. Not listed in the PSL below is Matt Brennan (6'2" 230 rFr). This year they lose 2nd Tm MAC DE Scott (12 st, 46 tkl, 10 sk, #6DC OAK), DE James Judges (2 st, 6 tkl) and DT Labinot Hakanjin (7 tkl). Even though they are a little less experienced and without their star, the Bulls' D-line will continue to improve.

LINEBACKERS - In 2007 the Bulls had to replace two starting LB's including their #1 and #5 tacklers. They actually had two starters back as FS Kareem Byrom was moved to LB and earned 3rd Tm MAC honors. This year they lose two full-time starters (#2 & #3 tkl'r). Gone are Larry Hutchinson (11 st, 88 tkl, 5.5 sk, 13.5 tfl), Byrom (12 st, 86 tkl, 5 tfl, 3 pbu), ILB Ollice Ervin (27 tkl, 2.5 tfl), Laron Haymore (0 tkl) and Todd Robertson (8 tkl). Four players return with starting experience but this is a less experienced group and my only real question mark on the team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Buffalo finished #1 in the MAC in pass D in 2005 led by CB Gemara Williams who set UB's record for career pass deflected (39). They had their best finish ever in my pass D rankings at #54. In 2006 they only had two starters back and 8 different players earned starts and they dropped to #116. Last year the entire 2 deep returned and as expected, they moved up to #82 despite the fact that they had 3 true frosh starters at times. One of those true frosh, FS Davonte Shannon, became UB's first ever 1st Tm MAC player and led all frosh in the country with 123 tackles. The other two true frosh had 7 starts (Josh Thomas) and 9 starts (Domonic Cook). SS Mike Newton has 9 int in two years. This year the unit returns intact again and should continue to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Coming into 2006 the Bulls' ST units had only finished #111, #109, #98, #117 and #118. The Bulls managed to climb to #94 in '06 thanks to the infusion of Roosevelt who led in both KR (25.9) and PR (13.1). P Ben Woods had his best season as a senior in 2007 with a 37.3 net. True frosh walk-on AJ Principe hit 15 of 20 FG's (long 47) although he was just 2 of 7 from 40+. Gerry McGroarty (PS#11) had 9 TB's on 57 KO. Roosevelt's numbers dropped some in '07 but thanks to Woods' punting they moved up to #71, their highest finish yet. This year they lose Woods but have everyone else back including WR Alex Pierre who blk'd 2 punts. Woods leaves as the school's all-time career leader in punt yards. How his replacement fares will determine if the Bulls can achieve another all-time high in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Turner Gill was a Heisman finalist in 1983 when he played QB at Nebraska and was regarded as one of the top recruiters at NU from 1992-2004. He enters his 3rd year here and is already a hot commodity as he was one of the finalists for the Nebraska job. Gill was the MAC Coach of the Year in 2007 and got a 2 year extension. Gill took over the OC duties himself last year. The DC is Jimmy Williams (Neb AA in '81) who begins his 3rd year here. He played 12 years in the NFL and was an asst coach at both Toledo and Nebraska.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Buffalo made strides in its first 3 years of IA ball moving from 0 to 2 to 3 wins but in the next five years totaled just seven victories. In 2002, the Bulls were outgained by 162.4 ypg in league play and 150.7 ypg in 2003 despite having 15 starters back. Both times it was the worst mark in the MAC. In 2004, they returned 15 starters again and were "only" outgained by 109.8 ypg in MAC play (2nd worst). UB managed to win two games in conference play which was the most in their eight years in the league. In 2005, they had ex-HC Hofher's most experienced team. Buffalo actually escaped the basement finishing 1-7 in the MAC East and was only outgained by 41.6 ypg (4th worst). They did not score a TD until the 4th game. Buffalo did achieve its first MAC road win when they knocked off Kent St, banishing the Flashes to the basement. The win came the week after they announced Hofher would not be back. In their home finale, UB outgained EM 441-316 but were done in by 5 turnovers. Gill inherited 12 starters from a team that was -15 in turnovers (pg 312) and played a lot of younger players. Twenty-three underclassmen started at least once (9 had 7+ starts). In 2006 I gave Buffalo no shot at a winning season and the Bulls went just 2-10 including 1-7 in MAC play. They came into last year just 8-56 in 8 years of MAC play but only lost 4 starters. I called them a MUCH improved team but still called for their 11th straight losing year. Buffalo had unexpected success. After getting blown out by Rutgers, they went into Temple and dominated with a 414-141 yd edge in a 35 pt win. They thought they had a shot at beating Baylor 2 weeks later but lost and then Ball St waxed them 49-14. At 1-4 it appeared they were the same old Bulls. UB had lost their last 3 meetings vs Ohio by a combined score of 110-27 but they beat the Bobcats by 21. Toledo was down to a 3rd string QB and the Bulls upset them for their first back-to-back wins since 2001. They did give up 2 TD's to Syracuse in the final :52 of the 1H and lost but rebounded the next week. They got their first win in 9 tries vs Akron to open 3-0 in the MAC East and were thinking MAC Title game. They lost to Miami on the road then trailing BG 31-17 were SOD at the 3 and lost at home. They trailed Kent St 23-16 but got a TD with 4:54 left and won it in OT, winning a share of the MAC East Title. They were 5-3 in the MAC which was just 3 wins fewer than their MAC wins in the L7Y combined. Amazingly, UB outgained MAC foes by 70.1 ypg which was the 3rd best mark in the conf. With 18 returning starters, this is the Bulls best IA team ever and will flirt with bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 16 DREW WILLY SR. 6-3 209 PS#61. 28 st, 3Y, 5444 yd pass (63.5%) 27-24 ratio, 553 rush. **17** Ed Young (6'0" 180 rFr) PS#366. **10** Cory Jorgensen (6'3" 205 rFr).

RB 19 JAMES STARKS JR. 6-2 210 PS#283QB. **2nd Tm MAC '06-'07**. 1807 (4.2), 75 rec (7.2) 2Y. **28** Mario Henry (5'9" 202 Jr) PS#112. 2 st LB true. RS '06. 1 st, 345 (4.5) LY.

WR 18 NAAMAN ROOSEVELT JR. 5-11 184 PS#192QB. 7 st, 429 (13.8) true. 10 st LY, #1 w/766 (12.2). **2** Marcus Rivers (6'4" 205 rFr) PS#245. **FB 32 Chris Scharon** (6'2" 242 Sr) 8 st 3Y, 68 yd.

WR 88 BRETT HAMLIN JR. 6-1 182 6 st true #1 w/371 (9.8). Med RS '06. 6 st LY, 415 (10.9). **3** Gary Rice (5'9" 170 Sr). 1 st, 312 all-purp 3Y. **23** Alex Pierre (6'1" 191 Jr).

WR 21 ERNEST JACKSON SR. 6-2 215 251 (13.9) '05-'06. 9 st LY, 645 (12.2). **80** Terrell Jackson (6'1" 180 So) PS#194QB. 1 st true, 305 KR yds (17.9). **84** Skyler Hagg (5'11" 175 So).

TE 82 JESSE RACK JR. 6-3 247 2 st rFr, 2 rec. 11 st LY, 191 (12.7). **87** Aaron Connacher (6'3" 230 So) 3 st true, 5 rec. **86** Kyle Brey (6'2" 245 So) PS#108. 1 st, 2 rec.

C 79 Chris Lauzze Sr. 6-2 300 PS#388. LG rFr. 5 gm bkup '06. 11 gm bkup C & LS LY. **66** Brandon Flanagan (6'2" 303 So) **PS#74**. DL 3 gm, 1 tkl LY. **68** Brian Kelly (6'6" 317 So) PS#394.

RG 75 JEFF NIEDERMIER SR. 6-3 310 6 start rFr. 12 st '06. 12 st RG LY, **3rd Tm MAC**. **76** Matt Bacoulis (6'3" 307 Jr) PS#289. 6 games as backup L2Y. David Skrip is PS#441.

LG 73 PETER BITTNER SO. 6-4 293 PS#373. 12 st LG rFr. **57 Jon Geddes** (6'4" 337 Sr). 5 st LG until injury '06. 1 st TE LY, 5 gm. **64** Solomon Richberg (6'4" 299 rFr) PS#480.

RT 77 JORDAN JERROLD JR. 6-8 306 Last 7 st LT true, 8 gms. 12 st RT LY. Gokhan Ozkan is PS#325. **78** Matt Ostrowski (6'7" 300 rFr) PS#369. Jose Cortes is PS#481.

LT 70 RAY NORELL SR. 6-6 296 1 st LT true. 12 st '06 (1st 5 at LT, last 7 at LG). 11 st LT LY. **72** Andrew West (6'6" 313 Jr) 2 st '07. **65** Ted Carlson (6'4" 295 rFr) PS#443.

K 39 AJ PRINCIPE SO. 5-9 165 Hit 15-20 FG's as walk-on as true, long 47. 2-7 from 40+. Gerry McGroarty (6'2" 219 Sr) PS#11. 9 TB on 57 KO. George Eldayrie (5'8" 173 rFr).

DE 60 Mike Thompson Sr. 6-1 278 PS#317. 4 st '06. 2 tfl. L/2 st LY, 14 tkl, 1.5 sk. **52** Tom Drewes (6'1" 246 So) PS#359LB. 1 st, '06 **97** Andrae Smith (6'4" 246 Sr). **82** Dan Arisco (6'1" 280 rFr).

DT 92 DANE ROBINSON JR. 6-2 267 PS#236. 4 st rFr, 13 tkl, 2 sk. 10 st LY, 18 tkl, 3 tfl. **63** Kevin Johnson (6'4" 294 Jr) PS#216OL. **94** Derrick Brown (6'3" 280 rFr) PS#288OL.

DT 95 RONALD HILAIRE SR. 6-0 288 PS#434. 14 tkl rFr. 8 st, 20 tkl '06. 11 st LY, 45 tkl, 4 tfl. **74** Anel Montanez (5'11" 290 So) 1 st, 9 tkl true '06. **54** Richie Smith (6'3" 300 Fr) PS#300. GS.

DE 48 CHRIS CALLAHAN SR. 6-3 247 PS#284LB. 13 tkl, 2 tfl '06. 12 st LY, 34 tkl, 1.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. Orlando Toussaint PS#475JC. Gordon Dubois (6'2" 230 rFr). **90** Bruno Lapointe (6'5" 259 So) 3 tkl LY.

OLB 44 DAVID HUBBARD SR. 6-0 225 11 tkl, 1.5 sk '06. 1 st LY, 23 tkl. **59** Fred Branch (6'3" 200 So) PS#272. 3 st true, 26 tkl, 2 tfl. Darius Willis PS#72QB. Dustin Tait is PS#268.

ILB 41 Obi Ezemma Fr. 6-0 215 In for spg. **53** Jerry Housey (6'1" 230 So) 7 tkl true. Dalonte Wallace PS#257DL. Scott Pettigrew PS#332. **34** Justin Winters (5'11" 190 So) 4 tkl true.

OLB 42 Josh Copeland So. 6-0 195 12 games, 2 st true, 33 tkl, 1 tfl. **4** Jamal Chisam (5'11" 208 Sr) 3 st SS true, 20 tkl. 1 tkl L/3Y. **26** John Syty (6'2" 190 rFr). #1 OLB after spg.

CB 25 DOMONIC COOK SO. 5-9 175 First 9 st true, 58 tkl, 2 tfl, 3 pbu. **22** Sherrod Lott (5'10" 170 So) 6 st '06, 33 tkl, 2.5 tfl. RS LY. **39** Ryan Cotton (5'9" 187 Fr) walk-on. In spring.

CB 12 KENDRICK HAWKINS JR. 5-10 184 11 st rFr, 70 tkl, 2 int, 5 pbu. 8 st LY, 35 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **15** Josh Thomas (5'10" 175 So) 7 st true, 45 tkl. **13** Gerald Jackson (5'11" 186 Sr) 8 st 3Y.

SS 7 DAVONTE SHANNON SO. 6-1 180 L/9 st true, #1 Fr in tkl NCAA, **1st Tm MAC**, 123 tkl, 10 tfl, 5 pbu. **43** Chris Storr (6'0" 189 Jr) 3 st, 16 tkl 2Y. Isaac Baugh PS#259WR. Lucas West (5'9" 209 Sr).

FS 30 MIKE NEWTON JR. 5-10 195 9 st rFr, 60 tkl, 4 tfl, 5 int! 12 st, 86 tkl, 4 int, 3 pbu LY. **49** Adekunle Akingba (6'4" 205 Sr) PS#475JC. First 4 st SS LY, 46 tkl. **9** Alan Hayes (5'11" 190 rFr).

P 11 Peter Fardon Fr. 6-2 180 Played Australian football in HS. **10** Gerry McGroarty (6'2" 219 Sr) **PS#11**. 64 yd FG in HS & 42.5 avg as P. 2 of 5 FG here in 3Y.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

LB	Darius Willis 6-3 220 PS#72QB
QB	Jerry Davis 6-1 200 PS#106
LB	Dalonte Wallace 6-2 200 PS#257DL
DL	Steven Means 6-3 220 PS#269
DL	Joel Wilson 6-3 280 PS#293
OL	Gokhan Ozkan 6-7 300 PS#325
LB	Dustin Tait 6-1 225 PS#268
DB	Isaac Baugh 6-1 180 PS#259WR
LB	Scott Pettigrew 6-2 210 PS#332
WR	Antavious Wilson 6-2 182 PS#332
LB	Ray Anthony Long 6-1 195 PS#408DB
QB	Zach Maynard 6-3 185 PS#253
OL	David Skrip 6-3 285 PS#441
LB	Obi Ezemma 6-0 215 PS#300 RB '07
DL	Richie Smith 6-3 300 PS#300 '07
DL	Orlando Toussaint 6-3 233 PS#475JC '07
OL	Jose Cortes 6-5 285 PS#481
LB	Mark Richardson 6-2 220 PS#408
DL	Jaleel Verser 6-6 225 PS#464
DL	Willie Moseley 6-4 225 PS#464
LB	Imani Chatman 6-3 215 PS#464DL
OL	Graham Whinery 6-3 260 PS#490
DL	Terry Peden 6-1 240 PS#505
LB	Raphael Akobundu 6-0 219 PS#450
DB	Travis White 5-9 160 PS#500
DB	Ryan Cotton 5-9 187 PS#500
TE	Michael Marr 6-3 240 PS#180
K	Peter Fardon 6-2 180 PS#100

BUFFALO BULLS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#79

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UB	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 28	UTEP (Thur)	A						The Bulls are 1-9 in season openers lossing by an avg of 22 ppg. Buffalo is 2-13 all-time vs current CUSA members but this will be their 1st gm vs UTEP.
Sep. 6	at Pittsburgh	G						Buffalo is 1-10 in their L/11 road openers (only win vs BE member Rutgers in '02). This will be the schools' 1st meeting, but UB is 9-22-1 all-time vs current BE members.
Sep. 13	Temple	A						Buffalo is 11-1 all-time vs Temple but this will be just the 3rd meeting since 1970. The Bulls are 10-26 all-time in MAC home games (3-1 LY w/3 DD wins).
Sep. 20	at Missouri	A						Buffalo has only played 2 Big XII members (losses to ISU in '68 & Baylor LY). HC Gill was the starting QB at Nebraska from '81-'83 w/a 28-2 record (20-0 in conf play).
Sep. 27	at Central Michigan	A						The Bulls are just 2-19 vs MAC West Division tms since moving up to the IA level. In their last game in 2006, CMU had a 313-122 yd edge & led 48-7 at the half.
Oct. 4								Bonus: The six home games are the most the Bulls have played since moving up to Division IA & joining the MAC in 1999.
Oct. 11	Western Michigan	A						The Bulls are 0-7 after a bye since 2000 being outscored 39-21. In their last gm in '05, UB gained 179 (50%) of their 360 yds (21 pts) in the 4Q after trailing 24-0.
Oct. 18	Army (HC)	A						Coming into '08, Bulls are 1-10 vs non-conf opp's at home since joining the MAC in '99. The previous 2 gms were at West Point with Army winning in 1960 & UB in 2001.
Oct. 28	at Ohio (Tues)	A						Turner Gill served as Frank Solich's asst coach while at Nebraska from 1998-'03. Coming into '08, UB has been shutout 10X & are 1-7 in wkday gms as IA members.
Nov. 4	Miami, Oh (Tues)	A						Buffalo has dropped all 10 meetings vs Miami, Oh with an avg loss of 26 ppg. This game will be televised on espn2, marking the 1st ever TV gm from UB Stadium.
Nov. 8								
Nov. 13	at Akron (Thur)	A						Buffalo is 1-8 all-time vs Akron as these schools have played every yr S/'99. The Bulls are just 3-15 since 1997 in November road games.
Nov. 21	at Bowling Green (Fri)	A						In their 1st meeting ('00), not only was BG UB's 1st MAC win, but its 1st as a IA program. LY vs BG, RB Starks went over the 1,000 yd mark (1st RB S/'96) & WR Roosevelt had a career-high 148 yds.
Nov. 28	Kent St (Fri)	A						UB has beaten KSU more times (4) than any conf member since joining the MAC. Bulls are 10-21 (2-13 L15Y) in home finales since restarting football back in 1977.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cliff Scott 7,578 '91-'94
2. Marty Barrett 6,945 '80-'83
3. Joe Freedy 5,912 '98-'01

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Anthony Swan 3,103 '94-'97
2. Alan Bell 3,022 '89-'92
3. OD Underwood 2,062 '86-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Drew Haddad 3,409 '96-'99
2. Chris D'Amico 2,331 '80-'84
3. Kali Watkins 2,260 '95-'98

TURNER GILL (Career 7-17)

3rd Year at Buffalo — Gill's Bowl Record: 0-0

Gill's records AT BUFFALO

7-17	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
5-5	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
2-12	Away	0-7	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
6-10	Vs Conference	5-11	Off A Loss

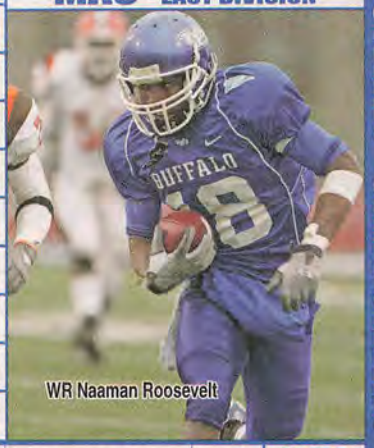
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (28,23,2)
Lost: 16 (4,10,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 13,568 (#113)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


WR Naaman Roosevelt

STADIUM: UB STADIUM (29,013) (#108)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Sportexe Momentum)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	2-9	3-8	1-11	1-11	2-9	1-10	2-10	5-7	17-75
Home	2-3	1-4	0-6	1-5	2-3	0-5	2-3	3-2	11-31
Away	0-6	2-4	1-5	0-6	0-6	1-5	0-7	2-5	6-44
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	2-6	1-7	0-8	1-7	2-6	1-7	1-7	5-3	13-51
vs Non-Conf	0-3	2-1	1-3	0-4	0-3	0-3	1-3	0-4	4-24
ATS	7-4	5-6	5-6	4-7	4-7	6-5	7-4-1	7-5	45-44-1
Home Fav (Craig Carlos)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0-1	2-0	2-0-1
Home Dog (Jim Hofher)	5-0	2-3	1-4	2-3	3-2	3-2	2-2	1-1	19-17
Away Fav (Turner Gill)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Away Dog	2-4	3-3	4-2	2-4	1-5	3-3	5-2	3-3	23-26
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	6-2	3-5	3-5	4-4	4-4	5-3	5-3	6-2	36-28
vs Non-Conf	1-2	2-1	2-1	0-3	0-3	1-2	2-1-1	1-3	9-16-1
Off SU Win	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	2-0	3-1	7-9
Off SU Loss	6-2	4-3	5-5	4-5	3-5	6-3	5-4	4-3	37-30

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
James Starks	251	1181	78	1103	12	4.4
Mario Henry	76	370	25	345	1	4.5
Brandon Thermilus	23	85	0	85	3	3.7
Naaman Roosevelt	6	67	0	67	0	11.2
Brett Hamlin	1	10	0	10	0	10.0
Drew Willy	60	152	196	-44	2	-0.7

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Drew Willy	377	258	68.4	2572	15	6
Brett Hamlin	1	1	100.0	28	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Naaman Roosevelt	63	766	12.2	4	47
Ernest Jackson	53	645	12.2	6	75
Brett Hamlin	38	415	10.9	1	35
James Starks	41	311	7.6	2	74
Jesse Rack	15	191	12.7	1	38
Mario Henry	15	75	5.0	0	20
Brandon Thermilus	8	65	8.1	0	17
Gary Rice	10	49	4.9	0	13
Chris Scharon	7	48	6.9	1	16
Aaron Connacher	5	28	5.6	0	13
Terrance Breaux	2	26	13.0	0	15

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Ben Woods	62	2583	41.7	11	37.3	0	21

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
AJ Principe	32-34	6-6	7-7	2-7	0-0	15-20	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Davonte Shannon	123	2.5	7.5	5	3
Larry Hutchinson	88	5.5	13.5	1	0
Kareem Byrom	86	0	5	3	0
Mike Newton	86	0	1	3	4
Domonic Cook	58	0	2	3	0
Trevor Scott	46	10	5	2	0
Adekunle Akingba	46	0	0	0	0
Ronald Hilaire	45	1.5	2.5	0	0
Josh Thomas	45	0	0	4	1
Kendric Hawkins	35	0	4	6	1
Chris Callahan	34	1.5	5.5	0	0
Josh Copeland	33	0	1	1	1
Ollice Ervin	27	0	2.5	1	0
Fred Branch	26	0	2	0	0
David Hubbard	23	0	0	1	0
Dane Robinson	18	0	3	0	0
Mike Thompson	14	1.5	1.5	0	1
Simon Manka	8	0	1	0	0
Alex Pierre	8	0	1	0	0
Todd Robertson	8	0	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Naaman Roosevelt	10	76	7.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Naaman Roosevelt	21	471	22.4	0
Terrell Jackson	17	305	17.9	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Buffalo's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

BUFFALO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8*	24.3	18	130	3.7	218	68.6	14.3	+3	2007	9	27.6	23	175	4.3	231	59.9	14.7
7*	18.3	15	90	2.8	178	56.5	14.6	-4	2006	5	35.9	18	185	4.7	206	66.9	10.9
5	10.0	16	109	2.9	171	57.7	28.0	-15	2005	8	29.7	18	190	4.8	174	55.1	12.2
9*	17.9	14	148	3.7	121	45.4	15.1	+1	2004	6	31.9	20	188	4.4	214	60.6	12.6
7*	14.8	16	169	3.8	122	51.0	19.7	-2	2003	8	37.1	24	223	5.3	253	59.8	12.8
7	17.8	16	98	3.1	178	48.4	15.5	+6	2002	4	34.7	23	207	4.5	228	57.8	12.5

2007 STATS BY GAME

UB ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
43,091	at Rutgers	16	34-70	2.1	19-32	165	3	26	41-235	5.7	16-25	328	0	+1
15,629	at Temple	21	45-224	5.0	20-22	190	1	10	25-(-36)	-1.4	15-27	177	5	0
107,506	at Penn St	20	35-56	1.6	29-41	339	4	22	39-191	4.9	20-27	202	1	0
22,676	Baylor	18	27-87	3.2	29-46	276	3	24	42-229	5.5	21-45	172	2	-3
14,333	at Ball St	11	27-83	3.1	14-19	136	1	28	48-274	5.7	21-30	233	1	-2
10,755	Ohio	22	56-251	4.5	11-20	146	1	18	32-90	2.8	23-41	186	2	+2
12,529	Toledo	16	42-250	6.0	9-17	185	1	31	49-219	4.5	32-52	307	2	0
30,897	at Syracuse	21	27-73	2.7	32-48	286	0	26	42-179	4.3	15-28	265	2	+1
10,142	Akron	18	51-155	3.0	11-14	125	3	21	39-142	3.6	19-39	185	2	+3
12,288	at Miami, Oh	18	27-103	3.8	33-45	217	6	21	39-216	5.5	20-26	259	0	+1
11,740	Bowling Green	17	30-159	5.3	20-33	215	3	23	39-140	3.6	21-30	273	2	0
2,687	at Kent St	21	26-49	1.9	35-45	335	1	21	49-217	4.4	12-22	184	4	0
TOTALS		219	427-1560	3.7	262-382	2615	27	271	484-2096	4.3	235-392	2771	23	+3
AVERAGES		18.3	36-130	3.7	22-32	218	2.3	22.6	40-175	4.3	20-33	231	1.9	0.3

2003 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Rutgers	+12	10-24
-	at Iowa	+35'	7-56
-	Colgate	NL	15-38
-	Connecticut	+23'	7-38
-	Akron	+15	21-38
-	at UCF	+23'	10-19
-	at Miami, Oh	+36	3-59
-	Marshall	+29	16-26
-	Ohio	+13'	26-17
-	at Toledo	+26	29-56
-	N Illinois - #23	+23	9-40
-	at Kent St	+12'	24-34

2004 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at E Michigan	+7	34-37
-	Syracuse	+15'	17-37
-	at Nevada	+16	13-38
-	at Ohio	+13	0-34
-	UCF	+7'	48-20
-	at Akron	+8'	21-44
-	Miami, Oh	+20	7-25
-	at Marshall	+25	14-48
-	Kent St	+8'	7-33
-	C Michigan	+5	36-6
-	at Connecticut	+25'	0-29

2005 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Connecticut	+18	0-38
-	at Syracuse	+24	0-31
-	Rutgers	+21	3-17
-	at W Michigan	+10'	21-31
-	Akron	+10	7-13
-	Bowling Green	+23'	7-27
-	at Toledo	+30'	15-38
-	Ohio	+5'	20-34
-	at Miami, Oh	+27'	13-54
-	at Kent St	+7	10-6
-	E Michigan	+6	14-38

2006 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Temple	-6	9-3 OT
-	at Bowling Green	+23'	40-48 3OT
-	at N Illinois	+24	13-31
-	at Auburn - #2	+41	7-38
-	Ball St	+3'	25-55
-	Miami, Oh	+7'	31-38
-	at Ohio	+17	7-42
-	at Boston College - #18	+34	0-41
-	Kent St	+16	41-14
-	at Akron	+17'	16-31
-	at Wisconsin - #12	+38	3-35
-	C Michigan	+14'	28-55

2007 RESULTS

UB Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Rutgers - #16	+32	3-38
-	at Temple	+3'	42-7
-	at Penn St - #12	+33'	24-45
-	Baylor	+3	21-34
-	at Ball St	+13'	14-49
-	Ohio	+4	31-10
-	Toledo	-4'	43-33
-	at Syracuse	+3'	12-20
-	Akron	-1	26-10
-	at Miami, Oh	+6'	28-31
-	Bowling Green	E	17-31
-	at Kent St	E	30-23 OT

TEMPLE OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005, Temple used three QB's and they combined to avg just 164 ypg (48.3%) with a 4-13 ratio. In 2006 true frosh Vaughn Charlton (PS#142) and soph Adam DiMichele (PS#172) battled for the job. DiMichele orig signed at Penn St but was drafted by Toronto (MLB) and did not play football in 2005.

QB Adam DiMichele

The two alternated most of the year with DiMichele starting 9 and throwing for 1,518 (61.4%) with a 10-12 ratio and Charlton starting 3 and throwing for 417 (55.3%) with a 2-2 ratio. Against six MAC opponents, DiMichele completed 65.5% for 1,053 (9-6 ratio). Last year DiMichele started the first 8 with Charlton playing in 2 of the first 7 games (4 passes). DiMichele had very similar stats to 2006 throwing for 1,595 (61.9%) but with a positive 12-10 ratio (330 rush). He fractured his tibia in the 2Q vs Miami but was still named the Team MVP. Charlton had 3 good games hitting 61 of 95 for 197 ypg with a 2-1 ratio. In the season finale vs WM while under heavy duress he hit just 6 of 25 for 92. Overall Charlton finished with 808 (56.9%) and a 3-1 ratio. This year both QB's return and also in the mix are Colin Clancy (6'0" 195 Jr) who hit 10 of 19 for 121 as a true in '05 and Chester Stewart (6'3" 195 rFr, PS#134). I look for continued improvement from the Temple QB's.

RUNNING BACKS - Last year the Owls had to replace their leading rusher, Tim Brown (PS#44), who rushed for 731 (4.0) despite missing 2. Jason Harper (PS#161) saw the bulk of the action in those 2 and finished with 186 (4.0). Last year I expected a big impact from Marcellous Grigsby (PS#56JC) and while he played in 7, he had just 14 att's for 29 yards. Harper broke through for 114 vs Conn and later started sharing snaps with true frosh Daryl Robinson (PS#111DB). Robinson led with 71 vs N Illinois and had 20 carries vs Akron but for just 58 yards. Robinson had 105 vs Kent St and finished with 347 (4.0). Harper led with 586 (3.6) adding 226 (10.3) more in rec. This year they lose both as Robinson moves to DB and Harper moves to WR. One of the few true losses on the team was FB Josh Bundy (6 st, 77 ttl yd). They move in WR Marquise Liverpool (5'11" 190 So, PS#26WR) who had 2 starts at WR last year (163, 20.4) to join Joe Jones (5'11" 200 rFr) who impressed last fall in camp before being injured and lost for the year. They add JC transfer Jared Williams who was in for spring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Grigsby (5'11" 220 Sr), Bryce Buffaloe (6'1" 235 Jr), Seth Amoah (6'0" 230 Jr), Robert Feeley (6'3" 225 So) and Peter Wichmann (5'10" 185 Jr).

RECEIVERS - In 2006 the team had to replace 3 of their top 4 receivers and former walk-on Bruce Francis, who had 133 (9.5) in '05 led with 484 (15.1). Travis Shelton ran a 4.24 40 and despite sitting out the first six, had 344 (17.2). They both returned last year. A big surprise to me was the fact that Shelton, who got into the doghouse, avg just 6.7 yds on his 20 rec. Francis led again with 731 (15.6) despite missing 2. Dy'Onne Crudup had 376 (9.6) and TE Kevin Armstrong had 277 (9.9). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Steven McMurray (5'9" 160 Sr), Andrew Case (5'9" 185 Jr), Senate Alexander (6'0" 170 So), Phil Bartocci (6'0" 200 Jr), Nyles Bynum (6'1" 180 So), Ricky Ueberroth (6'3" 190 Jr), TE Anthony Pekarski (6'2" 240 So) and this year's true frosh. This year the only losses are Domerio Hamilton (1st, 0 rec) and Moses Parker (1st, 0 rec). I look for continued improvement and a much bigger season out of Shelton and top rusher RB Harper also moves in.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Temple's O-line only opened holes for 82 ypg rush (2.4). They had to replace 3 starters in 2006 and Golden made a comment prior to '06 saying the O-line had not had a full year in the weight room and that he was going to be pleased with this group in 2007. His first O-line struggled as the Owls avg'd just 54 ypg rush (1.9) while allowing 48 sacks (15.6%). Last year they had to replace 4 players who combined for 24 starts and while they basically had 3 starters back, true frosh Lloyd Codada started the opener. They shuffled the O-line often during the first 5 as Codada got injured and just two players had more than 10 starts. With the unit less experienced than expected, they only improved to 93 ypg (2.7) while allowing 45 sacks (12.3%). The only constant of the O-line so far under Golden has been C Alex Derenthal who has been the team MVP the last 2 years. The O-line returns basically intact and no less than 9 players have starting experience. Not listed in the PSL is Jeremy Schonbrunner (6'3" 290 rFr). The unit's 105 career starts are tied for 6th most in the NCAA and this should be the Owls' best O-line in quite some time.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Temple actually had two top 20 finishes in the NCAA defensive rankings this decade but have been far from that recently. In 2006 they had to replace their top 4 players and shifted to a 3-4 due to a lack of bodies. Temple's D was run over for 244 ypg rush (6.0), their worst since 1993. Last year they only had to replace three players who combined for 16 starts but by moving OLB's Leyon Azubuike and Junior Galette to DE, they had 3 players who started 8+ in '06 returning. The Owls improved to allow 165 ypg rush (4.2). Continued improvement should be expected as the entire 2 deep returns. Not listed in the PSL are Daniel Popper (6'1" 275 Jr) and James Tindall (6'2" 240 Sr). While this unit won't remind Owl fans of that 2002 D-line led by Dan Klecko (2.8 rush ypc), it is their best since.

LINEBACKERS - In 2007 Temple's LB corps had a combined 4 starts of experience. They did add in Syracuse transfer Lamar McPherson (PS#63RB), Oregon St transfer Wallace Bates (PS#153DL) and Tommie Weatherspoon (PS#86JC) but those three combined for just 5 starts (55 tkl). This year those three could have a bigger impact as the unit returns intact including six with starting experience. Not listed in the PSL are Stephen Johnson (6'1" 230 rFr) and this year's true frosh. This group is vastly more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Owls had inexperienced secondaries from 2003-2006 and finished #101, #109, #117 and #101 in my pass D rankings. They had six of the top 8 back last year (2 st'r lost) but returning starter Richard Sheppard (L/5 st '06) was injured while CB Evan Cooper (first 9 st '06) and Georg Coleman (3 st '06) lost their jobs. Temple moved up to #76 allowing 59.1% with a 16-14 ratio. This year the only loss is SS Abioye Oyeyemi (5 tkl) and ten players return with starting experience. This is by far their most experienced secondary in over 5 years plus they add RB Daryl Robinson (PS#111, 621 all-purp yds '07). The Owls should have their highest finish in my pass D rankings since their #75 finish in '01.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In 2004 and 2005 Temple's ST finished just #112 and #119 in my rankings. In '06 they had a freshmen-laden squad and finished #113. They could have easily finished worse but Travis Shelton, who missed the first 6, avg'd 28.8 on 27 KR and his 205 KR yards vs Clemson set a school record. Last year the unit returned intact so improvement was expected. Navy transfer Jake Brownell (PS#23) avg 38.5 (30.8 net) in '06 but Golden did not want him handling all 3 duties in '07 so Jeff Wathne took over and avg'd 38.2 (31.9 tm net). Brownell hit 13 of 21 FG's (long 41) including just 1 of 4 from 40+. Wathne had 1 TB on 40 KO. Shelton's KR avg dropped (21.9). After 2 years of having frosh and soph-laden teams, I look for Temple to be much improved across the board and have a big upswing from last year's #117 finish, especially if Shelton returns to 2006's form.

COACHES - Al Golden was the youngest DC (31) in the NCAA in 2001. He was the asst at Penn St and Virginia's DC the 5 years prior to coming here as HC. The first 2 years the OC had been George DeLeone but he left for the NFL, and the new OC is Matt Rhule who was the QB coach ('06-'07). The DC is Mark D'Onofrio, who was drafted by Green Bay in '92 and retired due to injury in '94. He also comes from Virginia where he coached ILB's in '05 and TE in '04. He was the LB coach at Rutgers 2 years prior to that.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Temple is now in their 6th season of play at Lincoln Financial Field and has an unusual home field advantage with their small crowds usually lulling opponents to sleep in such a large venue. The Owls have not had a winning season in 17 straight years and in fact, have not even topped four wins since 1990! There had been calls for Temple to move to IAA, but in 2005 they made a great move. After being set free by the Big East, they opted to join the MAC where they can be much more competitive. Temple took on one of the toughest schedules in the country in '05 (9 of 11 foes being bowl elig) then had 5 projected starters ruled ineligible. The Owls went 0-11 being outscored by an average of 45.3-9.7! Bobby Wallace resigned after a 19-71 mark in his 9 seasons which were under tough circumstances with Temple being booted from the Big East, which greatly hurt their recruiting. Golden stepped into a pure rebuilding situation as the Owls had just 6 returning starters and played an NCAA high 21 true frosh. Nine of their 12 opponents wound up being bowl eligible. Temple did manage to grab a win beating BG by 14 points, even though they were outFD'd 27-12. Temple finished just 1-11 and were outscored by an avg of 41.3-10.9. Last year I noted that the schedule was softer and that the Owls were a more veteran unit. Temple switched its helmets and uniforms to match the ones they wore from 1972-'88. Golden said "the first 18 months or so I was trying to instill our values and principles and trying to change individual behavior. We're not as deep as a lot of teams we'll play and obviously we're young but that shouldn't be an impediment. There are very few guys in that class that graduated that would start for us right now." After an expected loss to Navy, Temple was surprisingly destroyed by Buffalo at home 42-7. Temple actually should have beaten Conn 24-22 as they hit a TD pass with :40 left but it was ruled incomplete despite replay showing the Temple WR got a foot down. They opened 0-5 and it appeared to be the same old Temple-type season. They had just 2 seniors on the roster (fewest of any other NCAA school) with 43 of their top 69 players being underclassmen and twenty more true frosh played in '07. They got a 39 yd FG with :09 left to beat NI and then a 19 yd TD pass with :27 left got them past Akron (trailed 20-3 after 3Q's). They'd gone 9 straight quarters without an offensive TD but got 3 in the 4Q vs the Zips. It was their first back-to-back conf wins in 40 years! It was also a rare road win for the Owls (last 2003). They won their 3rd game in a row for the first time since 1990 when they upset Miami, OH 24-17 with 17 frosh starting. They lost convincingly to OU and then Penn St helped their home attendance out greatly with 69,029 on hand. Kent St was down to their 3rd string backup QB (1 of 11 with 4 int's 2H) and they upset the Golden Flashes 24-14 but were dominated in the finale by WM. While TU managed a 4-4 finish in the MAC overall, they were outgained by 56.6 ypg which was still far better than the previous year's -236.8 ypg. This year TU is the only team in the NCAA with 22 returning starters and I have never seen a team with just 2 lettermen lost. TU has a scheduling edge in that they do not play BG. I'll call for Temple to have their most wins in a season S/'90 (7-4 record) and 5 of my 8 sets of power ratings call for them to have a winning record.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

QB 13 ADAM DiMICHELE SR. 6-1 185 PS#172.9 st '06. 8 st LY (inj). 313 (62%) 22-22 ratio. 463 rush 2Y. **12** Vaughn Charlton (6'4" 225 Jr) PS#142. 7 st 2Y, 1225 (56%) 5-3 ratio, 219 rush.

RB 3 MARQUISE LIVERPOOL SO. 5-11 190 **PS#26WR at BC** '04, Baseball. 2 st WR true, 163 (20.4), 108 ret yds. Joe Jones (5'11" 200 rFr) PS#244. **4** Jared Williams PS#266JC.

WR 34 JASON HARPER JR. 5-9 195 PS#161RB. 9 st 2Y, 772 rush (3.7), 31 rec (10.5) 393 ret yds (21.8). **23** James Nixon PS#94DB Conn '06. In for spg. **Vaughn Carraway PS#58.**

WR 82 BRUCE FRANCIS SR. 6-0 181 14 rec as true. 7 st '06, 484 (15.1) 9 st LY, 731 (15.6). **84** Michael Campbell (6'2" 205 So) L/3 st true, 10 rec. **10** Delano Green (5'10" 170 So) 3 rec true.

WR 22 TRAVIS SHELTON SR. 5-11 185 **4.24 spd.** 8st 3Y, 2559 all-purp. **15** Dy'Onne Crudup (5'9" 180 Jr) PS#238QB. 8 st, 376 (9.6) LY. **18** Josh Hutchinson (5'10" 175 So).

TE 88 KEVIN ARMSTRONG SR. 6-3 250 10 st LY, 277 (9.9). **86** Steve Maneri (6'6" 258 Jr) 3 st, 137 (11.4) 2Y. **89** Matt Balasavage (6'5" 250) PS#47. 2 st. **Marcus Brown** (6'4" 265 Jr) **10 st '06.**

C 59 ALEX DERENTHAL SR. 6-4 294 **Team MVP '06 & '07!** 11 st rFr, 12 st '06. 12 st LY. **75** Brison Manor (6'3" 290 Sr) First 5 st '06. 3 st LY. **67** Marcos Hanna (6'1" 285 Sr).

RG 66 ANDRE DOUGLAS SR. 6-5 305 12 st LY. **74** Lloyd Codada (6'3" 315 So) 2 st true, 6 gm. Bryce Carter (6'3" 307 So) PS#296. 2 gm true. RS LY. Kevin Bennage (6'3" 275 So).

LG 54 CHRIS TREMEL SO. 6-4 285 PS#186DL. 6 tkl true. **70** Colin Madison (6'4" 305 So) 4 st LG true. Sean Boyle PS#303. **65** Dave Nwasike (6'2" 265 So) DE '06. TE LY.

RT 71 JABARI FERGUSON SR. 6-5 300 5 st TE '06. 4 st OL LY. John Palumbo (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#517. **57** Darius Morris (6'4" 305 Jr) PS#215. 10 gm true. 4 st LG LY. Steve Caputo is **PS#189.**

LT 63 DEREK DENNIS SO. 6-5 305 10 st true RG. **73 DevinTyler** (6'7" 285 Jr) **12 st '06. 9 st LY.** Wayne Tribue PS#262. Ryan Murray PS#238. **61** Jeff Passmore (6'3" 300 rFr) PS#515.

K 47 JAKE BROWNELL JR. 5-10 195 PS#23. Navy trans. 2 of 3 FG in '06 and 78 punts. 38.5 avg, 30.8 net. 13 of 21 FG LY, long 41. 1-4 from 40+. Jeff Wathne 1 TB on 40 KO LY.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN RED

DE 93 LEYON AZUBUIKE SR. 6-3 255 5 st TE, 5 rec rFr, 8 st LB '06, 24 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 12 st DE LY. 35 tkl, 7.5 tfl. **52** Brian Sanford (6'2" 260 Jr) 5 st, 47 tkl, 2 sk 2Y. Morris Blueford (6'4" 235 So) 5 st true, 21 tkl.

DT 92 TERRANCE KNIGHTON SR. 6-4 295 1 st true. 11 st '06, 57 tkl, 7 tfl. 11 st LY, **Def MVP**, 56 tkl, 8.5 tfl. **91** Elisha Joseph (6'3" 270 So) 1 st true, 19 tkl. Terrance Banks (6'1" 280 Jr) 2 st, 28 tkl 2Y.

NT 98 ANDRE NEBLETT JR. 6-2 285 9 st, 18 tkl true. 12 st LY, **2nd Tm MAC**, 42 tkl, 4.5 sk. **94** Josh Williams (6'2" 265 Jr) **PS#130 at BC '05.** JC '07. **72** Grigory Frenk (6'1" 292 So).

RE 99 JUNIOR GALETTE JR. 6-2 240 9 st, 52 tkl, 5.5 tfl true. 4 st LY, 41 tkl, **7.5 sk.** Morkeith Brown (6'6" 260 Fr) PS#505. James Namude (6'1" 215 Jr). Walt Dixon (6'5" 205 rFr).

OLB 38 ALEX JOSEPH JR. 6-2 235 19 tkl true. 9 st LY, 66 tkl, 7 tfl. **11** Lamar McPherson (5'10" 210 Jr). **PS#63RB. Syracuse.** 3 st LY, 29 tkl, 5 tfl. **36** Le'Ron Irwin (6'1" 250 Jr) PS#459.

MLB 17 OMAR McDONNAUGH-HALES SR. 5-11 225 JC. 9 st here LY, 62 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **46** John Haley (6'1" 220 Jr) 3 st, 59 tkl, 3 sk 2Y. **48** Tommie Weatherspoon (6'2" 235 Sr) PS#86JC. F/2 st LY, 26 tkl.

OLB 56 AMARA KAMARA SO. 6-2 225 **PS#149.** 12 st true, 71 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **58** Elijah Joseph (6'1" 225 So) 6 gm true, 2 tkl. **40** Jordan Martin (6'3" 233 Jr) 33 tkl, 2 sk at Valparasio '06.

CB 27 JAMAL SCHULTERS SO. 5-10 190 Fork Union. L/10 st true, 74 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 4 pbu. **28** Evan Cooper (5'10" 190 Sr) 9 st, 52 tkl '06. 1 st LY, 13 tkl. **1** Wilbert Brinson (6'0" 205 Jr) 4 st, 31 tkl '06. 4 tkl LY.

CB 9 ANTHONY FERLA JR. 5-10 190 PS#111. 17 tkl as true. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. Daryl Robinson (5'9" 175 So) PS#111. 3 st RB, 621 all purp yd true. Tommie Williams 2 st, 17 tkl.

SS 21 DOMINIQUE HARRIS JR. 6-3 215 7 st, 59 tkl, 2 int rFr. 12 st LY, **3rd Tm MAC**, 81 tkl, 3 int, 5 pbu. **25** Richard Sheppard (6'0" 200 Sr) 5 st '06, 35 tkl. 8 tkl LY. Deione Sydnor-Robinson (6'0" 175 rFr).

FS 16 JAIQUAWN JARRETT SO. 6-2 200 12 gm, Last 6 st FS true, 61 tkl, 5 pbu. **29** Georg Coleman (6'0" 185 Sr) 1 st RB true, 270 ttl yds. 8 st, L2Y, 62 tkl, 4 int. Jonathan Miller (6'0" 210 Sr).

P 49 JEFF WATHNE SO. 6-2 190 PS#96. 42.0 avg in HS. 68 punts as true, 38.2 avg, net of 31.9. **8** Kevin Giunta (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#298DB. **47** Jake Brownell 78 punts in '06.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Vaughn Carraway 6-2 170 PS#58
RB	Jared Williams 5-9 185 PS#266JC
DL	Josh Williams 6-2 260 PS#269JC
RB	James Nixon 6-1 177 PS#94DB '06
LB	Adrian Robinson 6-2 225 PS#126
OL	Steve Caputo 6-5 300 PS#189
LB	Geoffrey Prather 6-2 210 PS#134
OL	Ryan Murray 6-6 315 PS#238
WR	Deven Baker 6-4 190 PS#183
WR	CJ Hammond 6-2 175 PS#189
OL	Wayne Tribue 6-3 290 PS#262
RB	Tony Cornelius 5-11 180 PS#209
DB	Maurice Jones 5-10 190 PS#276
OL	Sean Boyle 6-5 295 PS#303
RB	Ahkeem Smith 6-0 190 PS#236
WR	Malcolm Williams 6-0 180 PS#241
OL	Pat Boyle 6-5 295 PS#340
DB	Kevin Kroboth 6-0 180 PS#264WR
DB	Marlin Terrell 5-10 185 PS#408
LB	Lawrence Turner 6-1 215 PS#368
DL	Shahid Paulhill 6-4 275 PS#421
LB	Quinten White 6-3 200 PS#372
DL	Alex Jackson 6-4 225 PS#430
DL	Muhammad Wilkerson 6-5 260 PS#337 '07
WR	Anthony Rapley 6-3 210 PS#360
DB	Tahir Whitehead 6-2 200 PS#456
DL	Morkeith Brown 6-6 260 PS#505

TEMPLE OWLS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-1.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#93

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 29	at Army (Fri)	A					
Sep. 6	Connecticut	G					
Sep. 13	at Buffalo	A					
Sep. 20	at Penn St	G					
Sep. 27	Western Michigan	G					
Oct. 4	at Miami, Oh	A					
Oct. 11	at Central Michigan	A					
Oct. 21	Ohio (Tues)	G					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at Navy	A					
Nov. 8							
Nov. 12	at Kent St (Wed)	A					
Nov. 22	Eastern Michigan	G					
Nov. 28	Akron (Fri)	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Henry Burris 7,495 '93-'96
2. Mike McGann 5,967 '01-'05
3. Lee Saltz 5,371 '83-'86

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Paul Palmer 4,895 '83-'86
2. Tanardo Sharps 3,260 '99-'02
3. Anthony Anderson 2,610 '75-'78

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Willie Marshall 2,272 '83-'86
2. Gerald Lucear 1,882 '78-'81
3. Van Johnson 1,869 '92-'96

Owls are 1-4 all-time vs the Black Knights & LY was very misleading as they had 25-14 FD & 463-330 yd edges with the def allowing just 16 of the 37 pts (2 ST & a def TD for Army).

Temple is 7-25 their L/32 HG's with their last winning ssn coming in '90 a 7-4 campaign. The Owls were BE members from '91-'04 (14-80 record) & are 7-3 all-time vs UC.

TU was "welcomed" into MAC play LY vs UB as they were outgained 414-141 (-36 yds rush). L/gm at Buffalo, TU had 11 True Fr play (9 others 1st start), fielding the youngest tm in school history.

Five members of the TU coaching staff, including HC Golden played under Paterno. The Owls are 3-33-1 all-time vs the Nittany Lions as their last win was in 1941 (14-0 shutout).

TU is 0-6 vs WM but did go 3-1 in MAC home games last year (inaugural season). Last year the Owls were held to a season low 92 yds passing & 6 FD's.

TU came into '08 1-27 in their L/28 RG's as LY at Akron they snapped a 25 gm losing streak. The Owls played a season high 20 freshmen including 16 true in last year's win.

In their 1st & only meeting, CM outgained TU 499-309 in Golden's 1st year. Unlike LY, the cross division gms in MAC play count toward the division standings.

Temple QB Charlton made his first career start going 17-26 for 161 yds replacing the injured DiMichele. TU is 3-12 since 1995 before a bye week.

TU has allowed a combined 1,156 rush yds the L3Y vs Navy & the HT is 5-2 since 1991. Since Lincoln Financial Field switched to grass ('03), TU is 2-18 on art turf heading into '08.

Coming into '08, Temple is 3-23 in November/December road games since 1991. LY RB Robinson had a career high 105 yds also marking his 1st career 100+ yd gm.

Temple is 3-0 all-time vs E Michigan but have won each gm by 9 pts or less. In their last gm in '00, TU amassed 461 yds & RB Sharps rushed for a career high 203 yds (11.3!).

Temple's 10 all-time wins over Akron are the most vs any current MAC member. Owls are 3-14 their last 17 home finales but did snap a 5 gm losing streak LY.

AL GOLDEN (Career 5-19)
3rd Year at Temple — Golden's Bowl Record: 0-0

Golden's records AT TEMPLE

5-19	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
4-6	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
1-12	Away	0-7	Vs BCS Teams
0-1	Neutral	0-1	Off A Bye
4-4	Vs Conference	3-14	Off A Loss

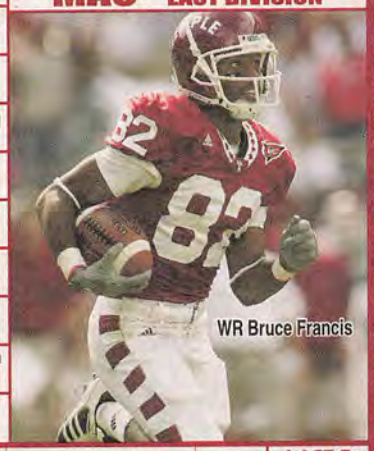
2007 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 11*
DEFENSE: 11

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (25,26,2)
Lost: 2 (1,1,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 28,858 (#81)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


WR Bruce Francis

STADIUM: LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD (68,532) (#31)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	4-7	4-7	4-8	1-11	2-9	0-11	1-11	4-8	20-72
Home	2-4	3-3	2-5	0-5	2-4	0-5	1-3	3-3	13-32
Away	2-3	1-4	2-3	1-6	0-5	0-6	0-7	1-5	7-39
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	1-6	2-5	2-5	0-7	1-5	0-0	0-0	4-4	10-32
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	2-3	1-4	1-4	0-11	1-11	0-4	10-40
ATS	7-4	5-6	5-6	7-4	6-4	5-6	5-6-1	7-5	47-41-1
Home Fav (Bobby Wallace)	1-1	3-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	4-4
Home Dog (Bobby Wallace)	2-2	0-2	2-4	2-1	2-3	3-2	3-1 (Al Golden)	3-1	17-16
Away Fav	1-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-2
Away Dog	3-1	2-2	2-1	5-2	4-1	2-4	2-4-1	3-3	23-18-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
vs Conf	4-3	3-4	4-3	3-4	5-1	0-0	0-0	5-3	24-18
vs Non-Conf	3-1	2-2	1-3	4-0	1-3	5-6	5-6-1	2-2	23-23-1
Off SU Win	2-2	1-2	2-2	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-0	2-2	8-11
Off SU Loss	4-2	3-4	3-4	6-3	6-1	5-5	4-6	4-3	35-28

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
34	Sugar	NL	Tulane	14-20
79	Garden St - #20	+1	California	28-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Temple's All-Time Bowl Record 1-1

TEMPLE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7*	16.4	17	93	2.7	208	59.6	18.3	0	2007	6	26.3	19	165	4.2	199	59.1	13.8
4	10.9	12	54	1.9	162	59.7	19.8	-9	2006	2	41.3	23	244	6.0	209	59.0	10.9
4	9.7	15	82	2.4	165	47.7	25.4	-8	2005	5	45.3	24	202	4.7	259	66.2	10.2
7*	21.6	20	173	4.2	221	56.3	18.2	+2	2004	7	36.3	21	194	5.0	245	65.5	12.1
5*	19.6	20	120	3.5	225	52.7	17.6	+5	2003	3	32.8	22	202	4.6	227	63.2	13.1
10*	20.2	18	137	3.5	181	48.9	15.8	-14	2002	7	29.2	19	108	2.8	207	59.0	10.8

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jason Harper	163	662	76	586	5	3.6
Daryl Robinson	86	371	24	347	0	4.0
Travis Shelton	16	146	10	136	0	8.5
Adam DiMichele	75	330	220	110	2	1.5
Marcellous Grigsby	14	41	12	29	0	2.1
Vaughn Charlton	46	92	214	-122	0	-2.7
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Adam DiMichele	223	138	61.9	1595	12	10
Vaughn Charlton	137	78	56.9	808	3	1
Bruce Francis	2	2	100.0	88	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Bruce Francis	47	731	15.6	6	61	
Dy'Onne Crudup	39	376	9.6	3	21	
Kevin Armstrong	28	277	9.9	1	45	
Jason Harper	22	226	10.3	2	33	
Daryl Robinson	16	171	10.7	1	38	
Marquise Liverpool	8	163	20.4	0	48	
Travis Shelton	20	133	6.7	0	20	
Michael Campbell	10	94	9.4	0	20	
Steve Maneri	6	76	12.7	1	21	
Marcellous Grigsby	9	64	7.1	0	22	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Jeff Wathne	68	2596	38.2	10	31.9(t)	2	11
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Jake Brownell	18-19	8-10	4-7	1-4	0-0	13-21	41

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Dominique Harris	81	0	1.5	5	3
Jamal Schulters	74	0	3.5	4	2
Amara Kamara	71	0	3.5	1	1
Alex Joseph	66	0	7	1	1
Omar McDonnaugh-Hales	62	0.5	4	1	0
Jaiquawn Jarrett	61	0	1	5	1
Terrance Knighton	56	2	6.5	3	0
Anthony Ferla	45	0	3	5	1
Andre Neblett	42	4.5	4	1	0
Junior Galette	41	7.5	4	4	0
Leyon Azubuike	35	1	6.5	0	0
John Haley	33	1	1.5	2	1
Lamar McPherson	29	1	4	0	0
Georg Coleman	26	0	0	0	2
Tommie Weatherspoon	26	0	0	0	0
Brian Sanford	23	2	1.5	0	0
Morris Blueford	21	0	1.5	0	2
Elisha Joseph	19	0	1	1	0
Tommie Williams	17	0	0.5	0	0
Evan Cooper	13	0	0.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Marquise Liverpool	15	81	5.4	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Travis Shelton	34	744	21.9	0	
Jamal Schulters	10	184	18.4	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

TU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
30,368	Navy	16	25-74	3.0	21-29	199	1	21	56-361	6.4	3-7	78	0	0
15,629	Buffalo	10	25-(-36)	-1.4	15-27	177	5	21	45-224	5.0	20-22	190	1	0
33,810	at Connecticut	15	39-189	4.8	9-19	143	3	21	49-156	3.2	19-29	222	6	-1
16,482	at Bowling Green	24	43-102	2.4	27-41	299	6	24	27-96	3.6	30-47	351	1	0
34,176	at Army	25	40-104	2.6	24-43	359	2	14	39-155	4.0	11-26	175	1	-2
21,065	N Illinois	17	41-150	3.7	18-33	202	2	16	36-146	4.1	13-28	113	2	0
14,017	at Akron	23	39-136	3.5	23-34	242	3	15	37-152	4.1	12-21	145	0	0
21,041	Miami, Oh	11	34-110	3.2	14-19	188	4	22	27-56	2.1	33-59	314	4	+1
15,632	at Ohio	13	31-48	1.5	17-26	161	4	21	49-219	4.5	14-21	185	2	-2
69,029	Penn St	16	23-4	0.2	26-43	238	4	25	41-202	4.9	22-33	260	1	+1
16,019	Kent St	23	55-184	3.3	18-27	191	5	7	23-48	2.1	11-27	76	1	+3
8,662	at W Michigan	6	27-54	2.0	6-25	92	6	19	40-162	4.1	24-39	276	1	0
TOTALS		199	422-1119	2.7	218-366	2491	45	226	469-1977	4.2	212-359	2385	20	0
AVERAGES		16.6	35-93	2.7	18-31	208	3.8	18.8	39-165	4.2	18-30	199	1.7	0.0

2003 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Penn St	+25	10-23
-	Villanova	NL	20-23 3OT
-	at Cincinnati	+13'	24-30 3OT
-	at Louisville	+14'	12-21
-	at Middle Tenn	+3	44-36
-	Boston College	+9'	13-38
-	at Miami, Fl - #2	+31	14-52
-	Rutgers	-3'	14-30
-	at Syracuse	+16	17-41
-	Virginia Tech - #12	+26'	23-24 OT
-	Pittsburgh - #21	+15	16-30
-	at West Virginia - #24	+21'	28-45

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Virginia - #16	+16	14-44
-	at Maryland - #23	+26'	22-45
-	Florida A&M	NL	38-7
-	at Toledo	+7'	17-45
-	Bowling Green	+7	16-70
-	Pittsburgh	+12	22-27
-	at Rutgers	+13	6-16
-	at Connecticut	+18'	31-45
-	at West Virginia - #15	+28	21-42
-	Syracuse	+8	34-24
-	Boston College - #19	+14	17-34

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Arizona St - #20	+31'	16-63
-	at Wisconsin	+32'	0-65
-	Toledo	+28	17-42
-	W Michigan	+3'	16-19
-	at Bowling Green	+29	7-70
-	Maryland	+28	7-38
-	Miami, Fl - #7	+41'	3-34
-	at Clemson	+36'	7-37
-	Miami, Oh	+22'	14-41
-	at Virginia	+34	3-51
-	at Navy	+27	17-38

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	at Buffalo	+6	3-9 OT
-	Louisville - #13	+40'	0-62
-	at Minnesota	+41'	0-62
-	at W Michigan	+30	7-41
-	at Vanderbilt	+34	14-43
-	Kent St	+23'	17-28
-	† Clemson - #12	+44'	9-63
-	at Northern Illinois	+32	21-43
-	Bowling Green	+16	28-14
-	C Michigan	+20	26-42
-	at Penn St	+36	0-47
-	at Navy	+31'	6-42

2007 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
-	Navy	+21	19-30
-	Buffalo	-3'	7-42
-	at Connecticut	+30	17-22
-	at Bowling Green	+21'	35-48
-	at Army	+6'	21-37
-	N Illinois	+3'	16-15
-	at Akron	+10'	24-20
-	Miami, Oh	+6	24-17
-	at Ohio	+9	7-23
-	Penn St	+25	0-31
-	Kent St	E	24-14
-	at W Michigan	+11'	3-16

OHIO BOBCATS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In HC Frank Solich's first two years the team avg just 118 (45.5%) and 129 (54.4%) ypg passing. Austen Everson was the starting QB in 2006 but Illinois transfer Brad Bower (PS#30) started one and hit 41 of 72 for 426 (1-7 ratio) on the year. Bower was the clear-cut starter in '07 and after he threw for 264 vs ULL, his 139.4 QBR led the MAC. When the team was struggling vs Kent St, JC transfer Theo Scott led Ohio to 15 points in the 4Q. He then split time with Bower vs Buffalo. Bower threw for 232 vs EM but hit just 9 of 17 for 163 with 4 int vs Toledo and Scott got his first start, playing every snap vs BG (12 of 17 for 166). Scott started vs Temple but was injured in the 3Q and Bower hit 7 of 9 for 91. Bower hit 17 of 37 for 239 with a 3-0 ratio vs Akron. Scott was healthy and started vs Miami but trailing 17-7 at half, Bower came in and guided the comeback win. This year Bower departs (1766, 54.7%, 11-10 ratio). Scott threw for 743 (57.8%) with a 5-3 ratio (201 rush). Josh Febus (6'2" 211 Jr, PS#382) is a walk-on that was forced into action in '06 and had 2 att last year. Battling Scott will be Brandon Jones (6'2" 190 Jr, PS#77) and Boo Jackson (PS#63JC) who threw for 4,620 (60.6%) with a 41-10 ratio in 2 years at JC. Jackson operated out of the shotgun at JC and struggled with some fumbled snaps under C in spring. Adding depth are Febus, Brian Sweeney (6'2" 201 rFr, PS#257) and Miles Schlichter (6'1" 213 So). Despite the loss of Bower, this unit could actually improve upon its 2007 stats.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004, true frosh Kalvin McRae led with just 559 (3.9). In 2005, McRae had just 100 in the first 3 but then became the first player at Ohio since Steveland Hookfin in '98 to top 200+ yards in consecutive games (3 straight). He finished with 1,153 (5.5). McRae got off to a slow start in 2006 topping 100 just once in the first 5 but then recorded 7 straight 100 yard efforts and was the first Bobcat RB since Tim Curtis ('91 & '93) to be voted 1st Tm MAC twice. McRae finished with 1,252 (4.9) and also led the team in rec (29, 9.7). He got off to his usual slow start last year with just one 100 yard effort in the first 6. In the final 6 games of his career, he rushed for 170, 182, 200, 151, 109 and 112 and leaves as Ohio's first ever player to record 3 straight 1,000 yard rushing seasons (career rush leader). True frosh Donte Harden (PS#193) looked good early but was lost for the year after 2. QB Scott was the #2 rusher and WR Chris Garrett was #3. This year they lose McRae and Joshua Abrams (40, 3.1) but move Garrett to RB. True frosh Vince Davidson (PS#389) had 47 (6.7). Not listed in the PSL are Harden (5'11" 180 rFr), Joshua Greene (5'9" 180 Fr) and FB's Matt Ritter (6'1" 230 Sr) and Joel Scipio (5'10" 233 Jr). Going from the Bobcats best ever RB to a unit lacking in experience, I expect a significant drop off in the rushing numbers.

RECEIVERS - Ohio had to replace 3 starters in '07. The leading returnee was Chido Nwokocha who was #5 rec with 201 (10.1). NMSt transfer TE Andrew Mooney (PS#129) led with 498 (14.6). Soph Taylor Price emerged with 464 (14.1), while Nwokocha had 361 (14.4). Matt Donahue had the team's first and only 100 yard receiving effort S/'05 (113 vs WY). He re-aggravated a thumb inj vs EM and was lost for the season. This year they must replace Nwokocha (6 st), Justin Fitzgerald (2 st, 165, 13.8) and Donahue (143, 23.8, trans to Neb). Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Robbie Spencer (5'11" 161 Jr), Corey Cooper (6'3" 204 Sr), Paul Hershey (6'3" 180 So), Adetunji Adedipe (6'4" 212 Jr), Chad Vordenberge (5'11" 178 So) and TE's Kody Carr (6'6" 197 So, PS#215) and Adam Olsheski (6'2" 245 So). This is a more experienced group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - The Bobcats basically had 3 starters back in 2006 and it was surprising to see their numbers slip to 3.9 ypc with 20 sacks (6.0%). Last year they had to replace two starters including a 1st Tm MAC LT and then LG Paul Johnson was lost after two starts. Mike Eynon took his place but he missed 2. With the top 2 OT's out, Dathan Ferrainolo started but was injured vs Wyoming. C Tommy Stuck was injured after 5 and after six games the team had allowed 16 sacks but Solich pointed out they also allowed an awful lot of hurries. Ohio's rush stats were similar to '06 (151, 3.8) but the sacks rose to 26 (7.5%). Only two OL's started all 12 and they both depart in RT David Shelby (2Y st'r) and 1st Tm MAC RG Matt Miller (4Y st'r). Also gone are LG Johnson (2 st) and Ferrainolo (4 gm). Not listed in the PSL is George Batsakes (6'6" 324 So). This unit is slightly more experienced than 2007 and hopefully will remain healthier.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2006, Ohio had 7 of their top 8 back and improved to 4.0 ypc (23 sacks). Last year they had to replace one starter and one backup and then DE Ernie Hodge was suspended. Surprisingly, Ohio slipped allowing 186 ypg rush and 4.5 ypc, their worst total since 2001. This year they lose their top-notch DT combo of 2nd Tm MAC Landon Cohen (12 st, 59 tkl, 12.5 tfl, #7DC DET) and NG Brett Sykes (12 st, 37 tkl, 6.5 tfl) as well as NG Alan Goff (3 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Dak Notestine (6'3" 253 So) and Stafford Gatling (6'4" 225 So). Not only do 6 of the top 8 return, but Hodge is back ('06 starter) so they look stronger up front.

LINEBACKERS - The Bobcats had one of the most veteran LB corps in the MAC in 2006 with all 3 starters back including the #1 tackler in the MAC. Last year they had to replace all 3 starters who were #1, #2 and #4 in tackles. The group had a combined 5 career starts and all were by converted SS Michael Brown. Jordan Meyers began as a starter but was injured and Lee Renfro took over. Chris Hall broke his hand and JUCO Errik Ejike, who was impressive in Aug, was injured after 4. This year they lose MLB Taj Henley (12 st, 66 tkl, 7 tfl) but have 5 of the top 6 back and are vastly more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Bobcats had 7 of the top 8 back in 2006 and climbed to #36 in my pass D rankings. Last year they had to replace 1st Tm MAC CB TJ Wright, who set a single season school record with 18 pbu, and three other players (comb 10 st). They slipped to #75. This year they lose their #1 tackler, FS Todd Koenig (96 tkl, 10 pbu) and SS Ervin Jackson (1 st, 10 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Erik Benjamin (5'11" 195 So), Kenny Jackson (5'9" 155 rFr), Issa Braithwaite (5'10" 186 So), Scott Starkey (5'9" 181 So), Donovan Fletcher (6'0" 187 So) and Kevin Culver (5'9" 196 So). Five players are back with starting experience making this unit stronger.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Bobcats have had some impressive players on their ST units like P Dave Zastudil and K/P Kevin Kerr. They were #4 in my ST rankings in 2000 and #21 in 2002. They plummeted to #116 in 2005 and in 2006 had to replace their top K, P and PR. It was stunning that they moved up to #5. One of the key players was EM transfer Matt Lasher who had 19 TB (Ohio #1 in MAC KR def), hit 13 of 18 FG's and an outstanding 37.3 net punting. He had to be replaced last year as did their top KR. They brought in Washington transfer Michael Braunstein and he set a school record with 12 consecutive FG's but surprisingly missed 3 of his next 6. He finished 20 of 24 (long 47) and had 7 TB on 71 KO. New punter, rFr Matt Schulte (PS#47) had a 35.6 net. Joshua Abrams was a tremendous ST player avg 26.3 on KR with 6 career blocked punts. Vince Davidson avg 39.3 on KR's vs BG but surprisingly only had 1 KR after that. This year they must replace Braunstein and Abrams along with LS Ryan Senser (3Y LS) and it may be difficult to duplicate the last 2 years' outstanding finishes (#12 in '07).

COACHES - Solich is from Cleveland so a return to his home state was a solid move. He spent six years as HC at Nebraska compiling a record of 58-19. He was Big XII Coach of the Year in 1999 and 2001 and produced at least 9 wins in five of his first six seasons. Solich was named MAC Coach of the Year in 2006 in just his 2nd season. The coordinators are in their 4th years. His OC is Tim Albin, who was the OC at N Dak St in 2004 and the passing game coord at Neb in 2003. The DC is Jimmy Burrow who was the DC at N Dak St and a Nebraska asst in '01 and '02.

PHIL'S FORECAST

In 2004, Ohio switched from the option to a pass attack which is a slow adjustment and offenses generally struggle. That season Ohio had a 290-217 yard edge at Pitt but lost. They beat SEC foe Kentucky on the road 28-16 to move to 3-2 which had Bobcat fans thinking about a bowl. Ohio trailed Toledo just 10-5 at the half and led Akron 13-0. They lost five TO's including a 60 yd IR TD, losing both games and finished just 4-7. Bobcat fans were energized in '05 when they hired Solich who returned them to a more run-oriented offense. Ohio was picked 3rd in the MAC East in the preseason poll. In their first National TV game since 1969, OU beat Pitt in OT 16-10 in front of a record home crowd. They opened the season 4-4 and had a Friday night National TV game vs Toledo, a game they trailed just 27-21 in the 4Q but lost. Ohio dropped their final two, finishing 4-7 again. They had 18 returning starters in '06 (most MAC). In Solich's first season OU averaged just 17.5 ppg (lowest S/'95). In 2006, they incorporated their new offensive system and with 9 starters back only improved to 19.7 ppg. The key to Ohio's outstanding season was the D. With 9 starters back they went from allowing 452 ypg to just 303! They trimmed the ppg allowed from 30.5 to 18.1! They went 9-3 including an upset of Big Ten member Illinois on the road. It was just their 3rd winning season since 1982 and included a 7 game win streak (most since 1968, 10). Their 5 road wins were also the most since 1968. The Bobcats lost the MAC Title game by 21 then in only their 3rd bowl since 1962, lost by 21, to S Miss. That 2006 squad had 19 seniors. Last year they had just 10 returning starters (fewest in the MAC) and while Bobcat fans were disappointed, I thought Solich did a good job getting them to be bowl eligible at 6-6. They opened the season 2-1 with a loss vs #18 VT then led Wyoming the entire game (incl 23-6). At the end, Wyoming's 4th & 1 pass was incomplete but OU had called time-out and WY got a TD on replay to pull out a 34-33 win. After losing to Kent St and Buffalo they beat EM. Ohio had not won at Toledo since 1967 and fumbled a punt with :26 left to set up UT's game winning FG. They upset BG on the road then had a 404-209 yd edge in a dominating win over Temple keeping alive their MAC Title hopes. Akron was playing their 3rd game in 12 days but still upended Ohio 48-37. When Ohio faced Miami it was basically a meaningless game for the RedHawks as they had already clinched a spot in the MAC Title game and MU settled for 5 FG's and blew a 17-7 halftime lead. Two int's set up 2 OU TD's and they avoided a losing season. They did have just 8 starts lost to injury on the year. OU has the fewest amount of returning starers in the MAC (13) and a tough schedule. If Solich pulls out a winning record, I'll give him my vote for MAC Coach of the Year.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN GREEN — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN GREEN — DEFENSE

QB 3 Theo Scott Jr. 6-2 199 PS#309JC. 3 st LY, 743 (58%) 5-3 ratio, 201 rush. **8** Boo Jackson PS#63JC. 4620 (61%), 41-10 ratio, 2Y JC. **10** Brandon Jones (6'2" 190 Jr) PS#77.

RB 2 Chris Garrett Jr. 5-8 178 PS#253. 8 st WR 2Y, 196 rush (5.4), 21 rec. **26** Vince Davidson (5'11" 194 So) PS#389. 47 (6.7) true. **21** LJ Flintall (5'10" 189 Jr) orig at WF.

TE 84 DAVID CARTER SR. 6-5 257 18 tkl 2Y Vanderbilt DL. **10 st** TE LY, 299 (15.7)

FB 39 Mitch Morsillo (6'1" 255 Jr) 8 st 2Y, 97 (3.2). **40** Jayson White (6'1" 240 Sr) PS#160.

WR 23 TAYLOR PRICE JR. 6-1 196 1 st, 77 (8.6) true. 12 st LY, 464 (14.1). **11** Terrence McCrae (6'4" 195 So) PS#111. 11gms, 1 rec rFr. **16** Tyler Huffman (5'11" 181 Sr).

WR 7 LaVon Brazill So. 5-11 189 2 st true, 201 (12.6) 7 gm. **80** Robert Mercer (6'5" 198 So) PS#215TE. **15** Riley Dunlop (6'2" 187 rFr) PS#308. Brandon Peterson (5'10" 172 Jr) PS#199.

TE 81 ANDREW MOONEY SR. 6-3 236 **2nd Tm SBC** NMSt true '04, 372 (13.8). 8 st here LY, #1 with 498 (14.6). **83** Zac Clark (6'3" 263 rFr) PS#163LB. **45** Nathan Caldwell (6'5" 256 So).

C 58 DAVID WHITE JR. 6-1 294 PS#252. 1 st LG rFr, 100 snaps. 8 st (7C) LY. 602 squat. **66** Tommy Stuck (6'2" 292 Sr) 5 st C '05. 5 st LY. **LS 49** Mark Truesdell (5'10" 214 So).

RG 61 Michael Philibin Jr. 6-4 305 PS#567. 7 gm LY, 2nd string. **73** Gary Schussler (6'3" 287 Jr) PS#368. 4 gm 2Y. **50** Dustin Laudermilch (6'3" 307 rFr). **70** Brett Hines (6'4" 304 So).

LG 76 MIKE EYNON SR. 6-3 305 PS#479. 9 st '06, 533 snap. 8 st LY. **63** Marcus O'Hara (6'6" 322 rFr) PS#215. **71** Chris Spegal (6'6" 294 rFr). **72** Andrew Rauen (6'3" 299 So).

RT 57 Chris Rodgers Jr. 6-5 288 2 gm rFr. 1 st LT LY, 10 gm. **68** Shawn Fosnaugh (6'5" 293 Jr) PS#223. 4 gm 2Y. **79** AJ Strum (6'5" 287 rFr) PS#301. Joe Flading (6'4" 258 rFr).

LT 74 JOSH LEUCK SR. 6-4 295 PS#170DL. 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl 2Y DL. 11 st LT '07. **60** Cole Bunner (6'5" 326 So) PS#227. 9 gm rFr. **51** Jacob Black (6'5" 283 So) PS#233. 2 gm.

K 37 Barrett Way Sr. 5-9 178 29-37 FG, 55-61 xp's 3Y at VMI. Matthew Weller PS#49. 5 of 7 FG, long 45 HS LY. **29** Paul Belany (5'10" 176 Sr). Orig at Bowling Green.

DE 90 JAMESON HARTKE SR. 6-4 265 1 st, 34 tkl true. 14 st '06, 45 tkl, 7.5 sk, 5.5 tfl. 12 st LY, **3rd Tm MAC**, 51 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **97** Eric Kenkel (6'3" 265 Sr) 25 tkl 3Y. Keenan Chapman (6'3" 241 So) PS#202LB.

NG 96 Jacob Williamson Sr. 6-4 266 23 tkl 3Y. **62** Marcellis Williamson (6'4" 330 So) 1 tkl rFr. **98** Jeff King (6'1" 267 rFr) PS#411. AJ Oxley (6'4" 298 So). Darnell Harris (6'5" 247 So).

DT 95 Ernie Hodge So. 6-2 287 PS#391. 11 st DE '06, 38 tkl, 7.5 tfl true. Susp in '07. **91** Corey Moncrief PS#340JC. **53** John Flowers (6'3" 262 rFr). **58** Alex Trouten (6'2" 253 So).

DE 92 CONOR REILLY JR. 6-3 232 Last 5 st DE LY, 22 tkl, 4 tfl. **54 Kris Luchsinger** (6'4" 250 Jr) First 7 st LY, 34 tkl, 10.5 tfl. **99** Curtis Meyers (6'2" 247 So). 5 tkl, 8 gm true.

SLB 35 MICHAEL BROWN SR. 6-3 229 5 st DB '05-'06, 29 tkl. 12 st LB LY, 85 tkl, 6 tfl. **19** Chris Hall (6'1" 229 Sr). 14 tkl, 7 gm LY (inj). **14** Jay Edwards (6'0" 215 rFr) PS#228QB.

MLB 47 Noah Keller So. 6-1 232 PS#127. 37 tkl true. **52** Clevon Kirkland (6'2" 253 So) 1 tkl rFr. Errik Ejike (6'1" 204 Sr) PS#465JC. 9 tkl until inj LY. **44** Chad Clemens (5'11" 202 So).

WLB 32 LEE RENFRO JR. 5-10 214 PS#178DB. 22 tkl rFr. 7 starts in '07, 56 tkl, 6 tfl. **48 Jordan Meyers** (6'0" 220 Sr) 5 st, inj LY. 92 tkl, 7.5 tfl 3Y. **33** Kyle Robbins (6'2" 213 Jr).

CB 24 MARK PARSON SR. 5-10 192 10 st '06, 44 tkl, **16 pbu!** 12 st LY, 49 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. **12** Thad Turner (6'0" 169 Jr) 8 tkl LY. **30** Dustin Tatum (5'11" 181 Sr) PS#190. 10 tkl 2Y.

CB 9 JULIAN POSEY SO. 5-11 188 PS#277. 9 st rFr, 54 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. **4** Idris Lawrence (5'8" 175 Jr). 2 st LY. 36 tkl 2Y. **3** Billy Gonzales-Santos (5'11" 181 rFr) PS#265WR.

SS 34 MICHAEL MITCHELL SR. 6-1 216 21 tkl true. 8 st '06, 55 tkl, 2 int. 11 st '07, 74 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 int. **6** Hilton Dawson PS#121JC in spg. **13** Neil Jereb (5'10" 187 Sr) 15 tkl, 26 gm 3Y.

FS 42 Steven Jackson Jr. 6-2 192 2 st 2Y, 48 tkl, 3 pbu. **20** Patrick Tafua (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#167JC, in spg. **22** Shannon Ballard (5'11" 191 So) 7 tkl rFr. **26** Ian Elmore (6'1" 193 So).

P 43 MATT SCHULTE SO. 6-0 226 PS#47. 44.6 avg as senior in HS. 62 punts here LY, 37.6 avg, net 35.6. Matthew Weller PS#49. 43.2 avg HS LY. **41** Justin Wolf (5'8" 175 So).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Franshaw "Boo" Jackson 6-0 197 PS#63JC
DB	Hilton Dawson III 6-0 215 PS#121JC
DB	Patrick Tafua 6-0 190 PS#167JC
DL	Corey Moncrief 6-2 309 PS#340JC
WR	Bakari Bussey 6-2 187 PS#139
LB	Alphonso Lewis 6-1 197 PS#161
DB	Gerald Moore 6-1 190 PS#323
OL	Eric Herman 6-4 264 PS#304DL
LB	Melvin Payne 6-2 210 PS#290
K	Matthew Weller 6-0 190 PS#49
TE	Jordan Thompson 6-4 225 PS#101
OL	Matthew Britain 6-3 269 PS#412
LB	Brandon Weaver 6-1 202 PS#368
DL	Tremayne Scott 6-4 227 PS#421
DL	Neal Huynh 6-3 230 PS#421
DB	Tyler Futrell 5-11 164 PS#428
WR	Serggio Judkins 6-4 198 PS#360
RB	Joshua Greene 5-9 180 PS#391
OL	Vincent Carlotta 6-4 272 PS#481
LB	Vincent Harris 6-1 220 PS#408

OHIO BOBCATS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#72

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score OU	Final Score Opp	W/L
Aug. 30	at Wyoming	A				
Sep. 6	at Ohio St	A				
Sep. 13	Central Michigan	A				
Sep. 20	at Northwestern	G				
Sep. 27	VMI (HC)	A				
Oct. 4	at Western Michigan	A				
Oct. 11	at Kent St	A				
Oct. 21	at Temple (Tues)	G				
Oct. 28	Buffalo (Tues)	A				
Nov. 1						
Nov. 8	Bowling Green	A				
Nov. 15						
Nov. 22	Akron	A				
Nov. 28	at Miami, Oh (Fri)	A				

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Sammy Shon 5,412 '78-'81	1. Kalvin McRae 4,398 '04-'07	1. Todd Snyder 2,241 '67-'69
2. Anthony Thornton 5,199 '87-'90	2. Steveland Hookfin 3,972 '95-'98	2. Scott Mayle 1,847 '02-'06
3. Donny Harrison 3,856 '79-'83	3. Kareen Wilson 3,597 '95-'98	3. Eddie Washington 1,761 '80-'83

Ohio is 4-15 since '89 in road openers, but has won the L2Y (8 straight L's prior).
LY the Bobcats led 23-6 in the 3Q but the Cowboys scored w/2:02 left for the comeback win.

Ohio is 0-14 vs ranked opp's since 1990 & under Solich is 2-5 vs BCS teams.
OU is 6-35-1 vs current Big Ten tms including 0-5 vs OSU getting outscored by 24 ppg.

Ohio has won 5 straight home openers, including 2005's OT upset of Pitt 16-10.
The Bobcats are 4-19-2 all-time vs CM including 3-8-1 at home (won last HG in '00).

Ohio is 1-2 vs NU (all in Evanston) as the win was in their 1st meeting in '73.
Coming into '08, the Bobcats are 2-13 visiting current BCS teams since 2001.

The Keydets finished 2-9 LY & in their last gm vs a FBS team lost 62-7 to Army in '06.
Ohio is 10-2 on HC the L12Y & beat VMI 42-14 in their only meeting in 2004.

The Bobcats are 2-9 its last 11 trips to Kalamazoo (S/'80) with wins in 1996 & '98.
In their last meeting in 2006, Ohio gained 336 yds with only 10 FD's in the win.

Ohio is 13-6-1 (3-4 L/7) since 1988 vs KSU with the avg win by 17 ppg.
Last yr Ohio was outgained 210-66 & recorded just 1 FD to KSU's 10 in the 1Q.

In their 1st meeting LY OU outgained Temple 404-209 & outrushed them 219-48.
OU is 0-5 since 1991 playing in their 3rd straight AG with the avg score 31-14.

Ohio did lose to UB LY, but since 1997 the Bobcats are 7-3 vs the Bulls.
The Bobcats are 9-5 prior to a bye week since 1997 with their avg win by 23 ppg.

Bobcats are just 5-19-1 vs the Falcons S/'82 but LY's win snapped a 5 gm losing streak.
Including the '06 MAC Title game, Ohio is 7-17 in November the last 7 years.

Three of the Bobcats final 4 games will be played at home for the 1st time S/'77.
Bobcats are 5-14 in home finales. OU is 2-7 vs the Zips S/'99 but has won 7 of L/9 in Athens.

Ohio is just 1-6 at rival Miami & 4-14 S/'90 but won the last 2. Last year the Bobcats were outgained 379-199 but got 14 pts from TO's & a KR TD.

FRANK SOLICH (Career 77-37)

4th Year at Ohio — Solich's Bowl Record: 2-4

Solich's records AT OHIO

19-18	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
11-5	Home	0-2	Vs Top 25
8-11	Away	2-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	2-2	Off A Bye
14-11	Vs Conference	7-9	Off A Loss

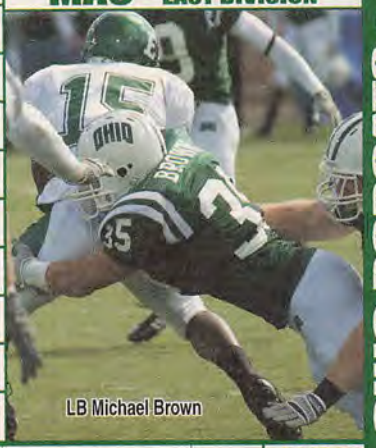
2007 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 68 (32,35,1)
Lost: 23 (13,8,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,500 (#105)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


LB Michael Brown

STADIUM: PEDEN STADIUM (24,000) (#114)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	7-4	1-10	4-8	2-10	4-7	4-7	9-5	6-6	37-57
Home	4-1	0-5	3-2	2-4	2-3	3-2	4-1	4-2	22-20
Away	3-3	1-5	1-6	0-6	2-4	1-5	5-2	2-4	15-35
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	5-3	1-7	4-4	1-7	2-6	3-5	7-2	4-4	27-38
vs Non-Conf	2-1	0-3	0-4	1-3	2-1	1-2	2-3	2-2	10-19
ATS	5-5	4-7	7-4	4-7	3-7	4-7	7-6	6-4-1	40-47-1
Home Fav (Glenn)	2-2	0-2	2-1	1-1	1-1	1-1 (Frank Solich)	2-1	2-0	11-9
Home Dog (Jim Krumpe)	0-0	1-1 (Brian Knorr)	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	1-0	1-1	8-6
Away Fav	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	1-1	1-2	5-9
Away Dog	2-1	2-1	4-3	2-3	1-4	0-5	3-2	1-1-1	15-20-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	3-5	3-5	5-3	4-4	2-6	3-5	6-3	4-4	30-35
vs Non-Conf	2-0	1-2	2-1	0-3	1-1	1-2	1-3	2-0-1	10-12-1
Off SU Win	3-2	0-1	2-2	0-2	2-2	2-2	6-3	2-2-1	17-16-1
Off SU Loss	1-3	4-5	4-2	4-5	1-5	2-4	1-3	4-2	21-29

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kalvin McRae	294	1507	73	1434	19	4.9
Theo Scott	40	201	81	120	0	3.0
Chris Garrett	17	108	9	99	0	5.8
Vince Davidson	7	47	0	47	1	6.7
Joshua Abrams	13	45	5	40	1	3.1
Mitch Morsillo	10	37	0	37	0	3.7
Brad Bower	67	150	157	-7	1	-0.1
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Brad Bower	232	127	54.7	1766	11	10
Theo Scott	109	63	57.8	743	5	3
Josh Febus	2	1	50.0	5	0	0
RECEIVING		**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**
Andrew Mooney		34	498	14.6	9	68
Taylor Price		33	464	14.1	4	54
Chido Nwokocha		25	361	14.4	1	50
David Carter		19	299	15.7	2	46
Kalvin McRae		29	275	9.5	1	49
LaVon Brazill		16	201	12.6	0	25
Justin Fitzgerald		12	165	13.8	0	64
Matt Donahue		6	143	23.8	0	40
Chris Garrett		11	69	6.3	0	15
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Matt Schulte	62	2329	37.6	13	35.6	0	10
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Michael Braunstein	38-38	8-8	4-7	8-9	0-0	20-24	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Todd Koenig	96	0.5	3.5	10	0
Michael Brown	85	1.5	4.5	1	2
Michael Mitchell	74	1.5	2.5	4	2
Taj Henley	66	1.5	5.5	2	1
Landon Cohen	59	1.5	11	1	0
Lee Renfro	56	1.5	4.5	4	0
Julian Posey	54	0	1.5	6	2
Jameson Hartke	51	2	3.5	4	1
Mark Parson	49	0	1	7	2
Jordan Meyers	44	3	1	0	0
Brett Sykes	37	2	4.5	1	0
Noah Keller	37	1.5	1	0	0
Kris Luchsinger	34	5	5.5	0	1
Idris Lawrence	27	0	0	2	0
Steven Jackson	25	0	0.5	3	0
Conor Reilly	22	1.5	2.5	0	0
Jacob Williamson	18	1	0	0	0
Chris Hall	14	1	0.5	0	0
Eric Kenkel	13	0.5	0.5	1	0
Joshua Abrams	11	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Chris Garrett	14	60	4.3	0
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**
Joshua Abrams	26	683	26.3	1
Chris Garrett	23	614	26.7	1

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
62	Sun	NL	W Texas A&M	14-15
68	Tangerine - #15	NL	Richmond	42-49
06	GMAC	+6	S Mississippi	7-28

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Ohio's All-Time Bowl Record 0-3

OHIO'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	30.5	18	151	3.8	214	55.9	12.0	+2	2007	5	29.9	23	186	4.5	221	56.7	13.6
9*	19.7	15	148	3.9	129	54.4	14.0	-4	2006	9	18.1	16	131	4.0	172	52.3	16.8
6	17.5	15	174	4.5	118	45.5	16.8	+4	2005	8	30.5	22	169	4.3	283	62.7	14.8
9*	20.1	16	108	2.9	200	50.6	15.3	+1	2004	8	24.6	19	124	3.3	195	58.8	13.0
4*	21.9	17	183	3.6	154	50.4	15.4	-1	2003	7	31.0	20	151	3.7	220	50.9	11.9
6*	24.9	17	240	4.4	87	52.5	13.1	0	2002	3	31.2	21	154	4.1	224	58.1	12.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

OU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
19,823	Gardner-Webb	21	47-209	4.4	17-31	226	1	22	24-67	2.8	27-47	264	3	+1
22,186	at Louisiana-Lft	21	44-152	3.5	17-28	264	2	23	51-277	5.4	17-28	257	2	+1
66,233	at Virginia Tech	5	36-38	1.1	10-20	76	4	24	40-181	4.5	20-33	292	3	+2
16,781	Wyoming	13	33-37	1.1	15-30	275	6	28	47-267	5.7	26-37	174	4	+3
18,297	Kent St	16	30-88	2.9	22-40	271	1	25	50-233	4.7	12-25	169	2	-2
10,755	at Buffalo	18	32-90	2.8	23-41	186	2	22	56-251	4.5	11-20	146	1	-2
17,031	E Michigan	26	40-241	6.0	21-32	269	1	21	40-177	4.4	23-35	248	3	-4
18,928	at Toledo	25	37-271	7.3	16-30	289	0	25	49-269	5.5	19-39	204	0	-5
11,602	at Bowling Green	20	53-264	5.0	12-17	166	1	27	32-158	4.9	19-43	249	2	+3
15,632	Temple	21	49-219	4.5	14-21	185	2	13	31-48	1.5	17-26	161	4	+2
12,453	at Akron	18	33-120	3.6	17-37	239	3	18	35-177	5.1	17-28	242	0	+2
11,438	Miami, Oh	16	38-81	2.1	9-18	118	3	28	41-132	3.2	22-45	247	2	+1
TOTALS		220	472-1810	3.8	193-345	2564	26	276	496-2237	4.5	230-406	2653	26	+2
AVERAGES		18.3	39-151	3.8	16-29	214	2.2	23.0	41-186	4.5	19-34	221	2.2	0.2

2003 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	SE Missouri St	NL	17-3
–	at Iowa St	+18'	20-48
–	Minnesota	+19'	20-42
–	W Michigan	+2	32-39
–	at N Illinois - #17	+21'	23-30 OT
–	UCF	-1'	28-0
–	at Kentucky	+15	14-35
–	at Buffalo	-13'	17-26
–	Kent St	-3	33-37
–	at Akron	+11	28-35
–	Miami, Oh - #18	+23'	31-49
–	at Marshall	+17	0-28

2004 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	VMI	NL	42-14
–	at Pittsburgh	+17'	3-24
–	at Miami, Oh	+19	20-40
–	Buffalo	-13	34-0
–	at Kentucky	+13'	28-16
–	Marshall	+8'	13-16
–	at Toledo	+13'	13-31
–	Bowling Green	+14	16-41
–	at Kent St	+2	16-42
–	at UCF	-3	17-16 OT
–	Akron	-1'	19-31

2005 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Northwestern	+14'	14-38
–	Pittsburgh	+14	16-10 OT
–	at Virginia Tech - #4	+33	0-45
–	Kent St	-4	35-32
–	at Bowling Green	+21	14-38
–	at C Michigan	+6'	10-37
–	Ball St	-7	38-21
–	at Buffalo	-5'	34-20
–	Toledo	+10'	21-30
–	at Akron	+3	3-27
–	Miami, Oh	+10	7-38

2006 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Tenn-Martin	NL	29-3
–	at N Illinois	+16'	35-23
–	at Rutgers	+16'	7-24
–	at Missouri	+22	6-31
–	Bowling Green	-6	9-21
–	W Michigan	+4	27-20
–	at Illinois	+6	20-17
–	Buffalo	-17	42-7
–	at Kent St	+6'	17-7
–	at E Michigan	-6'	16-10
–	Akron	-4	17-7
–	at Miami, Oh	-3	34-24
–	† C Michigan	+3	10-31

2007 RESULTS

OU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Gardner-Webb	NL	36-14
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-1'	31-23
–	at Virginia Tech - #18	+21	7-28
–	Wyoming	+4	33-34
–	Kent St	+3	25-33
–	at Buffalo	-4	10-31
–	E Michigan	-4	48-42
–	at Toledo	+1'	40-43
–	at Bowling Green	+7	38-27
–	Temple	-9	23-7
–	at Akron	-3	37-48
–	Miami, Oh	E	38-29

AKRON ZIPS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2001, Akron had to replace their career passing leader, Butchie Washington. The starting QB was injured in the opener and the Charlie Frye era began. Frye left in '04 as the school's all-time career leading passer (11,049) along with 54 school records. He was the MAC MVP and the #3DC CLE. Luke Getsy (PS#58), who was at Pitt with HC JD Brookhart, won the starting job in '05 and became just the 2nd player in school history to top 3,000 (3,455, 53%, 23-12 ratio). In 2006 they lost 80% of the skill position yards surrounding Getsy and his numbers dropped to 2,662 (52.4%) with an 18-11 ratio. Mobile lefty Carlton Jackson (PS#144) played in 4 in '06 while pocket passer Chris Jacquemain DNP. The two had one career pass att combined entering '07. WR Jabari Arthur actually had more pass att at QB (7 passes). True frosh Matt Rodgers (6'2" 200, PS#168) was even getting equal snaps at QB in August last year. Jacquemain began as the starter but Jackson led 3 scoring drives vs Indiana hitting 15 of 21 for 200 with 71 yards rush. Jacquemain hurt his hand and Jackson started vs Kent St but hit just 7 of 20 for 99. Jackson was susp'd vs Conn and Jacquemain hit his first 10 passes and took all the snaps the next 3 but then he was susp'd vs BG and Jackson hit 14 of 31 for 192. Jackson started vs Ohio but Jacquemain came in on the first series of the 2H and hit 14 of 23 for 197. Jacquemain started the final 2 and for the season threw for 1,623 (56%) with an 11-10 ratio (112 yds rush). Jackson has transferred to Morgan St. Adding depth behind Jacquemain and Rodgers is true frosh Jordan Miller as well as KC Patterson (6'3" 210 Jr) and Kade Wagner (6'2" 215 rFr). Jacquemain and Rodgers combined to hit 30 of 45 for 422 in the spring game. This group is much more experienced.

RUNNING BACKS - Akron joined IA ball in 1987 and did not have a 1,000 yard rusher until 2000. They have produced three this decade but none the last two years. Dennis Kennedy (orig signed Ohio St) narrowly missed with 914 (4.0) in '06 and Andre Walker had 245 (3.8). Last year both returned and they got back Alex Allen from an ACL and brought in Bryan Williams (PS#74DB) who originally signed at Pitt. Kennedy led with 72 in the opener but had only 8 yds vs Ohio St. The next two weeks, Kennedy had just 43 yards on 17 carries and dropped to 3rd string getting just 8 more atts on the year. Williams led the RB's 7 straight weeks and had 114 vs Temple. He was also the #2 receiver with 22 rec (9.3). Allen led the RB's with 96 vs Ohio and 79 vs Miami. Williams had 145 in the season finale vs CM and led with 728 (4.8). Allen finished with 420 (4.1) and Kennedy had just 156 (3.4). FB Joe Tuzze added 55 (3.4). This year the only departure is Andre Walker (0 att) but Williams moved to SS in the spring. VHT Miami, Fl transfer Andrew Johnson (PS#6) figures to be the feature back. Also added to the mix are Gary Pride (5'9" 180 rFr, PS#201), Phillip Morris (6'0" 220 So, PS#112WR) and FB Matt Harmon (5'9" 220 Jr).

RECEIVERS - Akron's record for rec in a season has been broken almost every year the last six seasons (see Hardcore). The record remained unchanged in '06 as Domenik Hixon departed and converted QB Arthur (30 rec, 1 st '05) led in rec with 45 (16.2). David Harvey was #1 in yds with 914 (21.3). Last year only 1 of the top 3 returned in the fall. Arthur was a 1st round DC in the CFL (6th overall) but returned and as you would expect, set the school record with 86 rec (13.6). Stephon Fuqua (6'1" 205 Sr), who was a track standout at Glenville HS, had 6 starts and 155 (7.8). TE Kris Kasparek (40 career st) added 79 (11.3). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Richard Sandilands (6'1" 190 So), Nadir Brown (6'5" 205 Fr), Curtis Brown (5'11" 190 rFr), Brigham Van Etten (6'3" 195 rFr), Jerome Royal (6'2" 180 rFr) and Brandon Bomar (5'11" 165 rFr). This year they must replace Arthur (12 st) who had over 5 times as yds many as the #2 receiver as well as Kasparek (9 st) and Marcus Patterson (2 rec). Brookhart is moving PS#65QB Andre Jones (2 year starter at FS) to WR hoping for a Hixon-type season from him. Also added to the mix are Jeremy Bruce (PS#82RB,WV trans), Deryn Bowser (PS#34JC) as well as UTEP trans Dashan Miller (PS#99). While they might not have a receiver top 1,000 yds like Arthur did, the production will be spread out among a deeper group of WR's.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In '06, the Zips had 9 of the top 10 OL's back but for the 2nd time in 3 years, a veteran O-line underperformed as they paved the way for just 84 ypg rush, their worst since 1960 (83). Last year they had to replace 4 starters including a #3DC. I pointed out that a normal analysis of the O-line with 4 starters lost would call for weaker production, but while less experienced, it did have a good amount of HT's and could improve. Akron did just that, moving up to 128 ypg rush (3.5) with 25 sacks allowed (6.7%). This year the only loss is C Mike Schepp (11 st, 2Y st'r). While I am a bit hesitant to do so due to the Zips' history when they have 4 starting OL returning (pg 323), I will call this group, which has 2nd Tm MAC LT Chris Kemme back, an improved unit.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Akron plays a 3-3-5 but their BAN is more like a DE so I list them here. UA had to replace two starters from the D-line in 2006 but added Rutgers transfer Nate Robinson and DE Jermaine Reid (#2DC CFL) who opted to return. The other returning starter was 2nd Tm MAC NT Kiki Gonzalez. The Zips allowed just 3.4 ypc rush, their best since 1992. Last year they had to replace Reid, Gonzalez and a part-time starting BAN. RFr Almondo Sewell (65 tkl, 14 tfl) emerged at DE and was 2nd Tm MAC. Still, the unit slipped to allowing 4.5 ypc. This year they lose DT Jared Cecchetti (9 st, 32 tkl, 3.5 sk) and NT Nate Robinson (6 st, 26 tkl, 5 tfl). Not only do 3 starters return, but they get the large addition of VHT Ryan Bain (PS#14LB) who started 4 at Iowa in 2006. Not listed in the PSL are Marquinn Davis (6'6" 285 rFr), Nick Legger (6'2" 250 Sr), Blake Smith (6'3" 230 So, PS#191), Ryan Gibbons (6'2" 260 Jr), Michael Taggart (6'3" 210 Jr), BAN's Shane Shead (6'3" 240 rFr, PS#365) and Viktor Rajek (6'4" 230 So).

LB Kevin Grant

LINEBACKERS - As mentioned above, the Zips play a 3-3-5 D but the ROV position is more like an LB so I list them here. After returning players with just 6 career starts to the unit in 2005 they only had to replace one starter in 2006. Not only did all 3 starters return in '07, they were the #1, #2 and #3 tacklers. One of the returning starters, John Mackey, was lost after 7 but still earned 3rd Tm MAC. This year they lose the school's career tfl leader in 2nd Tm MAC LB Brion Stokes (12 st, 90 tkl, 17 tfl), ROV Mackey (7 st, 50 tkl, 4 tfl) and LB Parris McNeal (38 tkl, 3 tfl). Not listed in the PSL is Matt Gaynor (6'0" 185 rFr). The ROV this year will be Wayne Cobham (48 tkl) who started 5 last year replacing Mackey, and while this looks like a good group, it is less experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Akron was #81 in my pass D rankings in 2005 and had 7 of the top 8 back in 2006 moving up to #65. BC transfer Andre Jones (PS#65QB) was the team's #4 tackler. Last year they once again had 7 of the top 8 back (6 w/starting exp). Surprisingly, Akron slipped to #85 allowing 225 ypg passing and 61.3%. Reggie Corner led the MAC with 7 int's and Davanzo Tate had 17 pbu. This year they unfortunately lose 3 starters. Gone are 1st Tm MAC CB Corner (12 st, 52 tkl, 12 pbu, #4DC BUF), CB Tate (WV trans, 12 st, 73 tkl), SS Chevin Pace (12 st, 41 tkl) along with FS Yamari Dixon (2 st, 16 tkl). The lone returning starter (Jones) was moved to WR but they moved in the team's #1 rusher Bryan Williams to SS.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Zips finished #33 in my ST rankings in '03 but surprisingly in '04 with almost everyone back, they dropped to #72 and the next two years dropped to #96 and #115. Last year they had to replace their K. The Zips had the best return tandem in the MAC in '07 and rose to #48. Andre Jones improved his PR avg to 14.5 and Bryan Williams was #2 in the NCAA in KR avg (31.9) with Jones' avg 32.8 (9 ret). Igor Iveljic (PS#50) lived up to his advanced billing hitting 15 of 18 FG's with a long of 51. P John Stec did have his avg drop from 38.6 to 37.5 but the net improved to 33.3 (32.1 '06). This year everyone is back and the Zips could have their best finish ever in my ST rankings.

COACHES - In '04, Brookhart became the 3rd HC here since UA started IA ball in '87. Brookhart, who was a WR at Colo St from '85-'87, began his coaching career as a Denver Broncos asst from '95-'96 and went to Pitt in '97 (OC 4Y). The staff has no losses for the first time since he took over. His OC is Joe Moorhead (3rd yr). Jim Fleming is in his 5th year as DC. He was DB coach at UNC in 2002-'03 and HC at Sacred Heart (IAA) where he was 21-1. His previous DC stints were at Villanova, Brown and Boise St.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Akron recorded back-to-back winning years in 1999 and 2000 under then head coach Lee Owens, breaking a streak of six straight losing seasons. They lost some close games in both 2001 and 2002 and in Owens' final season (2003), finished a solid 7-5 (+55 ypg MAC play) but he was let go. Brookhart inherited QB Frye and 12 starters in 2004. Akron won 5 of their last 6 and was the only bowl eligible team in the NCAA that was not on suspension that did not go to a bowl. Brookhart's first Zips team went 6-2 in MAC play but was outgained by 48.9 ypg. In 2005, the Zips had 9 true frosh on the 2-deep. They had the best schedule of the MAC East schools but the season appeared lost after they blew a pair of 17-7 leads vs both CM and Miami. Akron then lost to Ball St on the road and was just 4-5. They not only won their final 3, but also had some of the right teams lose their final games. They went 5-3 and won the tie-breakers and shared the MAC East Title. They got a TD pass with :10 left to upset NI in the MAC Title game and amazingly became MAC Champs, their first EVER conference title! The 2005 squad became just the 31st team in NCAA history to have a 1,000 yard rusher, 1,000 yard receiver and 3,000 yard passer on the same team but two of those players had to be replaced in '06. In 2006, the Zips drew the toughest schedule of the MAC East teams and while they were pretty much the consensus pick to win the MAC East, I actually pegged them 3rd. They upset NCSt on the road but fell to 5-7 and finished 3rd in the East with a 3-5 conf record (+4.5 ypg). Last year Akron beat Army in the opener and only trailed Ohio St 3-2 at the half. They lost to bowl bound Indiana but then, despite being outgained 375-245, rallied from a 17-7 deficit to beat Kent St. They led Conn 10-9 late in the 1H but got blown out. They got a miracle win vs WM (see Hardcore) and Temple got a 19 yd TD pass with :27 to win a game that UA led after 3Q's. Buffalo and BG dominated them and they fell to 3-6. They kept alive bowl hopes by beating Ohio but then vs Miami, the game's only TD came on a FR for a TD in the 4Q and they lost 7-0. In the season finale, UA led 32-20 in the 4Q but CM got a 1 yd TD run with 1:31 left. This is the final year of the Rubber Bowl as they move into a new on-campus stadium (InfoCision Stadium) next season. While UA was 3-5 in the MAC, they were outgained by a league worst 74.5 ypg. Akron only has 13 returning starters, which is tied for the fewest in a vastly upgraded MAC and that has me calling for a 3rd straight losing season.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

QB 11 CHRIS JACQUEMAIN JR. 6-2 215 PS#346WR.9 st LY, 1623, 56%, 11-10 ratio, 112 rush. **5** Matt Rodgers (6'2" 200 rFr) PS#168. **14** KC Patterson (6'3" 210 Jr) Sac St trans.

RB 7 Andrew Johnson Sr. 5-10 215 **PS#6 Miami Fl.** 6 gm true. ACL. 172 yd 3Y. **3 Dennis Kennedy** (5'11" 205 Sr) PS#179. Orig @ Ohio St. 914 (4.0), 11 st '06. 3 st, 156 (3.4) LY.

WR NA Deryn Bowser Jr. 6-2 215 **PS#34JC.** 742 (13.7) JC LY. **81** Alphonso Owen (5'10" 175 Sr) 1201 (16.7) 2Y Malone. 159 (11.4) LY. **FB 32 Joe Tuzze** (5'11" 215 Jr) PS#214. 5 st 2Y, 97 ttl yd.

WR 21 ANDRE JONES SR. 5-11 185 **PS#65QB.** 12 st FS '06, 77 tkl, 7 pbu. 10 st FS LY, 79 tkl, 3 int. **12** Jeremy Bruce (5'10" 200 Jr) PS#82RB. 2 st, 8 rec at W Virg 2Y.

WR 4 STEPHON FUQUA SR. 6-1 205 6 st LY, 155 (7.8). **17** Brandon Williams (6'1" 180 Sr) 4 st, 11 rec (7.1) LY. Dashan Miller **PS#99.** RS UTEP '06. 14 rec (17.6), 3 gm (inj) JC LY.

TE 83 MERCE POINDEXTER SR. 6-4 250 23 st TE 3Y, 279 (9.6). Captain. **8** Jose Cruz (6'5" 240 So) PS#67. 12 gm LY. **85** Matthew Smith (6'3" 230 So). Rhyne Ladrach PS#122.

C 51 Elliott Bates Jr. 6-4 295 PS#157.5 gm, 2 st LY (1C, 1RG). **53** Dan Ronsman (6'3" 290 rFr) PS#485. **LS 15** Brian Flaherty (6'4" 240 Sr) PS#210QB. 2 st TE '06, 12 gm LS LY.

RG 78 ZACK ANDERSON JR. 6-4 305 **PS#65.** 2 gm backup '06. 11 st RG LY. **70** Paul Simkovich (6'4" 310 rFr) PS#140. **72** Zac Kasparek (6'5" 305 rFr) PS#302. No spg, inj.

LG 71 MIKE WARD SO. 6-3 305 PS#160. 12 st LG rFr. **79** Jason Sekinger (6'9" 330 So) PS#344. **Minnesota** trans, 10 gm here LY. **62** Luke Walker (6'0" 275 rFr). Walk-on.

RT 75 COREY WOODS SO. 6-5 300 PS#630. Add 30 lbs LY and 12 st RT. Add 15 lbs '08. **77** Keith Huebner (6'7" 310 Jr) PS#250. 5 gm as backup LT '06. 3 games OT LY.

LT 74 CHRIS KEMME SR. 6-6 305 8 st true (7RT, 1LT). 12 st, (11RT, 1LT) '06. 12 st LT LY, 2nd Tm MAC '06 & '07. **69** Casey Estrada (6'5" 290 Jr) PS#132JC. **73** Jake Anderson (6'4" 305 rFr).

K 45 IGOR IVELJIC SO. 5-11 190 **PS#50.** Hit 15 of 18 FG rFr, long 51, 4-5 from 40+. **1** Branko Rogovic (5'9" 170 So). **38** John Stec 46 yd FG HS. **16** Andy Hildreth (6'0" 190 Sr).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN BLUE)

DE 56 ALMONDO SEWELL SO. 6-2 260 **PS#72LB. UVA '06.** Hargrave. 11 st true LY. 65 tkl, 14 tfl, 2nd Tm MAC. **94** Shawn Lemon (6'1" 230 So) PS#299. 5 tkl true. **67** Deni Odofin (6'4" 230 So) 1 st, 4 tkl LY.

NT 92 Ryan Bain Jr. 6-2 305 **PS#14LB Iowa.** 21 tkl, 4 sk true. 4 st '06, 35 tkl, 1.5 sk. **60** Dan Marcoux (6'3" 275 rFr). Cowles Stewart (6'2" 290 rFr). Wallace Pendleton (6'1" 310 Jr) 1 st, 8 tkl, 2Y.

DT 93 ERIC LIVELY SR. 6-2 275 PS#58TE. 12 tkl '05-'06. 8 st NT LY, 18 tkl, 1 tfl. **96** Hasan Hazime (6'5" 250 Fr) PS#464. In for spg. **45** Joe Rash (6'2" 265 rFr) PS#93TE.

BAN 54 DOUG WILLIAMS SR. 6-2 235 5 tkl rFr. 12 st '06, 50 tkl, 7 tfl. 12 st LY, 64 tkl, 6 true. **40** Evan Laube (6'0" 205 Jr) 6 tkl 2Y. Brian Wagner PS#259. **41** Levon Morefield (5'9" 215 So).

SLB 25 Aaron Williams Fr. 6-0 205 PS#225. **23** Sean Fobbs (6'1" 215 So) 8 gm, 10 tkl

MLB 30 KEVIN GRANT SR. 6-2 245 PS#244. 13 st rFr, 73 tkl, 4.5 sk, 7 tfl. 12 st '06, 87 tkl, 9 tfl. 12 st LY, **3rd Tm MAC**, 74 tkl, 9 tfl. **44** Ray Siler (6'1" 240 Sr) 9 gms, 14 tkl, 1 tfl LY.

ROV 27 Wayne Cobham Jr. 6-2 195 4 tkl true. 5 st '07, 48 tkl, 1 pbu. Amin Kabir (6'1" 195 Jr) 13 tkl 2Y. **33** Joe McDaniel (5'11" 205 Sr) 7 st FB 3Y, 121 all-purp yd. Mike Polinski (6'0" 205 So).

CB 11 Miguel Graham Sr. 5-9 165 PS#306JC. 6 tkl '07. Kevin Funches (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#249JC. **19** Dante Barnes (6'1" 185 So) 1 gm. **48** Tyler Campbell (5'11" 190 So) 11 gms.

CB 1 Brandon Anderson Sr. 5-11 175 4 st '06. 37 gm 3Y, 66 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. Norman Shuford (5'9" 180 Fr). Nate Burney (5'6" 165 So). Chuck Thompson (5'10" 180 Jr). Mike Thomas (5'11" 215 So).

SS 24 BRYAN WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 200 PS#74. 11 st RB '07, 728 (4.8), 204 rec yd (9.3), 670 ret yds (31.9). Kevin Davis (6'1" 200 Jr) 5 tkl JC LY. **9** Doug Richardson (6'0" 170 So).

FS 2 Jalil Carter So. 6-1 190 PS#406WR. 6 tkl true. Will Fleming is PS#201. **22** Da-Von Moore (5'11" 205 rFr) PS#228. **35** Bryant McMillon (5'10" 185 Jr). 1 tkl in '06.

P 38 JOHN STEC JR. 5-9 190 PS#102.60 punts, 38.6 avg, net 32.1 '06. 75 punts LY, 37.5 avg, net 33.3. Andy Hildreth (6'0" 190 Sr) #2P LY. Zack Campbell (6'1" 195 rFr) PS#96.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

WR	Deryn Bowser 6-2 215 PS#34JC
RB	Andrew Johnson 5-10 215 PS#6 '04
DL	Ryan Bain 6-2 305 PS#14LB '05
DB	Kevin Funches 5-11 190 PS#249JC
WR	Jeremy Bruce 5-10 200 PS#82RB '05
WR	Dashan Miller 6-1 185 PS#99 '06
DB	Will Fleming 6-4 205 PS#201
WR	Nadir Brown 6-5 205 PS#231
QB	Jordan Miller 6-2 215 PS#164
LB	Brian Wagner 6-2 215 PS#259
DB	Marvase Byrd 5-8 180 PS#270RB
DB	Manley Waller 5-8 160 PS#334
OL	Adam Bice 6-5 255 PS#391
DB	Norman Shuford 5-9 180 PS#311RB
OL	Joe Pachuta 6-7 290 PS#401
LB	Aaron Williams 6-0 205 #225 '07
TE	Rhyne Ladrach 6-6 225 PS#122
DL	James Harvey 6-4 280 PS#421
DB	Jared Province 6-1 180 PS#361RB
LB	Troy Gilmer 6-1 200 PS#423DB
LB	Nate Schuler 6-2 220 PS#388
OL	Andrew Colosimo 6-5 260 PS#144TE
DB	Josh Richmond 5-11 200 PS#456
OL	Mitch Straight 6-6 290 PS#481
DL	Hasan Hazime 6-5 250 PS#464
DB	Kevin Davis 6-1 200 PS#550JC

AKRON ZIPS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#96

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score UA	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	at Wisconsin	A						Second meeting as UA has dropped 9 straight "true" road openers w/the avg L by 27 ppg. Including '03's 48-31 loss to Wisky, UA is 1-17 vs the Big Ten (only win in 1894 vs OSU).
Sep. 6	at Syracuse	A						First meeting. UA last played in a dome in '05 in the program's only bowl trip (Ford Field). The Zips are 2-11 all-time vs current BE schools (only wins vs UC in '92 & '89).
Sep. 13	Ball St	A						UA has won 3 straight & is 6-3 in home openers as this is the final opener at the Rubber Bowl. The Zips dropped their last meeting but have won 3 of 4 & the home team is 5-1.
Sep. 20	at Army	A						Zips are 1-3 all-time vs the Black Knights dropping their 2 trips to West Point by 19 & 21 pts. Last yr at Cleveland Browns Stadium, UA had a 63 yd KR & a 74 yd IR for TD's.
Sep. 27	Cincinnati	A						In their L/gm ('06), UA jumped out to a 14-0 lead after 1Q, but was outscored 20-0. The home team has won 3 of 4 meetings with 3 decided by a total of 9 pts.
Oct. 4	at Kent St	A						This will be the 51st meeting (UA leads 28-20-2 & has won 9 of 11) & 37th Wagon Wheel gm. Akron trailed 17-7 (3Q) LY & int'd KSU in the EZ on the last play for the comeback win.
Oct. 11	Bowling Green (HC)	A						RB Kennedy had a career high 178 yds (7.4) & 2 TD's vs BG in '06. Zips are 50-32-2 all-time on HC. After playing rival KSU, Akron is 0-11 S'93 the following wk in reg season play.
Oct. 18	at Eastern Michigan	A						In 2001, UA scored 65 pts vs EM which is tied for the school rec (127 combined pts is a UA record). The home team has won 7 straight as UA last won in Ypsilanti in '92.
Oct. 25								
Nov. 1								
Nov. 5	Toledo (Wed)	A						Akron is 6-3 after a bye wk since 1998 & 2 of the wins are vs Buffalo. UA has dropped 6 straight vs UT (avg loss by 21 ppg) & the last win was in 1992, 23-20.
Nov. 13	Buffalo (Thur)	A						Final gm at the Rubber Bowl as UA will move into InfoCision Stadium next ssn (on campus facility). Zips have had at least 3 sks in their L/7 gms vs UB & during that time have outsk'd them 27-14.
Nov. 22	at Ohio	A						The HT in this series is 11-4 & UA has won 7 of the L/9 vs the Bobcats. The Zips are 3-8 visiting Athens with an avg margin of victory of 14 ppg.
Nov. 28	at Temple (Fri)	G						UA is 5-2 the L/7 meetings vs Temple but this will be the 2nd MAC meeting (UA 0-1). Akron led 20-3 in the 4Q last year before the Owls scored 21 4Q pts.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Charlie Frye 11,049 '01-'04	1. Mike Clark 4,257 '84-'86	1. Jabari Arthur 2,653 '04-'07
2. James Washington 6,699 '97-'00	2. James Black 3,054 '80-'83	2. Lavel Bailey 2,577 '97-'00
3. Luke Getsy 6,117 '05-'06	3. Jack Beidleman 3,032 '67-'70	3. Dan Ruff 2,531 '67-'70

JD BROOKHART (Career 22-26)

5th Year at Akron

Brookhart Bowl Record: 0-1

Brookhart's records AT AKRON

22-26	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
12-7	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
8-18	Away	1-8	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	3-2	Off A Bye
18-15	Vs Conference	13-9	Off A Loss

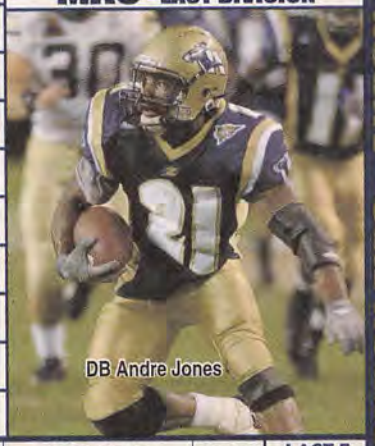
2007 RECORD: (4-8)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (21,21,3)
Lost: 18 (6,11,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,978 (#109)

MAC - EAST DIVISION


DB Andre Jones

STADIUM: RUBBER BOWL (31,000) (#96)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	4-7	4-8	7-5	6-5	7-6	5-7	4-8	43-51
Home	3-3	3-1	3-2	5-1	3-2	3-2	4-1	2-2	26-14
Away	3-2	1-6	1-6	2-4	3-3	3-3	1-6	1-6	15-36
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	4-4	3-5	5-3	6-2	6-3	3-5	3-5	35-30
vs Non-Conf	1-2	0-3	1-3	2-2	0-3	1-3	2-2	1-3	8-21
ATS	7-4	4-6-1	4-7	5-5	6-5	7-6	4-8	6-5-1	43-46-2
Home Fav (Lee Owens)	1-1	0-2	0-1	1-3	2-1	2-2	2-3	0-1	8-14
Home Dog (Lee Owens)	3-1	1-1	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	3-0	10-5
Away Fav (JD Brookhart)	1-2	1-0	1-1	2-0	0-0	0-2	0-3	0-0	5-8
Away Dog (JD Brookhart)	2-0	2-3-1	2-3	2-2	3-3	3-1	2-2	2-4-1	18-18-2
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	2-1
vs Conf	5-3	3-4-1	3-5	3-5	6-2	5-4	1-7	4-3-1	30-33-2
Vs Non-Conf	2-1	1-2	1-2	2-0	0-3	2-2	3-1	2-2	13-13
Off SU Win	3-2	1-2	2-1	3-2	4-2	3-4	0-5	1-2-1	17-20-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	2-4-1	2-5	2-2	2-2	3-2	4-2	4-3	22-22-1

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	Motor City		+4	Memphis	31-38

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Akron's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

AKRON'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5	21.2	18	128	3.5	184	53.7	14.7	-1	2007	8	29.2	22	184	4.5	225	61.3	14.0
8*	19.7	17	84	2.8	227	52.6	15.8	+1	2006	8	22.6	18	136	3.4	186	55.4	14.3
5	23.6	20	107	3.3	277	52.5	16.3	-7	2005	7	24.5	17	159	3.9	181	58.6	13.9
6*	24.6	19	97	2.8	240	63.4	13.7	+6	2004	6	31.5	22	189	5.0	237	64.9	13.5
11*	36.3	25	159	4.0	311	63.9	13.0	+7	2003	6	29.4	21	178	4.7	226	57.1	13.7
4*	27.1	23	158	3.9	247	65.6	14.9	-1	2002	6	31.6	21	167	4.1	227	62.9	12.5

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Bryan Williams	152	791	63	728	2	4.8
Alex Allen	102	440	20	420	7	4.1
Carlton Jackson	66	303	96	207	2	3.1
Dennis Kennedy	46	170	14	156	0	3.4
Joe Tuzze	16	57	2	55	0	3.4
John Stec	1	11	0	11	0	11.0
Chris Jacquemain	48	112	156	-44	0	-0.9

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Chris Jacquemain	275	154	56.0	1623	11	10
Carlton Jackson	95	47	49.5	583	4	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Jabari Arthur	86	1171	13.6	10	51
Bryan Williams	22	204	9.3	1	60
Alphonso Owen	14	159	11.4	1	44
Stephon Fuqua	20	155	7.8	0	29
Merce Poindexter	13	133	10.2	1	34
Alex Allen	10	86	8.6	0	21
Dennis Kennedy	9	80	8.9	0	26
Kris Kasparek	7	79	11.3	2	22
Brandon Williams	11	78	7.1	0	17
Joe Tuzze	6	36	6.0	0	9

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
John Stec	75	2816	37.5	19	33.3	1	16

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Igor Ivelijic	25-26	8-8	3-5	3-4	1-1	15-18	51

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Brion Stokes	90	5.5	11.5	1	0
Andre Jones	79	1	1	3	3
Kevin Grant	74	0	9	1	0
Davanzo Tate	73	0	4	17	2
Almondo Sewell	65	3	11	1	0
Doug Williams	64	2	4	2	0
Reggie Corner	52	0	3	12	7
John Mackey	50	1	3	4	3
Wayne Cobham	48	0	0	1	0
Chevin Pace	41	0	6	3	0
Parris McNeal	38	1	2	1	0
Jared Cecchetti	32	3.5	2.5	2	0
Nate Robinson	26	2	3	1	0
Eric Lively	18	0	1	1	0
Brandon Anderson	17	1	0	2	0
Yamari Dixon	16	0	0	1	0
Ray Siler	14	0	1	0	0
Sean Fobbs	10	0	0	0	0
Jalil Carter	6	0	0	0	0
Wallace Pendleton	6	0	2	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Andre Jones	16	232	14.5	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Bryan Williams	21	670	31.9	1
Andre Jones	9	295	32.8	1

UA 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
17,865	† Army	18	35-133	3.8	17-29	154	1	17	29-58	2.0	23-44	184	4	+2
104,317	at Ohio St	3	19-3	0.2	17-32	66	3	18	41-196	4.8	20-31	167	1	+4
31,196	at Indiana	24	41-120	2.9	19-27	250	4	25	49-338	6.9	19-24	137	0	-1
21,867	Kent St	16	50-133	2.7	9-23	112	2	15	49-220	4.5	8-21	155	3	+2
38,212	at Connecticut	15	38-106	2.8	19-31	145	4	25	42-262	6.2	17-26	203	0	0
25,610	at W Michigan	22	31-112	3.6	23-41	389	2	27	44-116	2.6	27-40	375	2	-1
14,017	Temple	15	37-152	4.1	12-21	145	0	23	39-136	3.5	23-34	242	3	0
10,142	at Buffalo	21	39-142	3.6	19-39	185	2	18	51-155	3.0	11-14	125	3	-3
12,766	at Bowling Green	25	46-243	5.3	14-31	192	1	28	38-216	5.7	27-37	301	1	-4
12,453	Ohio	18	35-177	5.1	17-28	242	0	18	33-120	3.6	17-37	239	3	-2
13,274	at Miami, Oh	14	36-100	2.8	12-34	116	2	19	37-131	3.5	16-31	189	0	+1
15,573	C Michigan	19	32-113	3.5	23-38	210	4	27	40-257	6.4	33-54	382	1	+1
TOTALS		210	439-1534	3.5	201-374	2206	25	260	492-2205	4.5	241-393	2699	21	-1
AVERAGES		17.5	37-128	3.5	17-31	184	2.1	21.7	41-184	4.5	20-33	225	1.8	-0.1

2003 RESULTS

UA Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
-	Kent St	-12'	38-41
-	at Wisconsin - #18	+24'	31-48
-	E Michigan	-19'	24-17
-	Howard	NL	65-7
-	at Buffalo	-15	38-21
-	at Miami, Oh	+16'	20-45
-	Cal-Poly	NL	45-14
-	UCF	-6'	38-24
-	at Connecticut	+8	37-38
-	at Marshall	+14	24-42
-	at C Michigan	-7	40-28
-	Ohio	-11	35-28

2004 RESULTS

UA Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
-	at Penn St	+15'	10-48
-	Middle Tenn	-6'	24-31
-	at Virginia - #12	+31'	0-51
-	at Kent St	+7	24-19
-	at N Illinois	+17'	19-49
-	Buffalo	-8'	44-21
-	at UCF	+2'	26-21
-	Ball St	-10	35-23
-	Marshall	+9	31-28
-	at Ohio	+1'	31-19
-	Miami, Oh	+7'	27-37

2005 RESULTS

UA Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
-	at Purdue - #13	+34'	24-49
-	at Middle Tenn	+6	17-7
-	N Illinois	+7	48-42 OT
-	C Michigan	-11	17-31
-	at Buffalo	-10	13-7
-	at Miami, Oh	+13'	23-51
-	Army	-9	0-20
-	at Bowling Green	+14	24-14
-	at Ball St	-3	17-23
-	Ohio	-3	27-3
-	Kent St	-12'	35-3
-	† N Illinois	+13	31-30

2006 RESULTS

UA Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
-	at Penn St - #19	+17'	16-34
-	at NC State	+9	20-17
-	at C Michigan	-1	21-24
-	North Texas	-17	33-13
-	at Kent St	-2'	15-37
-	at Cincinnati	+6'	14-20
-	Miami, Oh	-7'	24-13
-	at Toledo	-4'	20-35
-	Bowling Green	-8	35-28
-	Buffalo	-17'	31-16
-	at Ohio	+4	7-17
-	W Michigan	-2'	0-17

2007 RESULTS

UA Rank	Opponent	Pre-Line	Post-Score
-	† Army	-6	22-14
-	at Ohio St - #12	+29	2-20
-	at Indiana	+13'	24-41
-	Kent St	+2	27-20
-	at Connecticut	+15'	10-44
-	at W Michigan	+8'	39-38
-	Temple	-10'	20-24
-	at Buffalo	+1	10-26
-	at Bowling Green	+7	20-44
-	Ohio	+3	48-37
-	at Miami, Oh	+7	0-7
-	C Michigan	+3'	32-35

SUN BELT CONFERENCE

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 SUN BELT TEAM

	1st Team	2nd Team	3rd Team	4th Team
QB	Rusty Smith, Fla Atlantic	Riley Dodge, North Texas	Corey Leonard, Arkansas St	Michael Desormeaux, ULL
RB	Tyrell Fenroy, Louisiana-Lft	Tyrell Hayden, W Kentucky	Desmond Gee, Middle Tenn	Micah Mosley, N Texas
RB	Reggie Arnold, Arkansas St	Maurice Greer, Troy	Charles Pierre, Florida Atl	Frank Goodin, ULM
WR	Derrick Smith, Louisiana-Lft	LaGregory Sapp, ULM	Jake Gaebler, W Kentucky	Jerrel Jernigan, Troy
WR	Casey Fitzgerald, N Texas	Darrell McNeal, ULM	Anthony Jones, Middle Tenn	Sam Dibrell, N Texas
WR	Cortez Gent, Florida Atlantic	Brandon Thompkins, Ark St	Jason Chery, Louisiana-Lft	Chris Bonner, Fla Atl
TE	Jason Harmon, Fla Atlantic	Zeek Zacharie, ULM	David Johnson, Arkansas St	Moses Hinton, Fla Int'l
C	Kelvin Drake, North Texas	Chris Fisher, Louisiana-Lft	Danny Franks, Troy	Nick Paris, Fla Atl
OG	Aaron Schutz, ULM	Bradley Guillory, Ark St	Esteban Santiago, N Texas	David Matlock, Fla Atl
OG	Wesley Potter, Troy	Jamal Lewis, Middle Tenn	Joe Alajajian, Florida Int'l	Brad Bustle, ULL
OT	Matt Mandich, Arkansas St	John Rizzo, Florida Atlantic	Chris Jamison, Troy	Mark Thompson, MT
OT	Dion Small, Troy	Cedric Mack, Florida Int'l	Larry Shappley, ULM	Greg Ryan, W Kentucky
DE	Kenny Mainor, Troy	Aaron Morgan, ULM	Brandon Lang, Troy	Robert St. Clair, Fla Atl
DT	Jervonte Jackson, Fla Atl	Trevor Jenkins, Middle Tenn	Brandon Perry, Middle Tenn	Alex Ford, ULM
DT	Dion Gales, Troy	Joseph Miller, North Texas	Kendall Mouton, ULM	Jermaine Council, Fla Atl
DE	Alaric Coleman, ULM	Alex Carrington, Ark St	Alonzo Horton, North Texas	Eddrick Gilmore, N Texas
LB	Antwyne Zanders, ULL	Blake Boyd, W Kentucky	Scott Bryant, Florida Int'l	Danny Carmichael, MT
LB	Frantz Joseph, Fla Atlantic	Ben Owens, Arkansas St	Andre Clark, Florida Atlantic	AJ Grant, Florida Int'l
LB	Boris Lee, Troy	Brenton Burkhalter, ULL	Grant Fleming, Louisiana-Lft	Tobe Nwigwe, N Texas
LB	Cardia Jackson, ULM	Terence Moore, Troy	Craig Robertson, N Texas	Troy Giddens, ULM
CB	Tavious Polo, Florida Atlantic	Trevor Ford, Troy	Scooter Rogers, ULL	Marcus Udell, MT
CB	Corey Small, Florida Atlantic	Alex Suber, Middle Tenn	Antoine Bush, North Texas	Marcus Minor, WK
SS	James Truxillo, ULM	Anthony Glover, Middle Tenn	Tavares Williams, Troy	Jeremiah Weatherspoon, FIU
FS	Greg James, ULM	Sherrod Martin, Troy	Ashlyn Parker, Florida Int'l	Evan Van Dolah, Ark St
K	Drew Edmiston, ULL	Warley Leroy, Florida Atl	Josh Arauco, Arkansas St	David DeFatta, MT
P	Scott Love, ULM	Truman Spencer, N Texas	David DeFatta, Middle Tenn	Brett Shrable, Ark St
KR	Dilvory Edgecomb, Fla Atl	Desmond Gee, Middle Tenn	Frank Goodin, ULM	Derrick Smith, ULL
PR	Jake Gaebler, W Kentucky	Kevin Jones, Arkansas St	Desmond Gee, Middle Tenn	Darrell McNeal, ULM

ULM
P Scott Love

Middle Tennessee
DB Alex Suber

Troy
OL Dion Small

ULM
SS James Truxillo

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 SUN BELT FORECAST

1. Florida Atlantic - The Owls did benefit from +18 in turnovers last year and when they knocked off a Troy team that was unbeaten in conf play on the road, they got to their first bowl game in just their 7th season of football. The Owls had only 5 seniors on last year's squad and now have 18 returning starters and all 8 sets of my Power Ratings call them the most talented team in the league. They get to host Troy and I will call for the Owls to get to their second straight New Orleans Bowl as SBC Champs.

2. Troy - Troy loses their QB, top RB, top 2 receivers and 2 NFL bound CB's plus must play four SBC road games. They are still very talented, possessing my #1 rated D, #1 rated O-line and #1 rated D-line in the SBC. That makes them a contender. Unfortunately, they take on a loaded FAU team on the road but I'll call for a 3rd straight winning season.

3. ULM - Teams 3 through 6 of the SBC are all pretty even but ULM has the edges in a couple of key areas. First of all, the Warhawks have my #3 rated defense in the league behind Troy and FAU. They also have a veteran QB and the biggest key is that they get four SBC home games. Last year's upset of Alabama will give them plenty of confidence and since they get both FAU and Troy at home, they'll have a better shot than the rest of the teams at being a surprise SBC Champ.

4. Louisiana-Lft - Last year ULL was tied with MT for the least amount of returning starters (12) in the SBC and had a banged up D that yielded 40.1 ppg their first 9 games. When they got healthier they allowed just 314 ypg their last 3. This year they return their top 3 tacklers on D. They have my #2 rated offense in the league, led by star RB Tyrell Fenroy, and versatile QB Michael Desormeaux. They do have to play four SBC games on the road but figure to be one of the most improved teams in the country.

4. Arkansas St - ASU has changed its nickname to the more politically correct Red Wolves this year. They are one of only two teams in the SBC (ULM the other) to outgain conference foes in each of the last 3 years. They do, however, have the fewest amount of returning starters in the league (11) and their 21 lettermen lost are the 2nd highest. They also have 4 SBC away games but Steve Roberts always puts a quality product on the field and they have my #4 rated D in the league heading into the season.

6. Middle Tennessee - Last year MT stood 4-1 in SBC play and appeared on their way to a 2nd straight conf title (co-Champs in '06) but fell apart at the end. This year they have the youngest team in the SBC with just 5 senior starters. Their 12 returning starters are 2nd fewest and they did benefit from +11 in turnovers. MT gets four SBC home games but two are vs the conference's best teams (Troy and FAU). MT will need to knock off Troy in the opener to have a chance at moving into the upper half of the SBC.

7. North Texas - N Texas does get the benefit of four SBC home games and figures to be one of the most improved teams in the NCAA, especially on defense. They are in the second year in Todd Dodge's switch to the pure pass offense and have plenty of weapons. They do lose their top five tacklers and the D is still my major question mark. NT was -11 in TO's last year and had poor ypp's (see page 299) which bodes well for improvement. Tough to put NT this low because they could have easily beaten FAU, Ark St and FIU last year.

8. Florida International - The Panthers are one of the most improved teams in the country but last year were outgained in SBC play by 129.9 ypg, which is by far the worst mark in the league. Though much stronger offensively and defensively, they have a lot of ground to make up. Although they have only 3 "true" conference home games the Panthers could easily escape the basement this year but are probably a year away from contending for an upper half SBC finish.

***. Western Kentucky** - The Hilltoppers will join the SBC next season and this year's games will not be counted in the SBC standings. They play five SBC opponents and do have to take on the conference's two top teams in FAU and Troy. They have an advantage in the fact that they will be up for SBC games while their SBC opponents are playing in what amounts to a non-conf game and will be in sandwich situations. With that advantage, WK does have a shot at a winning record vs SBC teams.

Sun Belt Notes: This is the 33rd year of the Sun Belt but just the 8th for the football league. The first four titles all went to North Texas and most years it was not even close as they had a 25-1 conference record in that span going 1-3 in their New Orleans Bowl appearances. The last 3 years we have seen three different champs and in those three years a late season upset saw the front-runner miss out on the title. In 2005 Ark St won 4 very close games (most in last minute) and when ULL upset ULM on the road in the season finale, it put the conference in a 3-way tie and Ark St won the tie-breaker but lost the bowl. In 2006 Middle Tenn was the best team in the conference and at 6-0 in the league only needed a home win vs Troy to win the title. They led by 13 with 3:50 left but somehow lost. It was good for the Sun Belt as TWO SBC teams went bowling (2nd time in history). Troy won the New Orleans Bowl blowing out Rice but MT lost in the Motor City Bowl. Troy was the prohibitive preseason favorite last year and played like it. They were unbeaten and outgained conference foes by 155.7 ypg. They only needed a home win vs Florida Atlantic in the season finale and were a big favorite but lost. Troy did not even get to a bowl (8-4)! Florida Atlantic did the league proud with a 44-27 win in the bowl. In 2006 the Sun Belt was 0-24 vs BCS conference teams. Last year on my website I called for the first ever win by a Sun Belt team over a Big Ten school and Florida Atlantic whipped Minnesota (led big throughout). The Sun Belt also got a win as Troy upset Big XII member OKSt and ULM stunned SEC member Alabama! That made them 3-23 vs BCS conf teams in 2007. Three of the Sun Belt's non-conf wins were vs IAA (FCS) foes but I was impressed with their 4-4 record vs CUSA foes (including the FAU bowl win). Western Kentucky will join the league next year but I have given them two full pages in the magazine. This league is much stronger than last year and I look for continued improvement.

2007 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT OFFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Off	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	YPP Rank	Off TO	TO Rank	Sks Vs	Sks Rank
47	Troy	36.4	1	472.7	1	206.6	3	5.15	2	266.1	2	64.7	1	13.0	3	21	7	10	3
56	Florida Atl	36.1	2	438.9	2	146.9	5	3.60	6	292.0	1	57.5	5	12.1	2	7	1	7	1
86	Louisiana-Lft	29.3	4	434.3	3	277.1	1	6.24	1	157.1	8	54.9	6	14.8	5	13	4	7	1
93	ULM	25.1	5	415.9	4	211.0	2	4.64	3	204.9	5	61.1	2	16.5	7	13	4	13	4
96	North Texas	23.0	6	382.9	5	129.4	7	3.91	5	253.4	3	59.7	3	16.6	8	21	7	25	8
100	Arkansas St	23.0	6	359.9	6	169.0	4	4.48	4	190.9	6	52.5	7	15.6	6	15	6	24	7
101	Middle Tenn	29.6	3	330.1	7	119.6	8	3.10	8	210.6	4	58.6	4	11.2	1	10	2	13	4
114	Florida Int'l	21.3	8	308.4	8	130.1	6	3.53	7	178.3	7	48.9	8	14.5	4	12	3	19	6

2007 SUN BELT vs SUN BELT DEFENSIVE TEAM STATS

Phil's '07 Ranking	Team	Conf PPG	PPG Rank	Conf Def	Total Rank	Conf Rush	Rush Rank	Conf YPC	YPC Rank	Conf Pass	Pass Rank	Conf %	% Rank	Conf YPP	Def Rank	Conf TO	Conf Rank	Sks By	Sks Rank
71	Troy	15.1	1	317.0	1	141.6	2	3.90	1	175.4	2	56.1	5	20.9	1	15	3	21	2
74	Arkansas St	26.7	4	350.9	2	177.0	5	4.20	4	173.9	1	55.4	4	13.1	6	12	5	7	8
77	Florida Atl	26.4	3	372.6	3	160.0	4	4.19	3	212.6	4	62.8	7	14.1	4	17	2	15	4
90	ULM	23.7	2	403.6	5	139.0	1	4.12	2	264.6	8	55.1	3	17.0	2	12	5	12	6
96	Middle Tenn	26.7	4	397.1	4	199.4	6	4.88	7	197.7	3	53.8	2	14.9	3	22	1	22	1
106	Louisiana-Lft	33.9	6	450.3	8	220.7	8	4.81	6	229.6	5	62.7	6	13.3	5	10	7	12	6
112	Florida Int'l	35.4	7	438.3	7	199.7	7	5.10	8	238.6	6	63.2	8	12.4	7	9	8	16	3
119	North Texas	35.9	8	413.3	6	152.3	3	4.23	5	261.0	7	52.7	1	11.5	8	15	3	13	5

Arkansas St
OL Matt Mandich

North Texas
P Truman Spencer

2007 SBC STANDINGS

	Conference W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA	YPG CONF PLAY 2007	2006	2005
Florida Atl	6	1	253	185	8	5	405	432	+66.3	+11.4	-43.9
Troy	6	1	255	106	8	4	408	295	+155.7	+28.3	-0.7
ULM	4	3	176	166	6	6	282	332	+12.3	+29.3	+11.8
Middle Tenn	4	3	207	187	5	7	308	339	-67.0	+37.0	+30.1
Arkansas St	3	4	161	187	5	7	291	331	+9.0	+50.4	+26.8
Louisiana-Lft	3	4	205	237	3	9	285	430	-16.0	+14.4	+68.2
North Texas	1	6	161	251	2	10	298	541	-30.4	-95.3	-67.3
Florida Int'l	1	6	149	248	1	11	181	469	-129.9	-75.6	-25.0

Coach of the Year: Howard Schnellenberger, Fla Atlantic

2006 SBC STANDINGS

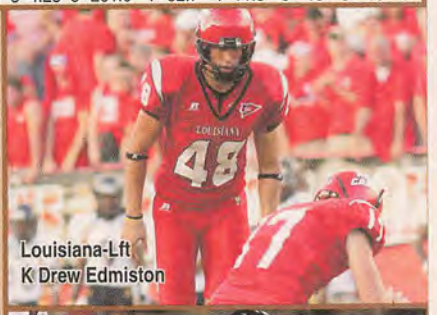
	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Troy	6	1	177	136	8	5	296	289
Middle Tenn	6	1	204	92	7	6	296	302
Arkansas St	4	3	126	143	6	6	182	289
Florida Atl	4	3	129	100	5	7	181	299
ULM	3	4	162	113	4	8	262	267
Louisiana-Lft	3	4	126	151	6	6	248	296
Texas	2	5	76	147	3	9	154	304
Florida Int'l	0	7	54	172	0	12	115	313

Coach of the Year:
Rick Stockstill, Middle Tennessee

2005 SBC STANDINGS

	Conf W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Louisiana-Lft	5	2	203	161	6	5	286	304
Arkansas St	5	2	182	163	6	6	294	303
ULM	5	2	194	186	5	6	239	339
Floria Int'l	3	4	172	191	5	6	257	323
Middle Tenn	3	4	176	124	4	7	210	206
Troy	3	4	100	121	4	7	175	255
Florida Atl	2	5	109	179	2	9	148	339
North Texas	2	5	131	142	2	9	157	346

Coach of the Year:
Steve Roberts, Arkansas St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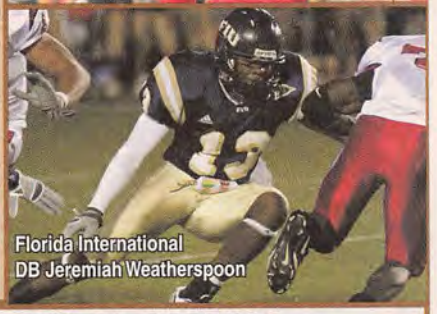

Florida International
DB Jeremiah Weatherspoon

2007 SUN BELT LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YPA	TD	EFF
Rusty Smith, Fla Atl	479	281	58.7	9	3688	7.7	32	141.6
Dwight Dasher, Middle Tenn	159	89	56.0	3	1148	7.2	9	131.5
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	294	174	59.2	10	1866	6.3	13	120.3
Omar Haugabook, Troy	475	291	61.3	15	2975	6.3	18	120.1
Giovanni Vizza, N Texas	383	223	58.2	20	2388	6.2	17	114.8
Corey Leonard, Ark St	349	182	52.1	15	2235	6.4	16	112.5
Michael Desormeaux, ULL	242	133	55.0	10	1405	5.8	10	109.1
Wayne Younger, Fla Int'l	265	121	45.7	17	1357	5.1	9	87.1

KICKOFF RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Dilvory Edgecomb, Fla Atl	48	1155	0	24.1
Lionell Singleton, Florida Int'l	48	1119	1	23.3
Leodis McKelvin, Troy	33	765	0	23.2
Frank Goodin, ULM	28	615	0	22.0
Brandon Thompkins, Ark St	49	1062	0	21.7
Evyn Roman, N Texas	15	320	0	21.3
Desmond Gee, Middle Tenn	36	722	0	20.1
Micah Mosley, N Texas	32	636	0	19.9
Deon Wallace, ULL	29	523	0	18.0

TOTAL OFFENSE

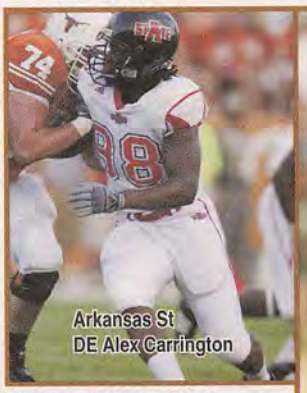
	G	RUSHING CAR	RUSHING NET	PASSING ATT	PASSING YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS	TOTAL OFFENSE YDS/PG
Omar Haugabook, Troy	12	155	631	475	2975	3606	300.5
Rusty Smith, Fla Atl	13	39	-116	479	3688	3572	274.8
Giovanni Vizza, N Texas	10	133	299	383	2388	2687	268.7
Corey Leonard, Ark St	11	171	547	349	2235	2782	252.9
Michael Desormeaux, ULL	11	188	1141	242	1405	2546	231.5
Kinsmon Lancaster, ULM	12	107	398	294	1866	2264	188.7
Wayne Younger, Fla Int'l	11	127	536	265	1357	1893	172.1
Dwight Dasher, Middle Tenn	10	121	530	159	1148	1678	167.8
Calvin Dawson, ULM	12	281	1414	0	0	1414	117.8
Tyrell Fenroy, ULL	11	180	1021	0	0	1021	92.8

RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	G	REC	YDS	TD	YDS/PG	REC/PG	REC AVG
Casey Fitzgerald, N Texas	12	111	1322	12	110.2	9.3	11.9
Cortez Gent, Florida Atl	12	64	1082	9	90.2	5.3	16.9
Brandon Jackson, N Texas	12	79	784	1	65.3	6.6	9.9
Jason Harmon, Florida Atl	13	63	825	5	63.5	4.8	13.1
Levi Dejohnette, Ark St	12	61	701	2	58.4	5.1	11.5
Gary Banks, Troy	12	61	698	3	58.2	5.1	11.4
Brandon Thompkins, Ark St	12	41	503	1	41.9	3.4	12.3
Darrell McNeal, ULM	12	54	502	4	41.8	4.5	9.3
LaGregory Sapp, ULM	12	33	486	3	40.5	2.8	14.7
Josh Allen, Troy	12	32	462	1	38.5	2.7	14.4

PUNTING

	G	NO	YDS	AVG
Scott Love, ULM	12	70	2946	42.1
Brett Shrable, Arkansas St	12	47	1958	41.7
Truman Spencer, N Texas	12	65	2703	41.6
Greg Whibbs, Troy	12	47	1942	41.3
David DeFatta, Middle Tenn	12	73	2987	40.9
Chris Cook, Florida Int'l	12	75	3040	40.5
Keegan Peterson, Florida Atl	12	40	1607	40.2
Spencer Ortego, ULL	12	56	2177	38.9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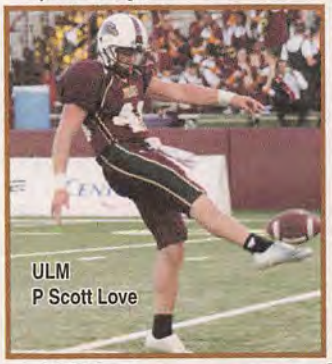
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RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

	G	CAR	YDS	TD	AVG	YDS/PG
Calvin Dawson, ULM	12	281	1414	12	5.0	117.8
Michael Desormeaux, ULL	11	188	1141	7	6.1	103.7
Tyrell Fenroy, ULL	11	180	1021	7	5.7	92.8
Reggie Arnold, Ark St	12	163	1060	9	6.5	88.3
Kenny Cattouse, Troy	12	133	791	7	5.9	65.9
Jamario Thomas, N Texas	11	112	666	8	5.9	60.5
Charles Pierre, Florida Atl	13	170	782	7	4.6	60.2
Dwight Dasher, Middle Tenn	10	121	530	3	4.4	53.0
A'mod Ned, Florida Int'l	11	143	581	2	4.1	52.8
Omar Haugabook, Troy	12	155	631	11	4.1	52.6

FIELD GOAL PCT

	G	FGA	FG	PCT	LONG
Greg Whibbs, Troy	12	18	16	88.9	45
Drew Edmiston, ULL	12	13	10	76.9	40
Warley Leroy, Florida Atl	13	27	19	70.4	46
David DeFatta, Middle Tenn	12	6	4	66.7	47
Cole Wilson, ULM	12	15	10	66.7	41
Josh Arauco, Ark St	12	23	15	65.2	45
Chris Abed, Florida Int'l	11	8	5	62.5	42
Thomas Moreland, N Texas	12	15	8	53.3	37

PUNT RETURNS

	NO	YDS	TD	AVG
Leodis McKelvin, Troy	25	436	3	17.4
Lionell Singleton, Florida Int'l	12	182	1	15.2
Kevin Jones, Arkansas St	17	194	1	11.4
Darrell McNeal, ULM	12	94	0	7.8
Evyn Roman, N Texas	17	97	0	5.7
Phillip Nevels, ULL	20	101	0	5.1

TACKLES

	G	UA	A	TOT	AVG
Frantz Joseph, Florida Atl	13	64	67	131	10.1
Cergile Sincere, Florida Atl	13	64	53	117	9.0
Koby McKinnon, Arkansas St	12	51	50	101	8.4
Khayyam Burns, Arkansas St	12	55	42	97	8.1
Ben Owens, Arkansas St	12	46	50	96	8.0
Corey Small, Florida Atl	13	82	21	103	7.9
Tyrell Johnson, Arkansas St	12	58	36	94	7.8
Antwyne Zanders, ULL	12	54	39	93	7.8
Scott Bryant, Florida Int'l	12	45	46	91	7.6
Boris Lee, Troy	12	60	22	82	6.8

TFL*

	NO	YDS
Jeremiah Chapman, N Texas	17	72
Frantz Joseph, Florida Atl	12.5	26
Rodney Hardeway, ULL	12	48
Shawn Todd, Troy	10	70
Kenny Mainor, Troy	10	48
Tavares Jones, Middle Tenn	9.5	60
Montey Stevenson, N Texas	9.5	35
Sherrod Martin, Troy	9	37
Trevor Jenkins, Middle Tenn	9	27
Cergile Sincere, Florida Atl	9	26

SACKS*

	NO	YDS
Tavares Jones, Middle Tenn	7	57
Rodney Hardeway, ULL	7	40
Shawn Todd, Troy	5.5	52
Audric Adger, Florida Int'l	5	43
David Cooper, ULM	5	43
Jeremiah Chapman, N Texas	5	33
Kenny Mainor, Troy	5	29
Lonnie Clemons, Middle Tenn	3.5	28
Joseph Miller, N Texas	3.5	25
Prince Hickman, Ark St	3.5	24

*Numbers come from SBC final statistics.

PHIL'S SUN BELT UNIT RANKING

	QB	RB	REC	OL	DL	LB	DB	ST	CH
Florida Atlantic	1	5	1	2	3	2	1	5	1
Troy	8	3	5	1	1	5	2	9	2
ULM	7	8	3	4	2	1	4	2	4
Louisiana-Lft	3	2	4	3	8	4	9	4	6
Arkansas St	3	1	5	7	5	7	7	1	3
Middle Tennessee	3	6	7	9	4	6	3	3	4
North Texas	2	7	2	5	8	9	7	7	8
Florida Int'l	8	9	8	6	7	3	4	8	8
W Kentucky	3	4	8	7	6	7	6	6	7

FLORIDA ATLANTIC OWLS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Mich St transfer Sean Clayton (PS#108) started the final two in 2005 after the starter went down to injury. Clayton was injured after 8 starts in 2006 throwing for 926 (50.6%) with a 5-6 ratio. RFr Rusty Smith took over and in his best game, hit 24 of 37 for 312 vs Troy. Smith threw for 1,285 (55.7%) with a 6-8 ratio. Smith won the starting job last year and Schnellenberger compared him to Bernie Kosar at the start of the year. Smith threw for 463 vs Minnesota and was the *USAToday.com* National Off POW. For the season Smith threw for 3,688 (58.7%) with an outstanding 32-9 ratio including 5 TD's in the bowl. Clayton saw action in just 6 gms (16 att). Jeff VanCamp (6'5" 210 So) played in 3 (5 att). This year Clayton departs and adding depth are Alex Fick (6'3" 200 rFr), Robert Nolin (6'3" 200 rFr) and this year's true frosh. Smith is the premiere QB of the SBC.

RUNNING BACKS - In '05 FAU had to replace their "all-time career leading rusher" and rFr Charles Pierre led with 517 (3.6) and the #2 rusher was Dilvory Edgecomb (295, 3.3). Edgecomb missed '06 (acad) and Pierre led again with 756 (3.7) while Aaron Sanchez added 251 (3.7). Last year they had to replace Sanchez but Edgecomb returned. Pierre led for a 3rd straight year, this time with 782 (4.6) but he did not have a 100 yard effort (3 in '06) with his top game being 95 (5.9) in the opener. The #2 rusher was FB Willie Rose who had 333 (5.3) while Edgecomb played in 12 games (190, 3.4). Pierre, who benches 425 lbs, had only 2 rec (6 rec '06) with Rose hauling in 38 rec (6.9) and Edgecomb 24 (17.3). This year they lose BJ Manley (8 st, 202, 3.2) and FB Dominick Walker (15 ttl yd). Not listed below are Jeff Blanchard (5'9" 195 Jr, PS#413JC), Willie Floyd (5'9" 165 So), Jhermel Knight (5'10" 183 rFr), Avionne Rolle (5'9" 180 rFr), Brennan Tasseff (6'0" 202 rFr) and Alfred Morris (5'11" 222 rFr, PS#148). They also add this year's true frosh including Xavier Stinson (PS#46) who GS last year (knee inj) and could take the feature role. I give the Owls a good shot at uncovering their first 1,000 yard rusher in school history.

RECEIVERS - In '05 and '06 FAU had a young receiving corps and frosh Frantz Simeon led with 590 (16.9) in '06 with soph TE Jason Harmon adding 261 (10.0). True frosh Avery Holley was #3 with 223 (12.4) and rFr Conshario Jackson was #4 with 195 (13.0). It appeared all four would return last year but Simeon was lost (acad), then Holley was injured in the opener and RS. That meant they were without their #1 and #3 receivers and their top two returnees combined for just 456 yards in '06. The unit however had much better production. Cortez "Snoop" Gent who had just 66 (6 rec) in 4 starts in '06, had 1,082 (16.9) while Harmon more than tripled his output to 825 (13.1). Chris Bonner, while not starting, added 420 (16.8). Harmon made some highlight films with his hopping over defenders and earned 1st Tm SBC honors. Not listed in the 3 deep below are WR's Chad Wilkes (6'0" 175 Sr, 8 st, 205 yd 3Y), Wilfred Rivera (5'10" 170 Sr), Alex Pecorella (5'11" 189 Jr), Grant Glover (5'9" 170 So), Josh McLean (5'11" 180 rFr), Brandon Zeeb (6'1" 184 Jr) and TE Ed Wertepny (6'5" 215 So). Without question, this is the best Owl receiving corps ever.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Schnellenberger favors smaller and more mobile OL's and in 2003 they avg'd just 255 lbs. In 2006 they had 4 starters back but the ypc dropped from 3.0 to 2.9 with 25 sks allowed (7.1%). LT Nello Faulk held Clemson's Gaines Adams (#1DC TB) to 0 sacks and earned 1st Tm SBC honors. Last year they had to replace Faulk and another starter but had 8 of the top 10 back. FAU had by far their best O-line in school history (okay, only since 2001) as the group opened holes for a school record 3.5 ypc rush and allowed just 16 sacks (3.2%). That despite not having a mobile QB as Rusty Smith had just 32 gross yards rushing. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC LG Jarrid Smith (13 st, 4Y st'r) and backup G Zachary Wichner (8 gm). Their 101 combined career starts returning are the 8th best in IA and this is one of the top OL's in the SBC.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Owls had a lightly experienced D-line in 2005 and yielded 4.9 ypc rushing while the D recorded just 6 sacks. The entire 2 deep returned in 2006 but they had 3 soph starters. Two DL's earned All-SBC honors in Josh Pinnick (1st Tm) and Jervonte Jackson (2nd Tm). While they allowed 54 ypg rush less, it was the same 4.9 ypc (19 sk). Last year they had the entire group back again but were dealt a huge blow in Wk 4 when they lost 2 of their top DL's in Pinnick and DT Josh Savidge to knee injuries. FAU allowed 4.7 ypc rush and the D only had 16 sacks. This year the only losses are DE Pinnick (4 st, 8 tkl) and DT Gil Monzon (2 st, 12 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Daniel Joseph (6'0" 244 So), Ryan Sollazzo (6'4" 247 Jr) and Derrek Skop (6'2" 253 So). This is an experienced group and should put up vastly improved numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Owls' LB corps returned intact. Cergile Sincere was the #1 tackler in 2006 but Frantz Joseph took over as the team's best defensive player and earned 1st Tm SBC honors with 131 tackles and 12.5 tfl. Sincere had another solid season with 117 tackles and 9 tfl also earning 1st Tm SBC honors. This year they lose Sincere (13 st) but have 5 of the top 6 back including Joseph and all 3 projected starters had 5 or more starts last season. Not listed below are Mark Soto (5'10" 188 rFr) and Patrick Gwynn (5'10" 210 So). This has the makings of a solid group but lost one of its top players.

MLB Frantz Joseph

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '05 the Owls had a pair of solid cover CB's and finished #51 in my pass D rankings allowing a 10-14 ratio. In 2006 they had to replace both of those CB's including a 1st Tm SBC. They were very inexperienced but only dropped to #53 with a 16-18 ratio. Last year they only had to replace one starter and CB Tavious Polo filled that open spot well with 6 int in the first four games, making my midseason 1st Tm AA list. He ended André Woodson's NCAA record streak of passes without an int. While CB Corey Small did not get the publicity, he had an outstanding season as well with 5 int and 10 pbu. The Owls surprisingly dropped to #80 allowing a 27-19 ratio perhaps due to the injuries on the D-line. This year they lose FS Taheem Acevedo (13 st, 80 tkl, 5 int), SS Kris Bartels (12 st, 54 tkl, 3 pbu), SS Mark Maycock (3 tkl) and Gedel Merzius (5 tkl). FS Greg Joseph had 9 starts in 2005 but was coming off a knee surgery last year and only started one game, so he should fill in well at that spot. Not listed below are Marcus Bartels (5'9" 161 rFr) and Darrein Thomas (5'10" 160 rFr). While overall this group is less experienced, because of their outstanding CB combo, I look for a solid rise in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Owls were #33 in my ST rankings in their first year in '04 but lost most of their key players and dropped to #117 in '05. After blocking 11 punts from 2002-'04 they had zero the next two years. After a finish at #104 in '06, improvement was expected. After 3 games the unit had allowed a blk'd punt for a TD by MT and a 91 yd KR TD vs Minny. It didn't get much better as the season went on although the team did get two crucial blocked punts vs NT and finished #105. Tavious Polo is an excellent CB but avg just 2.8 on PR's. Dilvory Edgecomb did have over 1,000 KR yards (24.1) and Warley Leroy hit 19-27 FG (long 46). Mike O'Neill handled the punting in '06 (33.3 tm net) but lost his job to soph Keegan Peterson who had 40 punts (40.2). True frosh Mickey Groody (PS#15) had 27 (35.5, team's net 31.6). Leroy and Ryan Paros combined for 5 TB's on 79 KO. I was wrong last year calling for improvement but with one of the most experienced units in the country and decent talent, they should make a big jump in 2008.

COACHES - Howard Schnellenberger enters his 10th year with the program and 8th on the football field. He, of course, owns a National Title from his years at Miami, Fl when he took a struggling team and built them into a perennial National Title contender. He was the HC at Miami, Fl from 1979-1983 and at Louisville from 1985-'94, helping that program become an annual bowl contender. He had a one year stint at Oklahoma in '95 before coming here in 1999. In 2004 he made a solid hire by bringing in QB coach Gary Nord who had primed UTEP for its first bowl appearance since 2000 with his solid recruiting. Nord was elevated to OC prior to 2005. He was also the OC for Schnellenberger at L'ville and OU. The DC is Kirk Hoza (8th yr). Schnellenberger is a perfect 5-0 as a HC in bowl games.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Florida Atlantic did not play its first true football game until 2001. Coach Schnellenberger did a remarkable job in 2003 guiding the team to an 9-2 finish, beating a pair of ranked IAA teams and SBC member MT all on the road. They were the youngest startup program to make the IAA playoffs falling one game short of the IAA championship game and finishing #4 in IAA. In 2004 they moved to IA and had 19 starters back. They started the season with five consecutive road wins including 3 upsets (Hawaii, NT and MT) with 2 of those squads going to bowl games and finished 9-3. 2005 was the first year that they had to replace a senior class and they had just six returning starters. I pegged FAU 7th in the SBC and they finished 2-9. In 2006 they had 15 starters back but a brutal opening schedule with 4 road games vs BCS conf teams saw them lose by a combined 192-20. Schnellenberger said the schedule toughened the team up for SBC play and he was proven correct as the Owls won 5 of their last 8. Last year the Owls were surprisingly picked for 6th in the SBC by the head coaches but I pegged them 2nd. They had 16 returning starters and had 16 players back who had started at least 20 career games. As I expected, they knocked off the defending conf co-champ MT 27-14 in the opener and then knocked off Big Ten member Minnesota in their next home game, a game they led big throughout. They trailed NT 20-13 after 3Q's but won. After losing to #14 Kentucky, they played their first ever Top 10 opponent and trailed #6 USF just 28-23 late 4Q. They pulled out an OT win vs ULL on the road but then lost in 3 OT's to ULM. They trailed ASU 31-20 with 10:00 left before pulling off a comeback win. After an expected loss to #14 UF, they rolled up a school record 571 yards vs FIU. They pulled off the upset vs Troy and amazingly in just their 4th year of IA ball, won a conf title and then spanked Memphis 44-27 in the bowl (school's first ever). Last year's FAU team had 53 frosh, 22 soph, 27 juniors and just 14 seniors. While a clear contender for the title this year, a couple of troubling things would be that they benefitted from +18 in TO's (pg 312) and 3 net close wins. After their bowl win Schnellenberger said "Advanced training is over... when we go to Texas next season we're going there to win the game" and he has 18 returning starters to work with. The Owls are my clear-cut favorite for the SBC Title, especially since they host Troy.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN RED | 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN RED | DEFENSE

QB 11 RUSTY SMITH JR. 6-5 212 **1st Tm SBC LY**. 4 st, 1285 (56%) 6-8 ratio '06. 13 st LY, 3688 (59%) 32-9 ratio. **12** Jeff VanCamp (6'5" 210 So) 5 pass rFr. David Kooi PS#128.

RB 20 CHARLES PIERRE SR. 5-9 195 PS#213. 17 st 3Y, 2055 (3.9). **8 Xavier Stinson** (5'9" 228 Fr) **PS#46** '07. **32** Dilvory Edgecomb (5'10" 185 Sr) PS#205. 11 st '05. 485 (3.4) 2Y.

FB 46 WILLIE ROSE JR. 6-1 227 55 ttl yd '05-'06. 13 st LY, 333 (5.3) 38 rec (6.9). **36** David Muniz (5'10" 211 So). 98 ttl yd true. **33** Kyle Watkins (6'2" 210 Sr). 14 gm 2Y.

WR 80 LESTER JEAN SO. 6-3 195 246 (12.9) true. **84 Conshario Johnson** (6'1" 186 Jr) PS#324. 13 st LY. 358 (11.2) 2Y. Avery Holley (6'0" 150 So) 223 (12.4) true. Med RS LY.

WR 16 CORTEZ GENT JR. 6-2 170 PS#162. **1st Tm SBC**, 12 st in '07, **1082** (16.9). **7** Chris Bonner (6'3" 195 Jr) 1 st LY, 598 (15.3) 2Y. **42** Darian Williams (6'3" 195 rFr) PS#231.

TE 88 JASON HARMON SR. 6-3 210 **1st Tm SBC LY**. 261 (10.0) '06. 13 st LY, 825 (13.1). **87** Jamari Grant (6'5" 210 Jr) 9 st 2Y, 262 (9.4). **81** Rob Housler (6'5" 210 Jr). 5 st 2Y.

C 68 NICK PARIS SR. 6-1 290 11 st rFr (9LG, 2C). 9 st C '06. 12 st C LY. **76** Ryan Wischnefski (6'2" 310 So) PS#159. **LS 69** Morgan Barnett (6'3" 230 Jr). Chris Athans (6'1" 219 So).

RG 72 DAVID MATLOCK JR. 6-2 285 4 st rFr. 11 st LY. **79** Jarret McDonald (6'5" 290 Sr) 2nd string 3Y, 14 gm. **52** Chris Newbold (6'4" 250 So). **91** Damian Amondo (6'6" 230 So).

LG 73 Kevin Miller Jr. 6-3 304 PS#358. 2nd string '06, 9 gm. 3 st LY (1C, 2RG). **51** Paul Muse (6'2" 250 Jr) **PS#53TE. Clemson '06**. 1 gm here LY. **63** Chris White (6'4" 278 rFr).

RT 71 JOHN RIZZO SR. 6-3 300 4 st as true. 12 st '06. 13 st '07, **2nd Tm SBC**. **57** Vinnie Henderson (6'5" 270 Sr) 5 tkl DL '05-'06. 10 gm LY. **53** Samuel McRoy (6'4" 249 So).

LT 65 BRANDON JACKSON SR. 6-3 245 4 st LG true. Inj'd '05. 5 st LG '06. 13 st LT '07. **70** Lavoris Williams (6'3" 250 Jr). 2nd string 2Y, 23 gm. Chase Bowers (6'6" 265 Fr) PS#300.

K 34 WARLEY LEROY SR. 5-10 170 9-14 FG, long 41 '06, 1 miss 50+. 19 of 27 with long 46 LY, 4-9 from 40+. **21** Ryan Paros (5'11" 185 Jr) PS#65. Michael Cal (5'6" 158 rFr).

DE 98 ROBERT ST. CLAIR SR. 6-4 250 2 st rFr, 24 tkl, 8 tfl. 12 st '06, 25 tkl, 4.5 tfl. 13 st LY, 37 tkl, 4 sk. **54** Michael Hancock (6'7" 230 Sr). 19 tkl, 3 tfl LY. **43** Julian Myers (6'3" 218 Sr). 14 tkl 3Y.

DT 92 JERVONTE JACKSON SR. 6-3 280 11 st rFr, 38 tkl. **2nd Tm SBC '06-'07**. 74 tkl, 5 sk LY. Mauricio Riquer (6'4" 275 So). Kevin Cyrille (6'4" 275 So) 2 tkl true at W Mich. Jimmy Jean (6'2" 280 Fr).

DT 96 JOHN MERTILUS JR. 6-2 288 2 tkl rFr. 7 st LY, 16 tkl. **95 Josh Savidge** (6'2" 280 Jr). 11 st 3Y, 40 tkl, 2 sk, 4 gm. Inj'd Med RS LY. **93** Jarvis Givens (6'3" 300 rFr) **PS#166**.

DE 94 JERMAINE COUNCIL JR. 6-5 275 L/9 st DE LY, 34 tkl, 5 tfl. Dino Cox (6'3" 240 So) PS#312. 7 tkl, 3 tfl true. Jamere Johnson (6'4" 220 rFr) PS#365. Joshua McClover (6'5" 225 Jr).

SLB 50 George Allen Sr. 6-0 220 PS#441. 2 st, 16 tkl '06. 5 st LY, 25 tkl. **44** Ted Czepiga (6'0" 230 Sr) PS#222. 1 st, 8 tkl 2Y (inj). **47** Edward Bradwell (6'1" 200 Jr). 16 tkl LY.

MLB 56 FRANTZ JOSEPH SR. 6-1 229 **1st Tm SBC LY**. 10 st '06, 61 tkl. 13 st LY, 131 tkl, 12.5 tfl. **45** Michael Lockley (6'2" 220 So). 6 tkl rFr. **57** Rudy Taylor (6'1" 265 Jr). Wrestler at UCF.

WLB 49 ANDRE CLARK SR. 6-1 220 10 st rFr, 62 tkl. 10 st '06, 49 tkl. 7 st LY, 68 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 3 sk. **39** Malik Eugene (6'3" 200 So) 6 tkl rFr. **61** Kris Rush (6'0" 220 Sr) 22 tkl 3Y.

CB 5 TAVIOUS POLO SO. 5-10 160 **1st Tm SBC, FWAA Fr AA LY**, 13 st rFr, 53 tkl, 7 int, 2 pbu. **9** Tarvoris Hill (6'0" 170 So). 23 tkl rFr. **35** Curtis Cross (5'10" 170 rFr).

CB 26 COREY SMALL SR. 5-10 170 12 st, 46 tkl, 4 int, 8 pbu '06. **2nd Tm SBC LY**, 13 st, 103 tkl, 5 int, 10 pbu. **21** Erick McIntosh (6'0" 180 Jr). 11 tkl rFr. **23** Jason Haynes (5'11" 200 So).

SS 4 Carldayle Brantley Sr. 6-1 200 10 tkl '05-'06, 1 st LY, 23 tkl, 2 pbu. Austin Jensen (6'1" 190 So) PS#249. 8 tkl true. Ed Alexander (6'1" 172 So) 4 tkl rFr. Demetrius Williamson (6'0" 180 Fr).

FS 3 Greg Joseph Sr. 5-11 195 11 gm, 9 st '05, 67 tkl, 2 int. 14 tkl '06. 8 gm, 1 st LY, 38 tkl, 3 pbu. **10** Rod Huggins (6'1" 185 So), 8 gm, 8 tkl rFr. **66** Kris Lena (6'2" 230 So).

P 22 KEEGAN PETERSON JR. 6-0 185 PS#107. 4 punt rFr, 41.5. 40 punts LY, 40.2 avg, team net 31.6. **40** Mickey Groody (5'11" 170 So) **PS#15**. 27 punts true. 35.5 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

RB	Xavier Stinson 5-9 228 PS#46 '07
QB	David Kooi 6-7 200 PS#128
LB	Yourhighness Morgan 6-3 225 PS#191
QB	Graham Wilbert 6-6 225 PS#142
LB	Alex Pattee 6-2 240 PS#213
OL	Chase Bowers 6-6 265 PS#300
DB	Demetrius Williamson 6-0 180 PS#305
WR	Amos Wood Jr 6-0 170 PS#306
RB	Michael Barasch 5-9 200 PS#348
OL	Randy Richards 6-4 290 PS#434
OL	Troy Niblack 6-6 280 PS#434
WR	Keon Broxton 6-4 185 PS#326
DL	Andy Czuprynski 6-5 255 PS#440OL
DB	Travis Cox 6-0 180 PS#456
OL	Jordan Sessa 6-5 270 PS#481
LB	Tony Walding 6-1 210 PS#408
DL	Jimmy Jean 6-2 280 PS#464
DL	Nick Osborne 6-3 210 PS#464
TE	Erik Hansen 6-5 240 PS#154
TE	Jared Pizzuti 6-4 225 PS#154
DL	Kevin Cyrille 6-4 275 PS#505
DL	AJ Johnson 6-5 265 PS#505

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#119

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FAU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Texas	G					
Sep. 6	UAB	G					
Sep. 13	at Michigan St	G					
Sep. 20	at Minnesota	A					
Sep. 30	at Middle Tenn (Tues)	A					
Oct. 7	Troy (Tues)	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	at W Kentucky	A					
Oct. 25	at ULM	A					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	North Texas	G					
Nov. 15	Louisiana-Lft	G					
Nov. 22	at Arkansas St	A					
Nov. 29	† Florida Int'l (Miami)	G					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jared Allen 8,100 '01-'04
2. Rusty Smith 4,973 '06-Present
3. Danny Embick 2,569 '03-'05

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Charles Pierre 2,055 '05-Present
2. Doug Parker 1,981 '01, '03, '05
3. Anthony Jackson 1,349 '01-'04

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Anthony Crissinger-Hill 2,071 '01, '03-'04
2. Thomas Parker 1,550 '01-'02, '04-'05
3. Brittney Tellis 1,540 '01-'04

1st Meeting. FAU is 0-5 vs the Big XII including LY's 42-6 loss to Oklahoma St. The Owls have dropped 3 straight road openers by 32 ppg all vs BCS teams.

1st Meeting. FAU is 1-1 vs current CUSA tms with their last meeting vs Memphis in the school's 1st bowl gm LY. FAU is 2-5 in home openers including LY's 27-14 win over Middle Tenn.

1st Meeting. Coming into '08, FAU is 1-12 vs BCS schools since moving up from IAA. Coming into '08, the Owls have dropped 10 straight non-conf RG's by an avg of 38 ppg.

Owls outgained Minny 387-106 & led 35-14 at HT in LY's win (1st ever vs BCS opp). LY FAU's QB Smith threw for a school record 463 yds & 5 TD's vs the Gophers.

FAU held MT to 18 yds rushing (217 ttl) and forced 4 TO's in LY's 27-14 win. Middle Tennessee was FAU's 1st win over a FBS tm in school history (20-19 in 2003).

FAU snapped a 4 game losing streak to Troy LY with their 38-32 win to secure their 1st bowl. FAU has topped its previous yrs' scoring output the L4Y vs Troy (6,14,17 & 38).

The Owls are 6-4 before a bye week.

1st Meeting. W Kentucky will be eligible to compete for the SBC Title in '09, 7-5 rec LY. Coming into '08, FAU is 7-1 on the road vs conf foes since '06, 4-0 last year.

The winner in all 4 gms in this series (1st gm in '04) has won by a TD or less. FAU scored the final 10 pts LY to force OT, but couldn't hold ULM in the 3rd OT.

FAU is 4-0 vs 4 time SBC Champ North Texas but they were outgained LY 466-406. NT led 20-13 after 3Q's but FAU came back w/10 of their 17 4Q pts coming off TO's.

In their only 3 meetings, the visitor has gone 3-0. Last year FAU QB Smith threw a TD with :07 left to send it to OT. FAU is 6-1 in Lockhart Stadium finales.

LY FAU trailed 31-20 with about 10:00 left, but stormed back for the comeback win. The Owls have won 2 of 3 but ASU shutout FAU 3-0 in their only trip to Jonesboro in'05.

This will be FAU's 7th meeting with rival FIU as the Owls are 5-1 (avg win by 18 ppg). LY QB Smith was 20 of 30 for 330 yds & 4 TD's as they led 35-3.

HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER (Career 124-101-3)
8th Year at Fla Atlantic (IAA 17-18) Schnellenberger's Bowl Record: 5-0

Schnellenberger's records AT FLA ATLANTIC (IA)

24-24	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
7-9	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
13-15	Away	1-12	Vs BCS Teams
4-0	Neutral	5-2	Off A Bye
12-9	Vs Conference	11-12	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (8-5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 10*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (27,23,5)
Lost: 12 (5,7,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 15,741 (#110)

SUN BELT

STADIUM: LOCKHART STADIUM (20,500) (#118)
PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	4-6	2-9	11-3	9-3	2-9	5-7	8-5	41-42
Home	–	3-4	2-2	5-2	2-2	1-3	2-2	2-2	17-17
Away	–	1-2	0-7	5-1	6-1	1-6	2-5	4-3	19-25
Neutral	–	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	2-0	5-0
vs Conf	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-5	4-3	6-1	12-9
vs Non-Conf	–	4-6	2-9	11-3	9-3	0-4	1-4	2-4	29-33
ATS	–	–	–	–	3-4	3-8	5-6	8-5	19-23
Home Fav	–	–	–	–	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-6
Home Dog	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-2	2-1	1-0	3-3
Away Fav	–	–	–	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	3-0
Away Dog	–	–	–	–	3-1	3-4	2-5	1-3	9-13
Neutral	–	–	–	–	0-1	0-0	1-0	2-0	3-1
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	0-0	2-5	5-2	5-2	12-9
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	–	3-4	1-3	0-4	3-3	7-14
Off SU Win	–	–	–	–	2-3	0-2	2-1	3-4	7-10
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	–	0-1	2-6	3-4	4-1	9-12

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YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
07	New Orleans	-3	Memphis	44-27

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2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Charles Pierre	170	821	39	782	7	4.6
Willie Rose	63	339	6	333	1	5.3
BJ Manley	64	233	31	202	1	3.2
Dilvory Edgecomb	56	220	30	190	4	3.4
Rob Housler	3	84	1	83	1	27.7
Sean Clayton	16	83	6	77	0	4.8
David Muniz	13	52	4	48	0	3.7
Rusty Smith	39	32	148	-116	2	-3.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Rusty Smith	479	281	58.7	3688	32	9
Sean Clayton	16	8	50.0	77	1	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Cortez Gent	64	1082	16.9	9	74
Jason Harmon	63	825	13.1	5	56
Chris Bonner	25	420	16.8	3	57
Dilvory Edgecomb	24	416	17.3	4	47
Willie Rose	38	264	6.9	7	56
Lester Jean	19	246	12.9	1	46
Consharlo Johnson	17	163	9.6	2	27
Jamari Grant	16	127	7.9	0	20
Chad Wilkes	9	88	9.8	0	16

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Keegan Peterson	40	1607	40.2	4	31.6(t)	1	6

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Warley Leroy	44-46	9-10	6-8	4-9	0-0	19-27	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Frantz Joseph	131	3	9.5	3	2
Cergile Sincere	117	2	7	6	0
Corey Small	103	0	3.5	10	5
Taheem Acevedo	80	0	3	2	5
Andre Clark	68	3	3.5	2	0
Kris Bartels	54	0	1	3	0
Tavious Polo	53	0	0	2	7
Greg Joseph	38	1	0	3	0
Robert St Clair	37	4	3	1	0
Jermaine Council	34	1	4	0	0
Jervonte Jackson	28	2	0	1	0
George Allen	25	0	1	2	0
Tarvoris Hill	23	0	0	1	0
Carldayle Brantley	23	0	1	2	0
Michael Hancock	19	1	2	0	0
Edward Bradwell	16	0	1	0	0
John Mertilus	16	0	1.5	0	0
Gil Monzon	12	0	1	0	0
Josh Savidge	9	1	1	0	0
David Muniz	9	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Tavious Polo	18	51	2.8	0
Carldayle Brantley	5	6	1.2	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Dilvory Edgecomb	48	1155	24.1	0

FLORIDA ATLANTIC'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

	RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
	7*	31.2	21	126	3.5	291	58.0	13.4	+18	2007	9	33.2	23	175	4.7	241	64.0	12.5
	7	15.1	17	109	2.9	188	53.7	19.7	+1	2006	8	24.9	16	164	4.9	171	53.4	13.4
	2	13.5	16	114	3.0	178	52.5	21.7	-7	2005	4	30.8	21	218	4.9	177	51.8	12.8
	9*	24.9	19	127	3.2	268	59.1	15.8	0	2004	10	17.3	18	107	3.2	238	55.5	20.0
	11*	28.9	19	128	3.2	244	64.7	12.9	+7	2003	10	21.9	20	145	3.9	225	56.9	16.9
	11*	16.0	15	70	1.8	156	48.0	14.1	-7	2002	10	30.8	18	190	4.2	175	57.0	11.8

2007 STATS BY GAME

FAU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
11,398	Middle Tenn	20	42-216	5.1	12-27	195	2	15	32-18	0.6	20-32	199	4	+3
38,176	at Oklahoma St	12	34-28	0.8	19-32	175	1	18	39-233	6.0	16-25	255	0	0
10,759	† Minnesota	24	41-117	2.9	27-44	463	2	29	28-135	4.8	31-47	335	0	+7
20,479	at North Texas	17	28-84	3.0	21-45	322	1	29	27-165	6.1	38-61	301	3	+3
65,927	at Kentucky	20	35-123	3.5	15-28	184	0	28	40-209	5.2	27-35	305	0	-1
21,106	USF	22	35-152	4.3	23-47	259	1	18	44-302	6.9	17-27	122	0	+3
12,290	at Louisiana-Lft	25	42-126	3.0	26-45	308	2	21	53-317	6.0	14-24	121	1	+3
16,902	ULM	25	33-128	3.9	35-55	317	0	21	47-207	4.4	23-36	201	0	0
18,540	Arkansas St	19	39-105	2.7	22-42	268	1	14	35-125	3.6	19-33	131	1	-2
90,107	at Florida	19	36-75	2.1	20-38	309	4	28	31-155	5.0	26-38	346	0	0
6,122	at Florida Int'l	23	30-228	7.6	22-32	343	0	24	34-113	3.3	29-49	264	4	0
17,893	at Troy	23	37-141	3.8	23-34	291	1	27	39-175	4.5	36-50	271	2	+3
25,146	† Memphis	25	33-115	3.5	26-33	350	1	24	32-117	3.7	26-46	281	1	-1
TOTALS		274	465-1638	3.5	291-502	3784	16	296	481-2271	4.7	322-503	3132	16	+18
AVERAGES		21.1	36-126	3.5	22-39	291	1.2	22.8	37-175	4.7	25-39	241	1.2	1.4

2003 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Middle Tenn	NL	20-19
–	Valdosta St	NL	17-45
–	at UCF	NL	29-33
–	at Youngstown St	NL	13-6
–	at Illinois St	NL	28-10
–	Texas St	NL	27-14
–	Nicholls St	NL	31-23
–	Northern Colorado	NL	21-19
–	Gardner-Webb	NL	31-26
–	Siena	NL	51-3
–	† Florida Int'l	NL	32-23

2004 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Hawaii	+21	35-28 OT
–	at North Texas	+7'	20-13
–	at Middle Tenn	+2'	27-20
–	at Texas St	NL	20-13
–	at Northern Colorado	NL	39-24
–	ULM	-14	13-17
–	at Florida A&M	NL	38-8
–	at Troy	+13	6-24
–	New Mexico St	-7	7-35
–	Illinois St	NL	28-0
–	Edward Waters	NL	49-15
–	† Florida Int'l	-13'	17-10

2005 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas	+24	19-30
–	Oklahoma St	+13'	3-23
–	at Minnesota	+30'	7-46
–	ULM	-7'	21-28
–	at Louisville - #24	+39	10-61
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+5'	28-10
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	14-35
–	at Arkansas St	+7'	0-3 OT
–	at Troy	+3'	14-28
–	North Texas	-4	26-23
–	at Florida Int'l	+1	6-52

2006 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Clemson - #18	+31	6-54
–	at Kansas St	+20'	0-45
–	at Oklahoma St	+30	8-48
–	at S Carolina	+28'	6-45
–	at ULM	+14	21-19
–	Southern Utah	NL	32-7
–	Louisiana-Lft	+9	0-6
–	Arkansas St	+6'	29-0
–	at Middle Tenn	+11'	14-35
–	Troy	+4	17-24
–	at North Texas	+4	17-16
–	† Florida Int'l	-4'	31-0

2007 RESULTS

FAU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Middle Tenn	-2'	27-14
–	at Oklahoma St	+23'	6-42
–	† Minnesota	+7	42-39
–	at North Texas	-6'	30-20
–	at Kentucky - #14	+24'	17-45
–	USF - #6	+17	23-35
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-6'	39-32 OT
–	ULM	-6	30-33 3OT
–	Arkansas St	-6'	34-31
–	at Florida - #14	+34'	20-59
–	at Florida Int'l	-10'	55-23
–	at Troy	+16	38-32

TROY TROJANS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Troy had inconsistent QB play in 2005 but in 2006 brought in new OC Tony Franklin and JUCO QB Omar Haugabook. Haugabook threw for 2,425 (56.9%) with 21 TD's and 223 rush yards at JC in '05. I projected him as the starter and he threw for 2,401 (61.3%) with a 21-17 ratio in his first year and was named SBC POY. Haugabook naturally had an even better year as a senior throwing for 2,975 (61.3%) with an 18-15 ratio and was the team's #2 rusher (631 net). This year it is a 4-man battle between 3 soph's that have played in a combined 19 games here and a junior transfer from Richmond, Levi Brown who started 2 and threw for 684 yards in '05 and '06. Soph Jamie Hampton (PS#111) is the most mobile and fits into new OC Brown's style. The other two soph's are Tanner Jones (PS#99) and Jonathan Chandler (6'0" 208, PS#92). Also do not discount true frosh Corey Robinson who ran the exact same offense in HS. He was Mr. Football in Kentucky and set a national HS record with 91 TD's throwing for 5,872 (73.7%) with just 4 int as a senior. It will still be very difficult to replace a VHT like Haugabook (PS#7JC).

RUNNING BACKS - In 2004 Troy signed Kenny Cattouse (PS#98) who was New Jersey's all-time leading HS rusher. He got in 4 games as a true (51 yds). Cattouse rushed for just 314 (3.5) in 2005 and Sean Dawkins added 285 (3.8). In 2006 Cattouse had 810 (4.8) while Dawkins RS (knee inj). Over the last 5 games of '06 Cattouse avg 107.8 ypg including 172 vs ULL. Last year Cattouse had his 4th career 100 yard game (2nd vs ULL) when he rushed for 139. Later he had a career high 205 playing just over 2Q's vs FIU. He also had 112 vs WK but finished with just 791 (5.9). Unheralded true frosh DuJuan Harris (PS#506) rushed for 372 (4.5) and Jamie Hampton added 161 (6.2). Dawkins started 8 at HB and rushed for 100 (4.2). They do get a big-time addition in Maurice Greer (PS#28) who originally signed at Colorado and spent two years at a JUCO. They also add in true frosh Chris Anderson (PS#83). Not listed in the PSL are Xavier Moreland (5'10" 184 Jr, 35 yd), Josh Brownell (5'9" 210 So), Fernandus Edwards (5'8" 180 Jr, PS#332), Josh Millner (5'11" 210 rFr), Quincy Smith (5'8" 170 So, PS#329) who is a Jacksonville St transfer, Jeremy Fomby (5'9" 185 rFr) and HB's Nathan Nolin (6'1" 210 Jr) and Travis King (5'11" 240 Jr). This year they lose Cattouse and Dawkins and while less experienced, if Greer lives up to his potential, they could have improved numbers.

RECEIVERS - Gary Banks was the #2 receiver with 293 (11.7) in 2005. In 2006's new offense he had more than double the catches of the next man with 68 but for only 603 (8.9) while Mykeal Terry had 477 (17.7). Both WR's returned last year. Banks led again with 698 (11.4) but Terry surprisingly dropped to #8 with 186 (8.9). Josh Allen emerged with 462 (14.4) and true frosh Jerrel Jernigan (PS#155QB) was #3 with 337 (11.2). This year they lose both 1st Tm SBC Banks (12 st) and Allen (8 st). Not listed in the PSL are WR's Patrick Cherry (5'11" 200 Jr, PS#205, 42 yd), Willie McDowell (6'1" 184 rFr), Shelby Davis (5'10" 185 Jr), Mario Sullivan (6'2" 180 rFr), Carlos Moore (6'5" 170 So) and TE Travis Boyd (6'3" 228 Jr, 1 st, 52 yd). With the loss of their top 2 receivers, this unit is down a few notches.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 Troy had to replace 4 starters and the inexperienced group only opened holes for 3.0 ypc rush, while allowing 38 sacks (12.8%!). They had to replace 2 starters in '06 but had 8 of their top 10 back and improved to 3.8 ypc and in the new spread offense allowed 29 sacks (7.1%). Last year they once again had to replace 4 starters including 1st & 2nd Tm SBC OL's. In the 2nd year of the offense, the numbers actually improved to 183 ypg rush (4.7), a IA best (for Troy) while the group allowed just 18 sacks (3.5%). Last year's OL did include 2 JUCO's who were in for the spring and both started all year. RT Dion Small earned 1st Tm SBC honors. True frosh Tyler Clark started the last 5 over Will Chambliss III and the unit had great health with the other 4 OL's starting all 12. This is a deep unit and not listed in the PSL are Zach Swindall (6'0" 260 rFr), Matthew Delaney (6'2" 274 rFr, PS#340) and Nathan Bonds (5'10" 200 So). This year the entire 2 deep returns and this is clearly the SBC's top O-line.

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DEFENSIVE LINE - Troy's D-line produced a #2 NFL DC in Osi Umenyiora after the 2002 season and after 2004 a #1 DC in DeMarcus Ware. After yielding just 2.7 ypc rush in 2004, they had to replace all 4 starters and a backup in 2005 and allowed 3.7 ypc rush while the D had just 17 sacks. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters. DE Kenny Mainor was called "the next Ware" and he had 6.5 sacks. Troy yielded 3.7 ypc rush again but with 36 sacks. Last year they had to replace a 2nd Tm SBC NT but had 3 starters returning. Mainor was susp'd for two and Brandon Lang took his place but Lang was lost for the year with a knee injury. It was surprising that with an experienced D-line, Troy allowed 4.9 ypc rush, their worst total in IA ball by over a yard (27 sk). This year they lose DT Chris Bradwell (7 st, 36 tkl, 4 sk, PS#36JC), DT Marcus Pittman (10 st, 22 tkl, 1 sk) and DE Shawn Todd (4 st, 36 tkl, 5.5 sk). Not listed in the PSL are Gary Bonner (6'1" 215 rFr), Josh Henderson (6'1" 270 Sr), Daniel Orr (6'2" 230 rFr, PS#222) and RJ Roberts (6'3" 216 So, PS#156TE). Despite being a little less experienced, they can only improve upon last year's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Troy had to replace one starter last year and opened with a nickel back seven times. I list the NB/SLB position with the LB's. This year they lose WLB Marcus Richardson (12 st, 60 tkl, 6 tfl) and SLB Josh Maxwell (3 st, 14 tkl). Boris Lee led the team in tackles (82) and was 1st Tm SBC despite having zero tackles vs both Fla Int'l and NT. While this unit is equal to last year in terms of experience, they could put up better numbers.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - Troy was #9 in my pass D rankings in 2004 with 25 int which tied a school record. They had two outstanding CB starters in '05 but surprisingly slipped to #87. They lost both of those CB's in '06 and had just 1 starter returning and finished #83. Last year they had to replace a 1st Tm SBC SS but had 7 of the top 8 back and added Fla St transfer Trevor Ford (PS#35). They clearly had the best CB tandem in the SBC with 1st Tm SBC's Leodis McKelvin (12 st, 60 tkl, 2 int, #1DC BUF) and his cohort Elbert Mack (12 st, 51 tkl) who [3-way] tied for the lead in the NCAA in int with 8! They helped Troy move up to #49 (15-15 ratio). This year both outstanding CB's depart, but if PS#14JC Michael Ricks and Trevor Ford (14 career gm) earn starting jobs, they would have 2 VHT CB's in 2008. Not listed in the PSL is Sam Sellers (5'9" 183 So).

SPECIAL TEAMS - Blakeney always puts an emphasis on this unit and they have fared well including a #45 finish in my ST rankings in '04. They slipped some to #77 in '05 and even with super returnman Leodis McKelvin they only moved up to #70 in 2006. McKelvin had another fantastic year in '07 with 3 PR TD's giving him 7 for his career, one short of the NCAA record. McKelvin avg 17.4 on PR and 23.2 on KR. Adrian Vera had 3 punts blocked in the first 4 games and Greg Whibbs took over and avg 41.3 but the team's net was just 32.8. Whibbs hit a super 16 of 18 FG's with a long of 45 and had 13 TB's on 77 KO. Even with McKelvin, Troy finished just #63 and this year lose Whibbs, Vera and McKelvin. The new returnmen figure to be Jerrel Jernigan and DuJuan Harris while I list the replacements at P and K below including PS#18 Michael Taylor.

COACHES - This is Larry Blakeney's 18th year and he has guided the team from Div II to IAA and finally to IA in 2001. The team won three Southland Conference Titles in the final 5 years of IAA ball and in 1999 beat Cincinnati, USF and MT finishing #6 in IAA. In 2006 they brought in new OC Tony Franklin who took them back to the spread. He was an asst with Kentucky during the Mumme years. Under Franklin, the team's ppg moved from 15.9 in '05 to 22.8 in '06 and 34.0 in '07. He moved on to take the OC job at Auburn. The new OC is Neal Brown who is the youngest OC in the NCAA at 27. He played in the system at Kentucky and has been the QB coach here the last 3 years. DC Jeremy Rowell played QB at Troy from 1991-'95. He was the co-DC in '06 along with Mike Pelton but Pelton left for Iowa St last year so Rowell handled the duties by himself. Blakeney is #5 among active coaches in NCAA wins at their current school with a win total of 136.

PHIL'S FORECAST

This is a team that went from Div II to IAA to IA in 13 years. Troy suffered their first losing season in 5 years in 2002 as they upgraded their schedule to take on more IA teams. They expanded their stadium to 30,000 and switched to an AstroPlay surface in 2003. Despite 8 road games, posting the highest travel mileage total in school history (7,270) plus having just 9 starters returning, they managed a 6-6 record. In 2004, they had 17 starters returning, led by an outstanding DL and a schedule which did not have them facing N Texas. I called them the 9th most improved team in the country. They upset Marshall on the road, then beat #19 Missouri at home on ESPN which led to their first IA bowl berth. Despite a 7-5 overall record, they were actually outgained by 26.8 ypg in 2004 while also benefitting from +11 in turnovers. In 2005 they were the least experienced team in the SBC with just 7 starters back. The Trojans were picked 2nd in the preseason SBC poll but I did not make a lot of friends in Troy when I pegged them 6th. As I expected, Troy struggled finishing 4-7 and was -9 in turnovers. In 2006 they had just 10 returning starters (2nd fewest SBC) but did benefit from 4 close wins in SBC play including a miracle win vs MT in which they trailed 20-7 with 3:33 left but won with a TD with :14 left. Troy then thumped CUSA member Rice 41-17 in the bowl. Last year they had 13 returning starters and I called for them to have their best offensive ppg in the last 7 years and they did that by far, avg 34.0 ppg (best since 1995). Troy had a brutal non-conf schedule including traveling to 3 ranked SEC teams (#21 Ark, #4 UF, #10 UGA) but for the 2nd time ever they hosted a BCS school and for the 2nd time, upset a member of the Big XII, this time dominating Okla St (led 41-10). As expected, Troy rolled through the SBC and earned their first ever votes in the AP poll, though they were never officially ranked. After a throttling of MT (45-7) they only had to beat FAU at home to wrap up the SBC but were upset and failed to even make a bowl. Troy outgained SBC foes by 155.7 ypg, almost 100 yards better than FAU but only claimed a share of the SBC Title. Troy did have 2 former players on the SB Champion NYG team in DE Osi Umenyiora and K Lawrence Tynes. This year they have 14 starters back but lose their top-notch QB, top RB and top 2 receivers plus open with a brutal non-conf schedule of LSU, Ohio St and Okla St all on the road. Troy also loses a 1st RD DC & an NFL caliber CB who are impossible to replace. Troy is still talented enough to overcome those losses and should be bowl eligible a 3rd straight year.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Michael Ricks 6-3 190 PS#14JC
RB	Maurice Greer 5-11 205 PS#28 '05
DB	Jorrick Calvin 6-0 200 PS#166JC
WR	Tebiarus Gill 6-3 190 PS#216JC
RB	Chris Anderson 5-10 180 PS#83
DB	Daniel Sheffield 6-4 210 PS#271JC
WR	Darius Morgan 6-4 200 PS#117
DL	Mario Addison 6-4 245 PS#312JC
DL	Tim Lamb 6-1 300 PS#111 '07
LB	Jacoby Thomas 6-2 230 PS#117
DB	DeMarcus Robertson 5-11 195 PS#327JC
DB	Kedric Manning 5-11 190 PS#414JC
QB	Corey Robinson 6-1 190 PS#113
WR	Charles "Chip" Reeves 5-11 180 PS#169
DL	James Searcy 6-3 260 PS#222
LB	Kanorris Davis 5-11 215 PS#222
OL	Jimmie Arnold 6-2 290 PS#309
LB	Johnny Thompson 6-1 210 PS#250
DB	Bryan Willis 6-0 180 PS#317
DL	Chigozie Nwankwo 6-3 260 PS#305
DL	DeAndre Dorn 6-5 300 PS#335
DL	Calvin Francois 6-1 280 PS#336
WR	Gavin Ellis 6-6 210 PS#303
OL	Jacob Creech 6-3 275 PS#298 '07 GS
WR	Felton Payton 6-3 180 PS#320
QB	Dan Parker 6-0 200 PS#258
RB	Tony Mitchell 5-10 175 PS#391
RB	Chris Perry 5-9 165 PS#391
OL	Kyle Wilborn 6-5 280 PS#481
LB	Terrence Williams 6-1 200 PS#408
LB	Talris Brown 6-2 200 PS#408
DL	Stoney Jackson 6-4 220 PS#464
DL	Tony Davis 6-2 250 PS#473
DL	Brandon Boudreaux 6-1 230 PS#381 '07
DB	KeJuan Phillips 5-10 180 PS#500

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON

QB 7 Jamie Hampton So. 6-2 193 PS#111. 1 st, 169 rush, 45 pass true. **11** Tanner Jones (6'0" 194 So) PS#99. 8 gm, 161 (48%), 2-1 ratio. **10** Levi Brown (6'3" 215 Jr) Richmond trans.

FB NA Maurice Greer Jr. 5-11 205 **PS#28. Colorado in '05!** 778 yd, 14 TD at JUCO LY. **32 DuJuan Harris** (5'8" 181 So) PS#506. 372 (4.5) true. Chris Anderson is PS#83.

WR 82 JERREL JERNIGAN SO. 5-10 175 PS#155QB. 5 st true, 337 (11.2). **10** Gerald Tate (5'8" 184 Sr) PS#235JC. 1 st, 222 (10.6) LY. **HB 40** Matt Stidham (6'4" 222 rFr), PS#495.

WR 88 KENNARD BURTON SR. 5-7 167 PS#164JC. L/4 st LY, 219 (12.2). **21** Austin Silvoy (6'2" 189 So) 2 st LY, 111 (11.1). **5** Stanley Jones (6'0" 180 rFr) PS#204. **84** Fred Turner (5'8" 182 Sr).

WR 1 Cornelius Williams Jr. 6-0 183 PS#99. 217 (11.4) LY. Tebiarus Gill (6'3" 190 Jr) PS#216JC. **83** Zack Marcum (5'9" 167 Jr) 2 st, 9 rec 2Y. Justin Bray (5'11" 167 Jr) 1 st, 92 (6.6) 2Y.

WR 81 Mykeal Terry Sr. 5-8 174 8 st '06 477 (17.7). 7 st LY, 186 (8.9). **4** Andrew Davis (5'9" 179 Jr). 2 st, 161 (10.1). **TE 26** Kyle McClure (6'6" 238 Sr). PS#147DL. **Cal trans.**

C 75 DANNY FRANKS JR. 6-3 308 1 st RG rFr. 12 st C LY, 953 pl, 49 kd. **73** Steven Adams (6'3" 304 Jr). 7 gm LY. Jim Bob Williams (6'1" 270 Jr) PS#279. **LS** Derrick Thomas (6'2" 237 Jr).

RG 67 WESLEY POTTER SR. 6-5 339 PS#422JC. 12 st RG LY (670 pl). **63** Windham Rotunda (6'2" 310 Jr) **PS#88JC. 69** Steven Merkel (6'5" 318 Sr) 21 gm 3Y. Murry Keasler (6'0" 299 rFr).

LG 58 TYLER CLARK SO. 6-3 275 L/5 st LG true. **68 Will Chambliss III** (6'6" 304 Sr) 1 st RG '06. 7 st LG LY. **78** Micah Grimes (6'4" 300 rFr) PS#115. Jimmie Arnold (6'2" 290 Fr).

RT 74 DION SMALL SR. 6-2 314 PS#422JC. **1st Tm SBC LY**, 12 st, 980 pl, 59 kd. **66** Nic Riley (6'4" 287 Jr) PS#177. 4 gm 2Y. **62** Emeka Okosa (6'3" 313 Sr) 12 gm in 3Y.

LT 65 CHRIS JAMISON SR. 6-3 310 8 st LG rFr, 534 plays. 13 st LG '06. 12 st LT LY, **HM SBC**, 983 plays, 44 kd. **72** Tyrell Curtis (6'3" 302 Jr) PS#422JC. 1 gm, 6 plays LY, RS.

K 35 Michael Taylor rFr. 5-10 202 **PS#18**. 70 of 75 KO into EZ in HS, hit 56 yd FG. **38** Sam Glusman (5'10" 159 Jr) PS#84. **15** Cody Daniel (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#79.

DEFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON

DE 51 KENNY MAINOR SR. 6-4 227 10 st. 43 tkl rFr. 13 st, 47 tkl, 6.5 sk '06. 6 st (susp 2) 40 tkl, 5 sk LY. **2nd Tm SBC. 54** Jeremy Hawkins (6'3" 229 Jr) 6 tkl LY. Mario Addison PS#312JC.

DT 92 Steve McLendon Sr. 6-4 280 PS#362. 16 tkl true. 7 st, 20 tkl '06. 15 tkl, 1 tfl LY. Tim Lamb (6'1" 300 Fr) PS#111 '07. Orig Aub. Rashad Roussell (6'2" 267 Jr) PS#516JC. RS.

NT 98 DION GALES SR. 6-6 290 **PS#80JC.** 7 st LY, 30 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl. **95** Maurice Coleman (6'0" 290 Sr) 13 tkl, 1 tfl LY. **79** Marlon Quinn (6'3" 295 So). **47** Robert Amuso (6'4" 250 rFr).

DE 91 BRANDON LANG JR. 6-4 238 **PS#84 Georgia '04.** 26 tkl, 4.5 sk '06. 3 st LY (inj). **90 Cameron Sheffield** (6'3" 237 Jr) **11 st**, 27 tkl, 3.5 tfl. John Mark Patrick (6'3" 234 So) 1 tkl.

SLB 50 David McDowell Sr. 6-1 259 **PS#127JC.** 3 st, 15 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. **52** Lennie Richardson (6'1" 208 rFr) PS#354. **53** Carvel Jones (5'11" 215 Sr). **Miss St trans. 32** Erik Groat (6'0" 184 rFr).

MLB 2 BORIS LEE JR. 6-0 212 9 st true, 62 tkl, 6 tfl. **1st Tm SBC LY**, 12 st, 82 tkl, 2 int. **48** Bear Woods (6'0" 216 Sr) 21 tkl LY. **49** Xavier Lamb (5'9" 224 rFr). 21 tkl spg game!

WLB 20 TERENCE MOORE SR. 6-2 216 29 tkl '06. 11 st SS LY, 64 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **43** Trinidy Thomas (6'1" 198 Sr) 5 tkl 3Y. **46** Donnell Golden (6'0" 215 rFr). Jacoby Thomas PS#117.

CB NA Michael Ricks Jr. 6-3 190 **PS#14JC.** Jorrick Calvin (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#166JC. **37** Chris Bowens (6'0" 185 Jr) 10 tkl 2Y. Kedric Manning PS#414JC. Brandon Martin (6'2" 194 rFr).

CB 12 Trevor Ford Sr. 6-0 183 **PS#35 Fla St '04.** 13 tkl '05. 5 tkl LY (inj). DeMarcus Robertson PS#327JC. **27** Darryl Watts (5'10" 189 Sr) 22 tkl 3Y. **34** KeJuan Phillips (5'10" 180 Fr).

SS 15 TAVARES WILLIAMS SR. 6-0 221 PS#341. 13 st FS '06, 58 tkl, 8 pbu. 12 st FS LY, 60 tkl. **23** Bryant McKissic (6'2" 210 So) 9 tkl rFr. **25** Rod Foster (5'10" 180 Sr). Tulsa trans.

FS 6 SHERROD MARTIN SR. 6-1 193 68 tkl true. 78 tkl, 11 pbu '05. RS '06. 7 st LY, 52 tkl, 9 tfl. **18** Courtland Fuller (5'11" 197 Jr) PS#130WR. 17 tkl 2Y. Daniel Sheffield (6'4" 210 Jr) PS#271JC.

P 47 Will Goggans rFr. 6-0 217 PS#53. 41.0 net punt in HS, 75% of KO into EZ. **35** Michael Taylor (5'10" 202 rFr) PS#18. Can play K & P. **38** Sam Glusman (5'10" 159 Jr).

TROY TROJANS

Troy, Alabama
Weather (800) 628-9252

Phil's Homefield Edge-3.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#100

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score TU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	at Middle Tenn (Thur)	A					
Sep. 6	at LSU	G					
Sep. 13	Alcorn St	A					
Sep. 20	at Ohio St	A					
Sep. 27	at Oklahoma St	A					
Oct. 7	at Fla Atlantic (Tues)	G					
Oct. 11							
Oct. 18	Florida Int'l	A					
Oct. 25	at North Texas	A					
Nov. 1	at ULM	A					
Nov. 8	Western Kentucky	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Louisiana-Lft	A					
Nov. 29							
Dec. 6	Arkansas St	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Brock Nutter 7,791 '98-'01
2. Sim Byrd 7,619 '66-'68
3. Omar Haugabook 5,376 '06-'07

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. DeWhitt Betterson 3,441 '01-'04
2. Ted Horstead 2,926 '83-'86
3. Mike Turk 2,533 '84-'87

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Danny Grant 2,907 '66-'69
2. Vince Green 2,281 '67-'70
3. Jason Samples 2,224 '01-'04

Troy is just 4-11 vs Mid Tenn but has won 3 of L/4. Troy is 1-6 in road openers. This game is billed as the "World's Largest Toga Party" for the Palladium Trophy.

Troy is 1-8 all-time vs the SEC but only have been outscored by an avg of 12 ppg. Blakeney was an asst coach at Auburn from 1977-'90 (2-2 vs LSU).

Under Blakeney, Troy is a perfect 17-0 in home openers including OkSt & Missouri the L4Y. The Braves finished 2-8 LY as SWAC members including a 22-0 loss to UAB.

Troy is the only school in the FBS that will face National Champ LSU & runner up OSU in '08. Coming into '08, Troy is 1-13 vs Top 25 foes w/the only win vs #19 Mizzou in '04, 24-14.

The Trojans are 2-8 vs the Big XII including last year's upset of Oklahoma St. LY Troy led 41-10 as OSU had 176 of its 432 yds (41%) in the 4Q, scoring 2 TD's.

LY's loss snapped a 4 gm win streak vs FAU & knocked them out of bowl contention. The Trojans led 9-7 at the half but trailed 35-12 in the 4Q before scoring 3 TD's.

Troy is 4-0 in this series & 11-3 in Sun Belt Conf home games. LY RB Cattouse ran for 205 yds (career high) as the Trojans finished a yd shy of 300 yds rush.

Troy is 4-1 vs N Texas & LY sacked NT QB's a season & school high 9 times. Before last yr's 45-7 win over NT, these two had combined to score just 25 ppg.

Troy is 7-2-1 vs the Warhawks with the 2 losses & tie coming on the road. Trojans are 16-9 (64%) in their last 25 Nov/Dec road games.

The Hilltoppers have posted 12 straight winning seasons including 7-5 LY. Troy is 5-0-1 all-time vs WKU & next yr the Hilltoppers can compete for the SBC Title.

The Trojans are 4-7 vs ULL, but S/'94 are 4-1 as their 1st meeting was in 1946. In the last 3 meetings these two have combined to avg 69 ppg.

Trojans are 2-6 all-time vs ASU (S/'91 their L/4 losses are by a combined 20 pts). Troy is 12-5 in home finales under Blakeney but have dropped the last 3.

LARRY BLAKENEY (Career 44-39) (IAA 92-29-1)

18th Year at Troy
Blakeney's Bowl Record: 1-1

Blakeney's records AT TROY (IA)

44-39	Straight Up	0-7	Vs Top 10
28-5	Home	1-13	Vs Top 25
14-33	Away	3-22	Vs BCS Teams
2-1	Neutral	6-6	Off A Bye
19-8	Vs Conference	19-16	Off A Loss

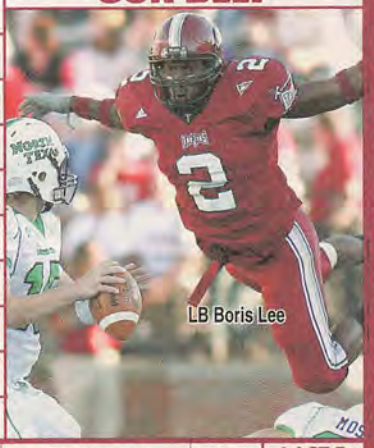
2007 RECORD: (8–4)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7
DEFENSE: 7

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 53 (29,23,1)
Lost: 17 (5,10,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 20,479 (#91)

SUN BELT


LB Boris Lee

STADIUM: MOVIE GALLERY VETERANS STADIUM (30,000) (#106)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	10-2	7-4	4-8	6-6	7-5	4-7	8-5	8-4	54-41
Home	4-1	5-0	3-1	4-0	5-0	3-2	4-1	4-1	32-6
Away	6-1	2-4	0-7	2-6	2-4	1-5	3-4	4-3	20-34
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-1
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	4-2	3-4	6-1	6-1	19-8
vs Non-Conf	–	7-4	4-8	6-6	3-3	1-3	2-4	2-3	25-31
ATS	–	4-3	5-3	4-6	8-4	2-7-1	7-5	8-3	38-31-1
Home Fav	–	0-1	0-1	0-1	3-0	1-1	0-3	3-1	7-8
Home Dog	–	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-2-1	1-0	1-0	4-2-1
Away Fav	–	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-1	2-0	2-1	6-5
Away Dog	–	3-2	5-2	3-5	3-0	1-3	3-2	2-1	20-15
Neutral	–	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	–	3-3	2-4-1	4-3	5-2	14-12-1
vs Non-Conf	–	4-3	5-3	4-6	5-1	0-3	3-2	3-1	24-19
Off SU Win	–	1-2	2-2	1-3	3-4	0-3-1	5-2	6-2	18-18-1
Off SU Loss	–	2-1	2-1	2-3	4-0	2-4	2-3	1-1	15-13

Larry Blakeney

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Kenny Cattouse	133	824	33	791	7	5.9
Omar Haugabook	155	823	192	631	11	4.1
DuJuan Harris	82	387	15	372	0	4.5
Jamie Hampton	26	169	8	161	0	6.2
Sean Dawkins	24	102	2	100	3	4.2

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Omar Haugabook	475	291	61.3	2975	18	15
Tanner Jones	27	13	48.1	161	2	1
Jamie Hampton	11	6	54.5	45	1	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Gary Banks	61	698	11.4	3	53
Josh Allen	32	462	14.4	1	31
Jerrel Jernigan	30	337	11.2	3	46
Kenny Cattouse	37	235	6.4	1	37
Gerald Tate	21	222	10.6	2	21
Kennard Burton	18	219	12.2	3	44
Cornelius Williams	19	217	11.4	2	34
Mykeal Terry	21	186	8.9	1	38
Andrew Davis	16	161	10.1	1	33
Austin Silvoy	10	111	11.1	2	26

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Greg Whibbs	47	1942	41.3	2	32.8(t)	0	19
Adrian Vera	13	468	36.0	3	–	3	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Greg Whibbs	48-49	6-6	5-5	5-7	0-0	16-18	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Boris Lee	82	0	1	4	2
Terence Moore	64	0	1	4	1
Tavares Williams	60	0	2	1	0
Leodis McKelvin	60	0	2.5	9	2
Marcus Richardson	60	2	4	0	1
Sherrod Martin	52	3	6	0	0
Elbert Mack	51	0	2	6	8
Kenny Mainor	40	5	4.5	1	0
Shawn Todd	36	5.5	5	0	0
Chris Bradwell	36	4	4	1	0
Romanique Lewis	30	1	1	2	0
Dion Gales	29	3	5	1	0
Cameron Sheffield	27	1.5	2	1	0
Marcus Pittman	22	1	0.5	1	1
Bear Woods	21	1	0	2	0
Derick Pendergrass	19	0	0	0	0
David McDowell	15	1	1.5	0	0
Steve McLendon	15	0	1	1	0
Josh Maxwell	14	0	1	0	0
Maurice Coleman	13	0	1	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leodis McKelvin	25	436	17.4	3

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Leodis McKelvin	33	765	23.2	0
DuJuan Harris	6	144	24.0	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
04	Silicon Valley	-3	N Illinois	21-34
06	New Orleans	+5	Rice	41-17

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Troy's All-Time Bowl Record 1-1

TROY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	34.0	24	183	4.7	270	60.7	13.3	-1	2007	8	24.6	18	195	4.9	183	56.6	15.4
7*	22.8	17	129	3.8	191	61.8	14.1	-5	2006	3	22.2	19	130	3.7	215	58.0	15.5
3	15.9	17	118	3.0	167	50.3	17.9	-9	2005	4	23.2	18	143	3.7	184	58.5	14.1
8*	23.8	15	167	3.9	117	42.7	11.9	+11	2004	9	16.7	17	101	2.7	210	53.4	18.7
5*	15.4	16	155	3.6	139	42.4	19.1	+4	2003	4	22.7	18	126	3.4	224	59.0	15.4
8	18.2	18	176	3.9	127	43.3	16.7	-10	2002	8	21.0	15	105	2.8	172	52.1	13.2

2007 STATS BY GAME

TU ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
73,926	at Arkansas	20	31-162	5.2	17-49	214	1	22	50-350	7.0	13-22	157	1	+1
90,244	at Florida	21	26-53	2.0	29-52	283	1	28	46-264	5.7	18-25	236	2	0
24,102	Oklahoma St	29	48-174	3.6	34-49	388	1	20	38-241	6.3	18-37	191	1	+3
14,091	at Louisiana-Lft	26	43-271	6.3	30-43	297	0	22	46-345	7.5	21-41	159	0	-1
18,273	ULM	20	26-101	3.9	29-49	288	0	14	40-189	4.7	18-26	114	2	+1
5,723	at Florida Int'l	25	39-299	7.7	24-39	195	2	15	34-81	2.4	19-41	248	2	+2
23,887	North Texas	21	35-137	3.9	28-43	356	1	13	35-26	0.7	23-41	179	9	-5
14,694	at Arkansas St	17	43-200	4.7	16-26	168	0	11	34-116	3.4	12-28	121	5	0
92,746	at Georgia	23	32-115	3.6	34-52	373	3	18	37-240	6.5	19-32	225	0	-1
16,972	at W Kentucky	17	44-241	5.5	13-26	122	2	20	49-256	5.2	12-23	160	2	+2
18,242	Middle Tenn	37	56-263	4.7	24-39	288	5	12	28-93	3.3	18-28	116	2	0
17,893	Florida Atlantic	27	39-175	4.5	36-50	271	2	23	37-141	3.8	23-34	291	1	-3
TOTALS		283	462-2191	4.7	314-517	3243	18	218	474-2342	4.9	214-378	2197	27	-1
AVERAGES		23.6	39-183	4.7	26-43	270	1.5	18.2	40-195	4.9	18-32	183	2.3	-0.1

2003 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas St - #7	+37'	5-41
–	at Minnesota	+24'	7-48
–	at UAB	+11'	20-9
–	SE Louisiana	NL	28-0
–	Marshall	+12'	33-24
–	at Nebraska - #12	+27	0-30
–	Florida Int'l	NL	21-10
–	at Virginia	+21	0-24
–	at North Texas	+10'	0-21
–	at Middle Tenn	+4	20-27
–	at Utah St	+6'	23-14
–	ULM	-14'	28-24

2004 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Marshall	+14'	17-15
–	Missouri - #19	+11'	24-14
–	at New Mexico St	-10	18-22
–	at South Carolina	+14	7-17
–	Utah St	-14	49-21
–	at Arkansas St	-13	9-13
–	at LSU - #18	+24	20-24
–	Idaho	-24'	47-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-13	24-6
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-13	13-10
–	Middle Tenn	-14	37-17

2005 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Cal Poly	NL	27-10
–	UAB	+9'	7-27
–	at Missouri	+20	21-52
–	at South Carolina	+20	20-45
–	at North Texas	+2	13-10
–	at ULM	-1'	3-27
–	Florida Int'l	-9'	18-13
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3	28-31 OT
–	Florida Atlantic	-3'	28-14
–	at Arkansas St	+3	3-9
–	Middle Tenn	+6'	7-17

2006 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Alabama St	NL	38-0
–	at Florida St - #9	+29'	17-24
–	at Georgia Tech	+17'	20-35
–	at Nebraska - #23	+23'	0-56
–	at UAB	+5'	3-21
–	ULM	-9	24-19
–	North Texas	-10'	14-6
–	Louisiana-Lft	+1	42-28
–	at Florida Atlantic	-4	24-17
–	Arkansas St	-8	26-33
–	at Middle Tenn	+7	21-20
–	at Florida Int'l	-10'	26-13

2007 RESULTS

TU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Arkansas - #21	+23'	26-46
–	at Florida - #4	+26'	31-59
–	Oklahoma St	+10'	41-23
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-9	48-31
–	ULM	-13	24-7
–	at Florida Int'l	-18'	34-16
–	North Texas	-21'	45-7
–	at Arkansas St	-5	27-0
–	at Georgia - #10	+15	34-44
–	at W Kentucky	NL	21-17
–	Middle Tenn	-12	45-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-16	32-38

ULM WARHAWKS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2006

QUARTERBACKS - Steven Jyles departed in '05 as the SBC and ULM's all-time career passing leader. Kinsmon Lancaster played a slash role as a rFr in '05 hitting 7 of 24 for 54 yards while rushing for 270. Lancaster won the job in 2006 and Weatherbie said he was quicker than Jyles but that he was a soph as opposed to a 4-year veteran senior. Lancaster struggled with injuries midseason in '06 and fans started to call for backup QB Chance Payne, who hit 34 of 58 for 404 with a 2-1 ratio for the season. Lancaster led the NCAA with 13 int in the first 8 but had just 1 in the last 4 games and the team avg'd 34 ppg over the final 4 cementing Lancaster as the starter. For the season he threw for 1,789 (56.8%) with a poor 7-14 ratio but was the #3 rusher. Last year they moved Payne to LB so the backup became rFr Trey Revell (PS#191). Lancaster started slowly throwing for just 109 ypg in the first 4. He had a solid game vs Ark St but was knocked out with an injury after hitting 7 of 16 vs N Texas with 2 int. Revell hit 14 of 29 for 196 and with Lancaster not 100%, Weatherbie opted to start Revell vs FIU. With the team not scoring on the first 4 poss, Lancaster came in and hit 16 of 21 for 257 and Revell did not attempt another pass. For the season Lancaster threw for 156 ypg and increased his completion % to 59.2 and ratio to 13-10 (518 rush). Lancaster returns for his senior season and adding depth behind Revell are Antron Mason (6'0" 203 rFr, PS#311) and this year's true frosh. I look for Lancaster to have his best season yet.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 soph Calvin Dawson led the team with 666 yards (4.9). No ULM RB had led the conf in rushing since 1993 (Irving Spikes). Then Calvin Dawson, who did not start the first 2 in 2006 due to poor practice habits, took charge. He topped 100 yds seven times and led the SBC in rushing with 1,210 (5.7). Dawson, who finished '06 with 5 straight 100 yard games, opened '07 with 5 straight but had his 10 game 100+ yard streak stopped against NT of all teams(#115 rush D). He topped 100 in the next four but surprisingly had just 91 and 66 in his final two. He led the SBC in rushing a second straight year and leaves as ULM's career rushing leader. His successor, Frank Goodin (PS#207), topped 100 yards twice and rushed for 596 (5.1) and he was actually named HM SBC. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Quinton West (5'8" 176 So) and Robert Williams Jr (6'0" 180 rFr). Naturally with the loss of the top rusher in the SBC, this unit looks down a few notches but keep an eye on true frosh Luther Ambrose who Weatherbie says is the fastest kid he has ever signed.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 ULM had to replace 4 of their top 5 receivers including an All SBC WR and TE. LaGregory Sapp led the team with 796 (18.5) while TE Zeek Zacharie added 405 (13.5) and Darrell McNeal had 276 (11.0). All 3 returned last year but it was McNeal who led with 502 (9.3). Zacharie (Wk 9 John Mackey Award Recipient) had 437 (12.1) and Sapp had 486 (14.7). All 3 return again. Not listed in the 3 deep below are TE Justin Waller (6'3" 230 Jr, 1 st) and WR Zack Streeter (6'1" 190 rFr). This looks like one of the SBC's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 ULM had 3 soph and 2 true frosh starters, who opened holes for 3.9 ypc rush while allowing just 9 sacks (2.2%). Of course having a mobile QB like Steven Jyles helped. In 2006 they had all 5 starters back but one lost his job and they improved to 4.2 ypc rush while allowing just 13 sacks (4.2%). Last year ULM had one of the most experienced OL's in the country with 128 career starts returning and LT Kyle Cunningham and C Adam Hill ended up starting every game in their 4 year careers (46) with those two leading, the OL allowed just 49 sacks during their 4 year careers. ULM improved again,

OL Aaron Schutz

this time to a school IA best 209 ypg rushing and 4.5 ypc while allowing 18 sacks (5.4%). Those 18 sacks were actually the most allowed under OC/OL coach Steve Farmer whose first two units allowed just 9 sacks. This year three long-time starters depart in LT Cunningham, C Hill and LG Patrick Avinger (3Y st'r, 12 st LY) as well as backup RG Brent Gregston (1 st, 3 gm). Six of the top 10 are back and this looks like a strong unit but is less experienced than the last two versions. They do add two JUCO's who were in for the spring.

DEFENSIVE LINE - After an experienced defensive front in 2005 yielded 190 ypg rush (4.6), ULM had to replace all 4 starters in 2006 but still managed to improve to 150 (4.3) but the team had just 19 sacks. JUCO's David Cooper and Kendall Mouton did not take over as starters until the final five. Last year they only had to replace one starter and had 7 of the top 8 back including 5 with starting experience. Surprisingly the numbers did not improve as they allowed 154 ypg (4.4) with 20 sacks. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC NT David Cooper (12 st, 5 sk) and backup NT Ricky Williams (13 tkl, 1.5 sk). Not listed in the 3 deep is Victor Gaines (6'1" 250 Sr, 6 tkl). Weatherbie brought in 3 JUCO DT's including 300 pounders Alex Ford and Aaron Williams to shore up the run defense and the numbers will improve this year.

LINEBACKERS - In 2003 ULM switched to a 4-2-5 defense but I list one of their safety positions (BAN) under LB. Last year they only had to replace one starter and this year the only losses are LB Matt Freeman (1 st, 23 tkl) and Ben Murphy (5 tkl). They add JUCO Troy Giddens who has 4.32 speed and originally signed at LSU. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jeremy Moll (6'1" 220 Sr, 8 tkl), Lincston Jones (6'0" 213 rFr) and Alex Ibe (6'3" 197 So, PS#219). Kenneth Dorsey had 6 tackles in his first game as a true frosh but was injured and RS and could have a big impact as well. This is a very experienced LB corps and one of the SBC's best.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ULM has finished as high as #57 in my pass D rankings (2004). In 2006 they had 2 starters back and finished at #74 (#100 in '05). Last year they had to replace three starters including a #5 DC but had 4 players back with starting experience. Josh Thompson (12 st '06) was lost after 3 starts to injury and CB Greg James was forced to move to FS where he earned 2nd Tm SBC honors. Surprisingly they moved up to #68. This year they must replace CB Darrius Battles (11 st, 55 tkl, 10 pbu) and CB Quintez Secka (12 st, 51 tkl, 5 int, 10 pbu) but do have 6 of their top 8 back plus Thompson should be healthy in the fall. Not listed in the PSL are FS's Adrian Joseph (5'11" 180 rFr) and Jamiah Holder (6'0" 175 So). While it will be tough to match last year's strong finish, it wouldn't surprise me to see James move back to CB to give them 3 solid experienced starters.

SPECIAL TEAMS - ULM's highest ever finish in my ST rankings is #80. In 2006 Cole Wilson hit 14 of 15 FG's with his only miss from 50. The star of the unit and the most versatile player in the NCAA was Kevin Payne who played DB, punted (32.4 net) and was one of the top returnmen. Last year they had to replace Payne and Wilson slumped some hitting just 10 of 15 FG's with a long of 41 and only att'd 3 from 40+. True frosh Radi Jabour (PS#11) attempted just 1 kick from 53 yards and missed it. He had 8 career FG's from 50+ in HS. Scott Love (PS#71) stepped into the P role and earned 1st Tm SBC honors. Wilson had 7 TB on 53 KO and the unit finished #87. This year they lose Wilson but have everyone else back. I give this group a good shot at having their best finish yet in my ST rankings.

COACHES - Charlie Weatherbie was hired AFTER spring practice in 2003 and he retained Mike Collins' entire staff for that season. Weatherbie was the HC at Navy and Utah St and took both to bowls. Last year he moved OC Bob Leahy to RB coach and OL coach Steve Farmer was promoted to co-OC along with TE coach Nate Kaczor. ULM showed modest improvement going from 21.8 to 23.5 ppg but did have 5 preseason All-SBC selections on the roster. Kaczor left for the Jacksonville Jaguars, so Farmer is the sole OC this year. Kim Dameron took over as the DC in '05 after spending 4 years as the DC at Stephen F. Austin. Last year he guided the #1 rush D in the SBC but he and DB coach Ron Dickerson left for Ole Miss. The new co-DC's are Phil Elmassian, who has been the Nebraska DB coach the last 4 years and was a DC at EC, Minny, VT, Syr, Wash and Purdue, and Manny Michel who is in his first year as DC here but 10th year as an asst at ULM.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Charlie Weatherbie stepped into a difficult situation, taking over the team in May 2003 after spring ball. His first year was also hit hard with bad luck as they had 6 losses by 7 pts or less and were -19 in turnovers to finish 1-11. With 15 starters back in '04 (2nd most in SBC), I pegged the 1-11 team to finish 4th in the SBC and that is precisely where they finished while they were projected near the basement by most others. They moved up to 5-6 almost becoming bowl eligible. Had they won their season finale vs ULL in 2005, they would have won the SBC Title but they were blown out 54-21. Their opening day loss to IAA Northwestern St, a game they led 23-0 at the half, kept them from a winning record. In 2006 ULM missed four key 2 pt conversions and had they made them they would have been a 7-3 team instead of 2-8 after 10 games. They led MT 21-14 at the half and UK 34-33 after 3Q's. In '06 ULM had 5 net close losses and finished 4-8. Last year I called them Weatherbie's best team yet and they had their first non-losing season in his five years (tm 13 years) at 6-6. After playing 4 powerhouses to open up the season at 0-4, they went 6-2 over their final 8 games. They suffered a tough loss to NT, a game in which they gave up a 99 yard TD pass and 2 IR TD's, but did get past Florida Atlantic in 3 OT's. After a 3 pt loss to MT, a game in which they had a 30-23 FD edge, they won their last 3 including a stunning upset of Alabama on the road. They finished tied for 3rd in the SBC and outgained SBC foes by 12.3 ypg (#3). This year they get 4 conf home games which is a key to their finish in SBC play. They have my #3 rated D in the SBC and a veteran QB. Last year's upset of Alabama will give them plenty of confidence and they get both FAU and Troy at home. This is Weatherbie's best team yet which gives them a solid shot at a winning season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN MAROON — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN MAROON — DEFENSE

QB 7 KINSMON LANCASTER SR. 5-11 202 1 st WR rFr. 22 st QB 2Y, 3655 (58%), 20-24 ratio, 982 rush. **12** Trey Revell (6'4" 210 So) PS#191. 235 pass rFr. **4** Antron Mason (6'0" 203 rFr).

RB 5 Frank Goodin So. 5-9 194 PS#207. 596 (5.1) rFr, **HM SBC**. Luther Ambrose (5'9" 165 Fr) PS#103. 4.29 spd. **33** Gary Frazier (5'8" 209 Jr). Short yardage back. 15 gm 2Y.

WR 3 DARRELL McNEAL JR. 6-0 210 PS#141 QB. 11 st rFr, 276 (11.0), 287 ret yd. 12 st LY, 502 (9.3). **8** Al Lewis (5'10" 189 So) PS#347 QB. **17** Tim Taylor (5'9" 160 rFr) PS#246.

WR 18 LaGREGORY SAPP SR. 6-3 200 11 gm true. 12 st '06, **2nd Tm SBC**, 796 **(18.5!)**. 12 st LY, 486 (14.7). **16** Jeremy Stafford (6'2" 191 rFr). **14** Anthony McCall (6'1" 170 rFr).

WR 6 MARTY HUMPHREY SR. 6-1 187 11 st 3Y, 552 (13.5). **9** Aaron Stringfellow (5'11" 186 Jr) 11 st 2Y, 182 (9.6). Missed spg '08. **1** JJ McCoy (5'10" 165 Jr) 216 (13.5) '06. Inj '07.

TE 15 ZEEK ZACHARIE SR. 6-3 240 3 st rFr. **2nd Tm SBC '06 & '07**. 405 (13.5) '06. 9 st LY, 437 (12.1). **Mitch Doyle** (6'4" 280 Jr) **12 st**, 24 yd 3Y. Alvin Jordan (6'2" 225 So) PS#200LB.

C 53 Keating Helms Jr. 6-2 300 PS#189JC in spg. **65** Brett Thompson (6'3" 270 Jr) PS#442. 1 st RG, 7 gm LY. **LS 60** Brandon Woodside (5'11" 245 Sr). Richard Ledet (5'9" 205 rFr).

RG 64 Andrew Stout So. 6-2 290 PS#335. 2nd string rFr, 4 gm. **67** AJ DeGroot (6'5" 275 So) PS#412. 7 gm rFr. Daniel Hanson PS#321. Emmanuel Lockett (6'2" 325 Jr).

LG 70 AARON SCHUTZ SR. 6-3 310 PS#270. 11 st LG true, 50 kd. 12 st LG '06, 63 kd. 10 st RG LY. **77** Cade Burks (6'5" 285 rFr). Adam Bertrand PS#434. Alex Chance (6'0" 255 So).

RT 76 LARRY SHAPPLEY SR. 6-5 290 **PS#100**. 11 st RT true, 55 kd. 10 st RT '06, 52 kd. 12 st RT LY. **68** Kyle Kersten (6'4" 285 Sr) 2nd string 3Y. Brent Knotts (6'6' 295 rFr) PS#377.

LT 78 Ryan Dercher Jr. 6-6 295 PS#225JC. In for spring. **71** Doug Stroud (6'6" 330 So) PS#78. 2 gm LY. **69** Justin Roberts (6'5" 291 rFr) PS#606. Josh Andrews (6'5" 325 So) 5 gm.

K 85 Radi Jabour rFr. 6-2 183 **PS#11!** 8 career FG over 50 yds in HS, long 59. 151-152 on xp last 2 years in HS. 0-1 on FG here LY (53 yd att) but still RS.

DE 58 ALARIC COLEMAN JR. 6-3 250 PS#106 LB. 9 tkl rFr. 12 st LY, 45 tkl, 3.5 sk, 7.5 tfl. **43** Travis Eickman (6'3" 230 Sr). 1 st 3Y, 47 tkl, 5 tfl. **55** Troy Evans (6'1" 236 rFr) PS#225.

NT 90 DeMarcus Carmouche Sr. 6-5 293 PS#192. 7 st, 15 tkl, 2 sk '06. 7 tkl LY. **87 Thomas Robinson PS#183JC** in spring. **96 Aaron Williams PS#147JC.** Patrick Frazier (6'3" 280 Sr).

DT 98 KENDALL MOUTON SR. 6-2 305 PS#428JC. Last 5 st '06, 11 tkl. 12 st '07, 34 tkl, 7 tfl. **92 Alex Ford PS#146JC** in spg. Brandon McCray (6'1" 278 rFr). Anthony Montgomery (6'4" 250 rFr).

DE 93 AARON MORGAN JR. 6-5 215 PS#241. 7 tkl, **4 sk** true. 8 st LY, **HM SBC**, 34 tkl, 3 sk, 5 tfl. **Jameson Jordan** (6'5" 235 Jr) **12 st**, 25 tkl rFr. 3 st, 14 tkl '07. Jordan Landry (6'3" 205 rFr) PS#176.

LB 50 JOSH THOMAS JR. 6-1 195 18 tkl, 3 tfl true. 12 st '07, 61 tkl, 5 tfl. **13** Chance Payne (6'2" 230 Sr). 404 pass yd QB '06. 14 tkl LY. **52** Kenneth Dorsey (6'0" 250 rFr) 6 tkl, inj LY.

LB 51 CARDIA JACKSON JR. 6-2 228 PS#181. 12 st true, 58 tkl, 2.5 tfl. 9 st LY, **2nd Tm SBC**, 79 tkl, 9 tfl. Theo Smith (5'11" 200 So) PS#500. 2 st, 29 tkl true. CC Carpenter (6'0" 230 rFr).

BAN 34 JAMES TRUXILLO JR. 6-1 190 4 st rFr, 35 tkl. 10 st LY, 68 tkl, 2 int, 6 pbu. Troy Giddens (6'0" 210 So) PS#71LB. **Orig at LSU. 4.32 spd.** Bridger Durham (5'11" 190 Sr) 3 tkl LY.

CB 24 Tay Ogletree So. 6-0 195 PS#226RB. 1 st LY, 19 tkl, 1 pbu. John Turner (6'1" 200 Sr) PS#433JC. 3 tkl LY. Alex Blake (5'11" 170 So). 5 tkl rFr. Jason Edwards (6'0" 230 rFr).

CB 22 Otis Stamps Jr. 5-10 175 PS#184JC. 12 int at JC. Nate Brown (5'10" 175 rFr) PS#348RB. Eddie Webb (6'0" 180 Sr) 3 st, 14 tkl '05. Sean Hornberger (5'10" 180 rFr).

ROV 28 JOSH THOMPSON JR. 6-2 215 PS#222. 5 st, 40 tkl true. 12 st '06, 83 tkl, 6 int. 3 st LY, 22 tkl until inj. **Jered Berry** (5'11" 205 So) 8 st true, 43 tkl, 6 tfl. Shaquille Belson (5'11" 210 rFr).

FS 2 GREG JAMES JR. 6-1 195 9 st CB '06, 46 tkl, 5 int, 5 pbu. 12 st S LY, 77 tkl, 5 int, 5 pbu. Preston Fuller (6'0" 197 So) 2 st rFr, 11 tkl. Jonathon Price (6'0" 175 rFr) 1 tkl, still RS.

P 48 SCOTT LOVE JR. 6-0 190 PS#71. P/DB in HS, 13 int. 5 punt '06. 70 punt in '07, 42.1 avg & **team net of 37.5! 1st Tm SBC**. **85** Radi Jabour (6'2" 183 rFr) **PS#11**.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Alex Ford 6-1 310 PS#146JC
DL	Aaron Williams 6-0 300 PS#147JC
DB	Troy Giddens 6-0 210 PS#71LB '06
DL	Thomas Robinson 6-0 285 PS#183JC
DB	Otis Stamps 5-10 175 PS#184JC
OL	Keating Helms 6-2 300 PS#189JC
OL	Ryan Dercher 6-6 295 PS#225JC
RB	Luther Ambrose 5-9 165 PS#103
RB	Carl Elie 5-9 195 PS#155
DL	Casey Nascisse 5-10 275 PS#285
QB	Jonathan Movant 6-1 200 PS#155
OL	Daniel Hanson 6-2 285 PS#321
LB	DaCorris Ford 6-2 215 PS#327DB
WR	Julian Griffin 6-2 190 PS#248
DL	Michael Autwell 6-3 230 PS#315
WR	Johnelle Derouselle 6-1 165 PS#320
OL	Adam Bertrand 6-4 320 PS#434
TE	Keavon Milton 6-4 230 PS#421DL
DB	Giorgio Bryant 6-1 175 PS#456
OL	Jonathan Gill 6-3 280 PS#481
QB	Cody Wells 5-11 180 PS#285

ULM WARHAWKS

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CHARLIE WEATHERBIE (Career 66-101)
6th Year at ULM
Weatherbie's Bowl Record: 2-0

Weatherbie's records AT ULM

21-37	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
10-13	Home	0-6	Vs Top 25
11-24	Away	1-13	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	1-5	Off A Bye
17-17	Vs Conference	12-23	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (6-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 8

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 38 (14,22,2)
Lost: 15 (6,8,1)

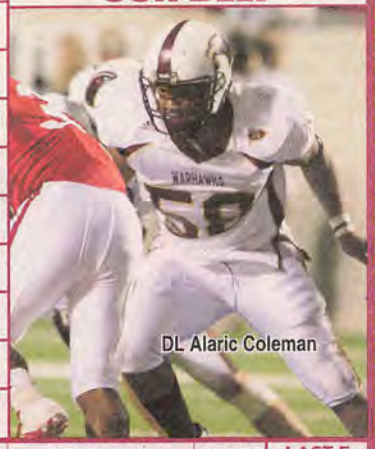
2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,651 (#104)

SUN BELT

Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#117

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ULM	Final Score Opp	W	L	
Aug. 30	at Auburn	G						ULM is 3-29-1 all-time vs the SEC including beating Alabama, 21-14 last year. Warhawks are 0-14 since 1994 in road openers being shutout 4 times.
Sep. 6	at Arkansas	A						Weatherbie was an assistant coach with Arkansas in 1990 (QB) & 1991 (OC). ULM is 0-7 vs Arkansas with the avg loss by 29 ppg (closest loss by 12 pts).
Sep. 13	Alabama A&M	A						First meeting. ULM is 1-6 in home openers since '01, only win vs Alcorn St in '06. Bulldogs finished 8-3 LY & they have never played an FBS opponent.
Sep. 20	at Tulane	A						ULM was drilled 52-9 in their last & only game vs Tulane in 2002. Warhawks are 2-5 since 2002 prior to a bye & 9-13 vs current CUSA foes.
Sep. 27								
Oct. 4	Louisiana-Lft	A						ULM has won 5 of 6 & 8 of 11 vs ULL in the annual "Battle of the Bayou". This is the earliest they've played since annual rivalry started in '97 (ssn finale L4Y).
Oct. 11	at Arkansas St	A						The home team is 4-1 the last 5 years in this series (avg win by 7 ppg). Down 13-0 early 2Q, ULM scored 30 unanswered pts LY for their largest margin of victory.
Oct. 18	North Texas (HC)	A						Last time hosting NT ('06), ULM held them to just 137 yds (fewest allowed since rejoining IA in '94). ULM is 8-4 vs North Texas & has won 5 of 6 at home.
Oct. 25	Florida Atlantic	A						This series started in 2004 & the visitor has won all 4 of their meetings. ULM is 3-1 vs FAU. LY ULM lead 24-14 in the 4Q, but FAU rallied to force OT & ULM won in 3 OT's.
Nov. 1	Troy	A						This series started on the IAA level in 1970 & ULM is 2-7-1 vs Troy. These schools only have avg'd 37 ppg in their meetings. HT has won 4 straight.
Nov. 8	at Middle Tennessee	A						These two teams have combined to score 66 ppg in their 6 SBC meetings. The Warhawks are 10-17 in Nov/Dec regular season road games the L13Y.
Nov. 15	at Mississippi	A						ULM has lost both meetings vs Miss, they allowed 612 yds in their last gm in '03. Coming into 2008, the Warhawks are 6-36 the last 8 years in non-conf games.
Nov. 22	at Florida Int'l	A						The Warhawks are 3-1 in this series & 7-4 in season finales. Last & only time here in 2006, ULM posted their 1st shutout since 1999, 35-0.
Nov. 29								

CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Steven Jyles 8,987 '02-'05	1. Calvin Dawson 3,378 '04-'07	1. Stepfret Williams 3,177 '92-'95
2. John Holman 7,827 '79-'82	2. Roosevelt Potts 3,061 '90-'92	2. Marty Booker 2,784 '95-'98
3. Raymond Philyaw 7,061 '93-'96	3. Joe Profit 2,818 '67-'70	3. Mack Vincent 2,673 '00-'03



STADIUM: MALONE STADIUM (30,427) (#100)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Pro Play)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	3-9	1-11	5-6	5-6	4-8	6-6	27-65
Home	1-4	1-4	3-3	0-5	3-1	2-3	2-2	3-2	15-24
Away	0-6	1-5	0-6	1-6	2-5	3-3	2-6	3-4	12-41
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-0	2-4	2-4	1-5	4-3	5-2	3-4	4-3	21-25
vs Non-Conf	1-10	0-5	1-5	0-6	1-3	0-4	1-4	2-3	6-40
ATS	1-7	6-4	6-5	4-6	5-6	6-4	8-3	7-4	43-39
Home Fav (Bobby Keaster)	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-3	0-2	1-1	1-0	3-8
Home Dog (Bobby Keaster)	1-0	2-2	3-1	1-2	0-0	2-0	0-1	2-1	11-7
Away Fav (Charlie Weatherbie)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	4-1
Away Dog (Charlie Weatherbie)	0-6	4-2	3-3	3-4	3-3	3-2	6-1	3-2	25-23
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	0-0	5-1	4-2	3-3	2-4	5-2	5-2	5-2	29-16
vs Non-Conf	1-7	1-3	2-3	1-3	3-2	1-2	3-1	2-2	14-23
Off SU Win (Bobby Keaster (1-3)/Mike Collett (4-1-2))	0-1	0-2	1-1	0-1	1-3	2-3	3-0	4-1	11-12
Off SU Loss	1-5	6-2	4-4	4-4	3-3	4-1	5-3	3-2	30-24

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

ULM's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

ULM'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
10*	23.5	21	209	4.5	177	57.7	16.4	+1	2007	6	27.7	21	154	4.4	261	57.8	15.0
8	21.8	17	155	4.2	193	57.2	15.9	+10	2006	5	22.3	19	150	4.3	196	59.4	15.6
8*	21.7	20	141	3.9	210	53.6	16.2	+1	2005	5	30.8	22	190	4.6	210	58.1	13.0
7*	19.2	20	140	3.8	213	55.5	18.4	-1	2004	8	27.5	22	177	4.5	211	59.4	14.1
6*	19.9	18	99	3.0	221	53.3	16.1	-19	2003	5	38.9	21	182	4.2	232	59.6	10.7
8	19.7	18	122	3.5	222	48.3	17.5	-7	2002	9	37.6	23	196	4.7	238	60.0	11.5

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Calvin Dawson	281	1529	115	1414	12	5.0
Frank Goodin	116	616	20	596	4	5.1
Kinsmon Lancaster	107	518	120	398	1	3.7
Trey Revell	12	76	18	58	0	4.8
Darrell McNeal	20	58	24	34	1	1.7
Aaron Stringfellow	4	24	1	23	0	5.8
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Kinsmon Lancaster	294	174	59.2	1866	13	10
Trey Revell	39	19	48.7	235	3	1
Chance Payne	1	1	100.0	19	0	0
Darrell McNeal	2	0	0.0	0	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Darrell McNeal	54	502	9.3	4	34	
LaGregory Sapp	33	486	14.7	3	48	
Zeek Zacharie	36	437	12.1	6	46	
Calvin Dawson	29	262	9.0	0	24	
Marty Humphrey	13	170	13.1	1	40	
Frank Goodin	11	117	10.6	1	20	
Aaron Stringfellow	12	103	8.6	1	31	
Al Lewis	2	15	7.5	0	9	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**in20**
Scott Love	70	2946	42.1	8	37.5(t)	0	23
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Cole Wilson	32-33	7-9	2-3	1-3	0-0	10-15	41
Radi Jabour	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Cardia Jackson	79	0.5	8.5	2	0
Greg James	77	0	2	5	5
James Truxillo	68	1	2	6	2
Josh Thomas	61	0	5	1	0
Darrius Battles	55	0	2	10	0
Quintez Secka	51	0	1	10	5
Alaric Coleman	45	7.5	3.5	0	0
Jered Berry	43	1	5	4	0
David Cooper	35	5	4	1	1
Kendall Mouton	34	2.5	4.5	0	0
Aaron Morgan	34	3	5	2	0
Theo Smith	29	0	1	0	0
Matt Freeman	23	0	0	0	0
Josh Thompson	22	0	2	1	1
Tay Ogletree	19	0	0	1	0
Travis Eickman	19	0	2	1	0
Chance Payne	14	0	0	0	1
Jameson Jordan	14	0	1	0	0
Ricky Williams	13	1.5	0.5	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Darrell McNeal	12	94	7.8	0	
Darrius Battles	10	68	6.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Frank Goodin	28	615	22.0	0	
Tay Ogletree	13	230	17.7	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

ULM 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
22,022	Tulsa	16	43-212	4.9	7-21	66	1	28	55-216	3.9	22-31	307	1	+1
77,628	at Clemson	24	53-271	5.1	13-30	148	1	25	28-184	6.6	26-34	319	2	0
77,309	at Texas A&M	23	44-215	4.9	15-27	133	0	30	42-310	7.4	19-35	237	0	-1
18,273	at Troy	14	40-189	4.7	18-26	114	2	20	26-101	3.9	29-49	288	0	-1
12,088	Arkansas St	23	52-235	4.5	15-23	195	1	16	28-170	6.1	14-35	206	1	+3
18,973	at North Texas	22	40-130	3.3	21-45	291	4	17	39-171	4.4	16-30	202	4	-1
8,814	Florida Int'l	21	40-160	4.0	17-24	270	3	15	38-125	3.3	15-36	198	5	0
16,902	at Fla Atlantic	21	47-207	4.4	23-36	201	0	25	33-128	3.9	35-55	317	0	0
10,228	Middle Tenn	30	47-360	7.7	24-38	264	2	23	35-98	2.8	22-29	401	0	-4
30,101	Grambling St	22	53-212	4.0	16-23	178	1	9	24-(-4)	-0.2	14-33	169	5	-2
92,138	at Alabama	17	44-121	2.8	14-24	161	2	23	35-163	4.7	21-31	246	0	+4
8,045	at Louisiana-Lft	18	52-196	3.8	11-19	99	1	21	37-180	4.9	19-38	240	2	+2
TOTALS		251	555-2508	4.5	194-336	2120	18	252	420-1842	4.4	252-436	3130	20	+1
AVERAGES		20.9	46-209	4.5	16-28	177	1.5	21.0	35-154	4.4	21-36	261	1.7	0.1

2003 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at LSU - #14	+34'	7-49
–	Stephen F. Austin	NL	21-23
–	at Mississippi	+28	14-59
–	Northwestern St	NL	10-14
–	at Utah St	+13'	10-28
–	at Arkansas St	+7'	41-44
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+4	45-42
–	New Mexico St	+4	14-21
–	at Auburn	+37	7-73
–	North Texas	+17'	26-28
–	Idaho	+1'	20-58
–	at Troy	+14'	24-28

2004 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	at Auburn - #17	+38	0-31
–	at Arkansas	+31	20-49
–	Arkansas St	-6	21-28
–	at Wyoming	+14	10-31
–	at Idaho	-1	16-14
–	Florida Int'l	-9'	28-20
–	at Florida Atlantic	+14	17-13
–	at North Texas	+8	30-45
–	Utah St	-6'	32-25
–	at Middle Tenn	+6	24-37
–	Louisiana-Lft	-4	13-10

2005 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Northwestern St	NL	23-27
–	at Wyoming	+21	0-38
–	at Georgia - #7	+39	7-44
–	at Florida Atlantic	+7'	28-21
–	Arkansas St	+3	31-27
–	at Arkansas	+26	15-44
–	Troy	+1'	27-3
–	Florida Int'l	-10	29-31
–	at Middle Tenn	+11	34-31
–	at North Texas	-4	24-19
–	Louisiana-Lft	-2	21-54

2006 RESULTS

ULM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Alcorn St	NL	24-6
–	at Kansas	+23'	19-21
–	at Alabama	+24'	7-41
–	Florida Atlantic	-14	19-21
–	at Arkansas St	+6'	6-10
–	at Troy	+9	19-24
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	21-35
–	at Arkansas - #13	+35	10-44
–	at Florida Int'l	-1'	35-0
–	at Kentucky	+20	40-42
–	North Texas	-7	23-3
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3	39-20

2007 RESULTS

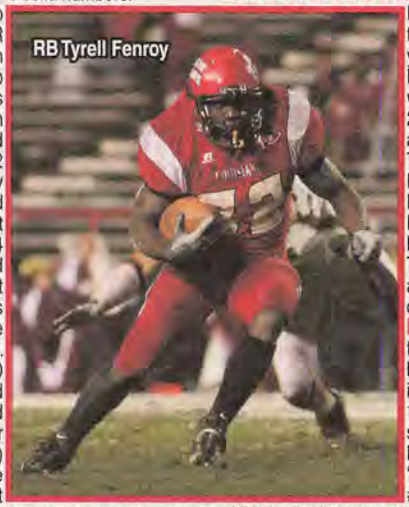
ULM Rank	Pre-Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–	Tulsa	+3'	17-35
–	at Clemson - #25	+26'	26-49
–	at Texas A&M - #25	+23	14-54
–	at Troy	+13	7-24
–	Arkansas St	+2'	30-13
–	at North Texas	-7	21-31
–	Florida Int'l	-13'	28-14
–	at Florida Atlantic	+6	33-30 3OT
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	40-43
–	Grambling St	NL	28-14
–	at Alabama	+24'	21-14
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-3	17-11

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Last year the Cajuns had to replace 4 year starter Jerry Babb. In '05 when Babb was injured, Michael Desormeaux started 4, throwing for 597 (53%) with an 0-5 ratio but was the #2 rusher (583 gross). In 2006 Desormeaux got into a 4-wheeler accident which required 100 stitches and he was not 100% early on. He led a 74 yard, 7 play drive for a TD vs Texas A&M but saw most of his action at slotback. He was one of 10 players in the NCAA to play on offense, defense and ST's and was named 2nd Tm SBC all-purp. He only had 9 pass att, while rushing for 207 with 6 rec. Last year Desormeaux had to battle John Hundley (PS#57, 1 pass '06, 4 gm) as well as Connor Morel who was named the Off Scout Tm POW 3 times in '06. The possibility existed for Hundley to win the job and Desormeaux to start at WR but Desormeaux won the job, Hundley quit and Morel became the backup. He had an outstanding season with 1,141 (6.1) net yards rush while throwing for 1,405 (55%) with a 10-10 ratio. Desormeaux rushed for 175 vs MT but was injured and while he started vs FIU and hit 4-4 for 52 yds, Morel played the rest of the game. Morel started the season finale and hit 19 of 37 for 240. Desormeaux was the 24th QB in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards. While Morel must be replaced, Desormeaux returns and will be backed by a pair of rFr. As long as he stays healthy, he could even top last year's solid numbers.

RUNNING BACKS - Prior to 2005, the Ragin' Cajuns had NEVER produced a 1,000 yard RB (QB Brian Mitchell was the only player to top 1,000 rush, '89). In 2005 ULL lost its starting RB to injury and true frosh Tyrell Fenroy started the last 10 and rushed for 1,053 (5.9). He avg'd 142 ypg over the final 4. In 2006 Fenroy topped 100 yds six times and finished with 1,197 (5.4) and just missed out on the SBC's rushing title (by 14 yards). Last year Fenroy was injured vs McNeese St in the 4Q and got just 1 rush attempt vs Troy and sat out vs UCF. He had 118 against ULM in the finale to get over 1,000 (1,021, 5.7). Deon Wallace (PS#89) rushed for 60 vs Troy and 51 vs UCF and finished with 433 (5.8). Those two return and the only loss is FB Abdule Levier (123, 4.0) who rushed for 519 (4.6) in 4 years. Not listed in the 3 deep are Julian Shankle (5'9" 190 rFr) and Matt Dupre (5'10" 179 Jr, 1 att). As long as Fenroy stays healthy, he will become one of the few players in NCAA history to top 1,000 yards four straight years and should have his best season yet.


RB Tyrell Fenroy

RECEIVERS - ULL is a run-oriented team and in 2006 Derrick Smith led the WR's with 551 (13.4) while Jason Chery had 222 (13.9). Last year those two and TE Kevin Belton (8 st, 3 rec '06) returned. Smith led with 583 (16.7) but was injured vs FAU and missed the final 4. Chery had 21 rec in those games and ended up with 442 yds (12.3). Phillip Nevels was #3 in rec's with 16 but for just 67 yards (#9). Jordan Jackson (PS#74) started vs Tenn after TE Erik Jones was injured but was also injured and had just 71 (14.2). This year they lose Nevels (move to DB), Jackson, TE's Belton (8 st, 6 rec) and Keith Talamo (3 st, 0 rec). Not listed in the 3 deep are WR's Caleb Rubin (5'7" 164 Sr, 189 ttl yd 3Y), Matt Campbell (6'0" 185 rFr), Jawanza Mitchell (6'3" 175 rFr), Ross Goodlett (5'11" 178 rFr), Richie Falgout (6'0" 180 So, 1st, 88 yd LY) and Antonio Robinson (6'2" 195 Jr). With the healthy return of Smith and a more veteran QB, I look for increased production from the receivers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2005 ULL only had to replace one starter and prior to the season I called it the best O-line HC Bustle had fielded. That unit opened holes for a school record 254 ypg rushing (5.3) while allowing just 9 sacks (3.8%). Of course having a mobile QB like Babb helped. In 2006 they returned 1st Tm SBC RT Brandon Cox and 2nd Tm SBC LT Jesse Newman but had to replace two starters and then lost projected starter William Chance (inj). The numbers dropped to 189 ypg rush (4.7) while the sack total rose to 25 (9.1%). Last year they had to replace 2 starters including Cox but had 7 players back with starting experience. Then RT Damian Jones, who was #1 out of spring, was ruled ineligible. OL Coach Ron Hudson shook up the line in Aug elevating 3 soph and 2 frosh to 1st Tm and six underclassmen earned starts. OT Kyle Pirtle was lost after 5 to a knee injury and the unit suffered numerous injuries with 4 starters banged up vs Tenn. No OL started all 12 but the unit still managed to open holes for 252 ypg rushing and their 5.6 ypc was their best since joining IA and they allowed just 17 sacks (5.5%). Again, the mobility of QB Desormeaux (1,265 gross rush) helped. This year they must replace 1st Tm SBC LT Jesse Newman (10 st), G/T Zachary Leger (4 st), G/C Junior Ramos (3 st) and backup William Chance (2nd string, 8 gm). Due to last year's injuries, 6 players return with starting experience. Despite losing their star, this group has more experience.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ULL had been making strides in rush D. After allowing 5.2 ypc in 2004 they trimmed that to 4.5 and 3.9 the next two years allowing just 127 ypg rush in 2006. Last year they had to replace four players who combined for 28 starts. They allowed 228 ypg rush, their worst total since 1997 and 5.0 ypc while recording just 18 sacks. This year they must replace 1st Tm SBC DE Rodney Hardeway (33 tkl, 7 sk, 5 tfl), DT Korey Raymond (12 st, 51 tkl, 7 tfl) and DE Greg Hathorn (6 st, 37 tkl, 2.5 sk). Not listed in the PSL is Kyle Cox (6'4" 235 rFr). There are some talented players in my PSL and while this group is inexperienced, they could improve on the rush D stats.

LINEBACKERS - Last year ULL had to replace two starters from this unit but backup Antwyne Zanders had 43 tackles in 2006 and a departing "starter" only had 19. True frosh Grant Fleming took over and started the last 9 and was the #2 tackler. Brenton Burkhalter was the #3 tackler in '05, #1 in '06 and #3 in '07. Zanders was #1 in tackles last year and also led the LB's in tfl. All 3 return this year but Bustle wanted to add speed to the lineup so they moved in DB Daylon McCoy who could earn some starts. This year the only loss is Mark Risher (4 st, 13 tkl). This looks like one of the top LB corps in the SBC.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - The Ragin' Cajuns have produced 8 NFL DB's since 2000, but their highest finish in my pass D rankings since 2002 has been #82. They finished #108 in 2005 and surprisingly a veteran group was again #108 in 2006. Last year they had to replace two starters and CB Torres Kingsby (5 st '06) missed most of the year after shoulder surgery. ULL finished #104 allowing a 25-9 ratio. This year they lose CB Jarrett Jones (9 st, 43 tkl, 3 int), SS Lamar Morgan (9 st, 55 tkl, 4 tfl), CB Kyle Ward (L/3 st, 15 tkl) and Kingsby (1 st, 12 tkl). Six players are back with starting experience and they should move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rickey Bustle came from Virg Tech and knows the importance of this unit. ULL finished #45 in my ST rankings in his first season but surprisingly dropped to #109, #100 and #112 in his next three. In the 6 years since Bustle took over, they have now blocked 32 kicks (9 punts) the third most in the NCAA and have never gone more than 5 games without a block. In 2006 they had to replace their K and also moved speedy Derrick Smith (4.38 spd) off the KR team but still moved up to #91. New K Drew Edmiston (PS#76) nailed a 51 yd FG vs Houston, the longest here since 1995 (Mike Shafer, 53 & 52 vs NMSt). Edmiston looked like he would set the school record for FG's in a season as he had 10 in the first 7 but had just 1 att over the last 5 as ULL went for it on 4th down 17 times. He hit 11 of 14 FG's with 1 miss from 50. He returned last year and hit 10 of 13 FG's but his long was only 40. He and Tyler Albrecht combined for 0 TB on 59 KO. WR Jason Chery was the first SBC player that was not a P, K or returnman to win the SBC ST POW as he had 4 tackles on ST vs SCar. The unit gave up a punt block for a TD vs SC and muffed a punt vs NT setting up a TD. Spencer Ortego won the punting job and averaged 38.9 (32.3 tm net). The return game was average and ULL's ST finished a disappointing #112. This year all the key players are back and they could have their best finish yet under Bustle.

COACHES - Rickey Bustle was the OC at VT from '95-'01. He enters his 7th season here. In his first four seasons the team showed improvement each year going from 3-9 to 4-8 to 4-7 and 6-5 but have been 6-6 and 3-9 the last two seasons. He had his contract extended through 2010 after the '06 season. His OC last year was Blake Anderson who came over from MT. Anderson's offense was the first SBC team to have 3,000 yards rushing in a season but he left for S Miss. The new OC is Ron Hudson who has spent the last 3 years as the OL coach here. They also bring in Eastern Illinois OC Jorge Munoz who will be the QB coach and passing game coordinator. Last year Bustle brought in a new DC in Kevin Fouquier who spent 5 years at MT and one at Florida Int'l where his squad finished #1 in the NCAA in tfl and #1 in the SBC in total D. His first year here wasn't as successful as they went from allowing 24.7 ppg to 35.8.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Prior to Rickey Bustle taking over ULL had gone through 9 straight losing seasons. In 2004 ULL was a hard luck 4-7. Despite losing 5 SBC games, they outgained league foes by an avg of 19.8 ypg. In '05 I called for ULL to have their first winning season since 1995 and they were arguably the best team in the SBC. The Cajuns outgained league foes by 68.2 ypg and finished with a winning record. Katrina did affect the team early (130 miles from New Orleans). They only lost to CUSA East champ UCF by 3 and did not have star QB Babb vs FAU which was one of their two SBC losses (the other was lost on a last second 35 yd FG by Ark St). They won their final 5 (longest win streak since 1995) and had 3 straight road wins (first time since 1993). Bustle had 83 scholarship players in 2006, a high in his 5 year tenure, and had 13 returning starters including QB Babb and ULL was the preseason pick to win the SBC. They upset CUSA champ Houston 31-28 and opened the season 4-2. After 2 losses, their final 4 foes had a combined 8-26 record so things looked good. However they lost to ULM in the season finale, 39-20, losing a shot at a bowl. Last year they had to replace their starting QB and they were tied for the fewest returning starters in the SBC at 12. They were tied at 14 with SC when they were SOD inside the 5. They led Ohio 20-10 at the half but a costly fumble at the OU 2 saw them lose. McNeese St came in a Top 10 IAA team and thanks in part to an 87 yd FR TD and 5 ULL TO's, McNeese pulled the upset. ULL only trailed Troy 21-17 at the half but lost, then lost to eventual CUSA champs UCF in Bright House Network Stadium for an 0-5 start. After knocking off NT, they gave up 681 yards to Ark St. They allowed FAU to drive 64 yards for a TD to force OT and lost. ULL managed to win 2 of their last 3 but once again ended with a loss to ULM despite having a 420-295 yd edge. They did have nine 1st, 2nd or HM SBC players selected and only had 3 seniors among them. They had 52% underclassmen in the 2007 2 deep (6th highest NCAA) and got a new indoor practice facility last year. More reason for optimism this season is that they return their QB, top 4 rushers, top 5 receivers and top 3 tacklers. They also had 3 net close losses and fall into a positive ypp on both offense and defense for this year (pg 299). They have to play 4 SBC games on the road and as usual have a brutal non-conf slate. The D allowed 491 ypg and 40.1 ppg the first 9 but when they got healthier they yielded just 314 ypg and 23 ppg the last 3. ULL is one of the most improved teams in the country giving them a shot at bowl eligibility.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN RED — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN RED — DEFENSE

QB 6 MICHAEL DESORMEAUX SR. 6-2 200 PS#98. 15 st 3Y, 2017 (53.5%), 10-15 ratio, 2055 rush. **16** Brad McGuire (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#203. **11** Chris Masson (6'1" 175 rFr) PS#322.

RB 32 TYRELL FENROY SR. 5-9 186 PS#124. **1st Tm SBC '06 & '07.** 1053 (5.9) in '05. 1197 (5.4) '06. 1021 (5.7) LY. **31** Deon Wallace (5'9" 194 Jr) PS#89. 685 (5.6) 2Y. 2 st LY.

FB 45 Chancellor Roberson Sr. 6-0 252 PS#193DL. 1 st, 31 game, 32 ttl yd 3Y. Jonathan Thomas (5'10" 208 rFr) PS#244. Geoffrey McCullough (5'11" 205 Jr). Phillip Walker (6'0" 211 Jr) PS#419.

WR 18 DERRICK SMITH SR. 6-1 184 4.38 spd. 18 st 3Y, 1384 (14.1). #1 rec '06 & '07. **15** Verlin Moore (5'10" 159 So) PS#211. 3 st rFr, 113 (14.1). Marlin Miller (5'10" 174 So) 7 rec rFr.

WR 5 JASON CHERY SR. 5-11 180 11 st '06, 222 (13.9). 11 st LY, 442 (12.3). 36 KR (18.2) 3Y. **21** Lance Kelley (6'2" 185 rFr) PS#185. **84** Louis Lee (5'11" 178 Jr) 3 st, 13 rec 2Y.

TE 88 Erik Jones Sr. 6-4 248 10 st rFr. 4 st '06. 6 rec 3Y. **86** Matt Ulm (6'3" 225 Jr). Luke Aubrey (6'4" 224 Jr) PS#95WR. 1 rec, 10 gm LY. **83** Dusty Mack (6'4" 225 Jr) move from C LY.

C 79 CHRIS FISHER JR. 6-2 280 PS#596. 10 st rFr. 10 st LY. **2nd Tm SBC. 51** Colin Windsor (6'5" 256 So) PS#246DL. 1 gm rFr. **LS 54** Scott Hayes (6'0" 225 Jr) 23 gm LS 2Y.

RG 60 IAN BURKS SO. 6-2 266 9 st RG rFr (inj 1). **76** Jaron Odom (6'5" 340 Fr) PS#212. GS LY, in for spg. **68** Matthew Autrey (6'2" 296 rFr). Evan Ruiz is PS#265.

LG 75 BRAD BUSTLE JR. 6-2 284 2x Scout Tm POW true. 1 st, 11 gm rFr. 11 st LG LY. HC son. **74** Kyle Plouhar (6'6" 295 rFr) PS#246. **61** Bobby Fails (6'4" 272 Sr) PS#487.

RT 73 JONATHAN DECOSTER SO. 6-4 297 PS#502. 7 st rFr (6RT, 1RG) 11 gm. **55** Brad Bryant (6'5" 280 Jr) 41 snaps rFr. 1 st LT LY, 4 gm (inj). Ronald Clark (6'4" 282 Fr) PS#481.

LT 78 Kyle Pirtle Jr. 6-6 294 PS#353DL. 2 gm as rFr. **First 5 st** 'in 07 until inj. **66** Nasser Jamal (6'5" 277 So) PS#562. 2 gm rFr. **63** Josh Robinson (6'5" 280 rFr) PS#435.

K 48 DREW EDMISTON SR. 6-4 194 PS#76. 11 of 14 FG '06, long 51. **1st Tm SBC.** 10-13 FG LY, long 40, 2nd Tm SBC. **49** Tyler Albrecht. Hit two 50+ yd FG in HS. Brett Baer PS#48.

DE 93 Hall Davis Jr. 6-4 214 2 st, 2 tkl rFr. 11 tkl, 1.5 tfl LY. **29** Jonathon Vance (6'1" 214 Sr) PS#402LB. 2 st LY LB. 33 tkl, 3 sk, 3Y. **58** Nate Douglas (6'4" 235 rFr) PS#317LB.

DT 99 Seth Adams Sr. 6-4 288 PS#372OL. 5 gm '06. 5 tkl, 8 gm LY. **77** Lanier Coleman (**6'4" 322 Sr**) 2 st OL '06. 7 tkl LY. **91** Sharrick Moore (6'2" 253 So) PS#439. 4 tkl rFr.

DT 95 LaQUINCY WILLIAMS JR. 6-3 283 PS#159. 12 gms, 9 tkl, 2.5 sk rFr. 12 st LY, 23 tkl, 2 sk. **59** Jermaine Rogers (6'4" 265 So) 6 tkl true. **71** Jordan Hanby (6'3" 252 rFr) PS#156TE.

DE 97 Terrell Richardson So. 6-5 235 PS#336 '05. GS 2 years but "true" 18 tkl, 1 sack. **50** Jeremy Cook (6'5" 237 So) **PS#129.** 6 tkl true. **96** Chris Lanaux (6'2" 223 Jr) 12 tkl, 2.5 tfl 2Y.

WLB 41 ANTWYNE ZANDERS SR. 6-0 212 1 st '06, 43 tkl, 4 tfl. 10 st LY, 93 tkl, 7 tfl, **2nd Tm SBC. 4 Daylon McCoy** (5'11" 195 So) PS#305DB. 36 tkl, 3 pbu rFr. Kyron Benoit PS#162QB.

MLB 43 BRENTON BURKHALTER SR. 6-0 223 3 st rFr, 53 tkl, 4 sk. 11 st '06, #1 tkl'r 61, 4.5 tfl. 10 st LY, 65 tkl. **10** Fred Davis (6'2" 252 So) 1 st, 36 tkl, 2 tfl rFr. **46** Matt LeFeaux (6'0" 212 rFr) PS#441.

SLB 47 GRANT FLEMING SO. 6-3 210 PS#110DB. 9 st true, 71 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu, **HM SBC.** **53** Jezreel Washington (5'10" 198 Jr) 31 tkl, 1 tfl 2Y. Richard Brooks (6'1" 205 rFr) PS#404.

CB 2 Orkeys Auriene So. 5-11 165 PS#334. 6 st CB true, 27 tkl, 1 int, 4 pbu. **3** Justin Branden (6'1" 185 Sr) PS#520JC, 6 tkl LY. Rodney Gillis PS#221. Ken Dandridge (5'11" 185 Jr).

CB 13 SCOOTER ROGERS SR. 6-1 200 PS#223JC. 5 st LY, 24 tkl, 2 tfl. **22** Dwight Bentley (5'11" 175 rFr) PS#461JC. In for spg. **23** Junior Jean (5'11" 184 Jr) 1 st, 17 gm, 13 tkl 2Y.

SS 20 Derik Keyes Sr. 5-10 192 33 tkl in '05-'06. First 3 st LY, 18 tkl, 2 pbu. **25** Frantz Accime (5'11" 189 So) 13 tkl true. **26** Justin Lee (6'1" 174 Sr) 19 tkl, 105 snap '05-'06.

FS 30 GERREN BLOUNT JR. 5-10 179 PS#143. 41 tkl, 3 tfl rFr. 12 st LY, 51 tkl, 3 int, 1 pbu. Phillip Nevels (5'10" 190 Jr) PS#251WR. WR 2Y, 30 rec (6.6). Maurice Rolle (6'2" 179 So) 19 tkl rFr.

P 35 SPENCER ORTEGO SO. 6-3 178 56 punts as true. 38.9 avg & team net 32.3. Brett Baer. 44.5 avg in HS LY. **49** Tyler Albrecht (6'0" 180 So) PS#102. 0 TB on 25 KO as rFr LY.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Rodney Gillis 5-10 175 PS#221
OL	Evan Ruiz 6-4 285 PS#265
DB	Dwight Bentley 5-11 175 PS#461JC
LB	Kyron Benoit 6-1 205 PS#162QB
QB	Blaine Gautier 6-0 194 PS#166
OL	Jaron Odom 6-5 340 PS#212 '07
LB	Chris Richard 6-0 205 PS#306DB
OL	Sean Osborne 6-5 250 PS#303DL
DL	Derreck Dean 6-0 275 PS#323
QB	Keldric White 6-3 190 PS#184
K	Brett Baer 6-0 170 PS#48
DB	Tim Jackson 5-10 170 PS#408
DB	Nathan Sowels 5-11 170 PS#408
WR	Pierre Hill 6-0 150 PS#320
RB	Draylon Booker 6-2 190 PS#356
TE	Ladarius Green 6-6 220 PS#326WR
DB	Melvin White 6-3 180 PS#416
TE	Brendan Wilson 6-4 220 PS#139
LB	Devon Lewis-Buchanan 6-2 205 PS#456DB
OL	Ronald Clark 6-4 282 PS#481
LB	Jesse Broadnax 6-5 190 PS#408
DL	Tory Day 6-1 255 PS#464
DL	Emeka Onyenekwu 6-4 225 PS#464

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#109

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ULL	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at S Mississippi	A					
Sep. 6							
Sep. 13	at Illinois	A					
Sep. 20	Kent St	A					
Sep. 27	at Kansas St	A					
Oct. 4	at ULM	A					
Oct. 11	at North Texas	A					
Oct. 18	Arkansas St	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	Florida Int'l (HC)	A					
Nov. 8	UTEP	A					
Nov. 15	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Nov. 22	at Troy	A					
Nov. 29							
Dec. 3	Middle Tenn (Wed)	A					

Louisiana-Lft has lost 7 in a row to S Miss including 5 straight in Hattiesburg by 39 ppg. The Ragin Cajuns have dropped 17 straight road openers (avg loss 37-12).

1st Meeting. ULL has played only 1 Big Ten school (Minny) losing each of their 3 meetings. The Cajuns have lost all 13 gms vs BCS schools in HC Bustle's tenure.

Louisiana-Lft is 4-7 in home openers the L11Y including 0-5 vs FBS opponents. This will be the 1st game on their new artificial surface after 37 yrs on natural grass.

ULL has lost both meetings vs KSU by an avg score of 37-13, their last a 40-20 loss in '04. Cajuns are 1-20 vs tms from the Big XII, with their only win in '96, 29-22 over Texas A&M.

Bustle was ULM's RB's coach in '84 & '85 & the OC/QB coach in '86. LY ULL played w/o star QB Desormeaux & lost 17-11 despite outgaining ULM by 125 yds. ULL is 4-9 vs ULM S/'91.

Louisiana-Lft is 4-8 all-time vs NT, which is the worst record vs any current SBC team. Nine of the last 10 games in the series have been decided by 9 or more pts.

The home team has won 8 straight in this series which started in 1953. ULL entered LY's gm avg 248 rush ypg, but were held to 133 yds & 1 run was for 64 yds.

Louisiana-Lft is 5-0 all-time vs FIU (1st gm in '03) with an avg win of 17 ppg. ULL is 36-24-2 all-time on Homecoming & the last time they dropped 3 straight was from '90-'92.

First meeting. Coming into 2008, ULL is just 38-91-1 all-time vs current CUSA members. Ragin' Cajuns are 9-27 the L7Y vs non-conf opponents heading into the '08 season.

LY in OT, ULL got to the 3 yd line, but a sack, false start and inc pass ended their hope to tie. The visitor has won the L/3 meetings. ULL is just 7-17 S/'94 in Nov AG's.

Louisiana-Lft is 7-4 vs Troy all-time, but is 1-3 in Sun Belt Conference play. These two teams have combined to avg 69 points over the last 3 games.

Louisiana-Lft has won 4 of the last 5 in this series. LY ULL rolled up 528 yds (376 rush) in the win. Blue Raiders & rival ULM are the only tms ULL has played each yr S/'99.

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jake Delhomme 9,216 '93-'96
2. Jerry Babb 6,241 '03-'06
3. Brian Mitchell 5,447 '86-'89

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Brian Mitchell 3,335 '86-'89
2. Tyrell Fenroy 3,271 '05-Present
3. Darren Brister 2,432 '96-'00

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Brandon Stokley 3,702 '95-'98
2. Fred Stamps 2,789 '00-'03
3. Donald Richard 2,326 '93-'96

RICKEY BUSTLE (Career 26-44)

7th Year at Louisiana-Lft

Bustle's Bowl Record: 0-0

Bustle's records AT LOUISIANA-LFT

26-44	Straight Up	0-2	Vs Top 10
16-17	Home	0-5	Vs Top 25
10-27	Away	0-13	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	3-4	Off A Bye
18-21	Vs Conference	12-28	Off A Loss

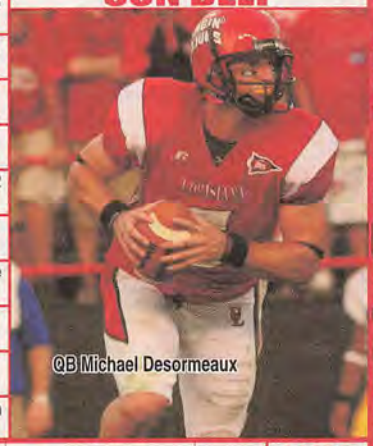
2007 RECORD: (3-9)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 8*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 45 (18,23,4)
Lost: 20 (10,10,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,651 (#103)

SUN BELT


QB Michael Desormeaux

STADIUM: CAJUN FIELD (31,000) (#95)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	3-8	3-9	4-8	4-7	6-5	6-6	3-9	30-62
Home	0-5	2-3	3-2	3-3	3-2	3-2	3-3	1-5	18-25
Away	1-5	1-5	0-7	1-5	1-5	3-3	3-3	2-4	12-37
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	2-4	2-4	3-2	2-5	5-2	3-4	3-4	20-25
vs Non-Conf	1-10	1-4	1-5	1-6	2-2	1-3	3-2	0-5	10-37
ATS	5-3	2-8	5-7	5-5-1	6-3-1	5-4-1	4-7	5-6	37-43-3
Home Fav	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0-1	1-1-1	2-3	1-0	4-8-2
Home Dog	1-0	1-2	2-2	2-1-1	2-1	1-0	0-0	0-4	9-10-1
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-1	1-2	1-0	3-6
Away Dog	4-2	1-5	3-3	3-3	3-0	3-2	1-2	3-2	21-19
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs Conf	–	2-4	2-4	3-2	3-3-1	4-2-1	2-5	3-4	19-24-2
vs Non-Conf	5-3	0-4	3-3	2-3-1	3-0	1-2	2-2	2-2	18-19-1
Off SU Win	0-0	0-3	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1-1	3-3	1-2	12-14-1
Off SU Loss	5-3	2-5	3-5	2-4-1	4-1-1	2-2	1-3	3-4	22-27-2

Jerry Baldwin / Rickey Bustle

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Michael Desormeaux	188	1265	124	1141	7	6.1
Tyrell Fenroy	180	1039	18	1021	7	5.7
Deon Wallace	75	434	1	433	3	5.8
Jason Chery	21	227	18	209	2	10.0
Abdule Levier	31	125	2	123	1	4.0
Connor Morel	19	94	25	69	0	3.6
Chancellor Roberson	9	29	7	22	2	2.4

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Michael Desormeaux	242	133	55.0	1405	10	10
Connor Morel	65	36	55.4	438	1	2
Richie Falgout	1	1	100.0	23	1	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Derrick Smith	35	583	16.7	3	53
Jason Chery	36	442	12.3	2	64
Deon Wallace	10	148	14.8	2	52
Tyrell Fenroy	15	113	7.5	0	20
Verlin Moore	8	113	14.1	0	30
Abdule Levier	10	102	10.2	1	30
Richie Falgout	13	88	6.8	0	23
Jordan Jackson	5	71	14.2	1	19
Phillip Nevels	16	67	4.2	0	9

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Spencer Ortego	56	2177	38.9	8	32.3(t)	0	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Drew Edmiston	31-34	6-6	3-3	1-4	0-0	10-13	40

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Antwyne Zanders	93	1	6	1	0
Grant Fleming	71	0	1	4	1
Brenton Burkhalter	65	0	2	1	0
Lamar Morgan	55	1	3	3	0
Gerren Blount	51	0	3	1	3
Korey Raymond	51	0.5	6.5	1	0
Jarrett Jones	43	0	3	2	3
Greg Hathorn	37	2.5	2	2	0
Daylon McCoy	36	0	2	3	1
Fred Davis	36	1	1	0	0
Rodney Hardeway	33	7	5	0	0
Orkeys Auriene	27	0	1	4	1
Scooter Rogers	24	0	2	0	0
LaQuincy Williams	23	2	0.5	0	0
Jonathon Vance	21	1	0	1	0
Jezreel Washington	21	0	1	0	0
Maurice Rolle	19	0	0	1	0
Derik Keyes	18	0	2	2	0
Terrell Richardson	18	1	0.5	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Phillip Nevels	20	101	5.1	0
Derrick Smith	1	18	18.0	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Deon Wallace	29	523	18.0	0
Derrick Smith	16	364	22.8	0

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Louisiana-Lft's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

LOUISIANA-LFT'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
7	23.8	20	252	5.6	156	54.7	17.1	-5	2007	5	35.8	23	228	5.0	218	63.0	12.5
6*	20.7	17	189	4.7	129	51.4	15.4	-5	2006	7	24.7	17	127	3.9	204	61.7	13.4
6*	26.0	21	254	5.3	132	57.4	14.9	-4	2005	7	27.6	21	181	4.5	190	58.0	13.4
6*	22.0	21	153	4.0	228	57.7	17.3	-3	2004	3	24.7	20	213	5.2	174	60.1	15.7
6	22.2	18	117	3.3	219	57.2	15.1	+5	2003	4	34.6	22	216	5.1	223	55.3	12.7
10*	16.9	16	61	1.9	228	54.2	17.1	-8	2002	6	29.3	18	182	4.3	198	52.1	13.0

2007 STATS BY GAME

ULL 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
78,234	at S Carolina	17	47-252	5.4	12-19	63	1	27	41-195	4.8	21-29	238	2	+1
22,186	Ohio	23	51-277	5.4	17-28	257	2	21	44-152	3.5	17-28	264	2	-1
33,828	McNeese St	17	46-156	3.4	11-24	162	3	22	49-276	5.6	12-21	151	1	-2
14,091	Troy	22	46-345	7.5	21-41	159	0	26	43-271	6.3	30-43	297	0	+1
42,646	at UCF	15	39-160	4.1	14-29	154	2	23	50-300	6.0	13-24	166	1	+2
9,464	North Texas	14	36-300	8.3	10-20	114	2	25	40-144	3.6	35-57	383	2	+2
18,242	at Arkansas St	8	27-133	4.9	7-20	137	1	33	62-406	6.5	17-23	275	1	+1
12,290	Florida Atlantic	21	53-317	6.0	14-24	121	1	25	42-126	3.0	26-45	308	2	-3
96,197	at Tennessee	24	48-234	4.9	16-29	130	2	29	39-273	7.0	19-27	193	0	-2
19,227	at Middle Tenn	25	58-376	6.5	13-20	152	0	16	40-138	3.5	13-22	118	4	-1
5,734	at Florida Int'l	27	54-289	5.4	16-19	177	1	16	42-264	6.3	11-19	127	2	-1
8,045	ULM	21	37-180	4.9	19-38	240	2	18	52-196	3.8	11-19	99	1	-2
TOTALS		234	542-3019	5.6	170-311	1866	17	281	544-2741	5.0	225-357	2619	18	-5
AVERAGES		19.5	45-252	5.6	14-26	156	1.4	23.4	45-228	5.0	19-30	218	1.5	-0.4

2003 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at South Carolina	+24	7-14
–	Louisiana Tech	+4'	3-34
–	Houston	+7	14-21
–	at Minnesota	+35	14-48
–	at North Texas	+18'	23-44
–	at Oklahoma St	+35	3-56
–	ULM	-4	42-45
–	New Mexico St	+7'	26-24
–	Idaho	+3	31-20
–	at S Mississippi	+23'	3-48
–	Florida Int'l	NL	43-10
–	at Middle Tenn	+14'	57-51 4OT

2004 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Northwestern St	NL	14-7
–	at Louisiana Tech	+14	20-24
–	at Kansas St	+31	20-40
–	Middle Tenn	+2	24-17
–	at Florida Int'l	-7	43-34
–	at New Mexico St	-3	32-35
–	at Idaho	-3'	25-38
–	Arkansas St	-3	27-24
–	North Texas	+2'	17-27
–	Troy	+13	10-13
–	at ULM	+4	10-13

2005 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #2	+40'	3-60
–	at E Michigan	+7	10-31
–	Northwestern St	NL	49-28
–	UCF	+3'	21-24
–	Florida Atlantic	-5'	10-28
–	at Arkansas St	+11'	36-39
–	at Middle Tenn	+14	13-10
–	Troy	-3	31-28 OT
–	at North Texas	-3'	31-28
–	Florida Int'l	-9	28-7
–	at ULM	+2	54-21

2006 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at LSU - #8	+30'	3-45
–	at Texas A&M	+21'	7-51
–	N Carolina A&T	NL	48-7
–	E Michigan	-8	33-14
–	at Houston	+17	31-28
–	at Florida Atlantic	-9	6-0
–	Middle Tenn	-3	20-34
–	at Troy	-1	28-42
–	North Texas	-11	7-16
–	at Florida Int'l	-3'	17-7
–	Arkansas St	-6	28-13
–	ULM	-3	20-39

2007 RESULTS

ULL Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at South Carolina	+29	14-28
–	Ohio	+1'	23-31
–	McNeese St	NL	17-38
–	Troy	+9	31-48
–	at UCF	+22	19-37
–	North Texas	-8	38-29
–	at Arkansas St	+9	21-52
–	Florida Atlantic	+6'	32-39 OT
–	at Tennessee - #24	+28	7-59
–	at Middle Tenn	+13'	34-24
–	at Florida Int'l	-3'	38-28
–	ULM	+3	11-17

ARKANSAS ST RED WOLVES

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Travis Hewitt (6'1" 205 Sr, PS#148) played in 6 as a backup in 2005. He has an accurate arm, makes good decisions and has the best grasp of the offense. Corey Leonard (PS#90) has more speed, an outstanding arm and is dangerous in the open field. It was a dead heat in August of '06 but Leonard missed 4 practices and Hewitt was named the starter heading into 2006. Hewitt started the first 4 but Leonard won the job and took every snap in 5 of the last 7. Leonard threw for 1,321 (49.1%) with an 8-8 ratio (554 rush). Hewitt threw for 414 (45.5%) with a horrible 0-7 ratio. Last year Leonard took the majority of the snaps in Aug. HC Roberts said Leonard has the ability to make plays happen with his feet and arms, and isn't a QB that sits in the pocket and dissects the defense. Over the first six Leonard threw for 243 ypg (339 net rush). Leonard was banged up and hit just 9 of 19 with 3 int vs MT and 10 of 24 for 105 with 2 int vs Troy. He sat out vs FIU and Hewitt hit 19 of 30 for 174. Leonard returned and had 2 games in which he threw for less than 135 but hit 25 of 50 for 305 vs NT. Leonard finished with 2,235 (52%) and a 16-15 ratio and rushed for 822. Hewitt played in 8 hitting 23 of 38 with an 0-1 ratio. This year both return and adding depth are walk-on Neely Sullivent (6'0" 181 rFr, MIP Awd in spg '08) and Brice Beck (6'4" 240 Jr, PS#45) who orig signed at Iowa St. Leonard missed spring with injury, so Hewitt, Beck and Sullivent battled it out. Leonard is expected to be 100% by summer and as long as he stays healthy, he will be a contender for the SBC Off POY honors.

RUNNING BACKS - This was a very inexperienced unit in 2006 and rFr Reggie Arnold (PS#161, 440 bench) emerged. He split duties with Cedric Wilkerson and they were called a "Thunder and Lightning" combo. Arnold became the fourth 1,000 yard rusher under Roberts (1,076, 5.1) and was ASU's first player to be named SBC Frosh of the Year. Preston Brown (PS#91) who originally signed at Okla St and who Roberts called a potential NFL DC, wasn't 100% with a hip injury. Arnold avg 118 ypg in the first 3 of LY but then suffered a leg injury which lingered. He did have 225 yards vs ULL and topped 1,000 for the 2nd straight year (1,060, 6.5). Brown rushed for just 298 (5.5) but had 20 rec and Wilkerson surprisingly had only 143 (4.1). Chris Easley, who had 662 career yards and was granted a 6th year of eligibility, had just 6 attempts (44 yd). This year they lose Easley and Wilkerson but everyone else is back. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Derek Lawson (5'11" 210 rFr), David Terrell (5'10" 180 rFr) and Jaurivis Halford (6'0" 200 rFr). This is a deep and talented RB corps.

RECEIVERS - The Red Wolves have had an experienced receiving corps the last couple of years. In 2006 their leading receiver, Kevin Jones, had 355 (14.2). Levi Dejohnette was #2 with 281 (12.2) and Patrick Higgins had just 7 rec but for 215 (30.7). TE David Johnson, who Roberts says is the best TE in the SBC as he is athletic enough to be a WR but is capable at 250 lbs to play on the O-line, added 200 (15.4). Everyone was expected to return last year but Higgins was dismissed over the summer. Dejohnette topped his 2006 receiving total in the 4th game and finished with 701 (11.5). Brandon Thompkins, who had 2 starts (8 rec in '06) and is one of the fastest players on the team, emerged with 503 (12.3). This year they lose Dejohnette (12 st), Joe Smith (9 rec) and Chris Miller (9 rec) but have everyone else back. Keep an eye on Vernon Catlin who was PS#445JC in '07. Roberts said he has the ability to be a playmaker but was lost learning the new offense last year and had just 3 rec (24.0). While they must replace their top guy, they do return 4 of the top 5 this year and only had 3 of the top 5 back last year.

WR Brandon Thompkins

OFFENSIVE LINE - ASU had to replace 4 starters in 2005 but Roberts said the unit would be tremendous once it came together. The group avg 310 lbs and they ran to the left most of the time behind large LG Lance Martin and LT Matt Mandich. While the sacks allowed increased by 11 to 31, the ypc also increased to 4.8 (from 4.2). In 2006 due to an injury to a returning starter, they basically had just 2 starters back. While they were #2 in the SBC in rushing (168 ypg), the ypc dropped to 4.0 and the sacks rose to 37 (SBC worst). Last year they had to replace 3.5 starters but got back '06 starter Kyle Koets so they actually had more starting experience than in 2006 and it included 2 time 2nd Tm SBC LT Matt Mandich. The starting lineup featured 4 seniors and a junior and they had very little experienced depth so the starters played almost every snap. The O-line was dominant vs ULL when they rolled up 681 yards but in the next game they allowed 9 sacks to MT and 5 to both Troy and FIU. As expected, ASU's ypc rose to 4.6 but they still allowed 39 sk (10.1%). This year the unit is much less experienced as they must replace C Heath Lockley (12 st), RG Koets (12 st, 2Y st'r), LG Matt Reibe (12 st, 2Y st'r) and RT Vincent Thrower (12 st). While 6 of the top 10 return, as mentioned the backups played very little with three 2nd stringers playing in 2, 2 and 4 games. They do add Bradley Guillory who originally signed at TCU (PS#90) and 1st Tm SBC LT Matt Mandich returns. Their 12 returning starts from '07 are #118 in IA. The Red Wolves hope for similar stats to the 2005 team, the last time they returned just one starter up front.

DEFENSIVE LINE - ASU has been true to form as with veteran D-lines their rush D and sack totals improved and when they have an inexperienced DL, the numbers go down. Last year they had 20 starts returning from '06 and improved the rush ypc allowed to 4.1. (4.5 in '06). This year they have an even more veteran unit with 30 starts returning. The only losses are DT Prince Hickman (12 st, 36 tkl, 3.5 sk), DT Curtis Bonds (5 st, 20 tkl, 1.5 sk), DE Rob Ramage (5 tkl) and NT Brandon Rollins (11 tkl). Not listed in the PSL are Dorvus Woods (6'3" 259 rFr) and Chris Pruitt (6'2" 285 So). This is not an overwhelming unit but it is more experienced and should be improved.

LINEBACKERS - After having a veteran LB corps in '06 this unit was one of my main concerns in '07 as they had just one starter returning in 2nd Tm SBC Koby McKinnon. McKinnon led ASU in tackles last year (101) and Ben Owens (PS#103RB, 34 tkl '06) emerged as the #3 tackler with 96. McKinnon once again was 2nd Tm SBC and this year he must be replaced (11 st). They have 5 of the top 6 back including 3 who have started, making the unit more experienced.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - ASU had their highest finish in my pass D rankings under Roberts in 2006 (#68) and last year returned 4 senior starters. Junior Dominique Williams did have 10 starts in '06 but that was because Montis Harrison was injured. Surprisingly ASU only moved up to #60. SS Tyrell Johnson was named SBC Def POY, the first ASU player to win top conf honors since 1978 when Wesley Williams did so in the Southland Conf. Naturally this year the losses are heavy. Gone are Johnson (12 st, 1st Tm SBC, #2DC MIN), FS Khayyam Burns (12 st, 1st Tm SBC, 97 tkl), CB Harrison (12 st, 55 tkl, 6 pbu) and CB Darren Toney (7 st, 27 tkl, 2 int, 4 pbu). Not listed below is Steve Reeves (6'1" 190 Sr). They have 5 players returning with starting experience and signed 3 JUCO's but this unit is clearly less experienced.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Steve Roberts coaches this unit himself so it was surprising that ASU finished #85 (in '02) and #105 ('03) in his first 2 years. They improved to #50 and #64 the next 2 years but surprisingly dropped to #103 in 2006, but they do have to replace their top P, K and PR. Darren Toney, who is a member of ASU's 4x100 relay team, surprisingly had just 9 KR last year (28.1). The top PR's were Brandon Thompkins (18.6) and Kevin Jones (11.4) who had an 89 yd PR TD vs Memphis which sparked a comeback. P Brett Shrable avg 41.7 (33.6 team net) and Josh Arauco hit 15 of 23 FG's with a long of 45. ASU improved to #64 and with this year's only loss being Toney, they should continue to climb.

COACHES - Steve Roberts enters his 7th year here after being the HC at Northwestern St (LA) in 2000-'01 where he was 14-9. He was the HC at Southern Arkansas from '94-'99, going 26-5 over his final 3 years. Roberts has the 5th most victories among ASU's 26 all-time HC's with 31 (Larry Lacewell #1 has 69 from '79-'89). He brought his NWSt staff with him to ASU (OC Doug Ruse and co-DC's Kevin Corless and Jack Curtis). They switched to a hurry-up no huddle offense last year. Roberts has a contract which runs through 2010 and was named SBC Coach of the Year in 2005.

PHIL'S FORECAST

Since 1992, ASU has only had 6 seasons of 5+ wins and Steve Roberts is responsible for five. In 2004 ASU led the SBC in lettermen lost (26) and faced three Top 25 foes in their non-conf slate. They were 3-4 in SBC play despite being -9 in turnovers and were outgained by 52.1 ypg in league play. In 2005 I gave ASU a shot at a winning season and they won the SBC getting to their first bowl ever. At times they started up to 6 frosh on defense in 2004 and allowed nearly 8 ppg less in '05. They won 2 games in which they scored under 10 points, the first time that occurred since 1949. ASU had their first undefeated year in Jonesboro since 1986 and ended the streak of 9 straight losing seasons at 6-6. They benefitted from 4 close wins in SBC play. In 2006 they had to replace their QB and top two RB's but had 13 returning starters. Expectations were raised and Roberts noted at the end of 2006 that their 6-6 record with 8 road games and no IAA opponents was a "heck of a year" despite fan disappointment. A 53 yard Hail Mary pass vs Memphis delivered a win and their 5-2 start was the best since 1987 but they had four of their last five on the road with more than 5,000 miles of travel. They won just 1 of them and despite outgaining SBC foes by a league best 50.4 ypg, they were outscored by 17 pts (4-3 in SBC). Last year they had 13 returning starters including their QB, top 3 rushers, 3 of the top 4 receivers and top 3 tacklers. For the first time since joining IA in 1992, they had 6 HG, all vs Div I foes. They went 5-1 and are now 19-5 the last 5 years at home. They outgained #4 Texas in the opener (397-340) but had 4 trips inside the 30 result in zero points and lost by eight. They did have a miracle comeback win vs Memphis trailing 31-6 at the half but blew a 13-0 lead vs ULM the next week in their SBC opener. They rolled up a school record 681 yards vs ULL and were #1 in the SBC in offense at that point but the next 2 weeks had just 138 total yards vs MT and 237 vs Troy in a pair of blowout losses. They suffered their first shutout loss at home in 15 years vs Troy. FIU came in last in the NCAA in scoring but got 24 pts. ASU led FAU 31-20 but lost late. ASU trailed the entire game vs NT (incl 21-0) but got a TD with :02 left to pull out a 31-27 win. In their season finale at S Miss they had a 360-300 yd edge but were SOD at the SM 24 at the end. They were picked #3 by the media in the SBC but finished tied for 5th at 3-4. This year they switched their nickname to the Red Wolves and have a league low 11 returning starters. With just 5 home games it will be tough to top .500 this year.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN RED | 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN RED | DEFENSE

QB 1 COREY LEONARD JR. 6-1 205 PS#90. 8 st rFr, 1321 (49%) 8-8, 554 rush. 11 st '07, 2235 (52%) 16-15, 822 rush. **17** Travis Hewitt 5 st, 625 pass, 148 rush 2Y. Brice Beck PS#45 in '05.

RB 2 REGGIE ARNOLD JR. 5-9 220 **1st Tm SBC '06**. 4.38 spd. 440 bench! 1076 (5.1) '06. 1060 (6.5) '07. Preston Brown (5'10" 195 So) **PS#91 Okla St**. 1 st LY, 298 (5.5), 20 rec (9.6).

WR 9 Jahbari McLennan Jr. 5-11 185 PS#196JC spg. **Taylor Clements** (5'10" 187 Jr) PS#195JC spg. **FB Danny McNeal** (6'1" 255 So) PS#293. 3 st rFr. Jeff Blake (5'10" 220 So) PS#145LB.

WR 6 KEVIN JONES SR. 5-10 169 PS#276. 161 yd rFr. 355 (14.2) '06. 10 st LY, 236 (13.1), 290 ret yd. **10** Anthony Robinson (5'8" 170 So) 1 st, 0 rec rFr. Jonathan White (5'11" 185 So).

WR 14 BRANDON THOMPKINS JR. 5-9 180 One of fastest on tm. 2 st, 8 rec '06. 7 st, 503 yd (12.3) LY. **82** Jarriel Norman (5'9" 185 Jr) 3 rec 2Y. **4** Linzsy Harris (5'9" 175 rFr) PS#314.

TE 85 DAVID JOHNSON SR. 6-2 250 Blocking like OL. 12 st '06, 200 yd (15.4). 9 st LY, 204 yd (20.4). **80** Trevor Gillott (6'2" 215 Jr) 2 st, 183 yd LY. **87** JT Jordan (6'1" 260 Jr) 1 st. 6 rec 2Y.

C 55 Brandon Ciaramitaro Sr. 6-3 295 PS#445JC. 2nd string LY, 4 gm. **75** Jonathan Hissam (6'1" 280 Jr) 3 gm rFr. 1 gm LY. **LS 84** Adam Gaston (5'9" 215 So) PS#516. 9 gm true.

RG 59 Anthony Jackson Jr. 6-4 353 PS#209. 3 tkl DL rFr. 1 gm OL LY. **61** Drew Hilton (6'4" 290 So) PS#127. Recruited by SEC. 2nd string rFr, 2 gm. **73** Tom Castilaw (6'3" 275 So).

LG 72 Bradley Guillory Jr. 6-3 308 PS#296JC. Was PS#90 '06 & orig signed TCU. In spg. **60** Dominic Padrta (6'3" 295 Jr) 2nd string LY, 8 gm. **68** Alfred Louis (6'3" 300 So).

RT 64 Mark Clemons Sr. 6-4 330 PS#290JC. 2nd string LY, 2 gm. Derek Newton PS#414JC. **69** Rudy Harrell (6'6" 295 Jr) PS#193DL. **77** Tyson Holligan (6'2" 320 So) PS#334OL.

LT 63 MATT MANDICH SR. 6-3 305 12 st rFr, 2nd Tm SBC. 12 st '06, 2nd Tm SBC. 12 st LY, **1st Tm SBC**. Top OL Award. **71** Zach Eichenberger (6'4" 290 Sr) 21 gm in 3 yrs.

K 89 JOSH ARAUCO JR. 5-9 210 Hit 12-16 FG in '06 but 0-1 from 40+, long 38. Hit 15-23 FG '07, long 45, 3-6 from 40+, 34-34 xp. Brandon Parker PS#74. 54 TB on KO in HS LY.

DE 44 BRIAN FLAGG SR. 6-2 250 11 st true, 36 tkl, 5 tfl. 10 st '05, 32 tkl, 5 sk. Inj '06. 11 st '07, 44 tkl, 5.5 tfl. **52** Bamidele Ayoola (6'2" 244 rFr) PS#506RB. **53** Anthony Harris (6'1" 255 Sr) 12 tkl 3Y.

NT 99 KHARI MAYS JR. 6-2 290 1 gm rFr. 7 st LY, 17 tkl, 1 tfl. **97** Levi Thompson (6'3" 270 So) PS#379. 4 tkl rFr. **95** Page Gill (6'3" 275 Sr) PS#380LB. 2 gm DL '06. OL in '07.

DT 90 Bryan Hall So. 6-1 260 10 tkl as rFr, 10 gm. **93** Stanley Porter (6'4" 240 So) PS#104. 3 tkl as true. **62** Spencer Canole (6'3" 230 rFr). **82** Jeremy Gibson (6'6" 240 rFr).

DE 98 ALEX CARRINGTON JR. 6-5 280 6 st rFr, 14 tkl, 2 tfl. 12 st LY, **HM SBC**, 38 tkl, 1 sk, 4 tfl. **54** Stanley Wakwe (6'1" 245 Jr) PS#352. Ark Tech trans. 12 gm. 23 tkl, 3 tfl here LY.

SLB 46 Darius Glover So. 6-1 210 2 tkl rFr, 9 gm. **23** Demario Davis (6'3" 210 rFr). **47** Jonathan Looney (6'0" 220 So). **57** Daniel Fowler (6'2" 220 Jr). 2 games last year.

MLB 40 BEN OWENS SR. 6-2 230 **PS#103RB**. 34 tkl, 2 sk '06. 12 st LY, #3 tkl'r (96), 3 tfl. **29** Greg Hardy (6'0" 215 Jr) PS#257. 2 st LY, 38 tkl, 2.5 tfl. **30** Michael Adams (6'1" 230 rFr).

WLB 51 JAVON McKINNON SO. 6-0 205 8 st rFr, 41 tkl. **31** Matt Taylor (6'3" 225 Jr) PS#262DB. 4 tkl 2Y. **48** Elroy Brown (6'0" 213 rFr) PS#370. 1 tkl LY but still RS. Najel Byrd (6'0" 215 Fr) PS#370.

CB NA Cordarious Mingo Jr. 5-11 195 **PS#156JC. Recruited by SEC.** Dominique Williams (5'10" 170 Sr) PS#441. 4 st rFr, 21 tkl, 2 int, 7 pbu. 10 st '06, 25 tkl, 3 int, 6 pbu. 16 tkl LY, 3 pbu.

CB 13 Daylan Walker Jr. 5-9 175 6 tkl rFr. 5 st LY, 30 tkl, 3 pbu. **19** Walter Moody (5'11" 175 So) PS#207JC. **15** Marlon Douglas (5'11" 180 So). **20** Leroy Trahan (5'10" 175 So) PS#286JC. In spg.

SS 26 MD Jennings So. 6-0 165 PS#379. 26 tkl, 1 int rFr. Marcus Brown (6'1" 183 Jr) PS#176. **33** Kelcie McCray (6'2" 180 rFr) PS#467. **32** Jaquan Kilcrease (6'3" 195 rFr) PS#245.

FS 39 Evan Van Dolah Jr. 6-2 205 PS#386. 9 gm, 1 tkl as rFr. 3 st '07, 31 tkl, 2 sk. **27** Marquette Williams (6'0" 195 So) PS#194. 1 st rFr, 8 tkl, 1 tfl. **28** Keith Wilcots (5'9" 175 So).

P 11 BRETT SHRABLE SR. 6-2 220 PS#314LB. 8 tfl true. 52 punt '06 (38.1) net 33.7. 47 punts LY, 41.7 avg, net of 33.6, **2nd Tm SBC**. Brice Beck (6'4" 240 Jr) PS#45QB '05. Iowa St.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Cordarious Mingo 5-11 195 PS#156JC
WR	Taylor Clements 5-10 187 PS#195JC
WR	Jahbari McLennan 5-11 185 PS#196JC
DB	Walter Moody 5-11 175 PS#207JC
DB	Leroy Trahan 5-10 175 PS#286JC
OL	Bradley Guillory 6-3 308 PS#90 in '06
WR	Taylor Stockemer 6-4 200 PS#130
OL	Kiano Prater 6-5 280 PS#412JC
OL	Derek Newton 6-6 325 PS#414JC
DB	Rashad Fields 6-1 195 PS#193
RB	Dewayne Watts 5-11 185 PS#201
DB	Graham Bates 6-0 182 PS#208RB
TE	Kedrick Murry 6-3 258 PS#79
RB	Ronnie Johnson 6-1 190 PS#280
OL	Tyler Barnes 6-4 290 PS#357
WR	Allen Muse 6-4 205 PS#286
OL	Eric Allen 6-1 285 PS#380
LB	Nathan Herrold 6-3 230 PS#331
OL	Brandon Johnson 6-4 307 PS#268LB '07
QB	Andre Smith 6-2 190 PS#253
DL	Timothy Starson 6-5 209 PS#440
K	Brandon Parker 6-1 180 PS#74
DL	Gregory McCall 5-11 297 PS#447
LB	Najel Byrd 6-0 215 PS#370 '07
DB	Don Jones 6-0 193 PS#456
QB	Ryan Aplin 6-1 190 PS#285
TE	Justin Schoemehl 6-3 212 PS#154

ARKANSAS ST RED WOLVES

Jonesboro, Arkansas
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Phil's Homefield Edge-3.5
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#118

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score ASU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Texas A&M	G					
Sep. 6	Texas Southern	A					
Sep. 13	S Mississippi	A					
Sep. 20	Middle Tenn (HC)	A					
Sep 27	at Memphis	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	ULM	A					
Oct. 18	at Louisiana-Lft	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at Alabama	G					
Nov. 8	at Florida Int'l	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	Florida Atlantic	A					
Nov. 29	at North Texas	A					
Dec. 6	at Troy	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Cleo Lemon 7,706 '97-'00
2. James Hamilton 5,383 '68-'71
3. Roy Johnson 4,597 '88-'91

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Richie Woit 3,947 '50-'53
2. Antonio Warren 3,040 '02-'05
3. Jonathan Adams 3,005 '98-'01

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Lennie Johnson 2,730 '95-'98
2. Robert Kilow 2,446 '98-'00
3. Levi Dejohnette 1,816 '04-'07

Ark St is 0-16 since '92 (Div IA) in road openers being outscored by 28 ppg. ASU is 0-3 vs A&M (last meeting in '03) & 0-15 vs current BXII tms (avg loss by 25 ppg).

First meeting. The Tigers finished LY 0-11 & have dropped 43 of their L/47 gms. The Red Wolves are 9-4 their L/13 home openers & have won 3 straight.

Ark St is 27-42-5 vs current CUSA teams & the last win vs SM was in 1977. The Red Wolves are 2-8 vs the Golden Eagles including the '05 New Orleans Bowl.

In '08 ASU will attempt to snap a 5 game losing streak (1-8) vs Mid Tennessee. Arkansas St is 53-26 (67%) all-time on Homecoming including 8 straight wins.

This will be the schools' 54th meeting as ASU dropped 10 straight before winning the last 2. LY ASU came back from a 31-6 HT deficit (biggest S/'89, down 31-0 at Lamar).

The home team has won 4 of the last 5 in this series. Last year ASU lead 13-0 but had 3 TO's, twice settled for FG's (missed both) & dropped 2 TD passes in the loss.

LY QB Leonard set a school rec w/5 TD passes as ASU set another rec with 681 yds of offense. Seven of the L/9 have been decided by 6 pts or less with the home team winning 8 straight.

Coming into '08, ASU is 1-5 after a bye wk under Roberts (outscored 289-150). ASU is 1-45-3 vs SEC teams, their only win was in 1915 (10-0 over Miss).

The Red Wolves are 3-0 vs FIU outscoring them on avg 41-18. LY the teams combined for 3 TD's in the final 4:45 & then ASU kicked a 32 yd FG w/:02 left for the win.

Their 1st meeting was here in '05 as ASU shutout FAU 3-0. (1st IA gm to head into OT scoreless). The HT is 3-0 in this series while ASU is 6-3 under Roberts in Nov home games.

In the 1st 4 yrs of SBC play, NT dominated ASU (4-0), but the Red Wolves have won the L3Y. LY ASU trailed 21-0 at one point, but scored on a 27 yd pass w/:02 left for the win.

Heading into 2008, ASU is 8-20 in conference road games since 1999. ASU is 6-2 vs Troy but LY suffered their 13th shutout loss since joining Div IA.

STEVE ROBERTS (Career 31-41) (NAIA 9-19-1) (DII 26-5) (IAA 14-9)
7th Year at Arkansas St — Roberts' Bowl Record: 0-1

Roberts' records AT ARKANSAS ST

31-41	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
23-7	Home	0-7	Vs Top 25
8-30	Away	0-14	Vs BCS Teams
0-4	Neutral	1-5	Off A Bye
21-19	Vs Conference	22-14	Off A Loss

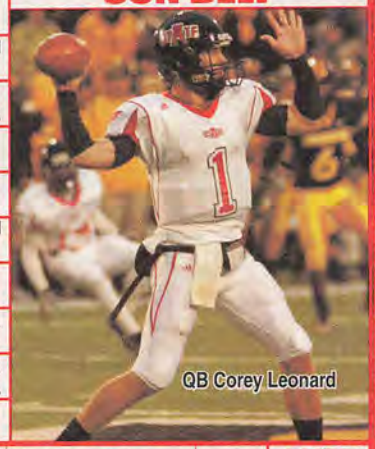
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 5

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 48 (24,21,3)
Lost: 21 (11,9,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,040 (#101)

SUN BELT


QB Corey Leonard

STADIUM: ASU STADIUM (30,406) (#101)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (ProGreen)

	2000	2001	2002 Joe Hollis	2003 Joe Hollis	2004 Steve Roberts	2005 Steve Roberts	2006 Steve Roberts	2007 Steve Roberts	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	1-10	2-9	6-7	5-7	3-8	6-6	6-6	5-7	34-60
Home	1-4	2-4	4-2	4-1	2-2	5-0	3-1	5-1	26-15
Away	0-6	0-5	2-4	1-6	1-6	1-4	3-4	0-6	8-41
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-4
vs Conf	1-4	2-4	3-3	3-3	3-4	5-2	4-3	3-4	24-27
vs Non-Conf	0-6	0-5	3-4	2-4	0-4	1-4	2-3	2-3	10-33
ATS	4-6	5-4	7-4	3-7	6-4-1	5-6	6-6	5-7	41-44-1
Home Fav	1-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-0	2-2	1-1	2-3	8-8
Home Dog	1-2	2-0	4-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-1	0-1	11-6
Away Fav	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-4
Away Dog	2-4	2-3	3-3	2-4	3-2-1	1-2	4-3	3-2	20-23-1
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	1-4	3-3	6-0	2-4	3-3-1	3-4	3-4	2-5	23-27-1
vs Non-Conf	3-2	2-1	1-4	1-3	3-1	2-2	3-2	3-2	18-17
Off SU Win	0-0	0-2	2-2	1-3	1-1-1	2-4	2-4	2-3	10-19-1
Off SU Loss	3-6	4-2	5-1	1-4	4-3	3-1	3-2	2-4	25-23

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
05	New Orleans	+15'	S Mississippi	19-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
Arkansas St's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Reggie Arnold	163	1087	27	1060	9	6.5
Corey Leonard	171	822	275	547	5	3.2
Preston Brown	54	310	12	298	1	5.5
Cedric Wilkerson	35	152	9	143	0	4.1
Chris Easley	6	44	0	44	0	7.3
Travis Hewitt	20	62	45	17	0	0.9
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Corey Leonard	349	182	52.1	2235	16	15
Travis Hewitt	38	23	60.5	211	0	1
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Levi Dejohnette	61	701	11.5	2	50	
Brandon Thompkins	41	503	12.3	1	44	
Kevin Jones	18	236	13.1	0	60	
David Johnson	10	204	20.4	3	84	
Preston Brown	20	192	9.6	1	32	
Trevor Gillott	20	183	9.1	0	26	
Joe Smith	9	153	17.0	0	56	
Chris Miller	9	102	11.3	3	22	
Vernon Catlin	3	72	24.0	2	33	
Reggie Arnold	4	52	13.0	1	19	
JT Jordan	3	27	9.0	1	21	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
Brett Shrable	47	1958	41.7	7	33.6(t)	2	5
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Josh Arauco	34-34	8-10	4-7	3-6	0-0	15-23	45

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Koby McKinnon	101	1	6	4	2
Khayyam Burns	97	0	6	4	0
Ben Owens	96	0.5	2.5	2	0
Tyrell Johnson	94	0	4.5	4	6
Montis Harrison	55	0	2	6	2
Brian Flagg	44	1.5	4	0	0
Javon McKinnon	41	0	0	0	0
Alex Carrington	38	1	4	2	0
Greg Hardy	38	0	2.5	0	0
Prince Hickman	36	3.5	1	1	0
Evan Van Dolah	31	2	0	0	0
Daylan Walker	30	0	1	3	0
Darren Toney	27	1	1.5	4	2
MD Jennings	26	1	0	0	1
Stanley Wakwe	23	0	3	1	0
Curtis Bonds	20	1.5	1	0	0
Khari Mays	17	0	1	0	0
Dominque Williams	16	0	1	3	0
Brandon Rollins	11	0	0	0	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Kevin Jones	17	194	11.4	1	
Brandon Thompkins	5	93	18.6	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Brandon Thompkins	49	1062	21.7	0	
Darren Toney	9	253	28.1	0	

ARKANSAS ST'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6*	24.3	20	176	4.6	204	52.8	15.7	-4	2007	7	27.6	20	165	4.1	197	57.2	13.1
6	15.2	19	168	4.0	145	48.0	20.6	-4	2006	7	24.1	16	149	4.5	161	57.0	12.8
4*	24.5	18	193	4.8	177	54.2	15.1	+5	2005	7	25.3	20	187	4.2	192	56.9	15.0
7*	19.5	18	151	4.2	206	51.8	18.3	-9	2004	3	33.2	22	197	4.6	226	60.3	12.7
5*	20.2	16	159	4.2	151	49.1	15.4	-3	2003	9	33.4	21	149	3.9	250	59.9	12.0
8*	19.9	16	183	4.4	144	51.7	16.4	+7	2002	6	27.8	19	166	4.1	176	57.8	12.3

2007 STATS BY GAME

ASU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,440	at Texas	26	34-125	3.7	24-37	272	4	23	38-117	3.1	22-33	223	1	+1
17,465	SMU	29	50-250	5.0	22-34	266	4	19	24-82	3.4	21-40	251	2	+2
102,368	at Tennessee	17	31-178	5.7	18-36	199	4	30	37-188	5.1	28-40	335	0	-2
27,774	Memphis	23	39-134	3.4	16-37	255	2	17	45-177	3.9	12-25	218	0	-2
12,088	at ULM	16	28-170	6.1	14-35	206	1	23	52-235	4.5	15-23	195	1	-3
18,242	Louisiana-Lft	33	62-406	6.5	17-23	275	1	8	27-133	4.9	7-20	137	1	-1
12,505	at Middle Tenn	8	33-22	0.7	9-19	116	9	22	49-205	4.2	11-24	179	1	-3
14,694	Troy	11	34-116	3.4	12-28	121	5	17	43-200	4.7	16-26	168	0	0
12,326	Florida Int'l	18	41-177	4.3	19-30	174	5	15	42-140	3.3	9-19	110	2	+2
18,540	at Fla Atlantic	14	35-125	3.6	19-33	131	1	19	39-105	2.7	22-42	268	1	+2
11,736	North Texas	29	31-167	5.4	26-53	313	2	23	43-221	5.1	22-30	160	1	0
17,705	at S Miss	19	42-242	5.8	9-23	118	1	19	46-177	3.8	13-24	123	3	0
TOTALS		243	460-2112	4.6	205-388	2446	39	235	485-1980	4.1	198-346	2367	13	-4
AVERAGES		20.3	38-176	4.6	17-32	204	3.3	19.6	40-165	4.1	17-29	197	1.1	-0.3

2003 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas A&M	+29	11-26
–	Tenn-Martin	NL	63-6
–	SE Missouri St	NL	21-3
–	at Tulsa	-3'	7-54
–	at Memphis	+16	16-38
–	ULM	-7'	44-41
–	at Mississippi	+26	0-55
–	at Utah St	+8'	0-49
–	at New Mexico St	+15	28-24
–	Idaho	+1'	24-23
–	at North Texas	+20	14-58
–	Middle Tenn	+6	14-24

2004 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Missouri - #18	+32'	20-52
–	at LSU - #6	+40	3-53
–	Memphis - #25	+23	35-47
–	at ULM	+6	28-21
–	at Mississippi	+18'	21-28
–	at Middle Tenn	+6	17-45
–	Troy	+13	13-9
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+3	24-27
–	at Idaho	-2'	31-45
–	Utah St	-7	16-7
–	North Texas	+5	7-31

2005 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	† Missouri	+24'	17-44
–	Tenn-Martin	NL	56-7
–	at Oklahoma St	+24'	10-20
–	Florida Int'l	-9'	66-24
–	at ULM	-3	27-31
–	Louisiana-Lft	-11'	39-36
–	Florida Atlantic	-7'	3-0 OT
–	at Middle Tenn	+4'	7-45
–	Troy	-3	9-3
–	at Army	+8'	10-38
–	at North Texas	-2'	31-24

2006 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Army	+4'	14-6
–	† Oklahoma St	+13'	7-35
–	at SMU	+7	9-55
–	at Florida Int'l	+7'	31-6
–	ULM	-6'	10-6
–	at Memphis	+8'	26-23
–	North Texas	-10	29-10
–	at Florida Atlantic	-6'	0-29
–	at Auburn - #6	+31'	0-27
–	Middle Tenn	+3'	10-38
–	at Troy	+8	33-26
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+6	13-28

2007 RESULTS

ASU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #4	+39	13-21
–	SMU	-3	45-28
–	at Tennessee	+19'	27-48
–	Memphis	-5	35-31
–	at ULM	-2'	13-30
–	Louisiana-Lft	-9	52-21
–	at Middle Tenn	+2'	7-24
–	Troy	+5	0-27
–	Florida Int'l	-17'	27-24
–	at Florida Atlantic	+6'	31-34
–	North Texas	-15'	31-27
–	at S Mississippi	+14	10-16

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

QB Dwight Dasher

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - Clint Marks became the first MT QB to top 2,000 yards passing for two straight years but surprisingly in '06 threw for just 1,917 (60.4%) with an 8-9 ratio and departed as the school's #2 all-time passer. Strong armed Joe Craddock (PS#204) appeared in 9 throwing for 75 yards. Craddock began '07 as the starter but was inj and true frosh Dwight Dasher (PS#152), who is a dangerous runner, had two drives against LSU (0 points) and led the team with 30 yards rushing. With Craddock injured Dasher got his first start vs WK and led with 53 yards rushing. Dasher produced 298 total yards vs FIU and 244 vs Virginia. Against Memphis he rushed for 180 and threw for 230 and was the SBC POW. Dasher was hurt vs Ark St and Craddock took over late hitting 2 of 4 for 61. Dasher was inj'd again vs NT with the team up just 23-21. Craddock hit a 4 yd TD pass on his first play and while he hit just 6 of 17 for 44, he guided the team to a blowout win. With Dasher injured Craddock started vs ULM hitting 22 of 29 for 401 and was the SBC Off POW. Dasher saw most of the action vs ULL but had just 3 att in the finale. Dasher threw for 1,148 (56%) with a 9-3 ratio (674 rush) while Craddock threw for 1,259 (61.9%) with a 12-5 ratio (232 rush). Not listed in the PSL are Patrick Spears (5'11" 195 rFr, PS#198), Nicholas Coleman (6'3" 218 Jr) and this year's true frosh. This year both return giving the unit much more experience and Dasher could become one of the top QB's in the SBC if he stays healthy.

RUNNING BACKS - Eugene Gross led the team in rushing 4 straight years with totals of 735 (3.9), 412 (4.0), 724 (4.0) and 882 (4.4) in 2006. DeMarco McNair (PS#214) rushed for 112 (5.3) in '04 after moving from SS but was ineligible in '05. He led the team in rushing in two of the last 3 reg ssn gms in '06 finishing with 586 (4.2). Stockstill brought in Desmond Gee (PS#61) and as a true frosh he was the #3 rusher with 277 (4.5) while also starting at WR. Gee scored a TD in each of the last 6 reg ssn gms. Both returned last year but QB Dasher led the team in rushing. McNair had 505 (3.4) and Phillip Tanner had one start and 299 (4.7) with 119 receiving. Gee started 7 at WR and added 162 rush (4.2) including 71 vs ULL and he finished as the #2 receiver. Not listed in the PSL are RB's Elijah Johnson (5'11" 168 So), Frederick Copeland (6'0" 204 So) and FB's Craig Heyward (6'0" 242 Sr) and Spike McDaniel (5'10" 206 Sr). This year they lose McNair but Gee has moved to RB full-time and he and Tanner should help increase the team's RB production.

RECEIVERS - Ex-coach McCollum labeled true frosh Bobby Williams as a big-play man in '05 (even though he didn't join the team until Aug). He was the leading returning receiver in 2006 with 378 (10.5). RB/WR/PR Gee was #2 with 351 (13.0) with Jonathan Grigsby having 319 (13.3) and Taron Henry 247 (15.4). All 4 returned last year. Henry (PS#127DB) moved to the forefront with 427 (13.8) while Gee added 382 (13.2) and soph Patrick Honeycutt was #3 with 328 (11.7). Bobby Williams dropped to 183 (10.2). This year they lose Henry (11 st), Grigsby (9 rec), Williams (1 st, transferred), TE Stephen Chicola (5 st, 14 rec) and TE Clinton Corder (8 st, 2 rec). Not listed below is Andrew Banks (5'9" 155 rFr). With Gee moving full-time to RB this group is less experienced but do bring in Anthony Jones (1,076 yd JC L2Y).

OFFENSIVE LINE - The O-line paved the way for 5.3, 5.5 and 4.7 ypc rushing the first 3 years of this decade. The units began to slide and in 2005 the team rushed for only 2.8 ypc, their lowest in IA ball while allowing 37 sacks. In 2006 they had 3 starters back and improved to 3.6 ypc with 28 sacks (8.9%). Last year they had to replace 3 starters but had 3 players returning with 7 or more starts. RG Richard Bortner (6 st '05) was lost to injury in the opener. LT Franklin Dunbar had a fine year and earned 1st Tm SBC honors. With basically two starters back, MT opened holes for 135 ypg rush (3.5) while allowing 25 sacks (7.7%). This year they lose RG Brandon Nix (12 st, 3Y st'r), David Price (3 st) and LT Dunbar (12 st, 3Y st'r) who left early for the NFL draft (not drafted). While 3 starters return this year, RT Fisher was injured in the spring and is out until at least October. If he does not return they not only lose their star, but with just 29 career starts returning would rank #112 in IA.

DEFENSIVE LINE - MT had to replace all 4 starters in 2006 from the front wall but did return DE Erik Walden whose 11.5 sacks set a school record despite the fact that he was not listed as a starter. That unit yielded 3.6 ypc rush and accounted for 22 of the teams 36 sacks. In 2007 all 4 starters were expected to return and they expected bigger contributions from Fla St transfer Chris Anderson (PS#20) and Brandon Perry (PS#26). Perry had 4 tackles in the opener but then was lost for the year. Anderson was ineligible and returning starting DE Mosley quit. The Blue Raiders still had 3 starters back but surprisingly allowed 4.9 ypc, their worst total since 1999 with the sack total dropping to 30. DE Tavares Jones was the only DL in the entire NCAA to lead his team in tackles and earned 1st Tm SBC honors. Unfortunately this year Jones departs (12 st, 61 tkl, 9.5 tfl) along with 1st Tm SBC DE Erik Walden (9 st, 46 tkl, 8.5 tfl, #6DC DAL, 1st ever MT DE draftee) and DT Derek Mason (2 st, 10 tkl). Perhaps the reason for the drop-off was the inexperienced LB corps last year (see below). While this group is less experienced and loses their top 2 stars, MT could improve in my rush D rankings.

LINEBACKERS - Last year MT had an inexperienced LB group having to replace all 3 starters including 1st and 2nd Tm SBC LB's who were their #1 and #2 tacklers. The unit had just 5 combined career starts, all belonging to Lonnie Clemons. This year the group is much more experienced with the only losses being SLB Derek Shropshire (6 st, 24 tkl) and MLB Chance Dunleavy (1 st, 15 tkl). Only one LB was ranked in the top 6 tacklers in '07 and he returns in Danny Carmichael (10 st, 55 tkl). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Derek Dickerson (6'0" 233 rFr), Devin Dutton (6'0" 217 Jr) and Norman Washington (6'0" 225 rFr).

DEFENSIVE BACKS - MT had inexperienced DB's in '04 and finished #114 in my pass D rankings. In 2005 all 4 starters returned and they moved up to #57 allowing an 11-14 ratio. They had to replace two starters in 2006. Damon Nickson earned 1st Tm SBC honors but MT slipped some to #67 allowing an 18-14 ratio. Last year they replaced two starters. Converted RB Alex Suber had a fine first full year as a starter earning HM SBC honors. Surprisingly FS Nickson only started 9. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC CB Bradley Robinson (11 st, 39 tkl, 5 int), Roy Polite (10 st, 49 tkl, 5 pbu), FS Nickson (39 tkl), CB David Raymond (2 tkl) and SS Dana Stewart (22 tkl). They do have two former SEC signees (Alabama, Auburn) in their secondary. MT improved to #46 last year and while four players return who started five or more games, it will be tough to move up in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Rick Stockstill inherited a team that finished #82 in my ST rankings in '05. With super K/P Colby Smith, MT finished #62 in '06. Last year Smith departed but Marshall transfer David DeFatta excelled at P avg 40.9 with a team net of 36.2. He was the SBC ST POW twice. Matt King hit just 2 of 7 FG's and was replaced by DeFatta who hit 4 of 6 with a long of 47. King had 6 TB on 48 KO. Desmond Gee took over the KR duties (20.1) but saw his PR avg drop from 9.9 to 4.8. Bradley Robinson took his first career KR 89 yards for a TD vs ULM to get MT the win in the final minute. Gee (1,323 all-purp yd) was 1st Tm SBC (all-purp). This year everyone returns and they add a top-notch true frosh who should take over at K. MT should improve upon their #84 finish.

COACHES - Rick Stockstill has been a coach under Lou Holtz, Steve Spurrier, Danny Ford, Ken Hatfield, Tommy West and Tommy Bowden. He was the OC at ECar in 2003 and was the recruiting coordinator at SCar from '04-'05. The former Fla St QB has recruited 17 NFL signees over the last eight years. In his first year here he led MT to its 1st ever bowl and was the SBC Coach of the Year! His OC is G.A. Mangus (3rd yr) who came to MT after a four year HC stint at Delaware Valley and was a QB at Florida under Spurrier. Manny Diaz is in his 3rd year as DC. Diaz spent the previous six years on Chuck Amato's staff at NCSt. His 2006 defense set school records with 36 sacks and 105 tfl.

PHIL'S FORECAST

When the SBC was formed, MT looked like the class of the league and was favored to win it the first two seasons. They were 8-3 in the first year but narrowly missed out on the SBC Title then surprisingly had 4 straight losing seasons with just 1 winning mark in the SBC ('03) in that span. In 2005 they were arguably the most talented team in the league and despite outscoring league foes by an SBC best 7.4 ppg, ended up with a 3-4 conf record and a losing year. They beat SEC member Vanderbilt who was led by Jay Cutler and destroyed league champ Ark St 45-7. They trailed Alabama just 9-7 at the half and had an 18-8 FD edge vs Meineke Car Care Bowl Champ NCSt. In 2006 they were again arguably the best team in the SBC. They were #6 in the preseason SBC poll but I picked them to finish #2. Stockstill had 70 scholarship players, well below the NCAA's 85 limit. They still had the SBC Title seemingly wrapped up with a 13 pt lead over Troy and the ball in their poss with 3:50 to go but somehow lost. They then suffered a blowout loss to CM in the bowl. Last year they had only three first time starters so they were an experienced team with 18 seniors. They dropped their opener at FAU then played a great game at #8 Louisville putting up 42 points. After a shutout loss to eventual National Champ LSU they were stunned by WKU, a game in which Dwight Dasher got his first career start with Craddock injured. After a blowout win vs FIU, they had their highest profile game ever in Murfreesboro but UVA got a late FG to pull out the 23-21 win. They beat bowl-bound Memphis at home then had a school record 9 sacks the next week vs Ark St in a 24-7 win. They won 2 straight SBC games on the road vs NT and ULM, the latter thanks to an 89 yd KR TD in the last minute and stood 4-1 in SBC play with a shot at the SBC Title. They were outgained by ULL 528-256 in a 10 pt home loss and then were buried by Troy 45-7 in the finale to finish with a losing season despite benefitting from +11 in TO's. This year they have just 11 seniors and 16 juniors. MT is the youngest team in the SBC and how they fare vs Troy in the opener will determine if they have a shot at a winning season.

OFFENSE — JERSEY # IN BLUE — 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP — JERSEY # IN BLUE — DEFENSE

QB 9 DWIGHT DASHER SO. 5-10 207 PS#152. 7 st true (inj), 1148 (56%), 9-3 ratio, 674 rush. **12** Joe Craddock (5'11" 197 Sr) PS#204. 6 st LY (inj), 1259 (62%), 12-5 ratio, 232 rush.

RB 2 DESMOND GEE JR. 5-8 166 **PS#61**. 2 st true. 7 st WR LY. 2Y totals 439 rush, 733 rec, 963 ret yds. **21** Phillip Tanner (6'0" 195 Jr). 13 gms, 16 tkl true. 1 st, 418 ttl off LY.

WR NA Anthony Jones Jr. 6-1 180 **PS#94JC. Orig at Okla St. FB 42 Jacob Longoria** (6'2" 227 So). **6 st '07**, 42 ttl yd. **34** Marquise Branton (5'11" 220 So) PS#285. 37 ttl yd, 5 gm true.

WR 13 Michael Cannon Jr. 5-10 185 PS#286. 1 st 3Y, 179 (9.9), 4.4 spd. **81** Wes Caldwell (6'2" 178 So) PS#118. Shane Blissard (6'5" 205 rFr). **15** DD Kyles (6'1" 190 rFr).

WR 17 PATRICK HONEYCUTT JR. 5-9 170 10 st LY, 328 (11.7), 38" VL. Jeremy Perry (6'2" 209 So) PS#197TE. 10 gm true. Caleb Dugger (5'9" 178 rFr). Marcus Thurmond PS#156.

TE 82 Alvin Ingle So. 6-2 231 PS#138. 7 rec rFr. **16 Gene Delle Donne** (6'5" 256 Jr) **PS#16QB. Duke trans.** Byron McLeod (6'2" 228 rFr) PS#111. John Marc Stephens (6'4" 263 Sr).

C 71 Jake Padrick rFr. 6-0 290 PS#520. Almost won job as true but inj and RS. **63** Chris Ritter (6'2" 312 Sr) PS#421. 5 gm, 2Y. **LS 48** Adam Wade (5'10" 214 So). 12 gm LY.

RG 62 Evon Lettsome So. 6-4 293 2nd string rFr, 2 gm, 27 snap. **75** Chris Hawkins (6'3" 285 So). 2nd string C rFr, 3 gm, 43 snaps until inj. Jamie Wolff (6'3" 300 So) PS#422.

LG 76 JAMAL LEWIS SO. 6-4 302 PS#475. 2nd string true but RS. 10 st LG rFr, 430 bench. 733 snaps. **50** Colin Boss (6'4" 326 rFr) PS#315. Daniel Ryder (6'1" 255 rFr).

RT 69 JC MOORE SO. 6-6 300 PS#562. 2nd string rFr, 1 gm, 3 snap. **74 Mark Fisher (6'4" 285 So) PS#115.** 10 st RT, 12 gm true. 761 snap Inj spg. Brandon McLeroy PS#284.

LT 72 MARK THOMPSON JR. 6-4 300 PS#189DL. 7 st LG rFr. 12 st LY (11C, 1RT). 832 snap. **78** Mike Williams (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#333. **73** Jeremy Michel (6'5" 281 So), PS#360. Baylor trans.

K NA ALAN GENDREAU FR. 5-11 175 PS#19. 30 of 35 FG, 42-45 xp 2Y HS. **37 David DeFatta.** 4 of 6, long 47, 4-4 xp LY. **35** Matt King (5'10" 198 Sr). 2 of 7 FG LY, long 39, 34-37 xp.

DE 98 Chris McCoy Jr. 6-4 263 6 tkl, 1 sk rFr. 3 st LY, 17 tkl, 1 pbu. **51** SaCoby Carter (6'2" 268 rFr) PS#202. **94** Gary Tucker (6'2" 258 So) PS#433. 11 gm rFr, 9 tkl, 2 tfl.

DT 97 TREVOR JENKINS SR. 6-1 285 PS#237. 11 tkl true. 13 st '06, 35 tkl, 10.5 tfl. 12 st LY, 33 tkl, 9 tfl. **47** Dwight Smith (6'1" 265 So). 15 tkl, 2 tfl true. Billy Hayne (6'0" 264 So).

DT 92 Brandon Perry Jr. 6-1 327 **PS#26**. 10 tkl '05-'06. 4 tkl Wk 1 LY but inj. **95** Jonathan Presley (6'4" 265 Jr). 1 st, 13 tkl '06. Immanuel Chu (6'2" 278 Jr). Illinois '06. PS#238JC. **Inj spg ? '08.**

DE 56 WES HOFACKER SR. 6-2 252 15 tkl true. 11 st '06, 19 tkl, 6 tfl. 10 st DT LY, 21 tkl, 3 tfl. **91** Emmanuel Perez (6'2" 235 So) PS#309LB. 6 tkl true. **99** Antonio Hill (6'0" 225 rFr) PS#317.

SLB 55 Andrew Harrington Sr. 6-2 223 PS#453JC. 2 st LY, 31 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **32** Jamari Lattimore PS#326JC in spring. **52** Antwan Davis (6'1" 213 So). 1 tkl true. Jerry Cobb (6'2" 185 rFr).

MLB 44 DANNY CARMICHAEL JR. 6-0 238 PS#184. 26 tkl, 3.5 tfl true. 10 st LY, 55 tkl, 5 tfl. **30** Cam Robinson (6'1" 216 Jr) PS#315RB. 13 tkl 2Y. **18** Landon Givers (6'2" 227 rFr) PS#404.

RLB 29 LONNIE CLEMONS SR. 6-1 226 5 st '06, 22 tkl, 1.5 tfl. 9 st LY, 45 tkl, 3.5 sk, 3.5 tfl. **27** Ivon Hickmon (6'1" 213 Sr) PS#520JC. 21 tkl LY. **53** Shane Adams (6'0" 211 So) PS#291.

CB NA Marcus Udell Jr. 6-0 190 **PS#34 at Alabama '06**. 7 int at JC L2Y. **6** Rod Issac (5'11" 180 So). 5 st true, 477 snaps, 31 tkl, 1 int, 3 pbu. Stuart Taylor (6'2" 172 So).

CB 7 ALEX SUBER JR. 5-9 165 PS#115RB. 3 gm RB true, inj RS. 4 st rFr, 17 tkl. 11 st CB LY, 59 tkl, 1 int, 5 pbu. **25** Ted Riley (6'1" 180 Sr) PS#351JC. 23 tkl LY. Denzell Guerra PS#326.

SS 8 Anthony Glover Sr. 6-2 213 13 tkl '04-'05. RS '06. 5 st SS LY, 46 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **33** Kevin Brown (6'1" 192 So) PS#328DL. 8 tkl true, 9 gm. Rakeem Muhammad (6'0" 185 rFr).

FS 20 JEREMY KELLEM SO. 5-10 183 PS#441. 5 st at FS as true, 42 tkl, 3.5 tfl. **28** Josh Gregory (5'9" 204 Jr) PS#211RB. **Auburn trans.** 17 tkl here LY, 12 gm. Albert Davies (5'8" 196 So).

P 37 DAVID DeFATTA JR. 5-9 184 1-3 FG Marshall true. Trans. 73 punts here LY, 40.9 avg, tm net of 36.2, #1 SBC with 28 inside 20. **36** Richard Billings (6'2" 204 Jr) Ala St transfer.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DB	Marcus Udell 6-0 190 PS#34 '06
WR	Anthony Jones 6-1 180 PS#94JC
DL	Immanuel Chu 6-2 278 PS#238JC
LB	Jamari Lattimore 6-3 215 PS#326JC
WR	Marcus Thurmond 6-0 180 PS#156
QB	Sancho McDonald 6-2 196 PS#114
K	Alan Gendreau 5-11 175 PS#19
RB	Tony Smith 6-1 180 PS#200
WR	Malcolm Beyah 6-0 190 PS#197
OL	Brandon McLeroy 6-3 300 PS#284
DL	Kendall Dangerfield 6-2 270 PS#266
RB	Jawan Carson 5-10 175 PS#231
DB	Hakeem Johnson 5-10 180 PS#302
DB	Denzell Guerra 6-1 195 PS#326
QB	Brent Burnette 6-3 212 PS#186
OL	Rogeric Govan 6-5 260 PS#350DL
OL	Alex Stuart 6-4 290 PS#403
LB	Gorby Loreus 6-0 210 PS#368
OL	Travis Lilienthal 6-3 260 PS#434
DB	Derrick Crumpton 6-0 190 PS#416
LB	Lavonte David 6-1 190 PS#408
LB	Darin Davis 6-2 192 PS#408
DL	Phillip Tinsley 6-3 225 PS#464

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BLUE RAIDERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2.75
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#108

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score MT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 28	Troy (Thur)	A					
Sep. 6	Maryland	A					
Sep. 13	at Kentucky	G					
Sep. 20	at Arkansas St	A					
Sep. 30	Fla Atlantic (Tues)	A					
Oct. 4							
Oct. 11	at Florida Int'l	A					
Oct. 18	at Louisville	A					
Oct. 25	at Mississippi St	G					
Nov. 1							
Nov. 8	ULM	A					
Nov. 15	at Western Kentucky	A					
Nov. 22	North Texas	A					
Nov. 29							
Dec. 3	at Louisiana-Lft (Wed)	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Wes Counts 8,007 '98-'01
2. Clint Marks 7,342 '03-'06
3. Kelly Holcomb 7,064 '91-'94

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Joe Campbell 3,823 '88-'91
2. Mike Moore 3,678 '74-'77
3. Dwone Hicks 3,613 '99-'02

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Kendall Newson 3,074 '98-'01
2. Tyrone Calico 2,636 '99-'02
3. Kerry Wright 2,589 '01-'04

Middle Tennessee is 11-4 vs Troy but they have lost 2 straight & 3 of the last 4. Blue Raiders are just 1-5 in home openers but the 5 losses are by a combined 28 pts.

Mid Tenn has lost both meetings vs Maryland, their last meeting was in '06 (24-10). The Blue Raiders are 2-7 vs the ACC, including their 23-21 loss to VA last year.

Middle Tenn is just 2-11 the L13Y in road openers but did upset Vandy in '01. In their only meeting with Kentucky ('02), MT lost 44-22 but was "only" outgained 510-422.

The Blue Raiders are 8-1 vs ASU outscoring them 176-55 in the last 5 wins. LY MT recorded a school record 9 sks, forced 4 TO's & held ASU to ssn low 138 yds.

Coming into '08, MT is 15-8 (65%) in Sun Belt Conference home games. This is the 1st ever prime time National broadcast by ESPN at Floyd Stadium.

The home tm is a perfect 3-0 in this series as LY MT held FIU to just 145 total yds. The Blue Raiders are 6-2 after a bye week since 2000.

MT is 0-2 vs Louisville, including last year's near upset of the #8 Cards. Last year's game featured 1,284 yds, 13 TD's and little defense from either side.

Middle Tenn is 3-26 all-time vs the SEC, with all 3 wins vs Vandy ('01, '02 & '05). Last meeting in '00, #20 Bulldogs won 61-35, with the 2 combining for 1,057 yds offense.

Middle Tennessee is 6-2 vs ULM all-time including LY's 43-40 win. LY QB Craddock set the school record w/471 yds of ttl offense in place of the inj'd Dasher.

Both teams were in IAA's Ohio Valley Conf & are deadlocked at 28-28-1 dating back to 1914. True Fr QB Dasher made his 1st start for inj'd Craddock & MT missed a gm tying 34 yd FG with :04 left.

Middle Tennessee is 17-5 since 1986 in Murfreesboro finales. The HT is 2-5 all-time in this series as MT has never beaten NT in Murfreesboro.

Last year MT led 14-0 & 24-21 but were upset on Homecoming. The visitor has won 4 of the last 5 in this series which began in 1999.

RICK STOCKSTILL (Career 12-13)

3rd Year at Middle Tenn (Stockstill's Bowl Record: 0-1)

Stockstill's records AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE

12-13	Straight Up	0-3	Vs Top 10
5-4	Home	0-4	Vs Top 25
7-7	Away	0-7	Vs BCS Teams
0-2	Neutral	1-1	Off A Bye
10-4	Vs Conference	5-6	Off A Loss

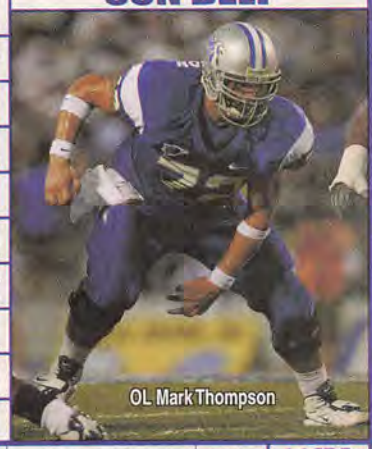
2007 RECORD: (5-7)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 6*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 36 (11,22,3)
Lost: 19 (10,9,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 18,530 (#97)

SUN BELT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STADIUM: JOHNNY "RED" FLOYD STADIUM (30,788) (#97)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (Synthetic Turf)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	8-3	4-8	4-8	5-6	4-7	7-6	5-7	43-50
Home	5-0	5-0	3-2	2-4	4-1	1-4	3-1	2-3	25-15
Away	1-5	3-3	1-6	2-4	1-5	3-3	4-3	3-4	18-33
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2
vs Conf	–	5-1	2-4	3-3	4-4	3-4	6-1	4-3	27-20
vs Non-Conf	6-5	3-2	2-4	1-5	1-2	1-3	1-5	1-4	16-30
ATS	7-2	5-6	5-6	6-5	5-6	5-6	7-5	6-5	46-41
Home Fav (Andy McCollum)	1-1	2-3	2-1	2-2	4-1	1-4	1-2	2-1	15-15
Home Dog	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	2-2
Away Fav (Rick Stockstill)	1-0	1-2	0-2	2-0	0-2	2-1	2-0	1-1	9-8
Away Dog	4-1	2-1	3-2	2-2	1-3	2-1	3-2	2-3	19-15
Neutral	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1
vs Conf	–	2-4	2-4	3-3	4-4	3-4	5-2	3-4	22-25
vs Non-Conf	7-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	1-2	2-2	2-3	3-1	24-16
Off SU Win	3-1	4-3	1-2	1-2	1-4	1-3	5-2	3-2	19-19
Off SU Loss	3-1	0-3	3-4	5-3	3-2	3-3	2-2	3-2	22-20

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
06	Motor City	+8	C Michigan	14-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Mid Tenn's All-Time Bowl Record 0-1

MIDDLE TENNESSEE'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	25.7	17	135	3.5	202	57.7	13.1	+11	2007	6	28.3	22	200	4.9	215	55.7	14.7
9*	22.8	16	131	3.6	154	57.8	12.5	+6	2006	4	23.2	18	120	3.6	204	57.5	14.0
8*	19.1	17	109	2.8	198	65.8	16.1	+6	2005	9	18.7	19	136	3.9	198	58.1	17.8
6	24.5	20	107	3.3	268	69.8	15.3	-6	2004	6	26.6	22	138	3.7	273	64.9	15.5
5*	27.7	19	145	3.5	227	61.2	13.4	+2	2003	8	31.3	23	171	4.2	254	61.8	13.6
9	24.8	18	209	4.7	154	57.8	14.7	0	2002	6	27.7	20	172	4.3	229	61.4	14.5

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Dwight Dasher	121	674	144	530	3	4.4
DeMarco McNair	149	545	40	505	9	3.4
Phillip Tanner	64	325	26	299	4	4.7
Desmond Gee	39	199	37	162	0	4.2
Joe Craddock	55	232	110	122	1	2.2
PASSING	**ATT**	**COMP**	**PCT**	**YDS**	**TD**	**INT**
Dwight Dasher	159	89	56.0	1148	9	3
Joe Craddock	155	96	61.9	1259	12	5
Patrick Jackson	7	2	28.6	18	0	0
RECEIVING	**REC**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	**LONG**	
Taron Henry	31	427	13.8	5	52	
Desmond Gee	29	382	13.2	4	66	
Patrick Honeycutt	28	328	11.7	1	52	
DeMarco McNair	22	321	14.6	4	78	
Jonathan Grigsby	9	187	20.8	2	94	
Bobby Williams	18	183	10.2	3	24	
Stephen Chicola	14	166	11.9	1	22	
Michael Cannon	15	157	10.5	0	49	
Phillip Tanner	6	119	19.8	0	40	
Alvin Ingle	7	77	11.0	1	26	
PUNTING	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**FC**	**NET**	**BLK**	**In20**
David DeFatta	73	2987	40.9	20	36.2(t)	1	28
KICKING	**XP**	**1-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**TOTAL**	**LONG**
Matt King	34-37	1-1	1-5	0-1	0-0	2-7	39
David DeFatta	4-4	1-1	2-3	1-2	0-0	4-6	47

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Tavares Jones	61	7	2.5	2	1
Alex Suber	59	0.5	7	5	1
Danny Carmichael	55	2	3	1	0
Roy Polite	49	0	0	5	1
Erik Walden	46	2	6.5	2	1
Anthony Glover	46	0.5	3	1	0
Lonnie Clemons	45	3.5	3.5	1	0
Jeremy Kellem	42	2	1.5	5	3
Damon Nickson	39	2	1	1	2
Bradley Robinson	39	0	2	5	5
Trevor Jenkins	33	1	8	3	0
Rod Issac	31	0	0	3	1
Andrew Harrington	31	2	1.5	2	0
Derek Shropshire	24	1	1	0	0
Ted Riley	23	0	1	0	0
Dana Stewart	22	0	0	0	2
Ivon Hickmon	21	0	0	0	0
Wes Hofacker	21	1.5	1.5	0	0
Josh Gregory	17	0	0	0	0
Chris McCoy	17	0	0.5	1	0
PUNT RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Desmond Gee	12	57	4.8	0	
KICK RETURNS	**NO**	**YDS**	**AVG**	**TD**	
Desmond Gee	36	722	20.1	0	
Damon Nickson	14	241	17.2	0	

2007 STATS BY GAME

MT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	OFFENSE SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	DEFENSE SKS BY	DEFENSE TURN
11,398	at Fla Atlantic	15	32-18	0.6	20-32	199	4	20	42-216	5.1	12-27	195	2	-3
40,882	at Louisville	20	29-265	9.1	14-26	290	1	35	53-328	6.2	25-39	401	0	-3
92,407	at LSU	9	37-9	0.2	8-15	81	6	26	40-198	5.0	21-28	307	2	+1
22,086	W Kentucky	17	37-119	3.2	14-24	169	3	16	49-234	4.8	9-15	112	2	+3
15,605	Florida Int'l	16	44-153	3.5	12-25	258	1	8	28-72	2.6	13-35	73	2	+2
23,227	Virginia	16	39-127	3.3	17-34	181	2	23	37-151	4.1	22-38	223	2	+1
30,101	at Memphis	21	47-260	5.5	16-27	230	0	13	28-91	3.3	14-36	157	2	-3
12,505	Arkansas St	22	49-205	4.2	11-24	179	1	8	33-22	0.7	9-19	116	9	+3
18,181	at North Texas	21	42-132	3.1	22-38	203	1	21	22-87	4.0	25-45	296	2	+5
10,228	at ULM	23	35-98	2.8	22-29	401	0	30	47-360	7.7	24-38	264	2	+4
19,227	Louisiana-Lft	16	40-138	3.5	13-22	118	4	25	58-376	6.5	13-20	152	0	+1
18,242	at Troy	12	28-93	3.3	18-28	116	2	37	56-263	4.7	24-39	288	5	0
TOTALS		208	459-1617	3.5	187-324	2425	25	262	493-2398	4.9	211-379	2584	30	+11
AVERAGES		17.3	38-135	3.5	16-27	202	2.1	21.8	41-200	4.9	18-32	215	2.5	0.9

2003 RESULTS

MT	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Florida Atlantic	NL	19-20
–		at Georgia - #8	+29	10-29
–		at Clemson	+14	14-37
–		at Missouri - #23	+21'	40-41 OT
–		Temple	-3	36-44
–		New Mexico St	-4	35-18
–		at Idaho	-3'	28-21 OT
–		North Texas	+2'	28-33
–		at Utah St	+2	20-41
–		Troy	-4	27-20
–		Louisiana-Lft	-14'	51-57 4OT
–		at Arkansas St	-6	24-14

2004 RESULTS

MT	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Akron	+6'	31-24
–		Florida Atlantic	-2'	20-27
–		at Louisiana-Lft	-2	17-24
–		at North Texas	+3	21-30
–		Arkansas St	-6	45-17
–		at Florida - #22	+28'	16-52
–		Idaho	-10	34-14
–		Utah St	-9'	21-0
–		at New Mexico St	-3	10-44
–		ULM	-6	37-24
–		at Troy	+14	17-37

2005 RESULTS

MT	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Alabama	+21'	7-26
–		North Texas	-4	7-14
–		Akron	-6	7-17
–		at Vanderbilt	+14	17-15
–		at Florida Atlantic	-3'	35-14
–		Louisiana-Lft	-14	10-13
–		Arkansas St	-4'	45-7
–		ULM	-11	31-34
–		at NC State	+18	3-24
–		at Troy	-6'	17-7
–		at Florida Int'l	-6	31-35

2006 RESULTS

MT	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Florida Int'l	-9	7-6
–		at Maryland	+22	10-24
–		Tennessee Tech	NL	44-0
–		at Oklahoma - #17	+28	0-59
–		at North Texas	+3'	35-0
–		† Louisville - #8	+29'	17-44
–		at ULM	-3'	35-21
–		at Louisiana-Lft	+3	34-20
–		Florida Atlantic	-11'	35-14
–		at Arkansas St	-3'	38-10
–		at South Carolina	+15'	7-52
–		Troy	-7	20-21

2007 RESULTS

MT	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Florida Atlantic	+2'	14-27
–		at Louisville - #8	+40'	42-58
–		at LSU - #2	+40'	0-44
–		W Kentucky	NL	17-20
–		Florida Int'l	-9'	47-6
–		Virginia	+10	21-23
–		at Memphis	+3	21-7
–		Arkansas St	-2'	24-7
–		at North Texas	-12'	48-28
–		at ULM	-3'	43-40
–		Louisiana-Lft	-13'	24-34
–		at Troy	+12	7-45

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In 2005 NT had to replace a 4 year starter and Daniel Meager (PS#168) started 11 throwing for 941 (50%) with a 4-8 ratio while Matt Phillips threw for 448 (47.8%) with a 4-5 ratio. Three QB's shared the spot in '06 but Meager suffered a concussion in August which set him back. Woody Wilson started 4 games and threw for 528 (60%) with a 2-8 ratio. Meager had 5 starts and threw for 517 (53%) with a 4-6 ratio. Phillips started 3 and threw for 337 (48.3%) with a 3-5 ratio. All 3 returned last year but added to the mix was true frosh Giovanni Vizza [VEE-za] (PS#182) who was a better fit for the system. It surprised me that Meager beat out Vizza. In the opener, Meager hit 15 of 27 for 108 and was replaced by Vizza in the 2H who hit 4 of 11 for 124. Another surprise happened after Meager set school records by hitting 46 of 64 for 601 vs SMU and followed that by hitting 38 of 61 for 301 vs FAU. He had 3 int's in each game and Vizza was named the starter vs Ark in which he hit just 8 of 26 for 118 as Meager was more effective off the bench (7-15 for 71). Vizza started again the next week vs ULL and hit 35 of 57 for 383 and the job was his with Meager getting just 2 more att. He was the SBC Frosh of the Year and set an NCAA frosh record by throwing 8 TD's vs Navy. HC Todd Dodge said he was a better dual threat QB and he led in rushing vs Navy (93) and Ark St (79). Adding depth is Nathan Tune (6'3" 203 So, PS#342). Vizza should improve upon his 2,388 (58.2%) with a 17-20 ratio but will have to fend off Riley Dodge (PS#6) who is the coach's son. He ran in the same offense in HS and was twice named Texas Offensive POY.

QB Giovanni Vizza

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 NT became the first team in NCAA history to return a pair of RB's who had led the NCAA in rushing. Patrick Cobbs accomplished that in 2003 and when he was injured in 2004, Jamario Thomas (PS#43) rushed for 1,801 (6.3) with 17 TD's. In 2006 Thomas rushed for 577 in the first 7 but had just 91 over the final 5 (668, 3.7). Thomas expected to return to form last year but was still hampered by the hamstring injuries that slowed him down in '06. He did not play in the first 2 but had 117 vs FAU and had his best game in Wk 11 vs WKU with 147 yards and 3 TD's. He finished with 666 but a much better ypc (5.9). True frosh Micah Mosley (PS#163) had 461 (4.9) and Cam Montgomery (PS#90JC) was banged up in Aug and only got in 3 games (3 att). This year they lose Thomas as well as Deavin Cox (1 rush att) but the Mosley/Montgomery combo should be productive and NT should improve upon the 117 and 119 ypg rush averages the last 2 years.

RECEIVERS - In 2006 Johnny Quinn (22.4 in 200M) led the team in receiving for a 4th straight year finishing with 633 (11.1). The next closest receiver, Brandon Jackson had just 188 (11.1). They not only had to replace Quinn last year but also their #3 and #4 rec. Naturally with the switch to a passing offense, the stats went way up. Jackson hauled in 784 (9.9) but it was Casey Fitzgerald that set NT single season records for yards (1,322) and rec (111, 11.9). The old records were held by John Love and Barry Moore (1,130 yds in '66 & '69) and Marvin Walker (91 rec, '82). Fitzgerald had 327 vs SMU, the 4th best total in NCAA history. This year they lose Jackson (12 st) and Korey Washington (7 st, 377) but have everyone else back and are in the 2nd year of the offense. Not listed in the PSL is Jamel Jackson (5'9" 165 Jr). True frosh Sam Dibrell (377, 13.5) emerged and started the last 4 and this is a more experienced group.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Ex-coach Darrell Dickey did an excellent job on the O-line and in fact the highest amount of sacks allowed in his final 5 years was 21 (3 times). Dickey's final squad in 2006 avg just 117 ypg rush (3.2 ypc) which were the lowest totals in his 8 years. Normally when a team shifts from a run-based attack to a pass attack, it's a 3 to 4 year process. Last year they had to replace 3 OL starters including a 1st Tm SBC RG, then the projected starting LT missed the season. New coach Dodge went with 4 underclassmen in the starting lineup. Naturally the sack total rose to 39 (7.1%) but surprisingly the ypc rushing increased to 3.7. This year they lose RT Adam Venegas (12 st, 2Y st'r) and OT Robert Peachey (1 st, 6 gm). This unit is older, bigger, more experienced, is in the 2nd year of the new blocking schemes and also adds a couple of JUCO's.

DEFENSIVE LINE - NT usually ran a 4-3 alignment under Dickey but in 2005 they lost all 4 starters and a backup. They allowed 2,430 yards rush, the 3rd most in school history. NT moved to a 3-4 D in 2006 and had 2 starters returning. They trimmed the totals to 149 ypg (3.9). They moved back to a 4-man front in 2007 and only had to replace one starter. Surprisingly the totals were even worse than 2005 as they yielded 230 ypg rush and a ghastly 5.7 ypc while recording just 14 sacks. This year they lose DT Montey Stevenson (12 st, 49 tkl, 9.5 tfl), 1st Tm SBC DE Jeremiah Chapman (12 st, 78 tkl, 17 tfl), DE Sam Owusu-Hemeng (5 tkl) and DE Blake Burruss (5 st, 8 tkl). I look for a big impact from Alonzo Horton who was PS#31LB in 2005. He orig signed at Auburn and had 80 tackles with 11 tfl at JUCO last year. Despite being a little less experienced, they can only improve upon last year's horrific numbers.

LINEBACKERS - Last year 5 of the top 6 LB's returned. This year they lose their top two LB's in Maurice Holman (12 st, 74 tkl, 3 tfl) and Derek Mendoza (12 st, 66 tkl, 3.5 tfl). Also gone are Brandon Monroe (5 st, 26 tkl) and Lawrence Brown (6 tkl). Tobe Nwigwe, who started 11 in 2006 but only played in six last year due to an off field incident, is also back. Despite starting just the last 7, Craig Robertson became the first LB since Brad Kassell (2000) to lead NT in int (5). No NT player has had more than 5 int in a season since 1980. Not listed in the PSL are Scott Gilchrist (5'11" 210 So), Bron Hager (6'1" 210 rFr) and Cole Frazier (6'0" 205 rFr). Despite losing three LB's who collectively started 92 career games, they do have six players back with starting experience.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - NT finished as high as #36 in my pass D rankings under Dickey but in his last 2 years were just #113 and #105. Last year they had 3 starters back and moved Germaine Dawson (11 st LB '06) to S after returning starter Roy Loren quit in the fall. Surprisingly NT slipped to #111 allowing a 28-11 ratio and no DB had more than 1 int. Returning starting CB Dominique Green was kicked off the team after 6 starts (25 tkl) and Baylor transfer Latif Nurudeen replaced him. This year they lose SS Aaron Weathers (12 st, 64 tkl, 4 pbu), S Roderick Cotton (2 st, 40 tkl), SS Kevin Ealey (7 tkl), CB Evyn Roman (16 tkl), FS Cliff Higgs (19 tkl) and CB Brian Nelson (5 tkl). Three starters return and they add in 3 JUCO's as well as Navy transfer Greg Garden and I expect a bigger contribution out of Dawson.

SPECIAL TEAMS - NT finished as high as #10 in my ST rankings in 2003 under Dickey but in his final 3 years they were #66, #85 and #49. Last year they had to replace their K as well as both top returnmen. NT not only suffered the expected drop, but fell all the way to #118. Even P Truman Spencer, who had a 37.0 net in '06, had his net drop to 34.2 (avg improved from 40.8 to 41.6). Spencer had just 2 TB's on 63 KO's. True frosh Thomas Moreland hit 8 of 15 FG's with a long of just 37 and missed both attempts from 40+. True frosh Micah Mosley took over the KR duties at midseason (19.9). This year all of the key players return and NT can only improve, especially if Spencer's net punting returns to 2006's level. It's been 109 games since NT has had a KR TD (1998) which is the 12th longest streak in the NCAA.

COACHES - Former HC Darrell Dickey had an amazing 9 year career at NT which included 4 SBC Coach of the Year Titles, but last year Todd Dodge took over. Dodge was a QB at Texas and coached Southlake Carroll HS the previous 7 years to an overall record of 98-11, winning 4 out of the last 5 Texas HS 5A Titles. Ironically the last time NT hired a HS coach (Dennis Parker in '91), Dodge was his OC in '92 & '93 and the team was just 8-14 in those 2 years of IAA ball. OC Todd Ford was also an OC under Dodge at Carroll. DC Ron Mendoza was let go after NT allowed 45.1 ppg which was last in the NCAA. The new DC is Gary DeLoach who was a NT asst from 1998-2002 and DC from '00-'02. NT had the #1 D in the SBC in '01 (356 ypg, 24.4 ppg) and '02 (291, 14.8).

PHIL'S FORECAST

NT has a massive enrollment of 34,153+, making it one of the largest colleges in Texas. NT was the dominant team in the SBC with 26 straight conf wins, the longest streak in the country, heading into 2005, outscoring league foes by an average of 15.6 ppg. They had the edge over the rest of their SBC brethren in the fact that they had been to 4 straight bowl games giving them extra practices each year. In 2004 NT benefitted from +13 in turnovers and only outgained SBC foes by 15.3 ypg, by far the weakest margin in their outstanding run. In 2005 out of the 12 preseason magazines and websites monitored by www.football.stassen.com, I was one of only 3 NOT to forecast NT to win the SBC Title which got the attention of some fans in Denton. NT had just 8 returning starters and was outgained by 67.3 ypg in SBC play and crashed to a stunning 2-9 record. In 2005 they were winless at home for the first time since 1982 but their 5 SBC losses were by a combined 21 points and they had 16 returning starters in 2006. In 2006 they beat CUSA member SMU 24-6 but suffered their first home shutout loss (MT) since 1981. They had never trailed in SBC play by more than 14 pts prior to that. NT struggled to a 3-9 finish and was -15 in turnovers. Last year the team had 14 returning starters. With their new spread offense they put up a school record 613 yards vs SMU in a 14 pt loss. They did lead FAU 20-13 in the 3Q but lost by 10, thanks in part to 2 blk'd punts. After road losses to Arkansas and ULL, they stood 0-5 but got a fortunate win vs ULM, a game in which they benefitted from a 99 yd TD pass and two IR TD's. Troy amazingly had 7 TO's in their game vs NT but still won 45-7. After a 20 pt loss to MT they caught Navy the week after they played ND and the 136 pts the teams combined for set a major college record for a non-OT game. They were up 21-0 over ASU and led the entire game until ASU got a TD with :02 left to pull out the win. They trailed WKU 20-7 at the half but WKU missed a 38 yd FG with 1:01 left to give NT their 2nd win. In the finale, they allowed FIU to snap the NCAA's longest losing streak (23). NT was -11 in TO's and had poor offensive and defensive ypp's (pg 299) which are harbingers for improvement this year. They must replace their top 5 tacklers and while this is a stronger team, a winning season appears at least another year away.

OFFENSE | JERSEY # IN GREEN | 2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP | JERSEY # IN GREEN | DEFENSE

QB NA RILEY DODGE FR. 6-0 183 **PS#6. 15 Giovanni Vizza** (6'1" 195 So) PS#182. **SBC Fr of Yr,** 8 st true, 2388 (58%), 17-20 ratio. **7** Daniel Meager (6'1" 198 Sr). 20 st, 2546 pass 3Y.

RB 32 Micah Mosley So. 6-1 205 PS#163. 1 st true, 461 (4.9), 11 rec. **26** Cam Montgomery (6'2" 208 Jr) PS#90JC. Inj RS LY. Keronna Henderson (6'0" 225 Sr). Lance Dunbar PS#178.

WR 82 BROCK STICKLER SR. 6-3 219 PS#399. 1 rec '06. 12 starts last year, 391 (10.6). **88** Roderick Johnson (6'2" 190 Sr). 3 gms. Kenny Barrett PS#174. **2** Alex Lott (5'9" 175 So).

WR 14 Evan Walker rFr. 5-11 185 PS#411. **5** Marcus King (6'3" 200 rFr). Desmond Brigham is PS#205. Forrest Rucker is PS#251. **89** Bryan Lockhart (6'2" 195 Jr). JC LY.

WR 87 CASEY FITZGERALD SR. 5-11 195 1 st, 5 rec '05-'06. 12 st LY, **1st Tm SBC,** 1322 (11.9). **9** BJ Lewis (6'1" 190 So). 1 st, 86 (8.6). **8** Sam Roberson (6'4" 210 rFr). Brett Barrow (6'2" 168 rFr).

WR 19 Sam Dibrell So. 6-2 205 PS#411. L/4 st true, 377 (13.5). **17** Breece Johnson (6'1" 175 So) PS#323. **4** Evan Fentriss (6'1" 185 So). 4 rec at Rice true. Greg Brown (6'0" 182 rFr).

C 68 KELVIN DRAKE JR. 6-2 300 4 gm true. **2nd Tm SBC LY,** 12 st C, Top OL Award. **73** Bryan Glass (6'0" 280 Jr) PS#269DL. 1 gm 2Y. **76** Bradley Davidson (6'0" 238 rFr).

RG 77 ESTEBAN SANTIAGO SO. 6-5 302 PS#454DL. 12 st RG rFr, only 4 sk all'd. Gabe Hollivay (6'3" 320 Jr) PS#227JC. **56** JJ Johnson (6'2" 278 rFr) PS#360. Zachary Highfill (6'2" 260 Jr).

LG 67 Chad Rose Sr. 6-3 285 PS#365. 11 st at C rFr. 12 st C '06. 4 st at LG LY. **74** Jack Crumes (6'4" 266 Jr) PS#602. **78** Troy Kokjohn (6'2" 258 rFr). **69** Brett Petty (6'4" 270 Jr).

RT 57 TYLER BAILEY JR. 6-2 275 7 gm rFr. 9 gms, 8 st LG LY, miss 3 (concus). Nate Jenkins is PS#489JC. **72** Matt Tomlinson (6'5" 270 rFr) PS#360. Coleman Feely is PS#434.

LT 71 MATTHEW MENARD SO. 6-5 275 DL in HS. 11 st LT rFr. Miss spg '08. **64** Victor Gill (6'5" 235 So) PS#205TE. Move to OL LY, 11 gms. **66** Jacob Kaiser (6'7" 291 rFr).

K 49 JEREMY KNOTT JR. 6-4 185 PS#208JC. 19 FG 2Y JC, long of 53. **23 Thomas Moreland** (5'10" 193 So). 8 of 15 FG as true, long 37. **25** Truman Spencer (6'3" 206 Sr).

DE 94 EDDRICK GILMORE JR. 6-5 240 PS#72TE. 5 tkl true. RS '06. Last 7 st LY, 35 tkl, 6 tfl. Kyle Russo (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#239. Marquis Sykes (6'3" 253 So). Levi Millhollon (6'0" 225 So).

DT 99 Isaac Thomas Sr. 5-11 289 PS#536. 14 tkl '05-'06. 6 st LY, 28 tkl, 2.5 tfl. Jesse DeSoto (6'2" 275 So). 3 tkl true. Jonathan Stewart (6'2" 260 Jr) 6 tkl. Charlie Brown (6'4" 239 Jr) PS#168TE.

DT 65 JOSEPH MILLER SR. 6-3 275 21 tkl true. 30 tkl, 3 tfl '06. 6 st, 48 tkl, 3.5 sk, 2.5 tfl LY. Jordan Scoggins (6'1" 274 rFr) PS#52TE. Draylen Ross (6'3" 280 Jr). 1 st TE, 1 rec '06.

DE NA Alonzo Horton Jr. 6-4 260 **PS#31LB Aub '05,** 11 gm rFr. 80 tkl, 11 tfl at JC. **48** Ryan Davenport (6'2" 228 Sr) AF trans. 9 tkl LY. **98** Kail Krider (6'3" 245 So) 8 gm as rFr.

WLB 42 CRAIG ROBERTSON SO. 6-0 225 L/7 st rFr, 48 tkl, 3.5 tfl, #1 on tm **5 int. 83** Bryant Seidle (6'3" 230 Jr). 1 st WR '06, 2 rec. **86** Christian Davidson (6'3" 220 Jr), 2 tkl as rFr.

MLB 44 Tobe Nwigwe Jr. 6-2 237 11 st '06, 35 tkl, 2.5 sk, 4.5 tfl. 10 tkl, 6 games in '07. **40** Colt Mahan (6'1" 220 Sr) 5 st '06, 53 tkl. 15 tkl LY. **48** Justin Padron (6'0" 220 rFr) PS#316.

SLB 59 AJ Penson So. 6-1 220 PS#287. 1 st true, 12 tkl, 1 tfl. **16** Steve Warren (6'1" 215 Jr). 8 st FS '05-'06, 60 tkl. Med RS LY. **36** Marquese Davis (6'1" 230 rFr) PS#409.

CB 31 LATIF NURUDEEN SR. 6-1 200 Baylor trans. 6 st LY, 30 tkl, 1 pbu. **22** Adryan Adams PS#223JC in spg. **34** Chris Neal (5'9" 182 So) 10 gms, 4 tkl rFr. James Hamilton is PS#104QB.

CB 35 ANTOINE BUSH JR. 5-11 176 PS#184QB. 11 st, 42 tkl, 1 int rFr. 12 st LY, 42 tkl, 1 int, 6 pbu. **3** Arthur Stubblefield (5'10" 180 Jr) WR 2Y, 1 rec. **80** Isiah Smith (5'8" 175 Sr).

SS 21 Greg Garden So. 5-11 187 PS#258. Navy trans. **37** Kylee Hill (5'10" 186 Jr) PS#453JC in spg. Justin Edwards PS#215JC. **24** Jake Brown (6'0" 200 Jr). TTech transfer.

FS 13 KARTEY AGBOTTAH JR. 6-2 190 4 tkl rFr. 8 st FS LY, 47 tkl, 2 pbu. **39 Germaine Dawson** (6'1" 213 Sr) **11 st LB** in '06, 54 tkl. 12 tkl LY. DaWaylon Cook is PS#86QB.

P 25 TRUMAN SPENCER SR. 6-3 206 75 punts rFr, 37.7 avg, 34.1 net. 55 punt '06, 40.8 avg, super 37.0 net. 15 inside the 20. 65 punts LY, 41.6 avg, 34.2 net. 12 inside the 20.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

QB	Riley Dodge 6-0 183 PS#6
DL	Alonzo Horton 6-4 260 PS#31LB '05
K	Jeremy Knott 6-4 185 PS#208JC
DB	Justin Edwards 6-1 185 PS#215JC
DB	Adryan Adams 6-0 182 PS#223JC
OL	Gabe Hollivay 6-3 320 PS#227JC
DB	DaWaylon Cook 6-2 187 PS#86QB
OL	Troy Franklin 6-5 270 PS#209
DB	James Hamilton 5-10 180 PS#104QB
RB	Lance Dunbar 5-9 185 PS#178
WR	Kenny Barrett 6-4 190 PS#174
DB	Jeremy Phillips 6-3 184 PS#134QB
DB	Kylee Hill 5-10 186 PS#453JC
WR	Desmond Brigham 6-0 169 PS#205
OL	Nick Leppo 6-2 285 PS#281
DB	Royce Hill 5-11 170 PS#288
RB	Jeremi Mathis 6-1 205 PS#256
WR	Forrest Rucker 6-5 195 PS#251
WR	Willie Taylor 6-0 160 PS#252
DB	John Shorter 5-11 177 PS#330
OL	Nate Jenkins 6-4 335 PS#489JC
DB	Darien Williams 5-11 180 PS#408
LB	Brandon Akpunku 6-0 200 PS#368
OL	Coleman Feeley 6-4 287 PS#434
DL	Joe Hawthorne 6-4 250 PS#421
DL	Tevinn Cantly 6-4 292 PS#464
WR	Chase Baine 6-0 201 PS#310QB
WR	Casey Schutza 5-10 170 PS#400

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Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#92

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score NT	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Kansas St	A					
Sep. 6	Tulsa	A					
Sep. 13	at LSU	G					
Sep. 20							
Sep. 27	at Rice	A					
Oct. 4	Florida Int'l	A					
Oct. 11	Louisiana-Lft	A					
Oct. 18	at ULM	A					
Oct. 25	Troy (HC)	A					
Nov. 1	at Western Kentucky	A					
Nov. 8	at Florida Atlantic	G					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	at Middle Tenn	A					
Nov. 29	Arkansas St	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Mitch Maher 8,256 '91-'94
2. Steve Ramsey 7,076 '67-'69
3. Scott Davis 6,923 '87-'90

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Patrick Cobbs 4,050 '01-'05
2. Jamario Thomas 3,496 '04-'07
3. Ja'Quay Wilburn 3,120 '97-'00

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Johnny Quinn 2,718 '03-'06
2. Troy Redwine 2,567 '92-'96
3. Ron Shanklin 2,465 '67-'69

North Texas is 1-3 vs KSU with the only win coming in their 1st meeting in '85, 22-10. The Mean Green is 7-58 vs tms in the Big XII & 1-12 in their L/13 road openers.

Old foes meet again as they are former Missouri Valley Conf rivals playing 21 times S/'57 (UT leads 15-6). The Mean Green are 3-7 in their L/10 Denton openers including 1-3 the L/4.

NT is 4-30 vs current SEC teams with their last win in 1977 (also '47, '75 & '76). Coming into '08, NT is 6-32 in non-conf action since the SBC started in 2001.

North Texas defeated Rice 33-17 in their 1st & only meeting in 1988 in Houston. The Mean Green are 3-15 since 1998 vs instate schools (wins in '06, '03 & '98).

The 7OT game in '06 between NT & FIU is tied for the longest game in NCAA history. LY marked the last time a college FB gm was played at the historic Orange Bowl.

The visitor has won 3 of the last 4 in this series. rFr QB Vizza made his 1st start & threw for 383 yds on 57 att's but suffered 3 int's in the loss. NT is 4-2 in their 6 trips to Lafayette.

This will be North Texas' 25th meeting with ULM (most vs any current SBC member). The HT is 16-8 since this series started in 1978. Three of L/4 decided by 10+ pts.

North Texas is just 1-4 facing Troy but 39-18-1 all-time on Homecoming. These schools have avg'd just 30 ppg in their 5 meetings (1st gm in '01).

North Texas is just 2-10 in their final 4 games of the season the last 3 years. Following the emotional NT win LY players from both tms met at midfield & a scuffle ensued.

NT has dropped all 4 meetings. LY NT led 20-13 after 3Q's but had an int, were held to 29 yds (before final drive) & had a punt blk'd (1st in 33 gms) in the 30-20 loss.

In 2006 North Texas suffered its 1st & only shutout loss in SBC history to MT, 35-0. NT is 5-2 (lost L/2) vs Middle Tenn & the 5 wins are only by a combined 34 pts.

NT & ASU began play in 1983 as former Southland Conf members. NT has dropped the L/3. The Mean Green are 12-3 since 1993 in home finales (L2Y decided by 1 pt each).

TODD DODGE (Career 2-10)

2nd Year at North Texas — Dodge's Bowl Record: 0-0

Dodge's records AT NORTH TEXAS

2-10	Straight Up	0-1	Vs Top 10
2-3	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
0-7	Away	0-2	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
1-6	Vs Conference	2-7	Off A Loss

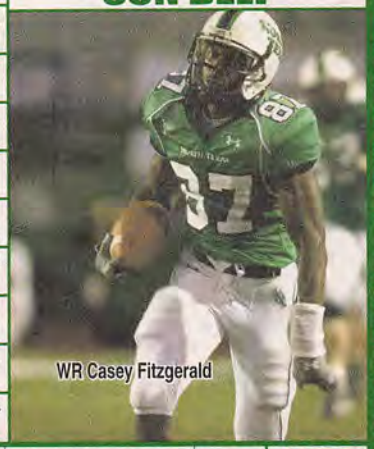
2007 RECORD: (2-10)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (19,20,2)
Lost: 24 (7,17,0)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 17,734 (#98)

SUN BELT


WR Casey Fitzgerald

STADIUM: FOUTS FIELD (30,500) (#99)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	3-8	5-7	8-5	9-4	7-5	2-9	3-9	2-10	39-57
Home	2-3	3-2	4-1	5-0	4-1	0-5	2-3	2-3	22-18
Away	1-5	2-4	3-4	4-3	3-3	2-4	1-6	0-7	16-36
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	1-4	5-1	6-0	7-0	7-0	2-5	2-5	1-6	31-21
vs Non-Conf	2-4	0-6	2-5	2-4	0-5	0-4	1-4	1-4	8-36
ATS	5-5	8-4	8-4	6-7	7-5	4-7	4-8	4-7	46-47
Home Fav (Dome Dog)	0-0	2-0	2-1	4-1	4-1	0-2	0-3	0-0	12-8
Home Dog	2-2	2-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-0	2-2	9-8
Away Fav (Dome Dog)	0-0	1-1	2-1	2-2	2-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	7-6
Away Dog	3-3	3-1	3-1	0-3	1-2	3-3	2-5	2-4	17-22
Neutral	0-0	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3
vs Conf	2-3	5-1	4-2	4-3	7-0	4-3	3-4	2-5	31-21
vs Non-Conf	3-2	3-3	4-2	2-4	0-5	0-4	1-4	2-2	15-26
Off SU Win	1-1	5-0	5-2	4-5	6-1	0-2	0-3	0-2	21-16
Off SU Loss	4-3	2-4	2-2	2-1	1-3	3-5	4-4	4-4	22-26

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Jamario Thomas	112	705	39	666	8	5.9
Micah Mosley	94	479	18	461	5	4.9
Giovanni Vizza	133	511	212	299	2	2.2
Daniel Meager	36	127	110	17	0	0.5
Cam Montgomery	3	7	0	7	0	2.3
Brock Stickler	0	0	0	0	1	0.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Giovanni Vizza	383	223	58.2	2388	17	20
Daniel Meager	169	107	63.3	1088	4	8
Brock Stickler	1	0	0.0	0	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Casey Fitzgerald	111	1322	11.9	12	99
Brandon Jackson	79	784	9.9	1	45
Brock Stickler	37	391	10.6	2	33
Korey Washington	34	377	11.1	3	60
Sam Dibrell	28	377	13.5	2	75
Micah Mosley	11	88	8.0	1	30
BJ Lewis	10	86	8.6	0	23
Jamario Thomas	16	37	2.3	0	14
Breece Johnson	1	7	7.0	0	7
Cam Montgomery	1	5	5.0	0	5

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Truman Spencer	65	2703	41.6	15	34.2	3	12

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Thomas Moreland	34-36	4-6	4-7	0-2	0-0	8-15	37

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Jeremiah Chapman	78	5	12	0	0
Maurice Holman	74	0.5	2.5	2	1
Derek Mendoza	66	0	3.5	2	1
Aaron Weathers	64	0	1.5	4	0
Montey Stevenson	49	3.5	6	1	1
Joseph Miller	48	3.5	2.5	1	0
Craig Robertson	48	0	3.5	0	5
Kartey Agbottah	47	0	1.5	2	1
Antoine Bush	42	0	1	6	1
Roderick Cotton	40	0	0	0	0
Eddrick Gilmore	35	1.5	4.5	5	0
Latif Nurudeen	30	0	1	1	0
Isaac Thomas	28	0	2.5	0	0
Brandon Monroe	26	0	1	1	0
Dominique Green	25	0	0	6	1
Cliff Higgs	19	0	0	1	0
Evyn Roman	16	0	0	1	0
Colt Mahan	15	0	1.5	0	0
Keronna Henderson	14	0	0	0	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Evyn Roman	17	97	5.7	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Micah Mosley	32	636	19.9	0
Evyn Roman	15	320	21.3	0
Antoine Bush	11	206	18.7	0

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
59	Sun	NL	New Mexico St	8-28
01	New Orleans	+11	Colorado St	20-45
02	New Orleans	+7'	Cincinnati	24-19
03	New Orleans	+4	Memphis	17-27
04	New Orleans	+6	S Mississippi	10-31

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
North Texas' All-Time Bowl Record 1-5

NORTH TEXAS' STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
5*	24.8	22	119	3.7	290	59.7	16.4	-11	2007	9	45.1	23	230	5.7	257	58.8	10.8
9*	12.8	13	117	3.2	115	53.8	18.1	-15	2006	7	25.3	19	149	3.9	189	63.7	13.4
5	14.3	14	143	3.9	129	48.6	19.1	0	2005	3	31.5	22	221	4.8	216	62.5	13.9
6*	25.8	17	186	4.6	158	55.6	13.4	+13	2004	6	29.8	23	173	4.5	241	61.9	13.9
4*	27.5	16	178	4.1	150	54.2	11.9	+10	2003	8	21.9	17	105	2.9	213	61.4	14.5
10*	19.2	15	182	4.0	102	45.2	14.9	+4	2002	9	14.8	16	119	3.1	172	54.2	19.7

2007 STATS BY GAME

NT 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
84,472	at Oklahoma	13	31-15	0.5	19-38	232	6	26	45-265	5.9	25-28	403	0	-1
20,517	at SMU	31	21-12	0.6	46-64	601	3	28	32-181	5.7	30-42	353	1	-2
20,479	Florida Atlantic	29	27-165	6.1	38-61	301	3	17	28-84	3.0	21-45	322	1	-3
66,343	at Arkansas	18	35-140	4.0	15-41	189	2	31	55-446	8.1	15-25	267	0	0
9,464	at Louisiana-Lft	25	40-144	3.6	35-57	383	2	14	36-300	8.3	10-20	114	2	-2
18,973	ULM	17	39-171	4.4	16-30	202	4	22	40-130	3.3	21-45	291	4	+1
23,887	at Troy	13	35-26	0.7	23-41	179	9	21	35-137	3.9	28-43	356	1	+5
18,181	Middle Tenn	21	22-87	4.0	25-45	296	2	21	42-132	3.1	22-38	203	1	-5
26,012	Navy	29	28-157	5.6	40-50	478	0	31	57-572	10.0	4-6	108	0	-1
11,736	at Arkansas St	23	43-221	5.1	22-30	160	1	29	31-167	5.4	26-53	313	2	0
5,027	W Kentucky	23	34-195	5.7	20-42	202	3	21	46-226	4.9	15-23	123	0	-1
10,129	at Florida Int'l	16	26-92	3.5	31-54	253	4	15	40-116	2.9	11-20	228	2	-2
TOTALS		258	381-1425	3.7	330-553	3476	39	276	487-2756	5.7	228-388	3081	14	-11
AVERAGES		21.5	32-119	3.7	28-46	290	3.3	23.0	41-230	5.7	19-32	257	1.2	-0.9

2003 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oklahoma - #1	+31'	3-37
–	Baylor	-14'	52-14
–	at Air Force	+9'	21-34
–	at Arkansas - #14	+21	7-31
–	Louisiana-Lft	-18'	44-23
–	at Idaho	-7	24-14
–	Utah St	-14	37-27
–	at Middle Tenn	-2'	33-28
–	Troy	-10'	21-0
–	at ULM	-17'	28-26
–	Arkansas St	-20	58-14
–	at New Mexico St	-8	13-10

2004 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #7	+26	0-65
–	Florida Atlantic	-7'	13-20
–	at Colorado	+20'	21-52
–	at Baylor	-3'	14-37
–	Middle Tenn	-3	30-21
–	at Utah St	+2	31-23
–	New Mexico St	-8	36-26
–	ULM	-8	45-30
–	at Louisiana-Lft	-2'	27-17
–	Idaho	-18'	51-29
–	at Arkansas St	-5	31-7

2005 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Middle Tenn	+4	14-7
–	Tulsa	-3'	2-54
–	at Kansas St	+24'	7-54
–	Troy	-2	10-13
–	at Florida Int'l	+1'	13-10
–	at Louisiana Tech	+21	14-40
–	at LSU - #7	+43'	3-56
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3'	28-31
–	at Florida Atlantic	+4	23-26
–	ULM	+4	19-24
–	Arkansas St	+2'	24-31

2006 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Texas - #3	+41	7-56
–	SMU	+5	24-6
–	at Tulsa	+19'	3-28
–	at Akron	+17	13-33
–	Middle Tenn	-3'	0-35
–	Florida Int'l	+3	25-22 7OT
–	at Arkansas St	+10	10-29
–	at Troy	+10'	6-14
–	Louisiana Tech	-2	31-34
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+11	16-7
–	Florida Atlantic	-4	16-17
–	at ULM	+7	3-23

2007 RESULTS

NT Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Oklahoma - #8	+39'	10-79
–	at SMU	+17'	31-45
–	Florida Atlantic	+6'	20-30
–	at Arkansas	+36	7-66
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+8	29-38
–	ULM	+7	31-21
–	at Troy	+21'	7-45
–	Middle Tenn	+12	28-48
–	Navy	+15	62-74
–	at Arkansas St	+15'	27-31
–	W Kentucky	NL	27-26
–	at Florida Int'l	-2	19-38

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN PANTHERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - In the school's first year ('02) Jamie Burke started all 11 games. Josh Padrick then took over and started 4 straight years and in 2006 threw for 2,014 (54.9%) with a 5-14 ratio. RFr Paul McCall played in 12 and hit just 7 of 18 for 101 yards as his backup. Last year McCall battled rFr Wayne Younger (PS#283) and true frosh Colt Anderson (6'4" 195, PS#268) for the job and they were dead even at the end of August. McCall has the strongest arm but lacks the mobility of the other two and he found himself in the #3 QB spot. Younger got the majority of the snaps but was injured vs FAU and Anderson came off the bench and hit 1 of 3 for 10 yards and took 2 sacks. McCall came in and went 23 of 35 for 181. With Younger out for the season, McCall started the finale and had the "most ever" yards for a QB in his first start at FIU. He threw for 228 with a 3-0 ratio and was carried off the field on the players' shoulders in their only win of the year vs NT. Naturally all 3 QB's return and adding depth are Darold Hughes (6'3" 195 rFr, PS#176) and true frosh Troy Dannehower (PS#100). Last year was the team's first in the spread offense and they completed just 45.8% with a 14-20 ratio. Younger missed the spring giving McCall a big "legg" up working in new OC Legg's (former Purdue co-OC) first spring. Purdue's offense emphasized the pass more so I give McCall the edge over Younger for the starting spot and look for drastically improved passing numbers in 2008.

RUNNING BACKS - In 2005 Ben West led with 537 (5.5) but he was susp 4. A'mod Ned, who was Broward County's leading rusher as a HS senior, was #2 with 375 (4.3) in just six games. Julian Reams, who has 4.5 speed, rushed for 322 (3.7). In 2006 they had to replace West and were playing behind an inexperienced O-line. Ned had 169 vs BG and 88 vs Maryland but missed 2 and Reams rushed for 96 vs N Texas. Ned started six and rushed for 445 (4.7) while Reams had 5 starts and rushed for 325 (3.1). Last year everyone was back and I called for significant improvement in the rushing numbers after averaging just 57 ypg (2.3) in '06. The team doubled its rushing production to 119 ypg (3.3). Ned had an impressive 87 on 18 carries vs Miami but that was the only time in the first six games that a RB topped 33 yards rushing in a game. Ned emerged down the stretch with 152 vs ULL, 68 vs FAU and 74 vs NT and led with 581 (4.1). QB Younger was the #2 rusher, Reams added 274 (3.3) and Daunte Owens (5'9" 196 Jr) had 18 att (1.9). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Trey Pigg (5'9" 204 Fr) and Jorge Rios (5'11" 200 Jr, PS#271). The only losses are RB James Jones (24 yd) and FB John Ellis (14 st, 113 all-purp 2Y) who moves to TE. While it is not an overwhelming group, Ned and Reams should continue to increase their production.

RECEIVERS - Last year the Panthers had to replace their top 2 receivers who combined for 114 rec and 1,122 yards. The top returnees were Jeremy Dickens (279, 13.3), Ashlyn Parker (231, 10.0) and John Houston Whiddon (111, 10.1). They moved Parker and Whiddon (2 gms, 0 tkl, 1 rec '07) to DB and Dickens, the one WR out of the top five who returned, missed 5 games with injury and had just 218 (13.6). True frosh Jason Frierson (PS#227) led the inexperienced group in rec's (21) but had just 190 yds (9.0). True frosh Greg Ellingson was #1 with 304 (16.0). This year the only losses are Torrelt Solomon (2 st, 3 rec), Zephaniah Hawkins (1 rec), Lloyd Moss and Whiddon who is transferring. Not listed in the 3 deep below are Jodie Basemore (6'0" 200 Sr), Matt Habermehl (5'9" 146 Jr) and TE's James Wiggins (6'5" 255 rFr), Erik Honig (6'0" 215 rFr) and Travis Felder (6'2" 187 Sr). Moses Hinton is waiting to hear from the SBC if he has another year of eligibility. This group is vastly more experienced than the '07 version.

OFFENSIVE LINE - FIU was on an improving slope going from 3.2 ypc rush in 2002 to 3.9 in '03 and 4.4 in '04 and that 2004 O-line allowed just 9 sacks. Everyone returned in '05 but they lost 2 starters to injury at midseason and the ypc dropped to 3.8 while the sack total went up to 16 (still a top-notch 4.2%). In 2006 the losses were heavy as they had to replace 5 players who combined for 43 starts and then suffered injuries and suspensions. True frosh Andy Leavine started all 12 at LT and true frosh Joe Alajajian started 8 at OG. Naturally the unit struggled opening holes for just 57 ypg rush (2.3) and allowed 32 sacks (7.8%). Last year they only had to replace 2 players who combined for six starts in '06 so a big-time improvement was expected. The Panthers improved the ypg rush to 119 (3.3) but surprisingly the sack % went up (9.2%) even with a mobile QB. This year they lose LG Roland Clarke (10 st, ex-USF trans), RT Xavier Shannon (12 st, 2Y st'r) who transferred to Miami to play for his father, G Alex Szima (3 st) and C/G Jeffery Eugene (10 st OG '06, 4 gm '07). They do however bring in good-sized JUCO Cedric Mack (PS#40) who I expect to be one of the top OL's in the SBC in his first year. With Eugene and Dustin Gibson both losing their starting jobs last year, it was like having two starters returning and they have 3 back this year. Gibson (12 st '06) could fill one of the open slots and with 67 career starts, this unit has more experience and looks stronger.

DEFENSIVE LINE - The Panthers' top DL in school history was DE Antwan Barnes who was a 2-time 1st Tm SBC player with 11 sacks in 2005 and 22.5 tfl in 2006. He was a #4DC last year but they had 5 of their top 8 back as NT Roland Clarke moved to OL (9 st '06). The Panthers went from allowing 153 ypg rush (3.6) to 203 (5.1) and the D had just 24 sacks. This year they lose DE Audric Adger (12 st, 40 tkl, 5 sk) but have 7 of the top 8 back including 6 with starting experience. I look for a much improved rush D in 2008.

LINEBACKERS - A major reason for the Panthers' poor rush D last year may have been their inexperienced LB corps. Not only did they have to replace 3 starters in '07, but two of them were 1st Tm SBC in '06. Michael Dominguez started five games but was suspended vs Troy then lost his starting job but still finished with 66 tackles. The great news this year is that the entire unit returns and they add true frosh AJ Grant (PS#53). Not even listed in the 3 deep below are Armond Willis (6'1" 220 Sr), Christopher Edwards (6'0" 213 rFr) and James Lambert (5'9" 195 Jr). Naturally this looks like a much stronger unit.

DB Anthony Gaitor

DEFENSIVE BACKS - FIU was #118 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and despite only replacing two starters in 2005 finished dead last at #119 allowing 68.2%. FIU improved to #75 in 2006 and last year only had to replace one starter. They also moved in a couple of WR's including Ashlyn Parker who had 12 starts at WR as a true frosh in 2006. Jeremiah Weatherspoon (12 st '06) missed the year (academics) and Marshall McDuffie (1 st '06) rejoined the team but redshirted. Surprisingly FIU dropped to #103 allowing a 19-7 ratio. This year they lose 2nd Tm SBC CB Lionell Singleton (12 st, 64 tkl, 6 pbu), S Cory Fleming (6 st, 33 tkl, 4 pbu) and CB Malik Jones (4 tkl). Six of the top 8 are back and 8 players return with starting experience as they get both Weatherspoon and McDuffie back in the fold. Not listed in the PSL is O'Darris D'Haiti (5'9" 183 Jr) and even with the loss of their top DB, I look for good-sized improvement in my pass D rankings.

SPECIAL TEAMS - FIU was #105 in my ST rankings in '05 and then in a suspension-riddled 2006 season, finished #118. They had a true frosh P in '06 in Chris Cook (PS#21) and the team had a net of just 27.2. All of the top players were back last year and Cook improved his punting avg from 35.4 to 40.5. The team's net improved to 34.3 and he even made my midseason All-SBC 1st Tm. This year the top 3 K/P's missed the spring but should be back in the fall and JUCO Carlos Munera (PS#200) took all the snaps at P and K. They do lose top returnman Lionell Singleton who avg 23.3 on KR and an outstanding 15.2 on PR. Despite the loss of Singleton, they still could improve upon their #97 finish of 2007.

COACHES - Last year the coaching staff was brand-new. Mario Cristobal was the first Cuban-American HC in IA history and had been an All-Big East OT at Miami, Fl. He was just 36 years old when he took over and had been the TE coach at UM from '04-'05 and the OL coach in '06. Last year new OC James Coley brought in the spread offense. Coley moved on to Florida St and the new OC for 2008 is Bill Legg (45) who was the co-OC at Purdue the last 2 years. The DC is Phil Galiano who was Rutgers' DE coach in '05-'06.

PHIL'S FORECAST

FIU is the youngest team in IA as they just started playing football in 2002. The Golden Panthers are one year behind Florida Atlantic and after losing their first senior class the Owls went from 9-3 in 2004 to 2-9. 2006 was FIU's first ever year for graduation losses (28 lettermen lost). They plummeted from 5-6 to 0-12 and Don Strock resigned with 3 games to go. Surprisingly FIU had the #28 defense in the NCAA allowing just 300.9 ypg and were #1 in the NCAA in tfl. Despite their winless record, they were a few plays away from opening 5-1 but then had 18 players suspended after the fight with Miami (9 starters) and the shorthanded team limped to a winless season. Last year they were a much more veteran team with 13 returning starters but they had to replace their top 6 tacklers. FIU was the youngest team in the NCAA with 73% of their roster being underclassmen (68 of 93). Their first 4 foes were all BCS teams and the nation's longest losing streak would climb to 23, the 7th longest streak ever. They were thrashed by MT in the SBC opener with the Blue Raiders' 47 points in the 1H being a school record. They did lead ASU 16-10 into the 4Q but gave up a FG with :02 left to lose by 3. After a blowout loss to FAU, they stood 0-11 but finally ended the losing streak with a win over NT in the season finale. The Golden Panthers should be a vastly improved team this year as they return 18 starters (most in league) including almost every offensive yard that was gained last year. They were -14 in TO's and had poor ypp's on both offense and defense (pg 299). Forty-five of the 71 Panthers who saw playing time were underclassmen and they faced the toughest schedule of any SBC team. This year 2 of my 8 sets of Power Ratings call them the 7th best team in the league and one of the 8 has them finishing 3-4. This will be one of the most improved teams in the country but they were outscored by 24 ppg last year, so they have a lot of ground to make up. They have just 5 home games and one of them is vs powerhouse USF so while they're much improved, a winning season appears out of reach.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

QB 12 PAUL McCALL JR. 6-0 198 PS#201. 1 st 2Y (win), 514 (52%), 5-2 ratio, 70 rush. **14 Wayne Younger** (6'3" 178 So) PS#283. 11 st rFr, 1357 (46%), 9-17 ratio, 701 rush.

RB 3 A'MOD NED SR. 5-9 187 20 st 3Y, 1401 (4.3), 46 rec. **32** Julian Reams (5'10" 205 Sr) 10 st 3Y, 921 (3.4). **8** Daunte Owens (5'9" 196 Jr) 371 all-purp yds, 2Y.

WR 82 GREG ELLINGSON SO. 6-3 200 12 st true, **#1 rec w/304** (16.0). **16** James Rucker (6'1" 190 So) 1 st, 100 (8.3) true. **FB 35 Trenard Turner** (5'11" 216 So) 1 st, **261 rec yd (21.8).**

WR 5 JEREMY DICKENS JR. 5-10 188 PS#340QB. 5 st true, 279 (13.3). Miss 5 LY, still 218 (13.6). **84** Elliott Dix (6'0" 201 Jr) 8 st, 280 (12.7) 2Y. **9** Reggie Thompson (5'11" 189 Jr).

WR 1 MARQUIS ROLLE SO. 6-3 185 **PS#125**. 2 rec true (not 100%). **80** Jason Frierson (5'8" 168 So) PS#227. 190 (9.0) true. **19** Kendall Berry (6'0" 185 So) PS#426. 83 yd (10.4).

TE 27 JOHN ELLIS JR. 5-10 242 14 st, 15 rec 2Y at FB. **85 Eric Kirchenberg** (6'5" 250 Sr) Miami Fl trans. 11 st here LY, 5 rec. **89** Moses Hinton (6'3" 262 Sr) 9 st 3Y, 286 (12.4).

C 76 BRAD SERINI SO. 6-4 297 12 st C true. Added 20 lbs '08. **63** Juan Gonzalez (5'10" 245 rFr). **LS 46** Michael Davies (6'3" 214 So). 12 gm true. **61** Garrett Rockfeld (6'0" 250 Jr).

RG 58 JOE ALAJAJIAN JR. 6-3 298 8 st (7RG, 1LG) true. 12 st (11RG, 1RT) LY. **74** Chris Cawthon (6'4" 327 rFr) PS#515. Kenneth White PS#434. Andre Pound (6'3" 280 Fr) PS#324DL.

LG 78 Dustin Gibson Sr. 6-5 292 3 gm rFr. **12 st RT '06**. 1 st, 6 gm LY. **65** Michael Alls (6'2" 283 Jr). No spg. **64** Luis Peña (6'3" 274 Jr) PS#412DL. 2 tkl, 2 gm true.

RT NA Cedric Mack Jr. 6-4 320 **PS#40JC**. **70** Mario Caraballo (6'1" 270 Jr). Truman St trans. Scout Tm LY. **72** Juan Duarte (6'6" 275 So). Devon Dickerson (6'3" 250 rFr).

LT 58 ANDY LEAVINE JR. 6-5 296 PS#362. 12 st LT true. 10 st LT LY. **77** Javon Hill (6'3" 335 So) PS#175. Bkup in '06 but RS. 2 gm LY. **72** Ed Ferguson (6'5" 375 rFr) PS#214.

K 10 CHRIS ABED SR. 5-8 180 SE MO St trans. 5 of 8 FG LY, long 42. **40** Dustin Rivest (5'8" 169 Jr) PS#107. 7 of 14 FG 2Y, long 37. **34** Carlos Munera PS#200JC.

DEFENSE

JERSEY # IN GOLD

DE 59 Cody Pellicer So. 6-3 235 PS#343. 2 st, 7 tkl, 2 sk true. Johnathan Jackson PS#168. Quentin Newman (6'0" 223 Sr) 10 tkl, 2.5 sk LY. Artis Warthen (6'1" 241 Jr) PS#229LB.

NT 84 JONATHAN BETANCOURT SR. 6-1 279 7 st 2Y, 33 tkl, 2 sk, 7 tfl. **99** Daniel Chacreton (6'3" 265 Sr). 6 st LY, 11 games, 16 tkl, 3 tfl. **87** Curtis Bryant (6'3" 287 rFr) PS#253. NCSt commit.

DT 96 JARVIS PENERTON SR. 6-3 282 10 st '05-'06, 25 tkl, 4 sk. 10 st LY, 21 tkl, 1 sk. **95** Justin West (6'1" 297 Jr) 6 st DT 2Y, 23 tkl, 2 tfl. **45** Bryan Frye (6'4" 230 rFr) PS#410.

DE 98 REGINALD JONES SR. 6-2 267 7 gm, 7 tkl true. 10 st '06, 23 tkl, 3 tfl. 9 st LY, 24 tkl, 3 sk. **93** Ricky Booker (6'3" 245 rFr) PS#159LB. **79** Deiondrick Roberts (6'1" 245 rFr).

SLB 53 MICHAEL DOMINGUEZ JR. 5-11 225 2 st, 23 tkl true. 5 st LY, 66 tkl, 3 tfl. **87 Ryan Martinez** (6'0" 216 Sr) JC. 5 st, 12 gm LY, 53 tkl, 4 tfl. **48** James Alexis (6'0" 222 Jr)

MLB 47 MANNIE WELLINGTON JR. 5-8 215 1 tkl true. 9 st LY, 57 tkl, 3 tfl. **13 Toronto Smith** (5'11" 208 So) **PS#172**. 4 st true, 51 tkl, 7 tfl. **33** Matt Garris (6'0" 220 Jr) 2 st, 28 tkl 2Y.

WLB 44 SCOTT BRYANT JR. 5-10 220 21 tkl true. 12 st LY, #1 w/91 tkl, 6 tfl. **AJ Grant PS#53**. Jarvis Wilson (6'2" 195 So) 16 tkl true. **49** Tyler Clawson (5'11" 222 Jr) 17 tkl 2Y.

CB 17 ROBERT MITCHELL SR. 5-11 195 **10 st**, 45 tkl '06, 2 int, 5 pbu. 6 st LY, 39 tkl. **29** Dezariah Johnson (6'0" 168 Jr) 3 st LY, 47 tkl, 3 pbu. **39** Peter Riley (6'0" 167 Jr). Carson-Newman trans.

CB 26 ANTHONY GAITOR SO. 5-10 175 11 st true, 56 tkl, 3 tfl, 2 int, 3 pbu. **25** Alonzo Phillips (5'10" 170 Sr) 4 st, 33 tkl LY. **21** Devin Parrish (6'0" 185 So) 3 tkl, 5 gms true.

SS 6 Jeremiah Weatherspoon Sr. 6-1 221 4 st '05, 15 tkl. 12 st FS '06, 50 tkl, 2 int, 2 pbu. **22** Marshall McDuffie (6'0" 214 Sr) 4 st, 3Y, 78 tkl, 4.5 tfl. **23** Brandon Ellison (5'10" 188 Jr) 5 tkl 2Y.

FS 11 ASHLYN PARKER JR. 5-11 206 12 st WR true, 23 rec, **HM SBC**. 5 st S LY, **HM SBC**, 56 tkl, 2 tfl. **18** Kreg Brown (5'10" 193 So). 2 st, 15 tkl true. **36** Marcelus Manear PS#363 in spg.

P 41 CHRIS COOK JR. 6-1 193 PS#21. 54 punts true, 35.4 avg. 75 punts LY, 40.5 avg, tm net 34.3. **40** Dustin Rivest. 5 punts, 44.8 LY. **34** Carlos Munera (6'2" 232 Jr).

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

OL	Cedric Mack 6-4 320 PS#40JC
LB	AJ Grant 6-0 220 PS#53
DL	Johnathan Jackson 6-3 235 PS#168
DL	James Jones 6-1 230 PS#169
QB	Troy Dannehower 6-1 220 PS#100
RB	Darriet Perry 5-9 195 PS#153
K	Carlos Munera 6-2 232 PS#200JC
DL	Kambriel Willis 6-0 215 PS#184LB
LB	Aaron Davis 6-0 240 PS#212
DB	Franklin Brown 6-2 190 PS#234LB
DB	Emmanuel Souarin 5-11 180 PS#299
WR	Junior Mertile 6-0 180 PS#244
OL	Andre Pound 6-3 280 PS#324DL
DB	Marcelus Manear 6-0 195 PS#363
DB	Chris Charles 5-10 170 PS#408
DB	Derrick Clark 6-1 185 PS#408
OL	Kenneth White 6-3 250 PS#434
DB	Chuck Grace 5-10 185 PS#416
LB	Winston Fraser 6-2 225 PS#372
WR	TY Hilton 5-10 175 PS#419DB
DL	Kasey Smith 6-3 245 PS#430
DB	Jercorey Quarterman 6-2 185 PS#456
OL	Stephen Bailey 6-6 265 PS#481
DL	Donnell Wilson 6-0 265 PS#464
TE	Joey Harris 6-3 230 PS#154
RB	Trey Pigg 5-9 204 PS#430
TE	Robert Doran 6-6 221 PS#400WR
OL	Sat Ahmad 6-3 260 PS#525
DL	Oscar Valdes 6-0 265 PS#505
DL	Jonathan Nieves 6-2 250 PS#505
LB	James Alexis 6-0 222 PS#450
LB	James Lambert 5-9 195 PS#450

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL GOLDEN PANTHERS

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Phil's Homefield Edge-2
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#95

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score FIU	Final Score Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Kansas	A					
Sep. 6	at Iowa	G					
Sep. 13							
Sep. 20	USF	A					
Sep. 27	at Toledo	A					
Oct. 4	at North Texas	A					
Oct. 11	Middle Tenn	A					
Oct. 18	at Troy	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	at Louisiana-Lft	A					
Nov. 8	Arkansas St (HC)	A					
Nov. 15							
Nov. 22	ULM	A					
Nov. 29	† Fla Atlantic *(Miami)*	G					
Dec. 6	W Kentucky	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Josh Padrick 9,237 '03-'06
2. Jamie Burke 1,791 '02-'03, '05
3. Wayne Younger 1,357 '07-Present

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Rashod Smith 2,195 '02-'04
2. A'mod Ned 1,401 '05-Present
3. Adam Gorman 886 '02-'05

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Cory McKinney 2,745 '02-'05
2. Chandler Williams 2,519 '03-'06
3. Harold Leath 1,760 '02-'04

FIU is 0-3 vs the Big XII including LY's 55-3 loss to KU (615 yds allowed, ssn high). Golden Panthers are 1-5 in road openers being outscored by an avg of 26-14.

This is the Panthers' 2nd meeting vs the Big Ten as LY they were shutout by Penn St. Coming into '08, FIU has dropped 14 straight AG's (avg loss by 24 ppg) & 20 of 21.

2nd Meeting. FIU nearly pulled the upset in their 1st meeting in '06 as a huge underdog. FIU returns to its new on-campus stadium after playing HG's at the Orange Bowl LY.

1st meeting. FIU has played only 1 other MAC tm, a 33-28 loss to BG in '06. FIU's non-conf opponents went a combined 32-18 LY with 2 bowl appearances.

Last year's win vs NT snapped the NCAA's longest losing streak of 23 games. QB McCall was 11 of 20 throwing for 228 yards and three TDs in his first start.

The Panthers rallied in the 2H to win 35-31 in their 1st meeting here in Miami in '05. LY's 47 1H points were the most given up since their inaugural '02 meeting with WKU (56).

FIU has lost all 4 meetings vs Troy with an avg score of 25-13. The Troy Trojans were FIU's very 1st IA opponent in school history in 2003.

FIU is 1-8 in Nov/Dec road gms. LY's game featured 2 of the youngest tms in the NCAA (FIU #2, ULL #6), with 41 of 67 players (61 percent) being either Fr or Soph.

FIU is 0-3 vs ASU & after 2 blowout losses, rallied to tie the game with :48 left LY. The Golden Panthers are 2-4 on Homecoming, dropping 2 straight.

ULM was the 1st IA school FIU beat in program history (won 31-29 in '05). FIU is 1-3 in this series & LY lead 7-0 after 1Q holding ULM to 1 FD & 37 yds.

QB McCall replaced an injured Younger & led FIU to a season high 20 4Q pts. Each year these instate schools play in the "Shula Bowl" with FIU just 1-5.

This will mark WKU's last gm in their IA transition period as they will compete for the SBC Title in '09. FIU had the lowest passing output in tm history w/72 yds in their 2002 loss to WKU.

MARIO CRISTOBAL (Career 1-11)

2nd Year at Florida Int'l

Cristobal's Bowl Record: 0-0

Cristobal's records AT FLORIDA INT'L

1-11	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
1-4	Home	0-1	Vs Top 25
0-7	Away	0-5	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-2	Off A Bye
1-6	Vs Conference	1-10	Off A Loss

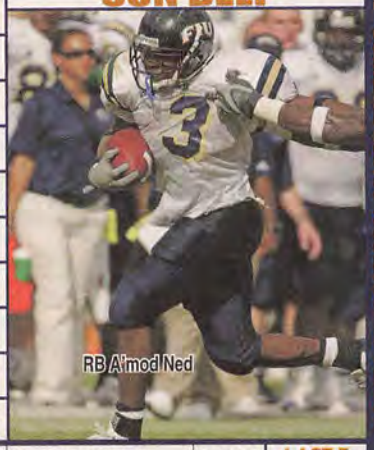
2007 RECORD: (1-11)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 9*
DEFENSE: 9

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 55 (23,28,4)
Lost: 19 (12,6,1)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 7,982 (#119)

SUN BELT


RB A'mod Ned

STADIUM: FIU STADIUM (23,500) (#116)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	–	–	5-6	2-10	3-7	5-6	0-12	1-11	16-52
Home	–	–	5-2	2-4	0-4	4-1	0-5	1-4	12-20
Away	–	–	0-3	0-6	2-2	1-5	0-6	0-7	3-29
Neutral	–	–	0-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-1	0-0*	1-3
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	–	3-4	0-7	1-6	4-17
vs Non-Conf	–	–	5-6	2-10	3-7	2-2	0-5	0-5	12-35
ATS	–	–	–	–	2-2	5-4	4-8	5-7	16-21
Home Fav	Florida Int'l did not have a football program until 2002. Their first 2 years were in IAA ball.		–	–	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-2
Home Dog			–	–	0-1	1-0	1-3	3-2	5-6
Away Fav			–	–	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1
Away Dog			–	–	1-1	3-3	3-2	2-5	9-11
Neutral			–	–	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1
vs Conf			–	–	0-0	4-3	1-6	3-4	8-13
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	–	2-2	1-1	3-2	2-3	8-8
Off SU Win	–	–	–	–	2-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	4-3
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	–	0-1	2-2	3-8	5-6	10-17

Doc Sheck / Mario Cristobal: * All home games in 2007 played at Orange Bowl

YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

Fla Int'l's All-Time Bowl Record 0-0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
A'mod Ned	143	639	58	581	2	4.1
Wayne Younger	127	701	165	536	2	4.2
Julian Reams	82	308	34	274	2	3.3
Kendall Berry	14	81	0	81	0	5.8
Daunte Owens	18	41	7	34	0	1.9
Paul McCall	14	52	43	9	0	0.6

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Wayne Younger	265	121	45.7	1357	9	17
Paul McCall	63	35	55.6	413	5	1
Colt Anderson	15	3	20.0	37	0	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Greg Ellingson	19	304	16.0	2	49
Trenard Turner	12	261	21.8	2	65
Jeremy Dickens	16	218	13.6	3	25
Elliott Dix	14	200	14.3	0	42
Jason Frierson	21	190	9.0	0	37
A'mod Ned	16	103	6.4	1	39
James Rucker	12	100	8.3	1	15
Kendall Berry	8	83	10.4	0	23

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Chris Cook	75	3040	40.5	10	34.3(t)	1	13
Dustin Rivest	5	224	44.8	1	–	0	1

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Dustin Rivest	5-6	2-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	2-4	28
Chris Abed	9-11	1-1	2-3	2-4	0-0	5-8	42

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Scott Bryant	91	1	5	3	0
Michael Dominguez	66	1	2	1	1
Lionell Singleton	64	0	4	6	1
Mannie Wellington	57	0	3	1	0
Anthony Gaitor	56	1	2	3	2
Ashlyn Parker	56	1	1	2	1
Ryan Martinez	53	2	2	0	0
Toronto Smith	51	1.5	5.5	1	1
Dezariah Johnson	47	0	1.5	3	0
Audric Adger	40	5	1.5	1	0
Robert Mitchell	39	0	4	0	0
Alonzo Phillips	33	0	1	0	0
Cory Fleming	33	1	1	4	1
Jonathan Betancourt	25	1	4	3	0
Reginald Jones	24	3	2	1	0
Jarvis Penerton	21	1	0.5	1	0
Daniel Chacreton	16	0	3	0	0
Jarvis Wilson	16	0	0	0	0
Kreg Brown	15	0	2	2	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lionell Singleton	12	182	15.2	1
Greg Ellingson	5	48	9.6	0

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Lionell Singleton	48	1119	23.3	1
Alonzo Phillips	17	352	20.7	0

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
8	15.1	14	119	3.3	151	45.8	17.9	-14	2007	5	39.1	21	203	5.1	244	62.4	11.4
4*	9.6	13	57	2.3	176	53.9	24.3	-9	2006	6	26.1	17	153	3.6	148	56.6	11.5
9*	23.4	20	123	3.8	236	60.4	15.3	-8	2005	8	29.4	20	164	4.2	212	68.2	12.8
10*	26.1	20	133	4.4	246	57.0	14.5	-6	2004	8	32.5	25	203	4.4	276	66.8	14.7
10*	22.5	19	118	3.9	230	51.1	15.5	-5	2003	10	28.4	22	228	4.4	173	58.8	14.1
–	21.9	14	106	3.2	199	55.0	13.9	+2	2002	–	20.7	20	216	4.4	117	55.7	16.1

2007 STATS BY GAME

FIU 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
107,678	at Penn St	7	31-(-3)	-0.1	12-26	117	7	27	48-236	4.9	25-41	313	2	-3
12,201	Maryland	8	27-82	3.0	8-23	81	0	14	41-135	3.3	18-25	135	4	-3
40,915	at Miami, Fl	11	37-159	4.3	6-14	105	1	18	40-204	5.1	10-19	224	1	+1
42,134	at Kansas	15	36-122	3.4	16-36	133	1	26	36-224	6.2	25-39	391	0	-2
15,605	at Middle Tenn	8	28-72	2.6	13-35	73	2	16	45-147	3.3	12-25	258	1	-1
5,723	Troy	15	34-81	2.4	19-41	248	2	25	39-299	7.7	24-39	195	2	-2
8,814	at ULM	15	38-125	3.3	15-36	198	6	21	40-160	4.0	17-24	270	3	0
60,750	at Arkansas	16	41-158	3.9	10-29	123	4	21	42-249	5.9	17-31	190	1	-5
12,326	at Arkansas St	15	42-140	3.3	9-19	110	2	18	41-177	4.3	19-30	174	5	-2
5,734	Louisiana-Lft	16	42-264	6.3	11-19	127	1	27	54-287	5.3	16-19	177	1	+1
6,122	Florida Atlantic	24	34-113	3.3	29-49	264	4	23	30-228	7.6	22-32	343	0	0
10,129	North Texas	15	40-116	2.9	11-20	228	2	16	26-92	3.5	31-54	253	4	+2
TOTALS		165	430-1429	3.3	159-347	1807	32	252	482-2438	5.1	236-378	2923	24	-14
AVERAGES		13.8	36-119	3.3	13-29	151	2.7	21.0	40-203	5.1	20-32	244	2.0	-1.2

2003 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Indiana St	NL	10-13
–	at Maine	NL	14-24
–	Bethune-Cookman	NL	14-24
–	Carson-Newman	NL	33-55
–	at GA Southern	NL	35-37
–	Stephen F. Austin	NL	13-35
–	at Troy	NL	10-21
–	Holy Cross	NL	34-23
–	Jacksonville	NL	55-12
–	at Louisiana-Lft	NL	10-43
–	at Gardner-Webb	NL	19-22 OT
–	at Florida Atlantic	NL	23-32

2004 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	Jacksonville		Cancelled
–	at Youngstown St	NL	22-16 OT
–	Louisiana-Lft	+7	34-43
–	at Stephen F. Austin	NL	31-24
–	at ULM	+9'	20-28
–	McNeese St	NL	27-30
–	at New Mexico St	+10	31-56
–	GA Southern	NL	32-53
–	W Kentucky	NL	14-35
–	† Florida A&M	NL	40-23
–	† Florida Atlantic	+13'	10-17

2005 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Kansas St	+33	21-35
–	at Texas Tech - #21	+34	3-56
–	at Arkansas St	+9'	24-66
–	Florida A&M	NL	23-6
–	North Texas	-1'	10-13
–	at Troy	+9'	13-18
–	at ULM	+10	31-29
–	at Louisiana-Lft	+9	7-28
–	W Kentucky	NL	38-35
–	Florida Atlantic	-1	52-6
–	Middle Tenn	+6	35-31

2006 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Middle Tenn	+9	6-7
–	at USF	+20	20-21
–	Bowling Green	+5'	28-33
–	at Maryland	+20	10-14
–	Arkansas St	-7'	6-31
–	at North Texas	-3	22-25 TOT
–	at Miami, Fl	+26	0-35
–	at Alabama	+34	3-38
–	ULM	+1'	0-35
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3'	7-17
–	† Florida Atlantic	+4'	0-31
–	Troy	+10'	13-26

2007 RESULTS

FIU Rank	Pre- Opponent	Line	Post- Score
–	at Penn St - #17	+37'	0-59
–	Maryland	+24	10-26
–	at Miami, Fl	+32'	9-23
–	at Kansas	+33	3-55
–	at Middle Tenn	+9'	6-47
–	Troy	+18'	16-34
–	at ULM	+13'	14-28
–	at Arkansas	+41	10-58
–	at Arkansas St	+17'	24-27
–	Louisiana-Lft	+3'	28-38
–	Florida Atlantic	+10'	23-55
–	North Texas	+2	38-19

W KENTUCKY HILLTOPPERS

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2008

QUARTERBACKS - The Hilltoppers had to replace a four year starter last year in Justin Haddix who threw for 2,186 (61.3%) with a 14-9 ratio in 2006. The top returnee was Brandon Smith (6'0" 200 Jr) who had 5 pass attempts in '06. ND transfer David Wolke (PS#44) appeared a no-brainer for the starting job but the elusive rFr KJ Black (6'4" 215) saw action early and often. In the opener Wolke suffered a concussion and Black hit 10 of 13 for 102. While Wolke continued to start the next 3 games, he was bothered by the concussion and Black got the start vs BG. While Black rushed for 107 yards, he threw for just 102 with 4 int's. Wolke hit 9 of 11 vs NCC and threw for 213 vs Chatt, but Black came off the bench when the Hilltoppers were trailing Troy 14-0 and hit 10 of 19 for 149. In the season finale vs NT, Wolke got the majority of the snaps rushing for 77 yards and hitting 14 of 20 passes in the 1 point loss. Black finished with 1,007 yards (66%) with an 8-8 ratio. Wolke had 922 yards (62%) with a 5-7 ratio. Wolke actually outrushed Black on the year (359-324 net). Smith played in 4 but hit just 2 of 8 passes. This year all 3 QB's return and added to the mix are Tyler Bruce (6'1" 190 rFr) and this year's true frosh. This group is vastly more experienced and may continue to use the 2-QB offense.

RUNNING BACKS - The Hilltoppers had to replace their all-time leading rusher last year in Lerron Moore who had 891 (4.6) in '06. The leading returnees were Andrew McCloud (5'8" 195 Jr) who had 443 (5.8) and Tyrell Hayden who had 1 start and 315 (4.9) in '06. Hayden won the starting job and had an outstanding year rushing for 1,134 (5.5). McCloud was just the #6 rusher with 142 (3.8). JUCO Stephen Willis had 438 (7.8) and Marell Booker (5'9" 215 Jr) had 381 (7.6). The only loss is KJ Austin-Bruce (70 yds). Not listed in the 3 deep below are Dexter Taylor (5'10" 185 Jr, Tulsa transfer), Avery Hibbitt (5'9" 170 rFr) and FB Rod Johnson (6'0" 245 So). The group is deeper and Hayden could even top last year's stats.

RECEIVERS - Perhaps the best player for the Hilltoppers in 2006 was WR Curtis Hamilton who was 3rd Tm AA and led the team with 841 (16.2) and 10 TD's in just 9 games. Last year the top 4 receivers returned and Hamilton did not disappoint tying the school record for rec's in a season (66) with 873 (13.2) and he departs as the school's all-time career leading receiver. Jake Gaebler was #3 in '06 with 416 yards (11.6) and #2 last year with 426 (12.2). True frosh Quinterrance Cooper (PS#203QB) moved from QB and had 255 (11.6) in '07. Jessie Quinn, who had 425 (14.7) in '06, saw his numbers drop to 190 (11.9) last year. This year they lose Hamilton (11 st) as well as TE Jared Holland (2 st, 3 rec), and WR's Jamar Jones (2 st, 4 rec), Brandon Mason (1 st, 2 rec) and Rannen Roberson (1 st) but everyone else is back. Not listed in the PSL are Clark Jeter (6'0" 165 rFr), Andre Autry (6'0" 190 rFr), Devin Rohner (6'3" 190 Sr) who is a transfer from N Iowa, Chris Darnell (6'0" 180 rFr, PS#429) and Brad Savko (6'1" 185 Jr) who is a Morehead St transfer. With the loss of their career leading receiver, this unit looks down a few notches in 2008.

OFFENSIVE LINE - In 2006 WK had an experienced O-line and opened holes for 160 ypg rush (4.2) while allowing 19 sacks. Last year they appeared to have 3 starters returning but their top OL from '05 and '06, Greg Ryan, missed the year but worked with the scout team. WK improved to 247 ypg rush (5.1) and allowed just 16 sacks (6.0%). This year they lose RG Andrew Campbell (12 st, 3Y st'r), RT Terrance Houston (12 st) and LT Zach Thuney (12 st, 2Y st'r). Seven of the top 10 are back with 2 full-time starters and two others who each had 1 start last year. The big news is they get Ryan back in the lineup so it's like having 3 starters returning and I'll call them an improved group in '08.

DEFENSIVE LINE - WK only had 4 starters back on defense overall in 2006 and allowed 170 ypg rush (4.7), their worst since 1996. Last year they had to replace two DL starters but still managed to improve to 135 ypg (3.7). This year they lose NT Chris Walker (12 st, 50 tkl, 4 tfl) and 3rd stringers Jon Marshall (7 tkl, 2 tfl) and Munir Muwwakkil (3 tkl, 1 sk). This is the most experienced D-line WK has had in a few years and figures to be improved.

LINEBACKERS - Last year the Hilltoppers had 3 starting LB's returning with Andre Lewis being the #2 tackler in 2006 and Blake Boyd #3. Boyd was injured and missed the final 3 games in '07. This year they lose OLB Dusty Bear (9 st, 50 tkl, 4.5 sk), ILB Lewis (12 st, 103 tkl, 10.5 tfl) and OLB Evan Brewer (17 tkl). Marcus Patterson (6'1" 220 rFr) was the Scout Tm Def MVP last year and could contribute this year. Six players return who have started and while they are a little less experienced because they have to replace their #1 and #4 tacklers, this unit could be a little stronger in 2008.

LB Alonzo Higgins

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In 2005 WKU allowed 231 ypg passing and 66.4% completions. With a veteran secondary in 2006 they improved to 153 ypg and 52.7% completions. Last year they had to replace 2 starters but brought in some JUCO's, and PS#299JC Marcus Minor won a starting job at CB. FS Marion Rumph, who had 38 straight starts, missed 5 games with injury. Returning starter Travis Watters (11 st '06) lost his spot after 2 starts. In Clay Stephens' first start he had 7 tackles. CB Rashad Etheridge was also injured and started just 8. WK did play a tougher schedule in '07 and slipped a bit allowing 185 ypg and 57.1% completions but the D did have 20 int's. This year they lose FS Rumph (7 st, 30 tkl), SS Bo Smith (12 st, 44 tkl, 5 int) and Stephens (2 st, 25 tkl). Six players return with starting experience and now in their 2nd year of the upgraded schedule, I'll call for improved play.

SPECIAL TEAMS - Last year the ST unit looked like a strength heading into the year. K Chris James hit 15 of 17 FG's with a long of 52 in 2005 then drilled 13 of 17 with a long of 54 in '06. P Tanner Siewert avg 37.4 in '05 and slipped a bit in 2006 to 36.1 and the team's net was just 25.0. Last year James had 5 TB on 67 KO but surprisingly had his FG numbers drop to 14 of 21 with a long of 46 but did become the school's all-time career leading scorer. Siewert lost his punting job to soph Jeremy Moore who avg 41.7 with a net of 33.7. Soph Jake Gaebler avg 14.5 on PR and Curtis Hamilton avg'd 16.1. Hamilton was the top KR (24.0) and true frosh Quinterrance Cooper avg 19.5. This year they must replace both Hamilton and James. Last year they would have finished #45 in my ST rankings had they been eligible and this year figure to be a notch weaker.

COACHES - David Elson begins his 6th year as HC and 12th overall at WKU. He replaced Jack Harbaugh, who in '02 guided the team to a 12-3 record and a Div IAA National Championship. Elson was the DB coach and then the DC here the 6 years prior to taking over and is 37-22 as HC. Prior to '07 he signed a contract through 2012. His OC is Kevin Wright who enters his 2nd year in that position. Dennis Springer is asst HC defense/DB coach and is also in his second year. Prior to WKU, Springer coached the safeties for a year and the RB's for 3 years at BG.

Hilltoppers' Football Title Years

Year	League	Overall	Coach
1952*	4-1	9-1	Jack Clayton
1963**	7-0	10-0-1	Nick Denes
1970	5-1-1	8-1-1	Jimmy Feix
1971	6-1	8-2	Jimmy Feix
1973^	7-0	12-1	Jimmy Feix
1975^	6-1	11-2	Jimmy Feix
1978	6-0	8-2	Jimmy Feix
1980	6-1	9-1	Jimmy Feix
2000	7-0	11-2	Jack Harbaugh
2002^^	6-1	12-3	Jack Harbaugh

WKU was in the Ohio Valley Conference from 1948-1981 and 1999-2000
The Hilltoppers were a member of the Gateway Football Conference from 2001-2006
* (Refrigerator Bowl Champion)
** (Tangerine Bowl Champion)
^ (NCAA Division II National Runner-Up)
^^ (NCAA Div IAA National Champions)

PHIL'S FORECAST

WKU has an outstanding streak of 12 straight winning years. They made the IAA playoffs five times this decade. Last year they made the step from IAA to a transitional IA team and while they played six lower division foes, they also played six IA teams and were a respectable1-2 vs SBC teams beating MT by 3 and suffering close losses to Troy and NT. They put up great stats for the year but that was partially due to blowout wins of 87-0 vs WV Tech, 56-7 vs Indiana St, 50-14 vs NC Central and 52-12 vs Morehead St. They did outgain Troy 416-363 in their meeting and suffered a tough one point loss to NT, a game they led 20-7 at the half missing a 38 yd FG at the end. This year there are just two IAA (FCS) foes on the schedule. The Hilltoppers have 5 games vs SBC teams and will join the league full force next season. The offense returns 7 starters but they do lose 3 starting OL and their top WR by far in Curtis Hamilton. They will face strong defenses like Alabama and VT and with an upgraded schedule they will not match last year's 33.2 ppg. Defensively they have 6 starters back but must replace 4 of their top 6 tacklers. Once again it will be tough to match last year's 20.8 ppg that they allowed. Thirteen is an unlucky number to some and it looks like it will be for WKU as they face five teams that were bowl eligible (on the road) and take on conference favorites FAU and Ball St (at home). I do not foresee the Hilltoppers making it 13 straight winning seasons.

2008 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

OFFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

QB 3 **DAVID WOLKE SR.** 6-2 205 **PS#44. Notre Dame.** 10 st LY, 922 (62%), 5-7 ratio, 387 rush. 5 **KJ Black** (6'4" 215 So) PS#136. 2 st LY, 1007 (66%) 8-8 ratio, 463 rush.
RB 1 **TYRELL HAYDEN JR.** 5-10 190 1 start, 315 (4.9) as true. 11 start LY, 1134 (5.5). 17 Bobby Rainey (5'9" 205 rFr) PS#102. 28 Stephen Willis (5'10" 200 Sr) 1 st, 438 (7.8) LY.
WR 7 **QUINTERRANCE COOPER SO.** 6-0 185 PS#203QB. 6 st true, 255 (11.6). 87 Wenquel Graves (5'9" 185 So). 8 rec (7.0) LY. FB 40 Jared Johnson (6'0" 235 Sr) 9 st 3Y, 111 ttl yds.
WR 11 **JAKE GAEBLER JR.** 5-11 185 PS#224. 6 st, 416 (11.6) rFr, 11 st LY, 426 (12.2). 22 Ronnie Letcher (6'0" 185 Jr) PS#336. 5 rec 2Y. 16 Dustin Boyer (6'1" 190 So) PS#360QB.
WR 81 **JESSIE QUINN SR.** 6-1 195 7 starts '06, 425 (14.7). 11 starts in '07, 190 (11.9). 82 Derrius Brooks (5'10" 180 rFr). 35 Alex Nance (6'2" 225 Jr). 14 John Garrett (6'0" 190 rFr).
WR 8 **Seth Tamme So.** 6-0 185 PS#260. 2 st true, 170 (15.5) '06. Crawford Kilpatrick (6'5" 225 So) PS#76. 391 (8.3) SEL '06. TE 89 David Miller (6'3" 250 Sr). Tristan Jones (6'3" 260 rFr).
C 71 **LLOYD PRESSLEY JR.** 6-3 290 PS#312. 4 tkl, 3 gm true. 10 st, 10 gm C LY. 77 Wes Jeffries (6'4" 285 rFr) PS#228. 79 James Rusin (6'1" 280 Jr) 4 games in 2Y.
RG 78 **Austin Chestnut Sr.** 6-4 285 PS#215JC. UTEP '04-'05. JC '06. 1 st LG LY. 72 Derrick Elder (6'2" 290 So) PS#475. 1 st rFr. 74 Mychal Patterson (6'3" 310 Jr) 3 gm LY.
LG 70 **CODY HUGHES JR.** 6-1 300 2 st, 9 gm rFr. 12 st LY (10 LG, 2 RG). 65 Zack Ray (6'3" 300 Jr) PS#394JC. 2nd string LY but RS. 54 Shelley Anthony (6'1" 280 rFr) PS#443.
RT 52 **Greg Ryan Sr.** 6-4 295 12 gm true. 11 st '05, **HM All Conf**, 126 pancake. 10 st '06, 109 pcake. RS LY. 73 Jacob McLaurin (6'4" 295 So) 9 gm rFr. Kale Butler (6'0" 300 Jr) PS#382.
LT 67 **Chris McConnell Sr.** 6-6 315 7 st '05. 3 st LT '06, 43 kd. Projected starting LT '07 but inj'd. 68 Preston King (6'4" 280 So). 5 gm rFr. 69 Paul Millay (6'3" 285 rFr) PS#195.
K 86 **Zac Minturn Jr.** 6-2 190 PS#86. 6-6 xp in '07, 6 KO. MIP Award spring. 63 Casey Tinius (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#40. 194 points in HS. 87 Robert Cobb (5'7" 155 So).

DEFENSE (JERSEY # IN RED)

DE 90 **DAN CLINE SR.** 6-6 265 14 tkl '05-'06, 1 tfl. 12 st LY, 29 tkl, 5.5 tfl. 96 Kyle Anderson (6'4" 275 So) PS#226. 20 tkl true, 375 bench. 56 Paul Hill (6'3" 245 Jr) Memphis trans.
NT 58 **Terald Clark Sr.** 5-11 290 PS#465JC. 13 tkl LY. 75 Entonia Johnson (6'0" 295 So) 625 squat. 1 tkl rFr. 94 Nick Hartnett (6'0" 290 So). 97 Neil Harrell (6'1" 295 So) 5 tkl rFr.
DE 92 **JON BELCHER SR.** 6-1 265 Ball St trans. 11 st, 28 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. 95 Robert Dark (6'1" 270 Sr) 1 st, 23 tkl, 2.5 tfl LY. 51 Tim Nelson (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#194LB. 6 tkl spring scrim.
OLB 6 **BLAKE BOYD JR.** 6-3 250 PS#120QB Louisville. 10 st '06, 70 tkl, 3 tfl, **2ndTm All Conf**. 9 st LY (inj 3), 47 tkl, 4 tfl. 38 Mike Gothard (6'1" 225 So) PS#315. 4 gm, 4 tkl true.
ILB 25 **ALONZO HIGGINS SR.** 6-3 240 PS#124. 9 st, 43 tkl, 3 tfl LY. 50 Ben Duvall (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#242. 46 Braxston Miller (6'0" 205 rFr) PS#506RB. Chad Evans (6'2" 215 rFr) PS#404DL.
ILB 10 **Chris Bullard So.** 6-0 230 2 st true, 35 tkl, 3.5 tfl. 42 LJ Harbison (5'11" 220 Jr) 3 st rFr, 35 tkl. 1 st LY, 27 tkl. 57 Marquise Burns (6'0" 225 So). Jacob Davis (6'0" 230 So).
OLB 48 **Ben Sowders Sr.** 6-0 225 4 st LY, 29 tkl, 3 tfl. 36 Darius Baughman (6'2" 230 So). 6 gm, 3 tkl LY. 4 Darvis McBride (5'10" 225 Jr) 4 st, 25 tkl 2Y. MIP LB spring '08.
CB 2 **MARCUS MINOR SR.** 6-0 200 PS#299JC. 12 st LY, 61 tkl, 6 tfl, 2 pbu. 18 **Travis Watters** (5'10" 185 Sr) **11 st**, 50 tkl, 3 int, 9 pbu '06. 2 st, 28 tkl, 5 pbu LY. 47 Trent Calhoun (5'10" 190 rFr).
CB 9 **RASHAD ETHERIDGE JR.** 5-8 165 1 st rFr, 20 tkl, 2 pbu. 8 st LY, 19 tkl, 6 pbu. 21 Jihad Morris (6'0" 175 Jr) PS#233JC. 3 st LY, 31 tkl, 1 int. 32 Erik Jones (5'9" 175 So) 8 gm, 5 tkl rFr.
SS 30 **Brad Cloud Sr.** 6-0 205 PS#248. 11 tkl rFr. 1 st '06, 5 tkl. 4 st CB LY, 21 tkl, 3 int. 49 Lamar Alston (6'0" 190 Jr) PS#147. 6 tkl L'ville '06. Mark Santoro (6'0" 195 rFr) PS#467.
FS 31 **Orlando Misaalefua So.** 6-0 200 PS#151LB. 4 st LB true, 16 tkl, 1 pbu. RS at DB LY. 15 Ryan Beard (6'0" 175 rFr) PS#405. MIP FR Awd spg '08. 23 Clint Mitchell (6'0" 190 So) 13 tkl rFr.
P 44 **JEREMY MOORE JR.** 6-1 190 39.6 avg in HS. 46 punts here LY, 41.7 avg, 33.7 net. 37 Tanner Siewert (5'10" 185 Sr) 39 punts '05, 37.4 avg. 30 punts in '06, 36.1 avg.

TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2008

DL	Jamarcus Allen 6-0 265 PS#185
LB	Sergio Joyner 6-2 200 PS#156
DL	Brandon Whitty 6-2 250 PS#207
QB	Anthony Sheppard 6-1 170 PS#119
QB	Kawaun Jakes 6-3 190 PS#129
OL	Adam Smith 6-5 290 PS#282
DL	Kenny Martin 6-0 265 PS#319
QB	Marcus Vasquez 6-2 190 PS#180
DL	Rammell Lewis 6-2 250 PS#326
LB	Tyran Golden 6-3 210 PS#368
OL	Luke Stansfield 6-3 275 PS#434
DB	Corey Shields 6-3 190 PS#416
OL	Seth White 6-5 265 PS#452
QB	Dexter Haynes 6-4 190 PS#285
DL	Jared Clendenin 6-3 230 PS#464
DL	Quanterus Smith 6-5 220 PS#464

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DAVID ELSON (Career 0–0) (IAA 37–22)
6th Year at W Kentucky Elson's Bowl Record: 0-0

Elson's records AT W KENTUCKY (IA)

0-0	Straight Up	0-0	Vs Top 10
0-0	Home	0-0	Vs Top 25
0-0	Away	0-0	Vs BCS Teams
0-0	Neutral	0-0	Off A Bye
0-0	Vs Conference	0-0	Off A Loss

2007 RECORD: (7–5)

RETURNING STARTERS:
OFFENSE: 7*
DEFENSE: 6

LETTERMEN:
Returning: 41 (20,20,1)
Lost: 20 (9,9,2)

2007 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 16,488 (#106)

SUN BELT* *Full Members in 2009

Phil's Homefield Edge-3
2008 Schedule Difficulty-#102

Date	Opponent	TURF	LINE	Final Score WK	Opp	W	L
Aug. 30	at Indiana	A					
Sep. 6	at Eastern Kentucky	G					
Sep. 13	at Alabama	G					
Sep. 20	Murray St	A					
Sep. 27	at Kentucky	G					
Oct. 4	at Virginia Tech	G					
Oct. 11	Ball St	A					
Oct. 18	Florida Atlantic	A					
Oct. 25							
Nov. 1	North Texas (HC)	A					
Nov. 8	at Troy	A					
Nov. 15	Middle Tennessee	A					
Nov. 22							
Nov. 29							
Dec. 6	at Florida Int'l	A					

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
1. Jeff Cesarone 8,566 '84-'87
2. Justin Haddix 7,929 '03-'06
3. Johnny Vance 4,046 '66-'69

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
1. Lerron Moore 4,396 '03-'06
2. Willie Taggart 3,997 '95-'98
3. Antwan Floyd 3,775 '93-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
1. Curtis Hamilton 2,324 '04-'07
2. Jay Davis 2,236 '68-'71
3. Keith Paskett 2,117 '83-'86

The Hilltoppers have posted a winning record 12 years in a row after a 7-5 mark LY. WKU is 0-1 vs Big Ten opponents & have dropped 7 straight road openers (avg score 37-12).

This series is called the "Battle of the Bluegrass" & the home team is 10-3 the L/13 gms. WKU leads this instate rivalry 45-35-3 & the 83 meetings is the most vs any school.

First meeting. The Hilltoppers are 0-9 all-time vs SEC schools being outscored by 30 ppg. Prior to 1926 W Kentucky's athletic teams were known as the "Pedagogues" or "Teachers".

The Hilltoppers are 20-3 since 1985 in their home opener including 12 straight wins. These schools are old OVC instate rivals as WKU is 11-3-1 vs the Racers S/'85 last met in IAA playoff gm in '02.

First meeting in football as the campuses are about 150 miles apart. UK is 1 of 5 schools that WKU plays in '08 that went to a bowl LY. (Indiana, Bama, VT & FAU).

W Kentucky is actually 2-0 vs current ACC schools but last played in 1931 (Miami, Fl). HC David Elson was a '94 graduate of Butler where he was a 3 yr letterwinner & starting FS for 2 ssns.

WKU is 10-22-3 all-time vs current MAC schools including LY's loss at the hands of Ball St. Last year the Hilltoppers outgained Ball St 411-363 & outFD'd them 23-19.

The Hilltoppers are 8-1 since 1998 prior to a bye week with the avg win by 21 ppg. WKU will be eligible to compete for the SBC Title & a bowl berth beginning in 2009.

Since moving into LT Smith Stadium in 1968, the Toppers' Homecoming record is 27-12-1 (69%). Western Kentucky is 11-4 their last 15 games after a bye week.

Coming into 2008, WKU is 22-12 S/'96 in Nov/Dec reg ssn gms, but 3-7 the L3Y. Hilltoppers are 0-5-1 all-time vs Troy as their 1st meeting was a 10-10 tie in '76.

This will be the 58th meeting between the 2 schools, but only the 2nd since '91. The Hilltoppers are 10-2 in their last 12 regular season LT Smith Stadium finales.

In their last meeting in '05 WKU (#23 in IAA) lost as FIU kicked a 36 yd FG as time expired. WKU is 2-1 vs FIU outscoring FIU by 22 ppg & outgaining them by 123 ypg.

LB Blake Boyd

STADIUM: LT SMITH STADIUM (17,500) (#119)
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (AstroPlay)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	8 Yr Total
Straight Up	11-2	8-4	12-3	9-4	9-3	6-5	6-5	7-5	68-31
Home	7-1	5-1	6-1	6-1	5-0	3-2	4-2	4-1	40-9
Away	4-1	3-3	5-2	3-3	4-3	3-3	2-3	3-4	27-22
Neutral	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
vs Conf	7-0	5-2	6-1	5-2	6-1	4-3	4-3	0-0	37-12
vs Non-Conf	4-2	3-2	6-2	4-2	3-2	2-2	2-2	7-5	31-19
ATS	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
Home Fav	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
Home Dog	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
Away Fav	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
Away Dog	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
Neutral	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
vs Conf	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
vs Non-Conf	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
Off SU Win	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0
Off SU Loss	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0-0

Jack Hedgecock / David Elson

W Kentucky is a transitioning FBS team in 2007 & 2008. They were FCS members in the Gateway Conf from 2001-2006 & the Ohio Valley Conf from 1999-2000.

YR	BOWL/TM	RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE

LAST 5 BOWL GAMES

W Kentucky All-Time Bowl Record 0–0

WESTERN KENTUCKY'S STATISTICAL NOTEBOOK
OFFENSE – LAST 6 YEARS – DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	OFF FD	OFF RUSH	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	DEF FD	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP
6	33.2	22	247	5.1	162	62.8	12.3	+2	2007	7	20.8	17	135	3.7	185	57.1	15.3
8	23.5	20	160	4.2	204	61.4	15.6	-4	2006	4	23.9	18	170	4.7	153	52.7	13.5
–	30.8	20	229	5.1	177	57.0	13.2	+3	2005	–	26.5	18	113	3.1	231	66.4	13.0
–	29.2	19	226	5.0	170	59.0	13.6	+8	2004	–	18.9	19	130	3.4	212	58.1	18.1
–	32.8	18	243	5.2	152	52.0	12.0	+10	2003	–	16.8	17	132	3.1	152	54.3	16.8
–	28.8	18	253	4.6	112	60.1	12.7	+17	2002	–	16.4	15	119	3.2	160	50.0	17.0

2007 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG
Tyrell Hayden	205	1198	64	1134	10	5.5
Stephen Willis	56	449	11	438	6	7.8
Marell Booker	50	394	13	381	5	7.6
David Wolke	76	387	28	359	5	4.7
KJ Black	104	463	139	324	2	3.1
Andrew McCloud	37	163	21	142	2	3.8
Curtis Hamilton	13	114	12	102	0	7.8
KJ Austin-Bruce	14	75	5	70	0	5.0
Jared Johnson	11	44	0	44	0	4.0

PASSING	ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
KJ Black	134	88	65.7	1007	8	8
David Wolke	124	77	62.1	922	5	7
Brandon Smith	8	2	25.0	11	0	0

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
Curtis Hamilton	66	873	13.2	4	84
Jake Gaebler	35	426	12.2	3	51
Quinterrance Cooper	22	255	11.6	2	31
Jessie Quinn	16	190	11.9	1	29
Wenquel Graves	8	56	7.0	2	14
Jamar Jones	4	37	9.2	0	14
Brandon Mason	2	31	15.5	0	21

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20
Jeremy Moore	46	1919	41.7	6	33.7	1	13

KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG
Chris James	42-45	5-6	5-6	4-8	0-1	14-21	46

PLAYER	TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT
Andre Lewis	103	3.5	7	3	0
Marcus Minor	61	2	4	2	0
Chris Walker	50	2	2	4	0
Dusty Bear	50	4.5	4	1	2
Blake Boyd	47	1.5	2.5	0	0
Bo Smith	44	0.5	2	1	5
Alonzo Higgins	43	0	3	2	0
Chris Bullard	35	1	2.5	1	3
Jihad Morris	31	0	0	1	1
Marion Rumph	30	0	0	0	0
Ben Sowders	29	0	3	1	1
Dan Cline	29	2	3.5	5	0
Jon Belcher	28	0	3.5	0	0
Travis Watters	28	0	2	5	1
LJ Harbison	27	0.5	0	0	0
Clay Stephens	25	0	0	0	1
Robert Dark	23	1.5	1	0	0
Brad Cloud	21	0	0	1	3
Kyle Anderson	20	1	1	1	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Jake Gaebler	11	159	14.5	0
Curtis Hamilton	9	145	16.1	1

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD
Curtis Hamilton	12	288	24.0	0
Quinterrance Cooper	14	273	19.5	0

2007 STATS BY GAME

WK 2007 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE FD	OFFENSE Rush-YDS	OFFENSE AVG	OFFENSE CO-ATT	OFFENSE YDS	SKS VS	DEFENSE FD	DEFENSE Rush-YDS	DEFENSE AVG	DEFENSE CO-ATT	DEFENSE YDS	SKS BY	TURN
90,086	at Florida	12	32-48	1.5	15-21	156	4	21	33-185	5.6	16-21	325	0	0
16,165	W Virginia Tech	20	53-331	6.2	7-12	100	0	2	34-(-27)	-0.8	5-13	42	2	+6
18,898	E Kentucky	26	48-136	2.8	25-41	286	0	12	36-132	3.7	13-24	83	2	-2
22,086	at Middle Tenn	16	49-234	4.8	9-15	112	2	17	37-119	3.2	14-24	169	3	-3
20,622	at Bowling Green	22	46-311	6.8	14-23	102	1	28	32-124	3.9	35-50	301	1	-5
15,824	at Ball St	23	54-222	4.1	22-33	189	2	19	29-75	2.6	21-31	288	1	0
5,027	at Indiana St	32	63-380	6.0	11-14	130	0	15	40-137	3.4	9-20	142	2	+4
15,122	NC Central	31	52-373	7.2	12-17	165	1	20	37-162	4.4	16-27	171	0	+3
5,668	at Chattanooga	23	46-259	5.6	14-25	225	2	20	47-238	5.1	16-28	163	1	-2
16,972	Troy	20	49-256	5.2	12-23	160	2	17	44-241	5.5	13-26	122	2	-2
15,282	Morehead St	20	41-190	4.6	11-19	192	2	14	34-39	1.1	16-34	207	7	+2
5,027	at North Texas	21	46-226	4.9	15-23	123	0	23	34-195	5.7	20-42	202	3	+1
TOTALS		266	579-2966	5.1	167-266	1940	16	208	437-1620	3.7	194-340	2215	24	+2
AVERAGES		22.2	48-247	5.1	14-22	162	1.3	17.3	36-135	3.7	16-28	185	2.0	0.2

2003 RESULTS

WK Rank	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		Union	–	51-3
–		West Virginia Tech	–	67-3
–		Eastern Kentucky	–	36-3
–		at Auburn	–	3-48
–		at Western Illinois	–	28-33
–		Missouri St	–	9-6
–		at Illinois St	–	27-24
–		at Indiana St	–	59-14
–		Southern Illinois	–	24-28
–		Northern Iowa	–	24-3
–		at Youngstown St	–	37-13
–		Jacksonville St	–	45-7
–		at Wofford	–	17-34

2004 RESULTS

WK Rank	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Kansas St - #13	–	13-27
–		Concord	–	58-0
–		at Eastern Kentucky	–	21-8
–		Youngstown St	–	44-19
–		at Northern Iowa	–	17-10
–		at Southern Illinois	–	10-38
–		Indiana St	–	31-9
–		Illinois St	–	24-21
–		at Missouri St	–	28-24
–		Western Illinois	–	45-3
–		at Florida Int'l	–	35-14
–		at Sam Houston St	–	24-54

2005 RESULTS

WK Rank	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		West Virginia Tech	–	63-3
–		Eastern Kentucky	–	23-21
–		at Auburn	–	14-37
–		at Indiana St	–	38-28
–		at Illinois St	–	37-34 OT
–		Missouri St	–	37-28
–		at Western Illinois	–	42-7
–		Southern Illinois	–	20-31
–		Northern Iowa	–	20-23 2OT
–		at Youngstown St	–	10-42
–		at Florida Int'l	–	35-38

2006 RESULTS

WK Rank	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Georgia - #15	–	12-48
–		at Eastern Kentucky	–	21-26
–		Chattanooga	–	28-21
–		Western Illinois	–	38-35
–		Illinois St	–	27-28
–		at Missouri St	–	17-14
–		at Southern Illinois	–	27-24
–		Indiana St	–	41-3
–		at Northern Iowa	–	20-31
–		Youngstown St	–	3-19
–		Austin Peay	–	24-14

2007 RESULTS

WK Rank	Pre-Rank	Opponent	Line	Post-Score
–		at Florida - #6	–	3-49
–		West Virginia Tech	–	87-0
–		Eastern Kentucky	–	26-6
–		at Middle Tennessee	–	20-17
–		at Bowling Green	–	21-41
–		at Ball St	–	12-35
–		at Indiana St	–	56-7
–		N Carolina Central	–	50-14
–		at Chattanooga	–	28-21
–		Troy	–	17-21
–		Morehead St	–	52-12
–		at North Texas	–	26-27

WHAT EXACTLY IS A PS NUMBER??

One very important part of my College Football Preview Magazine is an individual player's "PS#". You will see them on almost every page and I find them vital in my analysis of a team. If you have purchased my magazine before, I am sure you are very familiar with what each player's PS# stands for. This article is for those of you picking up my magazine for the first time and are asking the question listed at the top of the page.

A simple definition for a PS# is my ranking of the players at their positions coming out of high school. I personally do not scout the high school games and rate each player. Covering college football like I do takes 52 weeks of the year as it is. I compile my PS#'s based on the many different recruiting services across the country. I like to use all of the biggest and best, and I also get regional reports. On the bottom left of this page, I list the top recruiting services that I use.

When we receive a recruiting magazine, we translate each player's ranking into a point system from 1-100. Christy and Loree then log each and every player into the computer and give them a point total from each source. This is a very time-consuming process. This year's 2008 Freshmen List has nearly 21,000 players on it!!! Many players are listed by just one or two sources. Some are mentioned by almost everyone. The more they are mentioned and the higher they are rated in each publication, the more total points they accrue. After months of entering all of this information, I sort the list by each position and by total points. Naturally, the QB with the most total points then becomes PS#1QB for that year. If a player is PS#99QB, that means he ranks 99th in total points of all QB's coming out of high school that year.

Some positions simply do not have as many players as others. For example, this year's PS#100TE totaled just 222.2 points in my system, while this year's PS#100OL has 455 points!! The reason is simple. There are FIVE offensive linemen and just one TE on the field. Naturally, there are 5 times as many OL's to choose from as TE's, making it much more competitive. A player with 222.2 points on the offensive line is rated PS#351OL this year. The PS# is not their overall rank in the freshmen class, but their overall rank AT THAT POSITION in the freshmen class.

I also track JUCO's. A JUCO is a player who went to a Junior College after high school and played football there. They use up a year of their college eligibility for every year they play and most come in as juniors. They are older, seasoned players, and usually can make an immediate impact.

RB Jonathan Stewart of Oregon was PS#1 in 2005 and was a #1DC of Carolina (#13 overall in 2008).

So what is the big deal about where they are ranked out of high school? I equate it to where a player ranks in the NFL draft. Obviously, there are some outstanding players in the NFL who were low-round draft picks or even signed as undrafted free agents. However, the majority of the all-stars in the NFL are higher round draft picks and 1st round picks usually make an impact much quicker.

Colleges are much the same. There are plenty of players without a high PS# who end up making it big. For example, Adam Archuleta was an unheralded walk-on at Arizona State who arrived as a slender 180 lb freshman. He left the Sun Devils' program as one of the most feared defenders in the Pac 10. He increased his weight to a chiseled 215 lbs, while bench pressing over 225 lbs 31 times with 4.36 speed, going as the 1st DB in the 1st round of 2001's NFL Draft. Some kids come into college at 17 or 18, undersized and not yet matured, but then grow into big, strong, fast players and make all conference teams. Just like the NFL, there are a good number of these types of stories. For example, 2000 MVP Kurt Warner was not drafted and played in NFL Europe and the Arena Football League. Other notable UFA's are QB Tony Romo (Dallas), RB Earnest Graham (Tampa Bay), RB Ryan Grant (Green Bay) and TE Antonio Gates (SD). Also, just like the NFL, there are MORE cases of those players who come in highly ranked out of high school, becoming stars and making an immediate impact.

I'll give you some examples: In 2006, Vince Young (PS#2QB) stepped in and led Tennessee to a 6-1 finish; LaVar Arrington was PS#1LB in 1997 and ended up the #2 overall pick in the draft; Peyton Manning was PS#2QB in 1994 and started as a true frosh; TE Tony Gonzalez was PS#1TE; Orlando Pace was PS#1OL and started as a true frosh and, like Manning, was the first overall pick in the NFL draft. In 1995, the top 2 RB's were PS#1 and PS#2 (Kevin Faulk and Ahman Green) while Randy Moss was PS#1WR. In 1996, Tim Couch was PS#1QB. Ron Dayne was PS#3RB and rushed for over 2,000 yards as a true frosh. Corey Dillon was PS#3JC and he powered the Washington Huskies' offense. In 1998, John Henderson was PS#1OL and Marquis Walker was PS#1WR while Julius Peppers was PS#6DL and Carson Palmer was PS#6QB. In 1999, Chris Simms was PS#1QB and Andre Johnson PS#2WR. These are just some examples but as you can see, the stronger the PS#, the better chance the player has of making a big impact in college.

Many times after players graduate, the talent behind them is unknown because they have not played a lot of college ball. You would expect a 1st or 2nd round draft pick in the NFL to be able to step into an open starting spot quickly and the higher-rated players can usually do just that. That is the value of a PS#.

Before I wrap this article up, I would like to go over a couple of commonly used abbreviations that are in this magazine. Now you know just what a PS# is. Naturally, the PS stands for Phil Steele, or my rating for the players out of high school. I also use HT often. HT is a Highly Touted athlete. In the past this has been a player who ranks in the Top 100 at his position out of high school.With 50 states that comes out to be about 2 players per state at each position. A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is a player rated among the Top 20 out of HS. I have changed the HT and VHT guidelines in the past couple of years. At K, the ratings drop to Top 10 for VHT and Top 35 for HT. At TE it is Top 15 for VHT and Top 75 for HT. QB is Top 30 for VHT and Top 100 for HT. WR and RB have two spots on most teams, therefore, the HT number is up to #150 and the VHT is up to #40. Most teams play 3 or 4 LB's so that number moves to #200 for HT classification and #60 for VHT. The DL's and DB's generally have 4 players on the field. The HT classification is now up to #250 at those positions, while a VHT is among the Top 60 out of HS at their position. The offensive line, which has 5 spots, is up to #250 as an HT and up to #100 for a VHT. Many recruiting publications do not distinguish between OL and DL for their lineman. As a general rule, we put them into the OL category so that position has, by far, the largest amount of players.

A quick note about the players in my write-ups. Sometimes on the offensive line I will mention that a player was a top-notch wrestler in high school. To me, a top wrestler has very good body control and athleticism which makes for a quality lineman. I also list when a player is from Canada. I do this because not all of the recruiting services cover Canada so those players are generally rated lower in the PS#'s than they should be. Many times the top player out of Canada is an NFL prospect but only has a PS# around 150 or 200. Therefore, they are often more talented than their PS# would give them credit for.

On page 295 are all of this year's top freshmen and JUCO's. This year I am doing it a little differently, listing all the players who accumulated 475 points or more in my freshmen ranking. That would explain the different numbers at each position. By the end of the year, many will have played and some will already be stars. If you like this type of information, you will love my 2003-2008 Complete Freshmen Recruiting Report. It is just $15 and lists all of the top recruits for all of the different positions over the last 6 years. Go to www.philsteele.com to order your copy today.

RECRUITING SOURCES

I do not scout the high schools personally, but I rely on some great sources to complete my top frosh lists. I subscribe to each of these sources. The colleges themselves use these services' information. Should you want to get the latest on college recruits, I recommend the following sources:

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PHIL STEELE'S 2008 TOP 525 FRESHMEN

QUARTERBACKS

1. Terrelle Pryor — Ohio St
2. Mike Glennon — NCSt
3. Landry Jones — Oklahoma
4. EJ Manuel — Florida St
5. Dayne Crist — Notre Dame
6. Riley Dodge — N Texas
7. Jacory Harris — Miami, Fl
8. Andrew Luck — Stanford
9. Jordan Jefferson — LSU
10. Blaine Gabbert — Missouri
11. Braden Hanson — N Carolina
12. Nick Crissman — UCLA
13. MarQueis Gray — Minnesota
14. Star Jackson — Alabama
15. Matt Scott — Arizona
16. Sean Renfree — Duke
17. Chris Harper — Oregon
18. Curt Phillips — Wisconsin
19. Tommy Dorman — Texas A&M
20. DC Jefferson — Rutgers
21. Jim Youngblood — Arkansas
22. Darron Thomas — Oregon
23. Jacob Charest — Illinois
24. Beau Sweeney — California
25. Casey Kelly — Tennessee
26. John Wienke — Iowa
27. DeVonte Christopher — Utah
28. Seth Doege — Texas Tech
29. Tino Sunseri — Pittsburgh
30. DeRon Furr — Auburn
31. Kyle Parker — Clemson
32. Tyler Wilson — Arkansas
33. Ryan Katz — Oregon St
34. Robert Griffin — Baylor
35. Dominique Blackman — Washington
36. Nathan Stanley — Mississippi
37. Reid McCollum — S Carolina
38. Kody Spano — Nebraska

RUNNING BACKS

1. Darrell Scott — Colorado
2. Jermie Calhoun — Oklahoma
3. De'Anthony Curtis — Arkansas
4. Ryan Bass — Arizona St
5. Jonas Gray — Notre Dame
6. Aundre Dean — UCLA
7. Sam McGuffie — Michigan
8. Milton Knox — UCLA
9. Lamaar Thomas — Ohio St
10. Richard Samuel — Georgia
11. Ryan Williams — Virginia Tech
12. Justin Johnson — Oklahoma
13. Cyrus Gray — Texas A&M
14. Brandon Beachum — Penn St
15. Devoe Torrence — N/A
16. Brandon Barnes — NCSt
17. Covaughn Deboskie — California
18. Chris Polk — Washington
19. Jeremy Hills — Texas
20. AJ Alexander — Florida St
21. Josh Haden — Boston College
22. Dontavius Jackson — Georgia
23. Jacquizz Rodgers — Oregon St
24. Torrey Mack — Virginia
25. Averin Collier — Syracuse
26. Michael Shaw — Michigan
27. Delano Howell — Stanford
28. Jeffrey Demps — Florida
29. Tré Newton — Texas
30. British Footman — N/A
31. Jamie Harper — Clemson
32. Jason Ford — Illinois
33. Richard Watson — Georgia Tech
34. Curtis McNeal — USC
35. Carlton Thomas — Georgia
36. Ray Polk — Colorado
37. Andre Ellington — Clemson
38. Collins Okafor — Nebraska
39. Keola Antolin — Arizona
40. Chris Jordan — Alabama
41. LaMichael James — Oregon
42. Marcus Wright — Georgia Tech
43. Latavius Murray — UCF
44. Devin Thomas — Mississippi
45. Ryan Roberson — Texas
46. Johnathan Franklin — UCLA
47. Harrison Jeffers — Texas Tech
48. Sausan Shakerin — Utah
49. Ivan Matchett — Alabama
50. Cameron Saddler — Pittsburgh
51. Tauren Poole — Tennessee
52. Isaiah Pead — Cincinnati
53. Darius Willis — Indiana
54. Jerico Nelson — Arkansas
55. Kevin Whaley — Minnesota
56. Chris Burns — Pittsburgh
57. Martin Ward — Marshall
58. Franklin Green — N/A
59. Reggie Hunt — Auburn
60. Rashad White — Rutgers
61. Eric Smith — Auburn
62. Darius Ashley — Louisville
63. Mikel LeShoure — Illinois
64. Derrick Coleman — UCLA
65. Jahleel Addae — C Michigan
66. Mark Ingram — Alabama
67. Onterio McCalebb — Auburn
68. Montario Patterson — Mississippi St

WIDE RECEIVERS

1. Julio Jones — Alabama
2. Michael Floyd — Notre Dame
3. AJ Green — Georgia
4. DeVier Posey — Ohio St
5. DJ Shoemate — USC
6. Tavarres King — Georgia
7. DeAndre Brown — S Mississippi
8. Jameel Owens — Oklahoma
9. Aldarius Johnson — Miami, Fl
10. John Goodman — Notre Dame
11. Dan Buckner — Texas
12. Darryl Stonum — Michigan
13. Deion Walker — Notre Dame
14. Jeffrey Fuller — Texas A&M
15. Kenny Tate — Maryland
16. DeSean Hales — Texas
17. Brice Butler — USC
18. Chris Tolliver — LSU
19. Kemonte Bateman — Arizona St
20. Marvin Jones — California
21. Dejuan Miller — Oklahoma
22. Brandon Green — Minnesota
23. Josh Jarboe — Oklahoma
24. Kevin Dorsey — Maryland
25. Joe Adams — Arkansas
26. Melvin Ray — Alabama
27. Jermaine Kearse — Washington
28. Tommy Streeter — Miami, Fl
29. Cordale Scott — Illinois
30. Omarius Hines — Florida
31. Wes Kemp — Missouri
32. Hubie Graham — Illinois
33. Fred Smith — Michigan St
34. Cody Bruns — Washington
35. Marcus Sales — Syracuse
36. Jarius Wright — Arkansas
37. TJ Lawrence — Florida
38. Nelson Rosario — UCLA
39. DJ Coles — Virginia Tech
40. Jake Murphy — BYU
41. Marquan Jones — Clemson
42. Kerry Boykins — Maryland
43. Cruz Williams — Arkansas
44. Laron Byrd — Miami, Fl
45. Rodriguez Wilks — Tennessee
46. Jerry Johnson — UCLA
47. Davon Johnson — Miami, Fl
48. Greg Childs — Arkansas
49. Martavious Odoms — Michigan
50. Dion Jordan — Oregon
51. Destin Hood — Alabama
52. Theron Collier — Miami, Fl
53. Lamar Harris — Oklahoma
54. AJ Jenkins — Illinois
55. DJ Woods — Cincinnati
56. Travis Benjamin — Miami, Fl
57. Jarrett Sparks — California
58. Vaughn Carraway — Temple
59. Cameron Johnson — Virginia
60. Kendall Wright — Baylor
61. Warren Reuland — Stanford
62. Harry Adams — Auburn
63. John Cole — Vanderbilt
64. Lanear Sampson — Baylor
65. Tim Molton — LSU

TIGHT ENDS

1. Blake Ayles — USC
2. Kyle Rudolph — Notre Dame
3. Kavario Middleton — Washington
4. Jake Stoneburner — Ohio St
5. Austin Holt — BYU
6. Dwayne Allen — Clemson
7. Andrew Jones — Missouri
8. Aaron Douglas — Tennessee
9. Brandon Moore — Michigan
10. Joseph Fauria — Notre Dame
11. Tyler Edwards — LSU
12. Mark Wedderburn — Penn St
13. Spencer Ladner — California
14. Jack Crawford — Penn St
15. Kevin Koger — Michigan
16. Corey Liuget — Illinois
17. Ben Cotton — Nebraska
18. Matt Branch — LSU
19. Ryan Deehan — Colorado

OFFENSIVE LINE

1. Baker Steinkuhler — Nebraska
2. Josh Jenkins — West Virginia
3. Michael Brewster — Ohio St
4. Tyler Love — Alabama
5. Tyron Smith — USC
6. Mike Adams — Ohio St
7. Matt Kalil — USC
8. Matt Patchan — Florida
9. JB Shugarts — Ohio St
10. Lucas Nix — Pittsburgh
11. AJ Harmon — Georgia
12. Lawrence Guy — Arizona St
13. Trevor Robinson — Notre Dame
14. Khaled Holmes — USC
15. Dan Hoch — Missouri
16. Barrett Jones — Alabama
17. Bryce Givens — Colorado
18. Antoine McClain — Clemson
19. Lane Clelland — Notre Dame
20. Dann O'Neill — Michigan
21. Vinston Painter — Virginia Tech
22. Alameda Ta'amu — Washington
23. Graham Pocic — Illinois
24. Matt Meyer — USC
25. Art Forst — Rutgers
26. Reggie Ellis — Illinois
27. Dalton Freeman — Clemson
28. David Snow — Texas
29. Maxwell Tuioti-Mariner — Colorado
30. Daniel Campbell — USC
31. Elliott Mealer — Michigan
32. Ben Habern — Oklahoma
33. Kenneth Page — Clemson
34. Templeton Hardy — Mississippi St
35. Allen Carroll — Washington
36. Cordy Glenn — Georgia
37. Zebrie Sanders — Florida St
38. Mike Golic — Notre Dame
39. Braxston Cave — Notre Dame
40. David DeCastro — Stanford
41. Preston Bailey — Tennessee
42. Zach Schlink — Arizona St
43. Brandon Washington — Miami, Fl
44. RJ Mattes — NCSt
45. Matt Hall — Arkansas
46. Greg Shaw — LSU
47. Mark Buchanan — Texas
48. Luke Poehlmann — Texas
49. Matt Stankiewitch — Penn St
50. Tyler Rigsbee — California
51. DeOn'tae Pannell — Penn St
52. Peter Konz — Wisconsin
53. Hamani Stevens — Oregon
54. John Michael Boswell — Alabama
55. Kurt Wermers — Michigan
56. Joe Schafer — Wisconsin
57. Jimmy Bennett — Connecticut
58. Bobby Massie — N/A
59. Brian Mulroe — Northwestern
60. Ben Jones — Georgia
61. James Ferentz — Iowa
62. Mike Goodman — Boston College
63. Ryan Dannewitz — Colorado
64. Brian Thomas — Texas A&M
65. Rocko Khoury — Michigan
66. Senio Kelemete — Washington
67. Thomas Parsons — LSU
68. Britt Mitchell — Oklahoma
69. Trevor Guyton — California
70. Vaughn Dotsy — Arizona
71. Andrew Sampson — Arizona St
72. Ethan Ruhland — Michigan St
73. Shawntel Rowell — Ohio St
74. Nick Adamle — Northwestern
75. Drew Schaefer — Washington
76. Leroy Chevalier — Texas A&M
77. Joe Looney — Wake Forest
78. Tyler Sands — Illinois
79. Mario Benavides — Louisville
80. Clay Spencer — LSU
81. Roszell Gayden — N/A
82. Nick Becton — Virginia Tech

DEFENSIVE LINE

1. Da'Quan Bowers — Clemson
2. Marcus Forston — Miami, Fl
3. DeAngelo Tyson — Georgia
4. RJ Washington — Oklahoma
5. William Green — Florida
6. Solomon Koehler — Arizona
7. Nick Perry — USC
8. Omar Hunter — Florida
9. Stephen Good — Oklahoma
10. Chancey Aghayere — LSU
11. Ethan Johnson — Notre Dame
12. Willie Mobley — Ohio St
13. Sean Cwynar — Notre Dame
14. Garrett Goebel — Ohio St
15. Jarvis Humphrey — Texas
16. Cornelius Washington — Georgia
17. JB Fitzgerald — Michigan
18. Robert Quinn — N Carolina
19. Armond Armstead — USC
20. Wes Horton — USC
21. Stacy McGee — Oklahoma
22. Datone Jones — UCLA
23. Quinton Coples — N Carolina
24. Mike Martin — Michigan
25. Chase Clement — LSU
26. Brandon Thompson — Clemson
27. Nathan Williams — Ohio St
28. Jurrell Casey — USC
29. Michael Williams — Alabama
30. Everrette Thompson — Washington
31. Tyler Westphal — Wisconsin
32. Micanor Regis — Miami, Fl
33. Hafis Williams — Notre Dame
34. Damien Holmes — UCLA
35. Curtis Cunningham — Colorado
36. Uona Kaveinga — USC
37. Quentin Williams — Northwestern
38. Damion Square — Alabama
39. Bo Tillman — S Mississippi
40. Kapron Lewis-Moore — Notre Dame
41. Toby Jackson — Georgia
42. Rod Davis — Texas A&M
43. Tony Jerod — Texas A&M
44. Tyler Hoover — Michigan St
45. Keith Wells — Ohio St
46. Brandon Newman — Notre Dame
47. Jeremy Lewis — Miami, Fl
48. Courtney Upshaw — Alabama
49. Moses McCray — Florida St
50. Jamaar Jarrett — Arizona St
51. Ben Jones — Miami, Fl
52. Teddy Dargan — N/A
53. Don'ta Hightower — Alabama
54. Malik Jackson — USC
55. Leon Mackey — Virginia Tech
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62. Marty Everett NCSt
63. Brendan Kelly Wisconsin
64. Tony Gillespie Kansas St
65. Earl Okine Florida
66. Kheeston Randall Texas
67. Craig Noble Washington
68. Glenn Harbin Alabama
69. Chris Martin UCF
70. Josh Williams Nebraska
71. Klinton "Buddy" Ruff Virginia
72. Masengo Kabongo Maryland
73. Lavunce Askew Arkansas
74. Dave Kruger Utah
75. Brandon Lewis Alabama
76. Riley Reiff Iowa
77. Dexter Heyman Louisville
78. Kaleb Ramsey Boston College
79. Everett Dawkins Florida St
80. Michael McAdoo N Carolina
81. Ryan Haliburton Texas Tech
82. Sam Robey Florida
83. Eddie Brown Texas A&M
84. Brandon Harold Kansas St
85. Andrew Wolridge Texas A&M
86. Nick Cody Oregon

LINEBACKERS

1. Steve Filer Notre Dame
2. Jonathan Major Colorado
3. Brendan Beal Florida
4. Nigel Bradham Florida St
5. Arthur Brown Miami, Fl
6. Lynn Katoa Colorado
7. Etienne Sabino Ohio St
8. Shayne Hale Pittsburgh
9. Marcus Robinson Miami, Fl
10. Jerrell Harris Alabama
11. Dravannti Johnson Texas
12. Terrell Manning NCSt
13. Andrew Sweat Ohio St
14. Anthony McDonald Notre Dame
15. Michael Zordich Penn St
16. Marcus Witherspoon Michigan
17. Lerentee McCray Florida
18. Nigel Carr Florida St
19. Mike Yancich Penn St
20. Ramon Buchanan Miami, Fl
21. Michael Mauti Penn St
22. Jordan Futch Miami, Fl
23. Nick Moody Florida St
24. Vincent Williams Florida St
25. Sam Maresh Minnesota
26. Darius Fleming Notre Dame
27. EJ Abrams-Ward Tennessee
28. Bruce Taylor Virginia Tech
29. Kenny Demens Michigan
30. Byron Hout Boise St
31. Fred Craig Stanford
32. Will Compton Nebraska
33. Christian Wilson N Carolina
34. Marcus Dowtin Georgia
35. Sean Spence Miami, Fl
36. Taylor Hill Michigan
37. Brandon Magee Arizona St
38. Jonathan Meyers N/A
39. Patrick Larimore UCLA
40. Kyle Prater LSU
41. Dwayne Maddox NCSt
42. Kyle Mangan Texas A&M
43. Leonard Hubbard Wisconsin
44. Eric LeGrand Rutgers
45. Donovan Carter UCLA
46. Emmanuel Acho Texas
47. Sean Fisher Nebraska
48. Nick Clancy Boston College
49. Steven Sylvester Georgia Tech
50. Daniel Franklin Oklahoma
51. Scott Betros Wake Forest
52. Austin Johnson Tennessee
53. AJ Grant Florida Int'l
54. Zander Fabbri Arizona
55. Lyndell Gibson Virginia Tech
56. Spencer Reeves Minnesota
57. Steve Gardiner Michigan St
58. Ricky Holloway Memphis
59. Antonio Harper Miami, Fl
60. Trent Mackey Duke
61. DeWitt Stuckey Oregon
62. Gavin Hardin Miami, Fl
63. Brett Nagel Northwestern
64. Christian Robinson Georgia

DEFENSIVE BACKS

1. Patrick Johnson LSU
2. Will Hill Florida
3. Aaron Williams Texas
4. Rahim Moore UCLA
5. Boubacar Cissoko Michigan
6. Dan McCarthy Notre Dame
7. Brandon Smith Michigan
8. Brandon Harris Miami, Fl
9. Darius Barksdale N/A
10. Janoris Jenkins Florida
11. Gerell Robinson Arizona St
12. TJ Bryant USC
13. Nolan Brewster Texas
14. Kye Staley Oklahoma St
15. Jonathan Baldwin Pittsburgh
16. BJ Scott Alabama
17. Mark Barron Alabama
18. Aaron Hester UCLA
19. Charles Mitchell Mississippi St
20. Dee Finley Florida
21. Robert Golden Arizona
22. Robert Blanton Notre Dame
23. EJ Woods UCLA
24. Joseph Ibiloye Oklahoma
25. CC Whitlock S Carolina
26. Vaughn Telemaque Miami, Fl
27. DJ Monroe Texas
28. Alonzo Lawrence Alabama
29. Spencer Adams Clemson
30. Jarrell Barbour Arizona St
31. Jarred Holley Pittsburgh
32. Antwon Moutra UCLA
33. Derrick Hall Texas A&M
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36. Brandon Taylor LSU
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39. John Boyett Oregon
40. Devonta Bolton Alabama
41. Anthony Dye UCLA
42. CJ Holton Miami, Fl
43. D'Anton Lynn Penn St
44. Adrian Bushell Florida
45. Robby Green Alabama
46. Okechukwu Okoroha Boston College
47. Terrance Parks Florida St
48. Jeremy Brown Florida

KICKERS/PUNTERS

1. Justin Sorensen BYU
2. Jeff Locke UCLA
3. Ben Buchanan Ohio St

JUCO's

1. Carl Moore Florida
2. Terrence Cody Alabama
3. Markus White Florida St
4. JR Bryant Oklahoma
5. Shaun Mohler Colorado
6. David Pittman Minnesota
7. Beau Johnson Oklahoma St
8. Grant Valentine Kansas St
9. Bernard Afutiti BYU
10. LaGarrette Blount Oregon
11. Simi Kuli Oregon St
12. Troy Epps Florida
13. Wade Weibert Kansas St
14. Corey Surrency Florida St
15. Jimmy Rodgers Marshall
16. Melvin Williams N Carolina
17. Greg Cross Pittsburgh
18. Tevita Finau West Virginia
19. Emmanuel Stephens Mississippi
20. Raven Gray Auburn
21. Maurice Gray Oklahoma St
22. Theo Wilson USF
23. Swanson Miller Oklahoma St
24. J'Marcus Webb Arizona
25. Daniel Thomas Kansas St
26. Nate Guillory Iowa
27. Tavares Pressley Florida St
28. Jacob Bower Tulsa
29. Greg Alexander Hawaii
30. Rashad Swanson N/A
31. Tyson Lee Mississippi St
32. Mike Diaz Arizona
33. Jesse Taufi BYU
34. Deryn Bowser Akron
35. Donsay Hardeman Illinois
36. Phillip Freeman Mississippi St
37. Lucien Antoine Oklahoma St
38. Josh Wiley Louisville
39. David Sims Oklahoma
40. Cedric Mack Florida Int'l
41. Jocques Crawford Kansas
42. Kennard Banks N/A
43. Gerald Williams Tennessee
44. Freddie Parham S Mississippi
45. Tramaine Brock Minnesota
46. David Bedford USF
47. David Reed Utah
48. Jarrett Crittenton Clemson
49. Matt Moss Texas A&M
50. Donald Booker Oklahoma St
51. Kevin Craft UCLA
52. Daniel Calvin Kansas St

FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS LAST 5 YEARS

Here are the Top 25 classes of signees for the past 5 years (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
1. USC	1. USC	1. USC	1. USC	1. USC
2. Florida	2. Notre Dame	2. Tennessee	2. Oklahoma	2. Florida
3. LSU	3. Texas	3. Florida St	3. Miami, Fl	3. Notre Dame
4. Texas	4. Michigan	4. Oklahoma	4. LSU	4. Michigan
5. Notre Dame	5. Florida	5. Michigan	5. Texas	5. Tennessee
6. Tennessee	6. Penn St	6. Iowa	6. Michigan	6. Miami, Fl
7. Ohio St	7. Georgia	7. Texas	7. Florida	7. LSU
8. North Carolina	8. Ohio St	8. Miami, Fl	8. Florida St	8. Ohio St
9. Michigan	9. Florida St	9. Ohio St	9. Ohio St	9. Texas
10. Georgia	10. Oklahoma	10. LSU	10. Penn St	10. Oklahoma
11. Auburn	11. LSU	11. Georgia	11. Georgia	11. Texas A&M
12. Penn St	12. Auburn	12. Nebraska	12. Tennessee	12. Virginia
13. Georgia Tech	13. Clemson	13. Florida	13. Oregon	13. Georgia
14. Alabama	14. Pittsburgh	14. Texas A&M	14. Texas A&M	14. Maryland
15. Iowa	15. Miami, Fl	15. Virginia Tech	15. California	15. North Carolina
16. Miami, Fl	16. Alabama	16. Penn St	16. Michigan St	16. NC State
17. Oklahoma	17. Mississippi	17. Virginia	17. Notre Dame	17. Virginia Tech
18. Illinois	18. Texas A&M	18. Auburn	18. Maryland	18. Wisconsin
19. South Carolina	19. UCLA	19. California	19. Missouri	19. Florida St
20. Clemson	20. Arizona	20. Purdue	20. Alabama	20. Iowa
21. UCLA	21. Nebraska	21. Arizona	21. Washington	21. Stanford
22. Oregon	22. Oklahoma St	22. Maryland	22. Nebraska	22. Boston College
23. Texas A&M	23. California	23. Wisconsin	23. Oklahoma St	23. UCLA
24. California	24. Tennessee	24. South Carolina	24. Virginia	24. Alabama
25. Florida St	25. Arkansas	25. Stanford	25. South Carolina	25. Nebraska

2008 FROSH RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are the Top 75 classes of 2008 signees (frosh & JUCO's) according to my ratings.

1. Notre Dame
2. Ohio St
3. Alabama
4. USC
5. Florida
6. Oklahoma
7. Miami, Fl
8. Georgia
9. Michigan
10. Texas
11. Colorado
12. UCLA
13. LSU
14. Florida St
15. Clemson
16. Arizona St
17. Pittsburgh
18. Washington
19. Penn St
20. Illinois
21. Arizona
22. Texas A&M
23. N Carolina
24. Arkansas
25. NC State
26. Virginia Tech
27. Oklahoma St
28. California
29. Minnesota
30. Tennessee
31. Virginia
32. Missouri
33. Stanford
34. Oregon
35. Kansas St
36. Maryland
37. Rutgers
38. Mississippi St
39. Wisconsin
40. Boston College
41. Nebraska
42. Georgia Tech
43. BYU
44. South Carolina
45. Auburn
46. Utah
47. Michigan St
48. West Virginia
49. Syracuse
50. Southern Miss
51. Iowa
52. Oregon St
53. Texas Tech
54. Northwestern
55. Mississippi
56. Louisville
57. Indiana
58. Kansas
59. UCF
60. Kentucky
61. Wake Forest
62. Cincinnati
63. Connecticut
64. Duke
65. USF
66. Boise St
67. Baylor
68. Iowa St
69. Marshall
70. Vanderbilt
71. Fresno St
72. Hawaii
73. Washington St
74. Tulsa
75. Florida Int'l

CONFERENCE BY CONFERENCE 2008 RECRUITING RATINGS

Here are my 2008 recruiting rankings for each conference. They take into account the strength of the Top 5 signees, the Top 10 signees, and the average signing grade per player for the overall class. This list is not about the quantity of the freshmen signed but the overall quality of the class. Sometimes a team with a small class of just 15 players may rate higher than one with 30. Here are some interesting notes on this year's signing ratings. For the 2nd year in a row, the highest rated non-BCS school is BYU at #43 (#49 in '07). Pitt finished #1 in the Big East for the 3rd straight year. Will the Panthers be able to parlay their recruiting success into a long awaited bowl bid in '08? Despite a late start, new Arkansas HC Bobby Petrino pulled in the #5 class in the SEC (#24 overall) which is the Hogs' highest ranking since 2001. Obviously recruiting rankings are a good tool to predict a team's future success, but other factors also come into play. A good example of this is 2006 ACC Champ Wake Forest. WF has finished last in the ACC in 3 of the last 5 years including '07 (#73 overall). The rankings for Air Force, Army and Navy are not complete because the academies do not release official signee lists until summer. I hope your favorite team did well in the recruiting wars.

BIG TEN

1. Ohio St
2. Michigan
3. Penn St
4. Illinois
5. Minnesota
6. Wisconsin
7. Michigan St
8. Iowa
9. Northwestern
10. Indiana
11. Purdue

BIG XII

1. Oklahoma
2. Texas
3. Colorado
4. Texas A&M
5. Oklahoma St
6. Missouri
7. Kansas St
8. Nebraska
9. Texas Tech
10. Kansas
11. Baylor
12. Iowa St

PAC-10

1. USC
2. UCLA
3. Arizona St
4. Washington
5. Arizona
6. California
7. Stanford
8. Oregon
9. Oregon St
10. Washington St

ACC

1. Miami, Fl
2. Florida St
3. Clemson
4. North Carolina
5. NC State
6. Virginia Tech
7. Virginia
8. Maryland
9. Boston College
10. Georgia Tech
11. Wake Forest
12. Duke

SUN BELT

1. Florida Int'l
2. North Texas
3. ULM
4. Troy
5. Middle Tenn
6. Arkansas St
7. W Kentucky
8. Florida Atlantic
9. Louisiana-Lft

SEC

1. Alabama
2. Florida
3. Georgia
4. LSU
5. Arkansas
6. Tennessee
7. Mississippi St
8. South Carolina
9. Auburn
10. Mississippi
11. Kentucky
12. Vanderbilt

INDEPENDENT

1. Notre Dame
2. Army
3. Navy

WAC

1. Boise St
2. Fresno St
3. Hawaii
4. Louisiana Tech
5. New Mexico St
6. Nevada
7. Utah St
8. Idaho
9. San Jose St

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. BYU
2. Utah
3. Wyoming
4. TCU
5. San Diego St
6. UNLV
7. Air Force
8. New Mexico
9. Colorado St

BIG EAST

1. Pittsburgh
2. Rutgers
3. West Virginia
4. Syracuse
5. Louisville
6. Cincinnati
7. Connecticut
8. USF

CUSA

1. Southern Miss
2. UCF
3. Marshall
4. Tulsa
5. Memphis
6. Houston
7. Tulane
8. East Carolina
9. UTEP
10. Rice
11. SMU
12. UAB

MAC

1. Miami, Oh
2. Temple
3. Toledo
4. Ohio
5. W Michigan
6. C Michigan
7. Ball St
8. Akron
9. N Illinois
10. Kent St
11. Buffalo
12. Bowling Green
13. E Michigan

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For Better or for Worse

By Phil Steele

Close Wins, Close Losses

Give me a computer full of NCAA football statistics and an entire offseason and I'm always going to try and uncover something new. A few years ago I was thinking, *What happens if a team was fortunate and won a lot of close games? I figured that those teams would probably not be as fortunate the next year. On the flip side, I was thinking that if a team suffered a lot of close losses the previous year, they would be undervalued.* A few years ago we did the research from the previous six years and logged in all of the teams that had close wins and close losses (games decided by a TD or less) the previous year. I then ranked the category by NET close wins and losses.

For example: In 2003 TCU benefited from 7 close wins but did have 1 close loss. Therefore, they had a NET total of 6 close wins. Also, Ohio St had 6 close wins and 1 close loss for a net of 5 close wins. Kansas, had one close win and 5 close losses for a net total of 4 close losses. I then ran the records for each of the past 6 years to see how the teams did and I'm pleased to report the trends came up just as expected.

Looking back over the past six years, there have been a total of 149 teams that had a NET of 2 close losses or more the previous year and of those 149, just 37 had a worse record the next year, giving this idea a 75% grade. Last year there were 7 teams with 4 or 5 net close losses in 2006 and all 7 had a better record including Illinois which went from 2-10 to the Rose Bowl! Teams in this category have improved their record 82% of the time. Memphis went from 2-10 to 7-6. A couple of examples from 2006 were Arkansas which went from 4-7 to 10-4, San Jose St (3-8 to 9-4), Kent St (1-10 to 6-6) and BYU (6-6 to 11-2). In 2004 Penn St had 2 net close losses and improved from 4-7 to 11-1. Navy had 3 close losses in 2002 (2-10) and improved to 8-4 in 2003. California had 2 net close losses in 2001 and went from 1-10 to 7-5.

Listed below is a chart analyzing data from the last six years. The chart lists the total amount of teams that had 2 or more net close losses, how many improved the next year, how many had the same record and how many actually had a worse record. As you can see, the success rate is 75%

	Total Last 6 Years	Stronger Next Year	Same Next Year	Weaker Next Year	% BETTER or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 4+ Net Close Losses	28	23	1	4	85.7%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Losses	50	33	5	12	76.0%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Losses	71	44	6	21	70.4%
2 or More Net Close Losses	149	100	12	37	75.2%

Here are the teams which had the bad fortune of 3 or more net close losses last year:

	2007 Wins By TD or ↓	2007 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES		2007 Wins By TD or ↓	2007 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE LOSSES
Washington	0	5	5	Maryland	1	4	3
Kent St	0	5	5	Kansas St	0	3	3
SMU	0	5	5	Lousiana-Lft	0	3	3
Minnesota	1	6	5	N Illinois	2	5	3
North Carolina	2	6	4	Colorado St	1	4	3
Michigan St	2	6	4	Vanderbilt	0	3	3

These are the teams that had 2 net close losses: Florida, Arizona, TCU, Tulane, W Michigan, USF, Miami Fl, UCLA, Marshall, Utah St, Alabama, UNLV, Duke

Naturally there are some teams that are used to winning close games and I did discover a little difference in the last 6 years. Teams that had 3 or more net close wins the previous year did see their record either stay the same or get weaker the next year 82% of the time, but teams with just 2 net close wins, the same entry level we used for the close losses, did improve their record 30 out of 79 times, meaning they were the same or weaker the next season, just 62% of the time.

	Total Last 6 Years	Weaker Next Year	Same Next Year	Stronger Next Year	% WEAKER or Same Next Yr
Previous Year 6 or 7 Net Close Wins	3	3	0	0	100%
Previous Year 4 or 5 Net Close Wins	27	22	2	3	88.9%
Previous Year 3 Net Close Wins	49	31	7	11	77.6%
Previous Year 2 Net Close Wins	79	43	6	30	62.0%
3 or More Net Close Wins	79	56	9	14	82.3%
2 or More Net Close Wins	158	99	15	44	72.2%

Let me give you some examples. Last year SEVEN teams were coming off an '06 season of 4 or more net close wins and ALL SEVEN had a weaker record in '07. In 2003 TCU benefitted from 6 net close wins to finish 11-1, but the next season dropped to 5-6. In 2003, Ole Miss benefitted from 3 net close wins and their record fell from 9-3 to 4-7. In 2002, Notre Dame had 5 net close wins and finished 10-2 and in '03 finished just 5-7. In 2001, Illinois won the Big Ten Title, benefitting from 4 net close wins, going 10-2 and the next year they fell to 5-7. Tennessee went from 10-3 in 2004 with 5 net close wins and finished 5-6 in '05. Fla Atlantic, who benefitted from 4 net close wins dropped, from 9-3 in '04 to 2-9 in '05. This year there are 15 teams that benefitted from 3 or more net close wins last year and I list the chart below.

Here are the teams which had the good fortune of 3 or more net close wins last year:

	2007 Wins By TD or ↓	2007 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS		2007 Wins By TD or ↓	2007 Losses By TD or ↓	NET CLOSE WINS
Hawaii	5	0	5	Kansas	3	0	3
Mississippi St	4	0	4	Florida Atl	4	1	3
Virginia	6	2	4	E Carolina	4	1	3
Oregon St	4	0	4	Tulsa	4	1	3
Memphis	5	2	3	Arizona St	3	0	3
Miami Oh	5	2	3	Northwestern	4	1	3
Toledo	3	0	3	Kentucky	4	1	3
				Tennessee	4	1	3

These are the teams that had 2 net close wins: ULM, NC State, BYU, Temple, Connecticut, Army, Bowling Green, New Mexico, LSU, Michigan, Texas, Wisconsin

Much like a stock broker, my job is to find value. The same is true in the magazine business and I am very proud of our #1 Most Accurate Title over the last nine years and would attribute that Title to the fact that I work on nothing but football 365 days a year and I am always looking to uncover any system or trend that would give me an edge. Here are two more methods for uncovering those underrated teams.

YPP Factor

Five years ago I did an article on ypp and this year I've done a little more in-depth study and will provide you with some solid charts for your review. First of all, let's explain what ypp is exactly. A ypp is simply **yards per point**. An offense is more efficient when their ypp is a **lower** number. If a team had an offensive ypp of 10.0, that would mean for every 200 yards they gained, they scored 20 points. Meanwhile, if they had an offensive ypp of 20.0, then for every 200 yards they gained, they scored just 10 points. On the other side of the ball, defenses want to have a **higher** ypp. Inverting the same thought, if a team allowed 200 yards and had a 20.0 ypp, that means they would allow just 10 points for every 200 yards the opposition traveled, whereas a 10.0 ypp would be 20 points for every 200 yards allowed.

I did some research dating back to 1990 and before I list the 4 charts, let's first look at the offensive ypp's. I did an average and a median of all the teams in the NCAA in our charts since 1990 and the average ypp for a team was 15.452 and the median was 15.5. I found teams that have a high offensive ypp (move the ball but do not score) the previous year generally have a stronger record the next season. Let's look at teams that had an unusually high ypp the previous year (an inefficient offense). If you look at the chart below you will see that 26 teams have had a ypp greater than 22.3 since 1990 and ALL 26 have had a stronger or identical record the next year. As you can see, the chart goes to 17.5 which still has a solid success record, as teams will either have the same or a stronger record 83.3% of the time.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YR YPP GREATER THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	BETTER Or Same S/1990
22.3	26	25	1	0	100.0%
20.3	69	52	5	12	82.6%
18.4	167	118	18	31	81.4%
17.5	263	196	23	44	83.3%

This year's teams that fall into this category are: North Texas 19.8, UNLV 19.4, Baylor 19.3, Miami Oh 19.1, Minnesota 18.7, Temple 18.3, Iowa St 18.0, Florida Int'l 17.9, Syracuse 17.8, N Illinois 17.7, New Mexico St 17.6.

Teams that had an extremely low ypp the previous year usually have a weaker record the next season, but the statistics are not as dominant as the high ypp, probably because there are some teams like USC that will benefit from turnovers on a yearly basis, keeping their ypp low. Still, according to the chart below, teams whose ypp were less than 11.56 the previous year had either a weaker or the same record 72.9% of the time the next year. There are a lot of teams that fit into the category of 11.56-13.55, so look on the individual team pages for those numbers. Looking at the history of offensive ypp, these teams should have a weaker record this season.

OFFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	WEAKER Or Same Record S/1990
11.05	44	25	8	11	75.0%
11.56	85	51	11	23	72.9%
13.56	569	342	44	183	67.8%

This year's teams that fall into the top 2 categories are: Oklahoma 10.6, Florida 10.8, Boise St 11.0, Kansas 11.2, Navy 11.3, LSU 11.4, UCF 11.5, Virginia Tech 11.5, Georgia 11.5.

Now let's look at the teams under the defensive ypp that were fortunate and not so fortunate last year. As the chart to the right shows, if a team allows a defensive ypp of 13.29 or lower (meaning they gave up a lot of points but not a lot of yds), their record improves or is the same the next year 69.4% of the time. Teams that allowed a lot of yards but not a lot of points sound like a bend but don't break D, but generally, as shown below, teams whose defensive ypp was 17.35 or greater the previous year have a weaker or the same record the following year. Last year just 5 fit the 20.35 and higher standard and all 5 had the same or weaker record (4 weaker) but this year none fall into that category. In the box below are the ones in the 17.35 and higher.

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS LESS THAN	Happen Times S/1990	Stronger Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Weaker Record Next Yr	BETTER Or Same Record S/1990
11.25	47	32	3	12	74.5%
12.53	256	166	21	69	73.0%
13.29	431	264	35	132	69.4%

There are a lot of teams that fit this category this year but I will list those that fit the second level here: North Texas 10.8, Toledo 11.3, Idaho 11.3, Florida Int'l 11.5, N Mexico St 11.9, Rice 11.9, Navy 12.1, Pittsburgh 12.3, Iowa St 12.3, Notre Dame 12.4, C Michigan 12.5, Louisiana-Lft 12.5, Baylor 12.5, Florida Atlantic 12.5

Of the 62 teams listed in this article, last year an amazing 52 (83.9%!) had their record get stronger or weaker, as was forecast by the ypp chart. Over the last 3 years 132 of the 160 teams have had their record get stronger or weaker (or stay the same) as was forecast by the ypp chart for an 82.5% success rate!

DEFENSIVE YPP • PREVIOUS YEAR SINCE 1990

PREV YEAR YPP IS GREAT THAN:	Happen Times S/1990	Weaker Record Next Yr	Same Record Next Yr	Stronger Record Next Yr	WEAKER Or Same Record S/1990
22.45	28	23	1	4	85.7%
20.35	82	60	7	15	81.7%
19.85	107	75	8	24	77.6%
17.35	360	208	29	123	65.8%

Here are the 10 teams whose defensive ypp was between 19.6-17.5 in '07: Cincinnati 19.6, Utah 19.5, Kansas 19.4, Iowa 18.7, Connecticut 18.5, Virginia Tech 18.5, Ohio St 18.3, Auburn 17.6, Penn St 17.6, Air Force 17.5

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2008 NFL DRAFT A Day for VHT's!!!

By Phil Steele

The NFL Draft is always a big day for the top graduating seniors, some high-quality juniors as well as a few sophomores in college football. It is the chance to move on to the NFL and make a living playing the sport they have participated in for most of their lives. For first round draft picks it means millions of dollars and sudden wealth. Colleges benefit by having former players being drafted highly as it allows them to use it in future recruiting classes. While lower round draft picks do not make millions, everyone has the potential to make a substantial income and that is why a big final year in college is very important.

Being a first round draft pick does not guarantee success. The NFL has lots of stories of first round "busts" over the years, players who never lived up to their potential due to injuries or just poor performance. Every franchise has had some #1 pick who never panned out or who never even started an NFL game. However, the majority of 1st round picks do make it big & have an impact on their team & the NFL. The Manning brothers, Peyton & Eli, each 1st RD DC's led their teams to Super Bowl wins in 2006 & 2007 in an impressive fashion. In 2006, Reggie Bush went 2nd overall to New Orleans and helped lead them to their 1st ever NFC Championship game. Vince Young went 3rd to Tennessee in 2006 and led the Titans to a surprising 8-8 record with 6 straight wins and was rewarded with Offensive Rookie of the Year honors. After struggling in his rookie season, Houston's Mario Williams finished 4th in the NFL for 2007 with 14.0 sacks. Last year Joe Thomas went 3rd to the Browns & became an instant starter at LT, earning a trip to the Pro Bowl as a rookie. Adrian Peterson exploded onto the scene, setting the NFL single-game rushing record vs San Diego with 296 yds & was the Offensive Rooke of the Year for 2007. Despite being on a poor 49ers team, Patrick Willis had a monster year with a league-leading 174 tackles & was the 2007 Defensive Rookie of the Year.

How does a player get to be a first round draft pick? A good starting point in determining a player's grade coming out of college is how that player performs on the field. In most cases, you must be among the most productive players in the college game. However, productivity is not the only criteria. Timmy Chang is the all-time career passing leader in college football with 17,072 yards but he went undrafted. Colt Brennan put up solid numbers at Hawaii with a 71% completion rate over his last 2 years but a poor bowl game & Combine performance saw him drop to the 6th round this year. The top three reception leaders of all-time in IA ball are Taylor Stubblefield, Josh Davis and Taurean Henderson and none of the 3 were drafted. TE Vernon Davis finished his college career with 1,371 yards & his 16.5 ypc is the best avg of any 1st RD TE ever & had the most impressive NFL Combine ever for a TE (4.38 speed) but has been a disappointment since being drafted. 2006's Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith stumbled in the National Championship game and had a poor NFL Combine which contributed to his drop to the 5th round last year.

NFL scouts concentrate primarily on players' size, speed and strength ratings. A player could have a great senior year, but if his performance in the 40 yard dash is disappointing, he could drop a round or two in the draft. If a player shows up at the NFL Combine out of shape, he'll probably cost himself a large chunk of money in his contract, as he will be drafted lower (Michigan RB Mike Hart). It's all about how many reps a player can do at 225 pounds in the bench press and other measurable physical characteristics.

Even after all the number crunching, there are plenty of stories about players who were very late round DC's or not even drafted and went on to great success in the NFL. Hofstra's Marques Colston was drafted 252nd overall in 2006 and ended the year with 1,038 yards and 8 TD's. Former Kent St QB Josh Cribbs went undrafted in 2005, converted to a return specialist, & went to the 2007 Pro Bowl after leading the NFL in KR yardage & finishing 3rd with a 30.7 KR avg. These stories are great, but the majority of the stars in the NFL are the players who graded high enough to be upper round draft picks.

The colleges do not have a draft of high school players, but every school is given an allotment of scholarships and has to recruit players from around the country to fill their needs. Most high school athletes will take the big name schools scholarship offers over the smaller ones. If you are lucky enough to have Florida St, Ohio St or USC offer you one of their precious 15 to 25 scholarships, you usually jump at it. Schools like Hawaii or Middle Tennessee do not even bother to recruit most of the top athletes coming out, as they really have little chance to land them (unless it's a local kid).

Since there is no draft, how do you rate players out of high school? I rely on some great recruiting sources and I have a computer rating system that ranked almost 21,000 high school graduates this season. I then assign every player a PS# which shows how highly rated each player is out of high school. I have an entire page devoted to how I determine a PS# (see page 294).

I have come up with my own terminology for the players' ratings out of high school on that page. An HT (Highly Touted) is a player who is rated highly at his position. Out of the 21,000 or so kids who are on my list coming out of high school, the top 1,635 fall into the HT category (7.8%). A VHT (Very Highly Touted) is similar to a first round draft pick. There are only 480 of these players each year (2.2%), with varying amounts at each position. That comes out to just 9.6 players per state, so we are talking about the créme de la créme of recruits.

Vernon Gholston (PS#59 LB) didn't play football until his sophmore season in high school & was tried out as an OG before being converted to LB as a senior. The OSU DE (4.58 spd) benches 455 lbs & can squat 405 lbs 20 times while working his way to being the 6th overall DC in 2007. When a player moves into a college program, he benefits from vastly upgraded weight rooms and nutritional programs. Players will show much greater gains in size, speed and strength in their 3 to 5 years in college than they do once an NFL team drafts them. The recruiting ratings are not an exact science. However, much like the NFL, you will find that the most sought after kids out of high school usually turn out to be the stars of the college game. There are many cases of VHT players stepping in and starting in their true freshmen seasons.

This year, I once again, look at the end product of the college game. In late April, after the 2008 NFL Draft was complete, I went back and looked at the PS#'s of all the top picks. **Of the Top 23 players taken in this year's draft, 14 were VHT's!!! That means that 61% of the Top 23 players were VHT's yet only 17% of all college signees fall into that category. Nine of the Top 10 (90%) were VHT's!** In 2007, 21 of the Top 27 players were VHT's (78%) with 17 of the Top 23 players in 2006 being VHT's (74%). In 2005, of the Top 26 draftees, 14 were VHT's. Of the Top 25 players in the 2004 Draft, 17 were VHT's. There are generally 2,750 players who are signed to a scholarship by Division IA schools each year. Since there are just 480 players who meet my criteria for a VHT, that means that roughly 17% of all signees are classified as a VHT. In the last 9 years of the Top 12 picks in the draft (108 players), 69 have been VHT's!! That means 64% of the top spots were VHT's and that proves the significance of the rating. Here is a list of this year's Top 23 NFL Draft selections and how they were rated out of high school. As you can see, the 2008 NFL Draft was another VHT day.

2008's NFL DRAFT TOP SELECTIONS

1.	Jake Long	Michigan	VHT	PS#53OL
2.	Chris Long	Virginia	VHT	PS#31DL
3.	Matt Ryan	Boston College	HT	PS#50QB
4.	Darren McFadden	Arkansas	VHT	PS#9RB
5.	Glenn Dorsey	LSU	VHT	PS#7DL
6.	Vernon Gholston	Ohio St	VHT	PS#59LB
7.	Sedrick Ellis	USC	VHT	PS#8DL
8.	Derrick Harvey	Florida	VHT	PS#4DL
9.	Keith Rivers	USC	VHT	PS#2LB
10.	Jerod Mayo	Tennessee	VHT	PS#22LB
11.	Leodis McKelvin	Troy St		PS#345DB
12.	Ryan Clady	Boise St		PS#587OL
13.	Jonathan Stewart	Oregon	VHT	PS#1RB
14.	Chris Williams	Vanderbilt		PS#473OL
15.	Branden Albert	Virginia		PS#247OL
16.	Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	Tennessee St		
17.	Gosder Cherilus	Boston College	VHT	PS#52OL
18.	Joe Flacco	Delaware	VHT	PS#48DB
19.	Jeff Otah	Pittsburgh	HT	PS#148JUCO
20.	Aqib Talib	Kansas		PS#541DB
21.	Sam Baker	USC	VHT	PS#15OL
22.	Felix Jones	Arkansas	HT	PS#48RB
23.	Rashard Mendenhall	Illinois	VHT	PS#8RB

It will be interesting to see if VHT's will dominate the 2009 NFL Draft as well. The last 8 years I have provided my list of top players for the upcoming NFL Draft. In 2001, of the Top 9 players I listed in this magazine, eight entered the NFL Draft and SEVEN were drafted in the Top 18. That's an 87.5% success rate!!!!! In 2004, only 3 of my Top 11 that were eligible for the NFL Draft were NOT picked in the 1st round. Two of those 3 went in the 2nd round, including LB Karlos Dansby from Auburn, who was the 1st pick of the 2nd round. In 2005, once again, 8 of the top 10 were either 1st round picks or were returning in 2006 and my #11 and #12 players were 2nd round picks. In 2006, of my top 24 players only ONE was not selected in either the 1st or 2nd round and that was Michael Bush who broke a leg which was slow to heal in the 1st game, which affected his draft status! Twenty of the 31 players listed were either FIRST round draft picks or returned for their senior season. Last year, two of my 32 projections came out early & were taken in the 2007 Supplemental Draft (OT Jared Gaither & CB Paul Oliver.) Of the remaining top 15, 8 were 1st RD DC's & 3 were 2nd RD DC's. Obviously, draft positions will be affected by a player's 2008 performance. Here are my top players for the 2009 Draft.

TOP ELIGIBLE PLAYERS FOR THE 2009 NFL DRAFT

1. OT Michael Oher, Mississippi
2. CB Malcolm Jenkins, Ohio St
3. LB James Laurinaitis, Ohio St
4. LB Rey Maualuga, USC
5. OT Alex Boone, Ohio St
6. OT Andre Smith, Alabama
7. DT Fili Moala, USC
8. LB Brian Cushing, USC
9. DE Tyson Jackson, LSU
10. RB Chris "Beanie" Wells, Ohio St
11. WR Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech
12. WR Darrius Heyward-Bey, Maryland
13. DE George Selvie, USF
14. OG Duke Robinson, Oklahoma
15. LB Brandon Spikes, Florida
16. WR Percy Harvin, Florida
17. DE Maurice Evans, Penn St
18. DE Michael Johnson, Georgia Tech
19. DT Ricky Jean-Francois, LSU
20. OL Herman Johnson, LSU
21. SS Nic Harris, Oklahoma
22. SS Taylor Mays, USC
23. TE Jermaine Gresham, Oklahoma
24. RB Knowshon Moreno, Georgia
25. TE Travis Beckum, Wisconsin
26. OL Phil Loadholt, Oklahoma
27. QB Tim Tebow, Florida
28. OL Max Unger, Oregon
29. OL Ciron Black, LSU
30. S William Moore, Missouri
31. QB Matthew Stafford, Georgia
32. DE Greg Hardy, Mississippi

2007 SPECIAL TEAMS RATINGS

In the text of the team write-ups, I have ranked each special teams unit. I devised a formula which takes into account net punting, kick returns, punt returns & kick return defense. The total opportunities each team had was also factored into the equation. As an example, in 2006, Utah St punted EIGHTY ONE times and returned only 14 punts all year. Their net punting average was weighed 5.78 times as much as their punt return average ranking due to the difference in attempts. I also have a net TD/Blk's category. A negative number means a team allowed more blocks & TD's than they garnered. A positive number means that they blk'd more kicks and scored more TD's than they allowed. If a team blocked a punt AND returned the same punt for a TD, I only give credit for one TD/Blk. However, if a team fumbled a punt snap and the other team recovered I counted that as a blocked punt. I do not count blocked FG's in the category as a missed FG has the same result and is not a game-changing play. The only time I count a blocked FG is if it was returned for a TD.

A few years ago I added a formula to grade the kickers as I looked at 6 categories. The first was overall accuracy and that % was multiplied times 5 (everything graded on a scale of 1-5). Then I took the amount of FG's made and divided it into the largest amount of FG's made (29) in the NCAA and that percentage was multiplied by 5. Each counted for 30% of the overall grade. Then I took the 40-49 factors (both # of kicks and %) and did the same and they counted for 30% of the grade each. The 50+ factors counted for 10% of the grade each. This factored in kickers with stronger legs. Speaking of kickers, my KR Defense grade includes a formula for TB's on kickoffs. It grades a TB as a 15 yard return (avg KO goes to the 5) and an OOB KO as a 30 yard return and adds them to the actual KR defense numbers so my numbers, will differ from the schools in that column as mine factor in both. The NCAA moved to a 1" tee in 2006, so there were fewer TB's. Last year they moved the KO's back another 5 yards, making dangerous KR's a bigger factor in games.

In past years I have listed a special teams rating, a kicker rating and then last year added a combined special teams ratings. The K rating accounts for about 26% of the overall grade. This year I just list them by the combined rating but for you long-time readers looking for the individual ratings, they are in the chart listed below.

Several years ago I adjusted NET PUNTING averages, which now deduct 20 yards for touchbacks. This means net punting averages will for the most part be lower than in years past. We found that the NCAA site did this for all teams. For years we have used the individual team stats but found that some were using the net WITHOUT touchbacks (which would mean higher net punting avg's) and over 60% were now taking out the 20 yards for touchbacks out of the net. If you check a team's individual stats and find a discrepancy with our net punting avg's, then you should also check the NCAA site which uses the same net punting formula we are now using.

	Special Including K	Tms Net Punts	KR Off	PR Off	KR Def	KR w/TB	BLK/ TD	ST Ranking	ST Rating	Kick Rating	FG Total	FG %	FG's 50+
1. Virginia Tech	11.7	37.0	18.9	15.7	18.7	17.2	6	1	9.24	3.61	21-26	81%	1-2
2. TCU	11.5	37.3	20.7	13.7	17.3	17.3	4	3	8.90	3.91	22-27	81%	1-1
3. Kansas St	11.4	38.9	19.7	22.5	21.5	20.9	4	2	9.13	3.34	22-28	79%	1-2
4. Purdue	11.0	36.6	23.9	7.4	16.9	17.0	4	4	8.62	3.66	18-22	82%	1-1
5. Georgia Tech	10.8	39.2	21.7	9.9	17.0	16.5	1	8	8.25	3.77	23-28	82%	1-3
6. Oklahoma	10.7	37.1	28.3	7.6	21.7	19.2	2	7	8.35	3.67	13-15	87%	1-1
7. UCLA	10.7	37.7	25.2	8.6	20.2	20.5	2	12	7.66	4.61	25-30	83%	5-5
8. UCF	10.5	36.3	23.5	11.8	20.6	20.4	4	9	8.17	3.54	22-26	85%	0-1
9. Fresno St	10.4	33.3	26.8	13.9	20.2	19.4	3	6	8.47	3.01	16-24	67%	1-3
10. Boise St	10.4	37.3	24.7	12.3	21.1	20.0	4	5	8.55	2.73	16-19	84%	0-1
11. Air Force	9.9	36.4	22.5	11.7	18.2	15.7	-1	14	7.58	3.52	19-27	70%	3-4
12. Ohio	9.8	35.6	25.1	4.3	21.1	20.4	5	13	7.64	3.29	20-24	83%	0-0
13. Wisconsin	9.8	35.3	19.7	12.0	19.6	17.1	2	21	7.13	4.00	21-25	84%	1-1
14. New Mexico	9.8	38.0	21.0	7.5	19.2	18.9	1	28	6.72	4.85	29-35	83%	1-1
15. Navy	9.6	33.4	25.3	13.7	21.7	21.2	3	11	7.87	2.60	17-27	63%	1-4
16. Georgia	9.5	37.9	23.8	11.8	20.2	20.6	1	16	7.45	3.33	18-23	78%	1-3
17. Alabama	9.5	33.5	21.1	13.7	17.9	18.0	1	29	6.66	4.35	25-34	74%	2-2
18. Texas Tech	9.3	35.6	21.9	11.6	20.3	18.1	1	15	7.54	2.64	12-20	60%	2-4
19. Tennessee	9.3	36.7	24.4	8.9	20.6	20.5	2	19	7.23	3.02	21-29	72%	0-2
20. Florida	9.2	38.7	20.7	15.1	21.7	21.4	6	10	7.99	1.79	10-15	67%	0-0
21. Cincinnati	9.2	39.6	22.5	8.2	21.0	19.7	1	17	7.44	2.62	11-19	58%	1-1
22. Arizona	9.1	38.1	21.9	9.3	24.6	21.0	1	24	6.85	3.31	21-26	81%	0-1
23. Utah	9.0	36.6	19.5	12.8	21.9	19.8	0	37	6.46	3.84	19-22	86%	1-2
24. NC State	9.0	35.6	20.8	13.2	22.0	19.9	2	23	6.86	3.21	16-18	89%	0-0
25. Colorado	9.0	34.9	23.0	10.3	19.3	19.2	0	32	6.59	3.63	16-24	67%	2-2
26. Texas	8.8	34.7	22.9	9.1	20.6	19.1	-1	45	6.09	4.03	18-22	82%	1-1
27. Stanford	8.8	36.8	21.5	6.3	20.1	19.3	2	31	6.63	3.19	15-27	56%	2-2
28. Florida St	8.7	35.9	18.7	10.9	21.0	19.5	1	48	6.03	4.02	27-34	79%	2-4
29. UAB	8.7	35.6	20.5	11.5	25.9	21.5	1	55	5.91	4.23	22-28	79%	3-4
30. Connecticut	8.7	34.6	22.3	11.3	24.0	22.2	3	40	6.36	3.53	22-27	81%	1-4
31. Texas A&M	8.7	39.2	23.5	5.4	20.8	18.0	-1	18	7.34	2.00	15-25	60%	0-1
32. Oregon	8.6	36.7	24.0	8.0	22.0	20.7	1	30	6.65	2.99	19-24	79%	0-1
33. Nebraska	8.6	36.3	21.9	8.2	21.2	17.6	0	25	6.84	2.61	9-9	100%	0-0
34. UTEP	8.5	35.4	20.4	13.6	21.9	19.4	-1	49	6.01	3.78	17-20	85%	2-4
35. Utah St	8.5	34.2	25.6	18.3	28.1	25.3	0	22	7.02	2.15	13-21	62%	0-2
36. Penn St	8.5	39.4	21.0	10.0	26.4	22.7	1	33	6.57	2.82	20-26	77%	1-3
37. West Virginia	8.4	37.8	22.9	12.0	21.1	20.7	-1	27	6.79	2.48	13-19	68%	0-2
38. W Michigan	8.4	36.3	23.7	8.1	19.7	19.4	0	26	6.83	2.41	13-18	72%	0-0
39. Louisiana Tech	8.4	37.0	23.1	14.5	23.7	23.4	1	20	7.17	1.90	12-21	57%	0-1
40. Idaho	8.4	33.8	20.9	17.0	23.3	20.3	1	41	6.25	3.22	14-18	78%	2-3
41. Ohio St	8.4	36.7	17.6	8.9	21.1	18.9	0	61	5.80	3.90	18-23	78%	1-1
42. Illinois	8.4	33.1	19.1	7.1	18.5	18.1	3	64	5.63	4.13	16-18	89%	3-3
43. Southern Miss	8.3	37.0	21.8	6.6	19.9	19.3	-1	47	6.04	3.46	16-23	70%	1-1
44. Arizona St	8.3	32.8	22.2	9.1	22.5	20.9	1	79	5.22	4.68	24-25	96%	2-2
45. E Michigan	8.3	39.2	20.9	5.0	20.0	20.5	0	36	6.49	2.64	7-12	58%	1-1
46. San Diego St	8.2	37.6	20.2	10.7	22.1	21.3	0	51	5.99	3.39	13-15	87%	1-2
47. North Carolina	8.2	36.0	20.3	9.8	24.9	23.2	3	56	5.87	3.54	19-22	86%	1-3
48. Akron	8.2	33.2	22.7	13.6	22.4	21.6	1	62	5.79	3.65	15-18	83%	1-1
49. California	8.1	37.6	21.7	8.8	22.0	21.8	2	34	6.55	2.28	13-20	65%	0-0
50. Ball St	8.0	36.9	22.2	9.6	19.8	19.3	-1	38	6.37	2.58	18-28	64%	0-1
51. Syracuse	7.9	34.3	24.8	4.6	22.1	22.3	0	52	5.97	2.90	10-14	71%	1-2
52. Wake Forest	7.9	34.2	23.4	10.4	23.1	22.2	0	70	5.48	3.65	18-21	86%	2-3
53. SMU	7.9	39.3	18.5	8.6	19.6	19.1	0	44	6.10	2.64	13-20	65%	3-4
54. Indiana	7.8	34.5	22.2	11.0	22.3	20.6	-2	76	5.36	3.65	21-23	91%	0-0
55. Pittsburgh	7.7	34.5	22.9	9.4	21.5	21.3	1	54	5.93	2.72	18-22	82%	0-0
56. Auburn	7.7	38.5	19.2	9.1	21.2	20.4	0	43	6.16	2.36	17-24	71%	0-0
57. Hawaii	7.7	32.0	24.3	12.4	23.9	23.5	1	69	5.52	3.27	12-17	71%	2-2
58. Maryland	7.6	34.8	19.3	7.1	16.6	16.7	0	60	5.81	2.63	17-23	74%	0-2
59. Army	7.6	35.5	22.4	16.3	25.6	23.5	0	35	6.53	1.53	9-17	53%	0-2
60. BYU	7.5	35.2	23.8	6.0	18.2	19.2	1	39	6.36	1.75	10-15	67%	0-1
61. Minnesota	7.5	34.3	23.2	5.4	19.6	18.4	-1	59	5.82	2.52	8-13	62%	1-1
62. Iowa	7.5	36.0	20.0	10.6	18.2	17.9	-1	46	6.09	2.08	10-16	63%	0-0
63. Troy	7.5	32.8	20.9	16.8	23.9	22.1	0	67	5.54	2.89	16-18	89%	0-0
64. Arkansas St	7.5	33.6	21.6	13.0	17.9	18.3	-2	50	6.01	2.17	15-24	63%	0-0
65. Louisville	7.4	33.3	22.1	6.7	19.2	18.7	0	57	5.86	2.36	13-17	76%	0-1
66. South Carolina	7.4	34.4	22.4	9.4	23.9	21.8	2	63	5.77	2.49	13-17	76%	0-1
67. Boston College	7.2	36.9	19.2	6.2	20.1	19.7	1	58	5.84	2.14	12-18	67%	0-0
68. Virginia	7.2	34.8	19.8	9.0	21.2	20.4	-2	94	4.63	3.85	16-20	80%	1-1
69. Toledo	7.2	39.5	18.9	6.7	22.2	22.3	0	78	5.23	2.88	13-13	100%	0-0
70. Oklahoma St	7.2	34.6	20.8	8.2	20.4	18.7	2	42	6.22	1.39	10-18	56%	0-1
71. Buffalo	7.1	37.3	18.4	7.4	22.8	21.1	2	66	5.60	2.23	15-20	75%	0-0
72. Miami, Oh	7.1	37.3	20.5	9.0	23.4	22.8	0	65	5.61	2.19	18-30	60%	0-0
73. Missouri	7.0	31.5	23.3	11.8	21.0	20.9	-1	84	5.08	2.96	21-25	84%	0-0
74. Mississippi	7.0	33.1	21.5	6.4	19.9	20.3	1	83	5.16	2.81	11-17	65%	1-1
75. Clemson	7.0	32.9	23.9	9.4	22.7	21.4	-1	85	5.06	2.91	22-36	61%	1-5
76. Colorado St	7.0	34.9	23.1	6.4	23.5	21.0	-2	77	5.30	2.53	16-20	80%	0-0
77. Michigan St	7.0	33.8	25.7	4.1	21.1	20.0	-1	71	5.45	2.35	15-22	68%	0-2
78. USF	6.9	34.7	21.0	8.5	23.3	22.0	1	81	5.19	2.67	19-29	66%	0-0
79. Northwestern	6.9	36.8	22.4	6.3	24.7	24.1	0	74	5.42	2.24	12-18	67%	0-0
80. Marshall	6.8	33.8	21.6	9.2	22.3	22.1	2	68	5.54	1.95	13-18	72%	0-0
81. LSU	6.8	35.8	19.7	5.9	20.3	20.3	-2	95	4.59	3.32	26-33	79%	0-1
82. Kent St	6.8	30.5	21.4	6.0	20.3	20.1	1	98	4.26	3.78	18-24	75%	1-1
83. Oregon St	6.8	31.7	21.0	6.7	17.9	17.9	-1	96	4.57	3.28	19-28	68%	2-4
84. Middle Tenn	6.8	36.2	20.6	7.2	19.6	19.1	0	53	5.93	1.26	6-13	46%	0-0
85. Wyoming	6.7	36.3	23.6	6.1	27.8	26.0	-1	91	4.73	2.97	13-18	72%	1-3
86. Kentucky	6.6	33.6	22.1	8.1	23.5	20.8	-2	86	4.95	2.47	16-25	64%	0-2
87. ULM	6.6	37.5	19.6	7.4	23.3	22.0	0	73	5.43	1.73	10-16	63%	0-1
88. C Michigan	6.6	32.9	21.4	9.2	19.4	18.9	-2	82	5.16	2.24	9-14	64%	1-2
89. Bowling Green	6.5	32.6	20.6	5.9	20.3	20.3	0	93	4.68	2.76	15-19	79%	0-2
90. Houston	6.5	31.2	20.9	8.8	19.8	18.2	0	80	5.21	1.94	13-22	59%	0-2
91. Washington	6.4	36.2	20.9	11.0	24.6	24.4	-1	92	4.72	2.52	15-21	71%	0-0
92. Kansas	6.4	31.8	25.2	6.0	22.3	22.5	2	89	4.80	2.37	18-26	69%	0-1
93. Notre Dame	6.2	37.9	19.7	9.1	22.8	22.9	-1	72	5.44	1.19	6-13	46%	0-1
94. Arkansas	6.2	33.1	22.1	5.8	23.0	22.2	1	97	4.44	2.59	17-23	74%	0-1
95. Michigan	6.2	35.9	18.5	7.5	22.6	21.4	0	90	4.75	2.22	14-21	67%	0-0
96. Tulsa	6.1	33.3	20.3	8.8	19.2	19.6	-1	87	4.86	1.87	7-12	58%	0-1
97. Florida Int'l	5.9	34.3	21.3	12.8	23.1	23.1	-2	88	4.83	1.65	7-12	58%	0-0
98. Duke	5.9	33.6	20.9	6.9	19.7	20.0	2	75	5.38	0.72	3-11	27%	0-0
99. Nevada	5.8	32.1	21.1	7.1	20.4	20.3	-3	108	3.74	3.16	16-21	76%	1-2
100. Washington St	5.8	34.8	19.3	6.5	21.6	21.6	-1	100	4.18	2.49	14-20	70%	0-2
101. USC	5.8	32.6	22.6	6.3	20.2	18.7	-4	102	4.07	2.65	16-19	84%	0-0
102. UNLV	5.7	36.9	19.7	8.4	27.8	27.6	-1	109	3.70	2.98	17-22	77%	0-3
103. Rutgers	5.7	30.7	20.8	8.1	23.2	23.0	0	113	3.52	3.31	23-31	74%	2-4
104. Miami, Fl	5.7	35.0	19.3	8.3	21.7	21.3	-2	99	4.20	2.19	13-21	62%	0-0
105. Florida Atl	5.5	31.5	22.2	4.1	23.1	22.5	0	105	3.85	2.58	19-27	70%	0-0
106. East Carolina	5.5	32.8	24.3	7.6	25.0	23.9	-4	112	3.63	2.93	13-22	59%	1-1
107. N Illinois	5.5	33.8	17.3	10.1	21.1	18.5	-2	104	3.94	2.33	12-18	67%	0-1
108. Mississippi St	5.4	32.9	18.2	9.7	20.8	20.7	0	101	4.09	2.04	10-13	77%	0-1
109. Vanderbilt	5.1	32.8	22.3	7.3	24.8	24.2	-1	106	3.81	1.94	13-20	65%	0-0
110. Memphis	5.1	31.1	22.1	9.4	21.3	21.3	-3	107	3.81	1.96	17-25	68%	0-0
111. San Jose St	5.0	30.3	20.1	14.3	21.5	21.1	-1	103	3.95	1.54	10-23	43%	0-3
112. Louisiana-Lft	5.0	32.3	19.3	5.7	19.4	20.1	-1	110	3.69	1.90	10-13	77%	0-0
113. New Mexico St	4.9	32.9	17.4	13.4	18.3	18.4	-3	111	3.67	1.85	12-19	63%	0-0
114. Tulane	4.5	33.2	18.5	4.4	22.5	22.6	-2	117	2.80	2.58	13-18	72%	0-1
115. Iowa St	4.4	34.7	18.5	3.3	24.3	23.5	-1	114	3.32	1.66	10-18	56%	0-0
116. Rice	4.0	31.7	18.3	5.2	20.8	20.3	-2	116	2.81	1.76	7-12	58%	0-1
117. Temple	3.9	31.9	18.6	5.4	19.0	19.6	-3	119	2.66	1.84	13-21	62%	0-0
118. North Texas	3.8	34.2	18.4	8.0	22.4	22.1	-4	115	2.96	1.24	8-15	53%	0-0
119. Baylor	3.7	31.0	18.9	8.1	21.2	21.0	-2	118	2.80	1.31	6-14	43%	0-1
* W Kentucky	8.3	35.9	18.7	10.9	21.0	19.5	1	120	6.77	2.27	14-21	67%	0-1

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PHIL STEELE'S DRAFT GUIDE

On Page 1 of the magazine, I thanked you for purchasing Phil Steele's College Football Preview & you do have my heartfelt thanks for that!! I could have also noted the additional bonus you receive in Phil Steele's 2008-'09 DRAFT GUIDE, as it is basically included in the magazine! Let me explain.

In the front of the magazine I list my Top QB's, RB's, WR's, etc for each season with a heavy emphasis on who I think will be taken in next year's draft. On this page are some of 2007's AA Team. As you see, ALL of the top 15 RB's I listed for 2007 were either drafted or are returning to college ball this year except for Brandon Ore who was dismissed from Virginia Tech and may go to the NFL via the supplemental draft. DE's had a quality year as 11 of the top 20 were drafted with another 5 players returning to their schools, while 4 went undrafted. The CB's were impressive as well with 11 players landing on a team via draft, 1 returning to school & one being an undrafted free agent.

Over the past 5 years on this page of "Tops" there have been 882 players listed. Of those 882 only 46 players (5.2%) fall into the category of not being drafted or signed as a free agent or are not returning which means 94.8% found a home!!! There were 103 players who signed as UFA's (Undrafted Free Agents) in the five years (11.7%). That means 733 (83.1%) were either drafted or returned to school for another year.

Thanks for purchasing my NFL Draft Guide. See pages 7-15.

QUARTERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Brian Brohm	Louisville	2/56	Green Bay
2.	John David Booty	USC	5/137	Minnesota
3.	Colt Brennan	Hawaii	6/186	Washington
4.	André Woodson	Kentucky	6/198	NY Giants
5.	Chad Henne	Michigan	2/57	Miami
6.	Erik Ainge	Tennessee	5/162	NY Jets
7.	Chase Holbrook	New Mexico St		Returning
8.	Matt Ryan	Boston College	1/3	Atlanta
9.	Nate Longshore	California		Returning
10.	Graham Harrell	Texas Tech		Returning
11.	Chase Daniel	Missouri		Returning
12.	Bobby Reid	Oklahoma St	Transfer	Texas Southern
13.	Curtis Painter	Purdue		Returning

RUNNING BACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Darren McFadden	Arkansas	1/4	Oakland
2.	Steve Slaton	West Virginia	3/89	Houston
3.	Jonathan Stewart	Oregon	1/13	Carolina
4.	Ryan Torain	Arizona St	5/139	Denver
5.	Michael Hart	Michigan	6/202	Indianapolis
6.	Jamaal Charles	Texas	3/73	Kansas City
7.	Ray Rice	Rutgers	2/55	Baltimore
8.	James Davis	Clemson		Returning
9.	Felix Jones	Arkansas	1/22	Dallas
10.	Chris Wells	Ohio St		Returning
11.	Branden Ore	Virginia Tech		Dismissed
12.	Javarris James	Miami, FL		Returning
13.	CJ Spiller	Clemson		Returning
14.	Ian Johnson	Boise St		Returning
15.	Tashard Choice	Georgia Tech	4/122	Dallas

WIDE RECEIVERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Limas Sweed	Texas	2/53	Pittsburgh
2.	Adarius Bowman	Oklahoma St		Unsigned
3.	DeSean Jackson	California	2/49	Philadelphia
4.	Early Doucet	LSU	3/81	Arizona
5.	Mario Manningham	Michigan	3/95	NY Giants
6.	Marcus Monk	Arkansas	7/248	Chicago
7.	Mario Urrutia	Louisville	7/246	Cincinnati
8.	Keenan Burton	Kentucky	4/128	St Louis
9.	Andre Caldwell	Florida	3/97	Cincinnati
10.	DJ Hall	Alabama	UFA	NY Giants
11.	James Hardy	Indiana	2/41	Buffalo
12.	Dorien Bryant	Purdue	UFA	Pittsburgh
13.	Earl Bennett	Vanderbilt	3/70	Chicago
14.	Jaison Williams	Oregon		Returning
15.	Harry Douglas	Louisville	3/84	Atlanta
16.	Greg Carr	Florida St		Returning

TIGHT ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	John Carlson	Notre Dame	2/38	Seattle
2.	Chase Coffman	Missouri		Returning
3.	Travis Beckum	Wisconsin		Returning
4.	Martellus Bennett	Texas A&M	2/61	Dallas
5.	Fred Davis	USC	2/48	Washington
6.	Martin Rucker	Missouri	4/111	Cleveland
7.	Shawn Nelson	S Mississippi		Returning
8.	Kory Sperry	Colorado St		Returning
9.	Dustin Keller	Purdue	1/30	NY Jets
10.	Jacob Tamme	Kentucky	4/127	Indianapolis

OFFENSIVE GUARDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Will Arnold	LSU		Unsigned
2.	Jordan Grimes	Purdue		Unsigned
3.	Herman Johnson	LSU		Returning
4.	George Robinson	Oklahoma		Returning
5.	Jeremy Perry	Oregon St		Returning
6.	Adam Kraus	Michigan	UFA	Baltimore
7.	Andrew Crummey	Maryland	UFA	San Diego
8.	Andrew Bain	Miami, FL	UFA	NY Giants
9.	Chilo Rachal	USC	2/39	San Francisco
10.	Roy Schuening	Oregon St	5/157	St Louis

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Jared Gaither	Maryland	07 Supp 05	Baltimore
2.	Jake Long	Michigan	1/1	Miami
3.	Sam Baker	USC	1/21	Atlanta
4.	Andre Smith	Alabama		Returning
5.	Barry Richardson	Clemson	6/170	Kansas City
6.	Michael Oher	Mississippi		Returning
7.	Kirk Barton	Ohio St	7/247	Chicago
8.	Alex Boone	Ohio St		Returning
9.	Gosder Cherilus	Boston College	1/17	Detroit
10.	Sam Young	Notre Dame		Returning
11.	Ryan Clady	Boise St	1/12	Denver
12.	John Greco	Toledo	3/65	St Louis
13.	Ciron Black	LSU		Returning
14.	Dallas Reynolds	BYU		Returning
15.	Dace Richardson	Iowa		Returning

CENTERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Adam Spieker	Missouri	UFA	Oakland
2.	John Sullivan	Notre Dame	6/187	Minnesota
3.	Jonathan Luigs	Arkansas		Returning
4.	Antoine Caldwell	Alabama		Returning
5.	Alex Mack	California		Returning
6.	Eric Wood	Louisville		Returning
7.	Tony Brinkhaus	Minnesota		Unsigned
8.	Doug Legursky	Marshall	UFA	Pittsburgh
9.	Steve Justice	Wake Forest	6/201	Indianapolis
10.	Kory Lichtensteiger	Bowling Green	4/108	Denver

DEFENSIVE ENDS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Calais Campbell	Miami, FL	2/50	Arizona
2.	Lawrence Jackson	USC	1/28	Seattle
3.	Derrick Harvey	Florida	1/8	Jacksonville
4.	Chris Long	Virginia	1/2	St Louis
5.	Vernon Gholston	Ohio St	1/6	NY Jets
6.	Quentin Groves	Auburn	2/52	Jacksonville
7.	Tommy Blake	TCU		Unsigned
8.	Bruce Davis	UCLA	3/88	Pittsburgh
9.	Chris Ellis	Virginia Tech	3/72	Buffalo
10.	Kenny Iwebema	Iowa	4/116	Arizona
11.	Louis Holmes	Arizona	UFA	San Francisco
12.	Phillip Merling	Clemson	2/32	Miami
13.	Chris Harrington	Texas A&M	6/185	Arizona
14.	Ian Campbell	Kansas St		Returning
15.	Jameel McClain	Syracuse	UFA	Baltimore
16.	Antwain Robinson	Arkansas		Returning
17.	Tyson Jackson	LSU		Returning
18.	Wallace Gilberry	Alabama	UFA	NY Giants
19.	Willie VanDeSteeg	Minnesota		Returning
20.	Jeffrey Fitzgerald	Virginia		Returning

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Glenn Dorsey	LSU	1/5	Kansas City
2.	Frank Okam	Texas	5/151	Houston
3.	Sedrick Ellis	USC	1/7	New Orleans
4.	DeMario Pressley	NC State	5/144	New Orleans
5.	Roy Miller	Texas		Returning
6.	Red Bryant	Texas A&M	4/121	Seattle
7.	Paul Griffin	Florida St		Returning
8.	Fili Moala	USC		Returning
9.	Marcus Harrison	Arkansas	3/90	Chicago
10.	Andre Fluellen	Florida St	3/87	Detroit
11.	Myron Pryor	Kentucky		Returning
12.	Terrance Taylor	Michigan		Returning
13.	Nick Hayden	Wisconsin	6/181	Carolina
14.	Jeff Owens	Georgia		Returning
15.	Keilen Dykes	West Virginia	UFA	Arizona
16.	Vince Oghobaase	Duke		Returning
17.	Mitch King	Iowa		Returning

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Keith Rivers	USC	1/9	Cincinnati
2.	Brian Cushing	USC		Returning
3.	Erin Henderson	Maryland	UFA	Minnesota
4.	Malik Jackson	Louisville	UFA	Oakland
5.	Ali Highsmith	LSU	UFA	Arizona
6.	Sean Lee	Penn St		Returning
7.	Marcus Freeman	Ohio St		Returning
8.	Shawn Crable	Michigan	3/78	New England
9.	Tyrone McKenzie	USF		Returning
10.	Bo Ruud	Nebraska	6/197	New England
11.	Alvin Bowen	Iowa St	5/147	Buffalo
12.	Robert Killebrew	Texas		Unsigned
13.	Brian Toal	Boston College		Returning
14.	Beau Bell	UNLV	4/104	Cleveland

CORNERBACKS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Aqib Talib	Kansas	1/20	Tampa Bay
2.	Malcolm Jenkins	Ohio St		Returning
3.	Zackary Bowman	Nebraska	5/142	Chicago
4.	Justin King	Penn St	4/101	St Louis
5.	Antoine Cason	Arizona	1/27	San Diego
6.	Terrell Thomas	USC	2/63	NY Giants
7.	Paul Oliver	Georgia	07 Supp 4th	Chargers
8.	Dwight Lowery	San Jose St	4/113	NY Jets
9.	Brandon Flowers	Virginia Tech	2/35	Kansas City
10.	Simeon Castille	Alabama	UFA	Cincinnati
11.	DeJuan Tribble	Boston College	6/192	San Diego
12.	Mike Jenkins	USF	1/25	Dallas
13.	Jack Ikegwuonu	Wisconsin	4/131	Philadelphia

FREE SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Kenny Phillips	Miami, FL	1/31	NY Giants
2.	Taylor Mays	USC		Returning
3.	Nic Harris	Oklahoma		Returning
4.	Dennis Keyes	UCLA	UFA	Arizona
5.	Otis Wiley	Michigan St		Returning
6.	Quintin Demps	UTEP	4/117	Philadelphia
7.	Josh Barrett	Arizona St	7/220	Denver
8.	Derek Pegues	Miss St		Returning

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Dan Connor	Penn St	3/74	Carolina
2.	James Laurinaitis	Ohio St		Returning
3.	Rey Maualuga	USC		Returning
4.	Jasper Brinkley	S Carolina		Returning
5.	Vince Hall	Virginia Tech	UFA	St Louis
6.	Jonathan Goff	Vanderbilt	5/165	NY Giants
7.	Philip Wheeler	Georgia Tech	3/93	Indianapolis
8.	Xavier Adibi	Virginia Tech	4/118	Houston
9.	J Leman	Illinois	UFA	Minnesota
10.	Jerod Mayo	Tennessee	1/10	New England
11.	Rashad Bobino	Texas		Returning

STRONG SAFETIES

	NAME	COLLEGE	RND/OVER	NFL TM
1.	Tom Zbikowski	Notre Dame	3/86	Baltimore
2.	Jamar Adams	Michigan	UFA	Seattle
3.	Myron Rolle	Florida St		Returning
4.	Courtney Greene	Rutgers		Returning
5.	Eric Wicks	West Virginia	UFA	Seattle
6.	Reggie Smith	Oklahoma		Returning
7.	Andre Sexton	Oklahoma St		Returning

2007 PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE RANKINGS

Here are my rankings for pass efficiency defense. Taken into account are total yards, TD's, int's and completion % just like the NCAA does. THE KEY DIFFERENCE between the NCAA pass D rankings and mine is that I also factor in the strength of opposing pass attacks faced. For example, Maryland (5-6) finished #8 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defensive rankings in 2004. They allowed opposing QB's just 48.3% completions with a 7-6 ratio (TD-interceptions). When I factor in the strength of their opponents' pass attacks, they ranked only #41 in my rankings. Their toughest pass offense faced was #52 Temple and not only did their other 10 opponents finish in the bottom half of the pass offense rankings, 5 were in the bottom 32! Conversely, USC which won the National Championship, finished only #34 in the NCAA Pass Efficiency Defense rankings, but were #1 in my rankings as they took on NINE team's rated higher than Maryland's toughest pass attack faced, including the #5, #7 and #12 attacks. They still yielded just 53.8% with a 13-22 ratio, that is a pretty clear example of how factoring in the strength of opponent makes these ratings more precise.

Let me show you a couple of overrated and underrated secondaries on the NCAA pass D chart from 2007. **Army was 3-9 last year but ranked #16 in the NCAA pass D rankings.** One of the main reasons is they only allowed 190 ypg passing. Another reason is that teams ran the ball at will on them, as they were #117 in rush D. When teams did pass they allowed 64.6% completions and a 12-7 ratio. Another reason they allowed just 190 ypg was their opponents. Air Force and Navy were #118 and #119 in pass offense as both run the option. Rhode Island also runs an option offense and had the #110 pass offense of 1AA teams (out of 116!). They also faced the #76 pass offense of Ark St, #73 Temple, #100 Akron, #84 Wake Forest, #89 Tulane and #98 of Georgia Tech. Rutgers (#42 pass offense) used a backup running QB for most of the game and attempted just 12 passes but ran for over 400 yards on them. They only faced 3 other teams that ranked in the top 70 in pass offense all season. Those three teams hit a combined 90 of 126 (71.4%) and 349 ypg! **Does this sound like the #16 pass defense in the country? My pass D rankings list Army at #100!!!**

According to the NCAA pure statistical method of pass defense rankings, the #5 pass D in the NCAA in 2006 was Florida International. The Panthers allowed just 148 ypg with a respectable 56.6% and an 18-11 ratio. **Sounds like pretty decent numbers, so why did my rankings have the 0-12 Panthers pass D all the way down at #75?** While they did face some BCS schools like Alabama (#49 pass offense), Maryland (#80) and Miami, Fl (#62), those teams were run-based attacks. The Sun Belt did not have a lot of quality pass attacks and **their Sun Belt foes finished with passing rankings of #114, #109, #117 and #106. Florida International faced ZERO teams that finished in the top 40 of the pass offenses in the NCAA!!!** Only two even ranked in the top 60!

According to the NCAA's pass D chart Colorado had a poor pass D last year that was #103 or 17th worst in the NCAA. The Buffs did allow 261 ypg but just 57% and snagged 16 int's. My rankings have the Buffs pass D at #29. They faced 8 of the top 40 pass attacks in the NCAA including THREE of the top 9. They only faced two teams that were lower than #52 and they had the #69 and #78 rated pass offense.

Oregon was very similar in that they ranked #86 in the NCAA pass D rankings, allowing 249 ypg. My ratings had them #8 as they took on mostly pass happy offenses of the Pac-10 and allowed just 53% completions with a 20-20 ratio. The Ducks took on two Top 10 pass offenses which avg a combined 314 ypg and held them to 259 ypg and just 48% completions. They also won 7 games by 21 or more so gave up some meaningless garbage yards late which I factor out.

Listed are the raw numbers for the 2007 season as well as my final grade, taking into account the strength of the opponent faced. If you would like to get my pass D rankings updated weekly you can go to **www.philsteele.com** after Tuesday each week and get my current pass D rankings which take into account strength of opponent faced for **FREE**.

# TEAM	YPG	ATT	COMP	%	TD	INT	GRADE	OPP
1. Arkansas	205.4	484	220	45.5	21	20	14.4	10.35
2. Virginia Tech	210.3	518	277	53.5	10	22	14.3	10.59
3. LSU	182.7	451	212	47.0	19	23	13.7	9.75
4. Utah	184.2	428	216	50.5	9	17	13.3	9.67
5. Arizona St	228.9	487	257	52.8	18	17	13.2	11.31
6. USC	189.0	444	241	54.3	9	12	13.0	10.63
7. USF	212.1	474	244	51.5	21	23	12.6	10.04
8. Oregon	249.2	487	258	53.0	20	20	12.6	11.15
9. TCU	220.2	465	250	53.8	13	16	12.6	10.60
10. Oregon St	235.5	444	236	53.2	20	22	12.5	11.08
11. Kansas	222.5	528	303	57.4	17	23	12.5	10.44
12. Auburn	173.2	403	223	55.3	11	14	12.1	10.13
13. Ohio St	150.2	406	216	53.2	13	11	11.9	9.50
14. UCF	233.3	528	290	54.9	26	24	11.8	10.80
15. BYU	210.4	448	257	57.4	12	16	11.8	10.54
16. UCLA	234.1	503	273	54.3	23	13	11.8	11.50
17. Georgia	213.3	429	254	59.2	12	15	11.6	11.21
18. Oklahoma	228.1	489	295	60.3	17	19	11.6	11.70
19. West Virginia	188.8	385	216	56.1	15	16	11.4	10.42
20. Boise St	207.2	428	231	54.0	17	14	11.3	10.27
21. Wake Forest	231.0	509	272	53.4	20	19	11.2	9.58
22. New Mexico	197.4	416	229	55.0	16	11	11.2	10.58
23. Arizona	234.2	452	260	57.5	17	15	11.1	10.73
24. Clemson	188.5	425	247	58.1	12	16	11.0	9.79
25. Connecticut	194.0	430	255	59.3	12	23	11.0	9.35
26. Notre Dame	161.6	344	181	52.6	19	11	10.8	9.65
27. Michigan	178.8	393	217	55.2	14	14	10.7	9.46
28. Hawaii	214.0	454	259	57.0	16	20	10.7	9.54
29. Colorado	261.3	475	273	57.5	27	16	10.7	12.65
30. Mississippi St	174.9	387	207	53.5	20	18	10.7	9.23
31. Kentucky	206.1	431	236	54.8	24	17	10.6	10.27
32. Rutgers	170.6	365	185	50.7	14	9	10.5	9.02
33. Texas Tech	188.4	406	223	54.9	21	10	10.5	10.60
34. Cincinnati	254.0	493	295	59.8	15	26	10.5	9.56
35. South Carolina	168.8	358	199	55.6	14	14	10.5	9.13
36. Iowa	229.2	426	247	58.0	13	14	10.4	9.98
37. Missouri	256.9	560	347	62.0	18	17	10.3	11.23
38. NC State	207.5	399	218	54.6	14	10	10.2	9.50
39. San Jose St	242.6	430	269	62.6	22	20	10.1	11.65
40. Alabama	221.3	428	232	54.2	20	19	10.0	9.27
41. Vanderbilt	197.1	367	217	59.1	15	16	10.0	9.90
42. Purdue	240.2	511	291	56.9	19	14	10.0	9.85
43. Pittsburgh	167.3	322	178	55.3	11	8	9.9	9.27
44. Boston College	251.7	565	330	58.4	21	25	9.8	9.04
45. Texas	277.8	517	314	60.7	23	17	9.8	11.62
46. Middle Tennessee	215.3	379	211	55.7	22	18	9.7	9.73
47. Southern Miss	232.1	439	250	56.9	24	17	9.7	10.48
48. Louisiana Tech	287.1	459	265	57.7	27	19	9.7	11.48
49. Troy	183.1	378	214	56.6	15	15	9.7	8.71
50. Florida St	245.4	464	264	56.9	24	17	9.7	10.38
51. UNLV	203.3	341	203	59.5	14	11	9.6	10.71
52. Illinois	244.6	479	284	59.3	21	17	9.5	10.25
53. Miami, Fl	212.2	345	196	56.8	15	13	9.5	9.92
54. California	214.4	444	269	60.6	17	10	9.4	10.60
55. Houston	225.8	390	203	52.1	28	14	9.3	10.29
56. Wyoming	209.3	365	208	57.0	18	11	9.3	10.02
57. Wisconsin	222.5	427	236	55.3	21	12	9.3	9.73
58. Nebraska	244.7	409	236	57.7	20	8	9.3	11.25
59. Western Michigan	220.2	388	201	51.8	20	10	9.2	9.06
60. Arkansas St	197.3	346	198	57.2	21	13	9.1	10.00
61. Fresno St	226.3	460	264	57.4	18	4	9.1	10.48
62. Miami, Oh	206.8	413	248	60.0	18	11	9.0	10.21
63. Virginia	225.5	452	263	58.2	18	11	9.0	9.63
64. Michigan St	219.7	423	246	58.2	22	12	8.9	10.21
65. Maryland	210.7	415	249	60.0	14	13	8.9	9.31
66. Eastern Michigan	227.8	382	231	60.5	20	16	8.7	10.17
67. Indiana	243.7	469	289	61.6	21	19	8.7	9.77
68. ULM	260.8	436	252	57.8	21	15	8.7	9.67
69. Air Force	232.2	426	249	58.5	16	15	8.6	9.08
70. Penn St	214.5	437	256	58.6	14	11	8.6	8.79
71. Georgia Tech	215.9	389	219	56.3	12	5	8.5	9.29
72. Florida	258.5	466	277	59.4	19	11	8.5	10.21
73. Kansas St	259.0	413	248	60.0	27	17	8.4	11.02
74. Stanford	266.2	418	256	61.2	18	11	8.4	10.96
75. Ohio	221.1	406	230	56.7	20	13	8.3	8.60
76. Temple	198.8	359	212	59.1	16	14	8.2	8.56
77. Washington St	258.5	426	260	61.0	23	14	8.2	10.60
78. Tennessee	238.6	491	291	59.3	25	16	8.1	9.54
79. Nevada	240.8	418	245	58.6	22	7	8.0	10.88
80. Florida Atlantic	240.9	503	322	64.0	27	19	8.0	10.04
81. UAB	230.8	360	211	58.6	18	10	8.0	9.88
82. Buffalo	230.9	392	235	59.9	23	11	7.9	10.19
83. UTEP	301.8	470	291	61.9	29	18	7.9	11.40
84. Texas A&M	254.8	437	269	61.6	22	8	7.9	11.67
85. Akron	224.9	393	241	61.3	24	15	7.6	9.48
86. SMU	301.4	490	306	62.4	28	12	7.5	11.71
87. Mississippi	224.3	396	250	63.1	17	8	7.3	9.58
88. Bowling Green	216.6	381	230	60.4	27	14	7.3	9.96
89. Baylor	279.3	432	280	64.8	21	10	7.2	11.73
90. Colorado St	207.9	333	209	62.8	15	7	7.2	9.88
91. Northern Illinois	224.2	366	218	59.6	16	7	7.2	8.92
92. Oklahoma St	286.5	482	310	64.3	27	12	7.1	12.27
93. Washington	261.9	458	295	64.4	27	11	7.1	11.96
94. North Carolina	207.3	354	221	62.4	16	11	7.0	8.65
95. Ball St	228.0	378	240	63.5	21	19	7.0	9.21
96. San Diego St	256.7	397	266	67.0	23	16	6.9	11.15
97. Toledo	228.1	347	200	57.6	31	10	6.8	10.38
98. East Carolina	289.0	520	334	64.2	26	17	6.8	9.69
99. Tulsa	266.6	486	292	60.1	28	11	6.6	10.02
100. Army	190.0	302	195	64.6	12	7	6.5	9.06
101. Utah St	254.2	387	268	69.3	21	15	6.5	11.46
102. Rice	312.4	438	254	58.0	37	12	6.2	11.42
103. Florida International	243.6	378	236	62.4	19	7	6.2	9.29
104. Louisiana-Lft	218.3	357	225	63.0	25	9	6.0	9.56
105. Memphis	239.0	415	262	63.1	25	13	6.0	9.04
106. Northwestern	243.4	390	245	62.8	24	9	5.8	9.17
107. New Mexico St	261.9	402	235	58.5	28	7	5.8	9.90
108. Iowa St	254.3	399	278	69.7	24	10	5.7	12.08
109. Duke	244.1	376	242	64.4	21	11	5.5	8.69
110. Kent St	228.3	345	228	66.1	19	9	5.5	9.40
111. North Texas	256.8	388	228	58.8	28	11	5.5	8.10
112. Marshall	259.8	396	253	63.9	23	4	5.5	10.29
113. Louisville	251.2	370	231	62.4	25	7	5.4	9.75
114. Idaho	257.3	367	243	66.2	27	11	5.4	11.44
115. Central Michigan	303.5	540	353	65.4	34	18	5.3	9.95
116. Tulane	287.7	431	280	65.0	26	8	5.3	10.42
117. Syracuse	260.9	393	267	67.9	20	9	5.0	9.52
118. Minnesota	289.3	430	275	64.0	28	7	5.0	10.21
119. Navy	263.4	399	279	69.9	32	10	2.6	8.90

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PHIL STEELE'S 2008 PLUS/MINUS POWER RATINGS

If you have read the other parts of the magazine, I am sure you are familiar with the fact that I have EIGHT different sets of power ratings that I create each preseason to give me 8 different ways of looking at a team. The last few years I have provided you with one of those sets here. It is the one that will most closely resemble the Top 25 polls as it is based on last year's scores with adjustments made for this year. Let me take a minute of your time to give you a little history of my fascination and dependency on power ratings when analyzing a team in the preseason and during the season. I am in my mid-40's and I started following college football with great intensity at about 10 years old. At that time (being a numbers guy) I devised my own set of power ratings which was based mostly on where the preseason magazines I was reading ranked the teams. Being 10, I even awarded points at that time for how many pictured players each team had in the magazines. I updated those ratings during the season based on the final scores of the games.

One of the reasons for this particular article is that a few years later after compiling my ratings (and no longer counting pictures), I stumbled upon the Game Plan magazine. In the front of the magazine was a set of power ratings for each team!! I now had two sets of power ratings on each team and I updated them both during the year giving me two different ways of looking at the strength of a team. This year I thought for all of you who like to use a set of power ratings, that I would provide you with ONE of my 8 sets. Is this the main set of ratings that I use? No, that would be my Power Poll rankings which are a combination of the 8 sets. This is a solid set of numbers, however, what I have noticed is that it most closely resembles what the general perception of each team is heading into 2008.

First of all, let me tell you about some of my other power ratings. One of my main sets is the talent rating. For this, I rank each position on every team from 4 for the weakest to 10 for the strongest in the country. They are ranked to the decimal. For example, I will rate a QB position at 7.87 if I feel they are a hair weaker than a 7.89 team. I add all of the positions up, add in special teams and coaching and that set is ready. The second set to look at is the Power Plays numbers. I take a look at last year's final numbers, which not only take into account the score of the game but the strength of each team's offensive rush and pass, also the defensive rush and pass. When doing my power ratings I always award what I call a Plus/Minus for each position. If a team had an All-American VHT QB last year and is going to an inexperienced one that is not a VHT, then they would rate a minus 6. If a team had no experience at a position, suffered through injuries last year with poor production, but now has everyone back, including the injured players who are more experienced, while adding new talent to the mix, they would rate a plus 6. Everything else falls in between. To make my Power Plays numbers for THIS year I looked at last year's and applied the Plus/Minus for each position to them to develop the computer projection. I mentioned that I rank each position from 4 to 10, which gives me a fresh set of numbers based just on this year and have a formula which takes the talent of each position (example: pass offense would be QB plus WR plus O-line) and converts it to a Power Plays number. I compare the two Power Plays numbers derived from two different methods then put my own thoughts into refining the figures and come up with an opening number for the next season. I could write a book (or a magazine for that matter) on how I devise each of the 8 sets but that gives you some idea of how I do two sets of my power ratings.

As for the ratings listed below, these are my Plus/Minus ratings. I first take last year's final Plus/Minus ratings, which are calculated mostly by the score of each game last year and the strength of opponents played. Losing to USC by 5 would move a team up in the ratings (USC would have been expected to win big), while beating SMU by 20 in 2007 would probably have moved the same team down. I then take my aforementioned Plus/Minus ratings and add them to the totals. Some teams are weaker than last year and drop in the rankings, while the ones that are improved move up. **As mentioned this is just ONE set of power ratings. A note here is that on page 315 I rank the teams based on the Power Poll, which is all 8 ratings combined, so that page does indeed differ with this one as far as rankings. The Plus/Minus ratings are a good set of ratings but I personally put more weight into the Power Poll,** as it combines all 8. Below I list my current 2008 Plus/Minus ratings for the upcoming season. I hope you find them useful.

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BIG TEN

Ohio St	145.26
Penn St	141.70
Wisconsin	141.65
Illinois	135.31
Michigan	135.21
Michigan St	134.85
Northwestern	129.72
Iowa	129.55
Indiana	129.53
Purdue	128.95
Minnesota	126.14

BIG XII

Oklahoma	144.80
Missouri	144.70
Texas	143.20
Texas Tech	142.94
Kansas	141.53
Oklahoma St	132.47
Texas A&M	130.15
Nebraska	129.97
Colorado	129.75
Kansas St	128.89
Iowa St	127.74
Baylor	120.91

WAC

Fresno St	136.50
Boise St	135.80
Hawaii	129.44
Nevada	127.99
San Jose St	126.32
Louisiana Tech	118.08
New Mexico St	113.90
Utah St	108.13
Idaho	107.26

SEC

Florida	148.20
Georgia	147.96
LSU	144.26
Auburn	143.80
Tennessee	138.61
South Carolina	137.10
Alabama	135.68
Mississippi	132.96
Mississippi St	131.63
Kentucky	131.28
Arkansas	130.30
Vanderbilt	127.85

PAC-10

USC	145.16
California	137.35
Arizona St	137.27
Oregon	137.11
Oregon St	131.65
Arizona	131.61
UCLA	129.66
Washington	128.45
Washington St	128.22
Stanford	127.38

SUN BELT

Florida Atlantic	128.95
Troy	124.88
ULM	119.62
Middle Tennessee	114.71
Arkansas St	114.71
UL Lafayette	112.80
North Texas	107.38
Florida Int'l	106.80
W Kentucky	106.18

BIG EAST

West Virginia	144.18
USF	142.85
Pittsburgh	137.05
Cincinnati	132.47
Connecticut	131.75
Rutgers	131.52
Louisville	128.27
Syracuse	120.57

CONF USA

Tulsa	130.00
East Carolina	129.67
UCF	128.34
Southern Miss	126.31
Houston	125.69
Memphis	123.95
Marshall	123.87
UTEP	118.28
SMU	117.40
UAB	117.27
Rice	117.17
Tulane	115.40

MT WEST

BYU	137.52
Utah	136.80
TCU	130.11
Air Force	128.39
New Mexico	127.60
Wyoming	124.53
Colorado St	124.02
San Diego St	121.63
UNLV	120.87

ACC

Clemson	142.25
Virginia Tech	140.52
Wake Forest	137.09
Florida St	136.35
North Carolina	136.28
Boston College	133.91
Maryland	133.50
Miami, Fl	133.30
Virginia	132.85
Georgia Tech	129.87
NC State	128.45
Duke	120.58

MAC

C Michigan	127.56
W Michigan	127.55
Ball St	126.45
Bowling Green	126.30
Miami, Oh	123.74
Ohio	120.88
Toledo	119.74
Buffalo	119.38
Temple	119.37
Kent	118.65
N Illinois	117.28
Akron	114.85
E Michigan	114.72

INDEPENDENT

Notre Dame	134.91
Navy	127.55
Army	108.20

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Phil Steele takes pride in publishing America's most informative college football magazine. Phil also takes pride in the reliability of his preseason assessments. Other prognosticators may exceed him in the short term, but Phil remains the clear-cut leader as measured by the full body of his work.

This is not an opinion, but a documented fact. In the authoritative Stassen survey of preseason football magazines, Phil's publication has been the most accurate in three of the last seven seasons. Whether one chooses to evaluate Phil over a five-year sweep or even a nine-year sweep, the result is the same – Phil has a cumulative edge over his rivals, an edge that places him comfortably at the head of the pack.

Loyal readers of this magazine are likely familiar with the name Chris Stassen. His web site (www.football.stassen.com) is tailored to college football enthusiasts. A recurrent feature is the Stassen survey, an evaluation of preseason magazines. The survey is two-pronged. Mr. Stassen assigns each publication a score that accrues from the degree of in-depth coverage (i.e., completeness) and then, after each season has run its course, he grades each publication in terms of its accuracy.

Launched in 1993, the Stassen survey began two years before Phil Steele put out the first edition of his preseason annual. In point of fact, Phil had no knowledge of the Stassen survey until late in the year 1997 when he stumbled upon it while surfing the Internet.

Phil's publication was rated 6th, a ranking influenced heavily by his below average performance in prediction accuracy. While this placement was above the norm, Phil was chagrined. He was also mystified, as he knew that his preseason Top 25 identified more bowl-bound teams than several of the rival publications that were accorded a higher ranking.

Probing deeper, Phil found the reason for the discrepancy. Stassen's assessment was based on final conference standings. Phil's preseason ratings were tailored to his assessment of how many wins a team would have in the hopper when it had completed its full schedule. There's a loose correlation between the two but it's not uncommon for the weaker of two teams to finish with a better record in conference play. In 1997, there were several instances where this was true. Phil was thus penalized for not configuring his forecasts to fit the Stassen model.

Had this reporter been Phil Steele, he would have politely requested that Mr. Stassen rethink his methodology. But Phil accepted his rating as constructive criticism because the Stassen survey had a noble purpose, identifying the best value for the consumer. Beginning in 1998, Phil tweaked his publication with an eye toward winning the Stassen competition. This meant not only adjusting his forecasts but analyzing more teams to better satisfy the yardstick of information quantity.

His first college football annual had write-ups on 88 teams (1995). Beginning in 1998, the list was expanded to include the full gamut of Division IA schools. The smaller schools initially had only a summary paragraph but this was bumped to a full page in 1999 and subsequently to two full pages for teams in the MAC in 2000. In 2002, Phil expanded to two full color pages on ALL 117 teams (now 120 teams).

The first year that Phil played by Stassen's rules, so to speak, his magazine placed fifth in forecasting accuracy. However, there was considerable bunching at the top of the scale and he finished only four points off the leader. In 1999 Steele came in 3rd in accuracy out of the 16 publications and websites that Stassen monitored. Street & Smith had the best score at 138 points (as in golf the lower the score the better) and Steele's magazine was at 143.

In case you're curious, Stassen tabulates each magazine's forecasting accuracy by comparing the predicted finish with the actual finish of each team in each conference. In cases where two or more teams shared a placement by finishing with identical conference records, the score for that team is derived from the most favorable of the tied positions.

As an illustration, these were the final standings in the Sun Belt Conference at the conclusion of last season. To refresh your memory, Florida Atlantic claimed the league's automatic bowl berth by virtue of defeating Troy. However, because both teams finished with identical records in league play, they were considered equal for purposes of the Stassen survey. They shared first place and also shared second place – whichever was most favorable for the forecaster.

Team	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
Florida Atlantic	6-1	1 (tie)	2	0
Troy	6-1	1 (tie)	1	0
ULM	4-3	3 (tie)	3	0
Middle Tennessee	4-3	3 (tie)	4.5	0.5
Arkansas St	3-4	5 (tie)	4.5	0.5
Louisiana-Lft	3-4	5 (tie)	6	0
Florida Int'l	1-6	7 (tie)	7	0
North Texas	1-6	7 (tie)	8	0

Total pts: 1

2007 SBC Predictions

Publication & Total Points	Phil Steele	Athlon	The Sporting News	Lindy's	Street & Smith	Jim Feist	Game Plan	Blue Ribbon	ATS Consultants	Total Points
Troy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	10
Middle Tennessee	4.5	3	3	3	3	2	4	5	2	29.5
Arkansas St	4.5	2	2	6	2	3	2	4	5	30.5
Florida Atlantic	2	4	5	5	5	4	3	2	2	32
Louisiana-Lft	6	6	4	4	6	5	6	3	5	45
ULM	3	5	6	2	4	8	5	6	5	44
North Texas	8	7	7	7	8	6	7	8	7	65
Florida Int'l	7	8	8	8	7	7	8	7	8	68
TOTAL POINTS	**1**	**6**	**9**	**5**	**6**	**12**	**5**	**6**	**2**	←

Following the example of the Sun Belt Conference, here is the breakdown for the Big XII South. Note that there was a three-way tie for 3rd place. It goes without saying that the three teams in the logjam – Oklahoma State, Texas Tech, and Texas A&M – also finished tied for 4th and tied for 5th. Stassen automatically selects the placement that is most advantageous to each contestant. Keep in mind that a perfect score for each set of teams is ZERO.

	Conference Record	Conference Standing	Phil Steele's Forecast	Prediction Missed By
SOUTH				
Oklahoma	6-2	1	1	0
Texas	5-3	2	2	0
Texas A&M	4-4	3-5 (tie)	3	0
Oklahoma St	4-4	3-5 (tie)	4	0
Texas Tech	4-4	3-5 (tie)	5	0
Baylor	0-8	6	6	0

Total pts: 0

2007 BIG XII South Predictions

Publication & Total Points	Phil Steele	Athlon	The Sporting News	Lindy's	Street & Smith	Jim Feist	Game Plan	Blue Ribbon	ATS Consultants	Total Points
Texas	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	12
Oklahoma	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	15
Texas A&M	3	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	3	30
Oklahoma St	4	4	5	4	3	3	4	4	4.5	35.5
Texas Tech	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	4.5	42.5
Baylor	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	54
TOTAL POINTS	**0**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**2**	←

The Stassen site tabulates all of the conferences and then comes up with the overall ratings for magazine accuracy. Often there's very little separation between the most accurate magazines. Indeed, on three separate occasions, only 1 point has separated the top two publications.

Since the inclusion of Phil's magazine in the Stassen survey, the widest margin between the first and second-place finishers is 7 points. Phil out-distanced his closest competitor by this margin in 2001.

In the interest of full disclosure, Phil's performance last season placed him in the middle of the pack. However, it's gotten to the point where the other participants can only hope to narrow the gap. A useful analogy might be the multi-tiered Tour de France. Once this race has evolved beyond a certain point, those chasing the leader can win pieces of the competition without making significant headway in their quest for first place.

THE MOST ACCURATE PRESEASON MAGAZINE THE LAST 9 YEARS!

The Stassen site is so complete that it keeps tabulations of how the magazines have fared in each of the past seasons and also has charts based on the past 3 and 5 years. It even has an all-time chart which rates just the 5 magazines that have been around from 1993-2007. Steele's magazine did not get placed on the all-time list because it was not around until 1995. It did however come up #1 overall in the past nine years (1999-2007) in the category of Prediction Accuracy. The accompanying table shows the complete results.

	Rank	9 YR Ttl Score	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
PHIL STEELE	**1**	**1286**	**147**	**153**	**132**	**125**	**155**	**153**	**148**	**130**	**143**
ATHLON	**2**	**1312**	**135**	**158**	**134**	**147**	**149**	**144**	**162**	**134**	**149**
LINDY'S	**3**	**1315**	**137**	**171**	**129**	**148**	**149**	**150**	**155**	**124**	**152**
THE SPORTING NEWS	**4**	**1328**	**140**	**170**	**145**	**133**	**146**	**131**	**173**	**135**	**155**
STREET & SMITH	**5**	**1356**	**150**	**168**	**139**	**143**	**147**	**155**	**180**	**136**	**138**
JIM FEIST	**6**	**1358**	**150**	**179***	**140***	**147***	**141**	**148**	**162**	**129**	**162**
GAME PLAN	**7**	**1370**	**145**	**174**	**157**	**145**	**141**	**154**	**165**	**132**	**157**
ATS CONSULTANTS	**8**	**1378**	**149**	**162**	**133**	**159**	**165**	**147**	**158**	**147**	**158**
BLUE RIBBON	**10**	**1385**	**145**	**172**	**147**	**151**	**153***	**154**	**177**	**136**	**150***

* Record was not available on site, so used an average score of all ranked services.

Forecasting accuracy is not the most salient consideration when this reporter goes shopping for football magazines. Paramount is the density of information and the trustworthiness of that information. In this regard, the Steele publication is unsurpassed.

By way of illustration, take returning starters, a crucial factor when developing a mental picture of each team before the season starts. The problem that one encounters is a lack of uniformity. Theoretically, a returning starter is a player that started more than half his team's games but some schools count players that fell a tad shy of this requirement. Complicating matters, some schools platoon extensively and are inclined to list both players as returning starters if they shared a position. One can usually sort this out by going to a team's website, but why even bother? For a mere $8.95, one can have this information right at his fingertips.

On the scale that Stassen uses to rate the best overall publication, the highest possible score is 80 points and the highest recorded score is 78 points. Phil achieved a "78" on three separate occasions – 2001, 2002, and again last year!

There's less bunching of scores in the "overall" category. Phil out-distanced the runner-up by 17 points in 2001 and again in 2002 and by an eye-popping 25 points last year. Moreover, Phil's score for last year more than doubled the score of two rival publications, both of which are established brands. Deleting Phil's score from the mix, the average score of the magazines in the 2007 survey was 44.6 points. (Looking at the breakdowns, this reporter was reminded of the performance of Secretariat in the 1973 Belmont Stakes.)

The Steele publication lists the number of starts for each player on the preseason two-deep – career starts as well as the previous season – plus relevant statistics, including defensive statistics that one simply doesn't find in other publications. Moreover, he identifies which players were blue-chip recruits coming out of high school, allowing us to better evaluate the impact of suspensions and injuries.

The inclusion of such an awesome amount of information demands abbreviations, artifices that function as shoehorns. The late gifted wordsmith Mort Olshan fairly invented a new form of literature, deploying acronyms and slang in such a fastidious manner that he was able to squeeze a ton of information onto a multi-paneled "sheet" that fits neatly into the breast pocket of a sports jacket. Phil Steele has elevated the circumvention to new heights.

By now, it seems that every adult male in America knows the meaning of FG (field goal). But what about KD (knockdowns by an offensive lineman) or TFL (tackles for loss behind the line of scrimmage) or VHT (very highly touted recruit)? Steele's magazine is replete with acronyms of this sort, with a handy reference table. A casual fan of college football might find these tidbits somewhat hard to digest, but the result is an astoundingly meaty publication that makes it an essential reference source for anyone who loves college football.

Perhaps only another professional writer can fully appreciate Phil Steele's work ethic. This reporter was involved with a rival publication that has gone out of business. I was the "write-up man," preparing a general overview of every Division IA (now denominated College Bowl Subdivision) team. From personal experience, I know that excavating pertinent facts and then blending them into a coherent presentation is a laborious task and that the pressure builds as one gets closer to the deadline imposed by the national newsstand distributor. When I was finished with this exhausting exercise, I had the satisfaction of helping birth a first-class publication, but yet I readily confess that what I had created read like "Cliff's Notes" when juxtaposed against Steele's remarkably thorough analysis of each team.

Phil has reached the point in his career when he could rest on his laurels and assign the work to subcontractors, but that would inevitably reduce his magazine accuracy. He'd be the first to concur that there's no substitute for doing one's own homework, but that's easier said than done. There are only 24 hours in a day.

In common with Phil, this reporter prides himself on having an informed opinion and being able to spot a flaw in prediction accuracy. Being a fellow with a sporting disposition, I'm willing to back my opinions, even in those rare instances when my opinion is different from my friend Phil Steele. But let's get one thing straight, if I were matched against Phil in a head-to-head accuracy contest, I would insist they start me out with negative points. In any competition of this kind, the perennial Stassen Champion would most likely take home another #1 Title.

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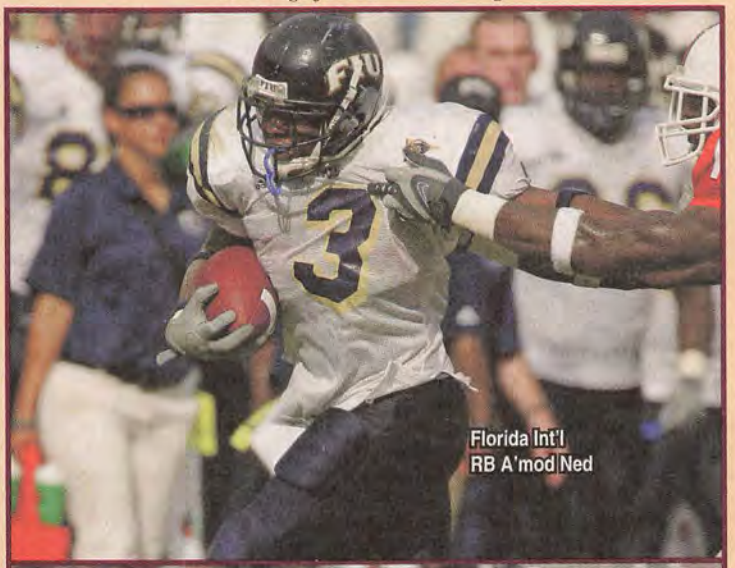

DRAFT DAY PARTY HANGOVER

By Phil Steele

Draft day is an exciting day for many college football players, as they find out which professional team they have a shot at playing for in the future. Many players who will be 1st or 2nd round draft picks have draft parties to celebrate their high selection and the upcoming riches they will receive by signing an NFL contract. Networks often broadcast from high profile draftees living rooms showing them celebrating when and where they get drafted. College football teams also enjoy draft day, as having players selected to the NFL gives coaches a recruiting edge in the future. They can then tell incoming high school recruits how many different players they have sent on to NFL careers. The more successful programs will always land the top-notch athletes who want to seek a pro career.

While there is a lot of happiness on draft day, it can be a precursor for trouble for many college programs. My staff and I went back and researched how teams did after having a large amount of players selected in the draft. We have found that almost 4 out of every 5 teams that rank among the top in the NCAA in players drafted struggle the next year and have a weaker record. I call it the Draft Day Party Hangover Effect.

Let me explain how I came up with this theory. I have taken the last eleven drafts and analyzed not only the amount of players selected but also the rounds in which they were selected. Let's face it, there are only 32 players in all of college football who end up being a 1st round draft pick in a season. Replacing a player with that ability is often very difficult. For the system that I created, 7 points are awarded if a player was picked in the 1st round. A 2nd round pick garnered 5 points, a 3rd round pick four, 4th round three, 5th round two and a sixth or seventh round pick just one point. In the NFL there's not much difference between a 6th or 7th round pick and a high quality undrafted free agent signee, so I do not lend a high level of merit to being picked in the last 2 rounds. Using this point system I went back and plugged in the last 11 years' draftees and found some interesting results. I limited my research to those teams that totaled 12 or more points, which makes them among the best in the NCAA. I will now review these results for you year-by-year.

I do have one elimination factor which makes sense. You have to look at the points that a team lost last year and even if they "earned" 12 or more draft points this year, if that total was LESS than the total points they earned the previous season, the team is actually in better shape. Let's face it, some programs turn out tons of draft picks every year and 12 is a low total for some teams. For example, in 2006 Oklahoma "earned" 25 points but did not make the list because in 2005 they earned 41 points. The 2006 squad was in much better shape than the draft-ravaged 2005 squad and would have been a National Title contender if not for the officiating in the Oregon game.

In the past eleven years I have gone thru year-by-year and recapped how the teams that earned 12 or more points have fared. The results have been VERY consistent. In the 11 years there have been 203 teams that have earned 12 or more points while having more points than what they earned the previous year. Of those 203 teams, 141 or 69.5% have had a WEAKER record the next season and fourteen have had the same record (6.9%). Only 48 or 23.6% have managed to improve their record. The best year for this system of NFL Draft hangover was 1998 when 18 of the 21 teams had a weaker record the next year. That means that basically 7 out of every 10 teams that earn 12 points or more in the draft will have a weaker record the next year. I will give you a couple of examples and then fine-tune the system even further to reveal systems that have hit 90% and 100% over the eleven years!!!

Here are some examples of the teams that earned 12 points and how they have done from one year to the next. In **1999** Arizona had 12 points and plummeted from 12-1 to 6-6, UCLA (15 pts) went from 10-2 to 4-7 and Notre Dame (14 pts) fell from 9-3 to 5-7. In **2000** Alabama (20 pts) went from 10-3, and thinking National Title, to a massively disappointing 3-8 season, and Marshall (17 pts) went from a perfect 13-0 to an 8-5 season. In **2001** Kansas St (18 pts) went from 11-3 to 6-6 and Washington (12 pts) from 11-1 to 8-4. In **2002** Stanford (14 pts) went from 9-3 down to 2-9 and BYU (14 pts) went from 12-2 in 2001 to a losing record of 5-7 in 2002. Oregon, a BCS team from 2001, went from 11-1 to 7-6 after earning 21 draft points. In **2003**, Notre Dame (16 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-7 and Illinois (13 pts) went from 5-7 to 1-11. In **2004** Mississippi (12 pts) went from 10-3 to 4-7, Washington (17 pts) went 6-6 to 1-10 and Maryland (14 pts) went from 10-3 to 5-6. For **2005**, Utah earned 14 pts and went from 12-0 down to 7-5. In **2006**, NCSt had 26 pts and dropped from 7-5 to 3-9 as they were hit hard with three 1st RD DC's being taken in the NFL. A great example for **2007** was Notre Dame (21 pts) who went from 10-3 to 3-9. As you can see, losing a lot of quality players to the NFL does have an impact on teams the following year and as mentioned, 76.4% of teams that earned 12 or more points have had weaker or the same record the next year.

In 2006's magazine I went through the records of teams in the chart and noticed that of the TOP 7 that I had listed, ALL 7 had a weaker record in 2006! The 2006 results verified my theory that the more points a team earns (which means the bigger the draft losses), the higher chance they would have of a weaker record the next year. If you go back over the last eleven years, there have been 53 teams that have accumulated 24 or more points. Of those 53, 44 have had a weaker record the next year and two teams have had the same record the next year. That means that 46 of the 53 teams or 86.8% failed to improve their record the next year after earning 24 or more draft points. Here are some notable losers from this segment of draft casualties. In 2001 Wisconsin (29 pts) went from 9-4 to 5-7. In 2000 Michigan St (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. In 1998 North Carolina went from 11-1 to 6-5 after earning 29 points. West Virginia was 8-4 in 1998 but after earning 26 points they dropped to 4-7 in 1999. In 1997 Colorado (24 pts) went from 10-2 to 5-6. Teams that earned 24 or more points will have a weaker record roughly 87% of the time (USC and VT this year).

In 2004, Ohio St set an NFL record for amount of players drafted in a 7 round draft and, in the process, earned 51 draft points in my system. The Buckeyes went from 11-2 to just 8-4 and from the Fiesta Bowl to the Alamo Bowl. My next question is, how do the biggest draft losers fare the next season? In the past 11 years there have only been 14 teams that have earned 35 or more points in the draft. How do those teams fare the next year? Thirteen of fourteen have had a weaker record the next season with the 2006 Ohio St Buckeyes being the only team to have a better record. The biggest falls from this group were the 2003 Penn St Nittany Lions, which went from 9-4 to just 3-9, Florida St's 2001 squad, which went from 11-2 in 2000 to 8-4 in 2001, the 2005 Oklahoma Sooners, who went from 12-1 to just 8-4, and Tennessee went from 11-2 in '01 to just 8-5 in '02. The only team that falls into this category for 2008 is the USC Trojans.

Over the last 11 years teams that earned more points than the previous year and accumulated....

12 or more points - Weaker or same record 155 of 203 (76.4%)
24 or more points - Weaker or same record 46 of 53 (86.8%)
35 or more points - Weaker record 13 of 14 (92.9%)

With that in mind, this year there were 20 teams that earned 12 points or more from their losses in the NFL draft. There were 3 that earned 24 or more points with USC having the 4th highest total ever at 48. Six teams on that list had LESS points than last year in LSU (24), Michigan (22), Texas (18), Miami, Fl (16), Notre Dame (15) and Tennessee (13) while Louisville had the same as 2007 (14).

One thing I have pointed out in past years is that the National Champ does have a good shot at appearing on these lists. In the past 11 years there have been 12 National Champs (LSU and USC were co-champs in 2003) with 11 of the 12 having earned 12 or more points in the draft the previous year. The only exception was 2006 when Florida only had 7 points. Last year, LSU had 29 points but would end up beating Ohio St for the National Championship. The two teams that overcame the biggest draft losses and still managed to win a title were the 2001 Miami Hurricanes, who had 34 and the 1998 Tennessee Volunteers who had 32 draft points but still went from 11-1 to 12-0 respectfully. Six of the 10 actually earned 20 or more points in the draft loss category.

According to past history, in reviewing the 13 teams in the box below, only 3 or 4 will manage to improve their record this year, BUT the National Champ is very likely to be one of the overall 20 teams on the Draft Day Hangover List.

TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2008 NFL DRAFT	TEAM	POINTS LOST IN 2008 NFL DRAFT
USC	48	Virginia	15
Virginia Tech	28	Purdue	14
Arkansas	21	Kansas	14
Auburn	18	Texas A&M	13
California	18	Arizona St	13
Oklahoma	15	Vanderbilt	13
Boston College	15		

Coaching Changes

by Phil Steele

There is something to be said for coaching stability as it usually takes a couple of years for a new head coach to get a program going. They usually have their best success when they have a team full of their own recruits and their offensive and defensive systems have been in place for a couple of years. The first few years can be rough on a new head coach as they inherit players who now have to learn new schemes on both offense and defense and he has to learn the players strengths and weaknesses. Pete Carroll won two straight National Titles but in his first year the Trojans opened up at 2-5 and finished at just 6-6 after the bowl. Tommy Tuberville's first team at Auburn was just 5-6 but in his 6th season they were a perfect 13-0. Nick Saban's first LSU team started off 3-3 and finished 8-4 but in his 4th year they won a share of the National Title and another last year. In Bob Stoops' first year at Oklahoma, the Sooners were just 7-5, including a bowl loss to Mississippi. Since then they have won a National Title and played in four Big XII Championship games. Les Miles went 4-7 in his first year at Oklahoma St followed by 3 winning years. Al Groh's first year at Virginia produced a 5-7 record but he has had 5 out of 6 winning years since. Jim Tressel was just 7-5 his first year but won a National Title in his second. Kirk Ferentz was a combined 4-19 his first two seasons but the Hawkeyes have now been to four Jan bowls. Sonny Lubick's first Colorado St team had a losing season but he followed it up with 10 straight winning seasons. Pat Hill's first two Fresno St teams went a combined 11-12 but since then have had 8 winning years.

I could continue with examples of excellent coaches who struggled in their first year or two (like Woody Hayes who won just 4 games in his first season at Ohio St). The reason I bring up these examples is twofold: first it shows that Athletic Directors should have a little more patience before firing a head coach for a losing season. Also I wanted to point out that there are individual unit rankings in the lower right hand corner on each of the conference pages. You will notice that I have FIRST year coaching staffs graded lower than you would normally expect.

What sparked this article was Ole Miss' dumping of David Cutcliffe just one year after the Rebels shared the SEC West Title with LSU. They were the only team that had been bowl eligible 7 straight years prior to that rare losing season. Since he left, the Rebels have gone just 3-21 in SEC play.

SLOW STARTERS

Let me go over some programs that stuck with coaches for much longer than expected, through many losing seasons but have ultimately been rewarded. The best example comes from Virginia Tech. Frank Beamer had successive years of 2-9, 3-8, 6-4-1, 6-5, 6-5, 5-6 and 2-8-1 to start his tenure. Amazingly Virginia Tech stuck with him. Can you imagine another program that would stick with a head coach through a streak like that?? Beamer has done an amazing job building his program including having one of the best strength training programs in the country. They are now a National Title contender on a yearly basis and simply won the ACC Title in their inaugural year in the conference despite being picked 7th in the preseason ACC poll. Joe Novak started out 1-10, 0-11, 2-9 and 5-6 his first 4 years at Northern Illinois and once again, they opted to stick with him and were rewarded with 7 consecutive winning seasons from 2000-'06. Darrell Dickey was DONE at North Texas. His first 3 teams went 3-8, 2-9 and 3-8 and in 2001 they opened the season 0-5. Their AD was under HEAVY pressure to get rid of Dickey not just at the end of the season but RIGHT THEN so they could have some hope. They rebounded to win an amazing 26 consecutive SBC games (including the final 5 in 2001)! They went to four bowls with 4 league titles. Will NT stick with 2nd year HC Dodge (2-10 in '07) if he starts out like Dickey? Navy's Paul Johnson went 2-10 in his first year but the Mids went to five straight bowls winning 8, 10, 8, 9 and 8 games in those seasons. Rocky Long inherited a New Mexico team that went 9-4 in Franchione's last season and his first squad went just 3-9. Two more losing seasons followed but they stuck with him and the team has now had 7 consecutive years of bowl eligibility. When Barry Alvarez took over at Wisconsin, he went 1-10 in his first year and followed that up with two more losing seasons. The Badgers simply went to 11 bowl games in his tenure and he retired with an amazing three Rose Bowl wins under his belt. Dan McCarney of Iowa St had his team go 3-8, 2-9, 1-10, 3-8 and 4-7 his first FIVE years. Can you imagine an AD in today's climate sticking with this guy? The Cyclones have since gone to 5 bowl games in McCarney's last 7 years from 2000-'06 (new AD let McCarney go!). Bill Snyder went 1-10 at Kansas St in his first year and had 3 losing seasons his first 4 years but they stuck with him and he rewarded them with 11 straight bowl appearances, making them a National Title contender. As you can see, sometimes patience is a virtue.

BAYLORED

OK let's take a look at the Baylor situation. Constant head coaching changes are a bad thing. He inherits another coach's players and many times they not only don't fit his system but they signed with the school because of the other coaching staff. Many times personality or disciplinary conflicts arise and many players leave a program after the coaching change, setting a team short on scholarships as well. I call this section "Baylored" because that school provides the most prominent example of how constant head coaching changes can hurt a program. Let's go back to 1996. Baylor had 5 out of 6 winning years despite facing their tough SWC foes on a weekly basis. They were 7-5 in 1994 and 7-4 in 1995 and the amazing part was that HC Chuck Reedy was bringing in recruiting classes on par with teams like Texas and Texas A&M, even finishing ahead of the big boys some years! In this day and age a winning record for a Big XII team would make them a perennial bowl team. In 1996 they had a nightmare season as the team was besieged by injuries and also dropped some close games like a 28-24 loss to Oklahoma, a 28-23 loss to Texas and a triple OT loss 49-42 to Missouri (those type of losses would look pretty good currently). They still finished 4-7 and clearly, if not for the injuries, could have had a winning season. Amazingly Baylor FIRED Coach Reedy! They have played ELEVEN years of football since and have topped three wins in a season just TWICE in that span (5 in '05 and 4 in '06)! First they brought in Dave Roberts in 1997 then after two losing seasons FIRED him! They brought in Kevin Steele and gave him 4 years before the axe fell. As mentioned with constant coaching changes, keeping the full complement of scholarship players has been a problem. Baylor has a record of 11-85 in the Big XII and some years have been outgained by an avg of over 200 ypg in league play. Guy Morriss is the latest firing at Baylor as he had a 5-6 ssn in '05 (4-1 start) and was given 5 years but continues the "Baylored" tradition.

FLIGHT DELAY

They do not run the option in the NFL so this category strictly applies to the college game. I have said many times over the last few years that it takes 3-4 years for an option team to successfully move to a pass offense. Why does such a switch take so long? A college team is basically built from 5 different recruiting classes with the classes from 3, 4 and 5 years ago being the most important. A college coach who runs an option offense can be very successful in the college game. To be a success he must be able to bring in big, powerful run blocking offensive linemen who are known more for power than pass blocking. His choice of WR's is generally not made on the guy that will make the most catches but the one who may be the best downfield blocker. The QB's in an option offense are valued more for their mobility than for their passing accuracy. When a coach comes in and tries to move to a pro style passing offense or a pure passing offense, he finds himself ill-equipped to do so. He needs fleet pass catching WR's, QB's who are known for their accurate passing and a solid pass blocking line. By the time a coach recruits those types of players and the starters spots are taken by those type of recruits, it is usually at least two years down the road and possibly 3 or 4. Two big name schools recently went through the switch and their struggles bear out what a difficult transition it can be.

Notre Dame was a run based attack under Lou Holtz with option style QB's and continued in the same vein after his departure. When Ty Willingham took over he inherited a team that avg'd 102 ypg passing the previous year hitting 50% with a 4-11 ratio. The top 2 QB's combined to throw for just 1,071 yards but had 893 gross yards rushing. While ND did win their first 8 games under Willingham, it was hardly due to offensive prowess. They had just 11 FD's and 203 TOTAL yards on offense in a win over Purdue. Later they had 10 FD's and 185 TOTAL yards on offense in a win vs Pitt. That offense averaged just 313 ypg with the QB's hitting 50.4%. The next season they brought in a pure passing QB, Brady Quinn. Quinn however was a freshmen and the offense was just in its second year so he was not yet surrounded by the O-line and receivers which you need in a West Coast offense. He threw for 1,831 yards but only completed 47.3% with a 9-15 ratio. The third year of the offense showed solid improvement as you would expect. Quinn upped the totals to 2,586 yards passing, improved to 54.1% completions and had a 17-10 ratio. In 2005, with all 11 offensive starters back and in the 4th year of the switch, Charlie Weis stepped into a great situation and Quinn exploded with 3,919 yards passing (64.9%) with a 32-7 ratio. There were no Jeff Samardzija-types on the roster in Willingham's first year but thanks to his recruiting, the team was much better equipped to run the pro offense under Weis. In 2006 with 3 solid receiving options, Quinn had 3,426 yards passing (61.9%) with a 37-7 ratio.

When Nebraska hired Bill Callahan he stunned the Husker faithful by announcing that he was ditching the option offense and converting to a pro style pass attack. Some said it was about time and thought he would have immediate success. The 2003 NU team was a solid 10-3. I did not make a lot of friends in Lincoln when the next year in my magazine I picked Iowa St, who had finished 2-10 the previous year to finish AHEAD of Nebraska in the Big XII North! Joe Dailey threw for 2,025 yards which was the most at that school since Dave Humm way back in 1972. Unfortunately he completed 49.4% with a 17-19 ratio and the Huskers had their first losing season since 1961! Now, let's not pin the whole thing on Dailey. He was recruited as an option QB and had OL's in front of him that were recruited for run blocking who were just learning the pass blocking schemes. He also did not have a fleet of pass catching WR's like most passing schools have. Callahan looked to speed up the system so he went the JUCO route (something ND did not do). He brought in PS#18JC QB Zac Taylor (no freshman QB growing pains), JC WR's and OL's. Despite bringing in JUCO's, the offense did not take off right away. In the first two games vs IA foes in the 2nd year of the offense, they avg'd 104 ypg passing with just 45% completions. The unit got better as the season went on and Taylor threw for 392 yards generating 30 points vs Colorado in the season finale. For the season NU still completed just 53.8% and only increased their passing yards by 37 ypg. In 2006 they improved to 244 ypg passing and 59.4% completions and topped that LY with 324 ypg pass (61.5%)

SOME TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

Following a legend is never easy. Vince Lombardi had an incredible run with the Green Bay Packers but after 4 straight NFL titles, stepped down. Phil Bengston was the unlucky guy who took over a team where anything less than an NFL title would be considered a weak season. Unfortunately he not only failed to bring home a championship but suffered 2 losing seasons in 3 years before being fired after going 6-8 in 1970. Ron Zook had the misfortune of being the guy who took over for Steve Spurrier at Florida. A few days after taking the job www.fireronzook.com got started and anything less than an undefeated season and National Title was construed as a failure. Here are a few other coaches that stepped into tough spots. Dennis Franchione left TCU after a great 10-2 season to take the job at Alabama. Gary Patterson unfortunately went 6-6 his first year but did flirt with an unbeaten season in 2003. At Ohio Jim Grobe had one of the best seasons at the school in recent memory in 2000 going 7-4 and contending for the MAC Title. He left for the ACC and Brian Knorr inherited raised expectations and was let go after 4 losing seasons. Tommy Bowden led Tulane to a 12-0 season in 1998 with 16 returning starters. He left for Clemson and Chris Scelfo inherited a rebuilding squad and had nowhere to go but down in his first year. They went just 3-8 but he did guide them to two winning seasons.

Some coaches have stepped into this type of tough situation and thrived. Urban Meyer led Bowling Green to a super 9-3 season and left for Utah. His assistant Gregg Brandon guided the Falcons to 4 winning seasons including a pair of bowl wins. Mike Price led Wash St to their first ever back-to-back 10-win seasons in the school's history before bolting for Alabama. Longtime assistant Bill Doba took over and led them to ANOTHER 10-win season and a Holiday Bowl win over #5 Texas. Dirk Koetter left Boise St after a 10-2 season, their best ever, and while Dan Hawkins' first squad "only" went 8-4, he did a remarkable job there going 45-7 in the next 4 years before moving on to Colorado. In 2006 Chris Petersen, who has been the longtime OC at Boise St, stepped in and as I forecasted in my 2006, magazine took the team to a BCS bowl berth and an undefeated season after their win vs Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

There are just some coaching openings that have early success written all over them. In 2004 for example I pointed out many times in the magazine that UTEP's Mike Price was stepping into a great spot. Gary Nord took over at UTEP and guided the team to an 8-4 record and a rare bowl in his first year. He opted to build the program the right way by getting away from bringing in JUCO's and not only signed almost

all freshmen but redshirted most of them, building the team's depth. He suffered through 3 losing seasons but had put all of his eggs in the basket of the 2004 season, as he knew he would have success with a deep and veteran squad. Unfortunately they fired him so Mike Price took over a team that had -15 in turnovers the previous year (see page 312) and was just 2-11. When a new head coach comes into some early season success it gives a losing team new found confidence. They then buy into the new coach's program more quickly. UTEP went on to their 1st back-to-back winning seasons since '87-'88 and will benefit once again thanks to Nord biting the bullet and taking those redshirts. Keith Burns was doing the same thing at Tulsa and also did not catch many breaks his last few years as his team was hit hard by injuries. His final team had just 9 seniors and naturally new head coach Kragthorpe inherited a team with the most returning starters in the WAC (17). Some early season success had them more confident and the team rewarded the new guy going from 1-11 to 8-4 and a bowl berth. Urban Meyer took over a Utah team that was one of the most snakebitten teams in the NCAA in 2002. Between 2000-2002, Utah was among the MWC leaders in ypg vs conference foes and in 2000 and 2002 finished with losing seasons overall despite outgaining and outscoring their opponents on the year. In 2002 they had FIVE losses by 8 pts or less! The talent was there and when Meyer achieved some early season success, the team started gaining confidence and won those close games that had escaped his predecessor Ron McBride. Just two years later they were undefeated. There were 12 new coaches in 2005 and few success stories besides the heavily publicized hires of Charlie Weis, Florida's Urban Meyer and LSU's Les Miles. Bronco Mendenhall took over a snakebitten BYU team that had 3 close losses and outgained league foes by 54.6 ypg, 2nd best in the MWC in '04, taking them to a bowl in '05. W Michigan's Bill Cubit took a 1-10 team to a 7-4 record becoming bowl eligible.

Now let's take a look at some of this year's head coaching changes and I will put them into some of the categories listed above. Keep in mind many of this year's new guys will go through the typical 1st years that I described previously.

2008 NEW COACHES
RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME:

The last 3 years I have had 20 coaches mentioned in this section. Fourteen of the 20 have improved their teams records (2 had same record) and in 2006 Chris Petersen of Boise St took over a 9-4 team and guided them to a perfect 13-0 and a BCS bowl win. Last year Dennis Erickson took a 7-6 ASU squad to an 8-0 start and #6 in the country.

HOUSTON NUTT, OLE MISS

Ed Orgeron took over when Ole Miss "Baylored" David Cutcliffe. He did a GREAT job recruiting and felt his best team would be in 2008. Three years after talking SEC Title when he was hired, he was let go after a 3-21 SEC record. Houston Nutt takes over an underrated team that just needs a quick start to buy into his program. They open with 3 of 4 games that they will be favored in and under new leadership, the talent assembled is probably good enough to land a bowl bid. Ole Miss made my list of Most Improved teams this year.

BO PELINI, NEBRASKA

The Huskers became adept at throwing the ball in Bill Callahan's 4 years. Last year they averaged 324 ypg passing and 33.4 ppg on offense. The defense somehow got soft and allowed a school record 37.9 ppg. The D has talent and will get better under their defensive-minded coach. The offense retains its coordinator and while they will run more, they will still have a good pass attack. Losing years are rare for the Huskers and Callahan did a good job recruiting so Pelini should get them right back to a bowl after just missing out last year.

DAVID CUTCLIFFE, DUKE

Last year Coach Roof predicted a bowl bid....for 2008. He knew he had a veteran squad coming back this year and it is the most talented Duke squad this decade. I am also a big David Cutcliffe fan as he did a GREAT job at Ole Miss (he is the reason I wrote this article in 2005) and also as OC at Tennessee the last two years. Long term success at Duke will be tough but with the talent on hand and a new attitude they should win more games than the last FOUR YEARS combined!

JUNE JONES, SMU

SMU was bowl eligible in 2006 but did not go. SMU HC Bennett said the team needed to make a bowl last year and they slipped to 1-11. They lost a lot of close games in his tenure. Way back in 1999 June Jones took over an 0-12 Hawaii team and I called them the most improved team in the country. They went to 9-4 his first season! I am waiting for lightning to strike twice and put this unit on my Most Improved list and a post season bid would not surprise me.

JERRY KILL, NORTHERN ILLINOIS

If Joe Novak had been forced out I would be thinking "Baylored" but he left on his own volition and Kill steps into a tremendous situation. Novak had guided SEVEN straight bowl eligible teams. Last year they had just 3 senior starters and suffered an amazing rash of injuries and were probably the most beat up team in the country. This year just 9 lettermen depart and 55 lettermen (many with starting experience due to the injuries) are back. Twenty one starters will have Kill looking like a genius when they go from 2-10 to a bowl.

FLIGHT DELAYED

Last year I put Troy Calhoun of Air Force in this section but he tricked me with all the talk about a high flying pass attack. His success came when they went to the option and averaged just 120 ypg pass which was lower than 2 of DeBerry's last 3 years.

BOBBY PETRINO, ARKANSAS

Arkansas led the SEC in rushing 5 of the last 6 years and their offense was geared to the run led by RB's McFadden and Jones the last couple. They are legitimately going to a pass based attack and lose their star RB's. Their top notch O-Line was recruited as run blockers first and now must pick up pass blocking. Arkansas is headed for a 2 to 3 year rebuilding project with the change of offense and Petrino will pass the ball.

RICH RODRIGUEZ, MICHIGAN

This is not purely a "Flight Delayed" as the Wolverines are not moving from the option to a pass attack but rather a pro style attack to the spread option. It won't take 4 years but it will take a year or two with the switch of schemes and personnel, not to mention the huge graduation losses and since the hire, transfers. With just 10 starters back and a huge shift in coaching style and schemes, they will not win a January bowl game like they did last year.

BAYLORED

In 2005 the whole reason for me to write this article was the ridiculous firing of coach Cutcliffe at Mississippi where he had done a GREAT job. I think it may be decades before you see Ole Miss bowl eligible for 5 straight years and go to 5 bowls in a 6 year stretch like they did under Cutcliffe. Last year I had a coaching change here which I think will be a positive in future years. I almost put Turner Gill in the "Right Place Right Time" category but his team is still feeling the effects of being Baylored back in 2001. Last year I had Rice and Idaho listed here due to constant coaching changes. Idaho went from 4-8 to 1-11 and Rice went from a bowl game to 3-9.

LARRY FEDORA, SOUTHERN MISS

Jeff Bower dedicated his career (29 years) to building the SMiss football program. Bower has guided SMiss to 10 bowls in the last 11 years. THEY ARE ONE OF 5 TEAMS IN THE NCAA THAT HAVE HAD 14 STRAIGHT WINNING YEARS putting them in the company of Florida, Michigan, Florida St and Virgina Tech. He was forced to resign after the regular season last year. I will go on record saying that Fedora WILL NOT have 14 straight winning seasons. What possible heights do they think Fedora can take them to that Bower did not?

TOUGH SHOES TO FILL

The last 3 years I have had 8 coaches listed in this category. Three coaches in 2005 had their teams go from a combined 25-11 69% in 2004 to 15-19 44% in 2005. Last year 4 coaches were in the box and 3 had weaker records including Tim Brewster at Minnesota who took over a bowl squad and went 1-11. The one coach that improved his team's record went from 10-3 to 11-3.

STEVE FAIRCHILD, COLORADO ST

Sonny Lubick did a great job taking the Rams to heights they had not known and kept them there for a sustained amount of time. He did have 3 losing seasons in the last 4 years (6-6 in '05) but his 9 bowls the previous 10 years should have allowed him to pick when he left. He was forced out and while Fairchild could improve upon last year's 3-9 finish it will be tough to get this team to 9 bowls in 14 years like Lubick did.

KEVIN SUMLIN, Houston

Art Briles did a great job with the Cougars and left for the Big XII. He had the playbook in his head and takes that with him. Sumlin should do a good job but Briles had just one losing season in 5 year's and Sumlin probably wont match that productivity.

GREG McMACKIN, HAWAII

There is no way that McMackin can match last years 12-0 record in the regular season and a BCS bowl berth. This reminds me of when Tommy Bowden left Tulane after their 12-0 season and Chris Scelfo had the misfortune of taking over the next year. While he had a couple of winning seasons and bowls, they also had 6 losing years and it took him 3 FULL years to match the 12 wins of 1999.

KEN NIUMATALOLO, NAVY

This looks like another spot that is impossible to duplicate past success. The Middies had been to just one bowl the 21 years prior to the time Paul Johnson took over but he took them to 5 straight bowl games and after NOT having won the Commander-in-Chief Trophy since 1981, they won FIVE straight. Those numbers appear IMPOSSIBLE to duplicate so there are some big shoes to fill.

NO DESIGNATION

Last year I created this category. Some new coaches have conflicting things working for them and it is tough to toss them into any one category above.

BILL STEWART, WEST VIRGINIA

Rich Rodriguez turned the Mountaineers into a National Title contender and thanks to Stewart's win over Oklahoma as interim HC, they finished #6 in the country. Stewart inherits a talented team but is tweaking the offense which was the team's strong suit. I still predict them for the Big East Title and they could improve their record as it is a good situation but I'm not sure about the move for the long term.

MIKE SHERMAN, TEXAS A&M

Sherman inherits a team that had a killer schedule last year but it lightens up some this season. I like his pro background but it will be interesting to see how a second coaching change in 5 years affects them. When RC Slocum was forced out in 2003, the Aggies had, had 20 straight winning years. They suffered two losing seasons and two mediocre ones in Franchione's 5 years. They play in the same division as THREE Top 15 Big XII South members.

ART BRILES, BAYLOR

I think Art Briles is a great coach but can he get Baylor to compete with 5 perennial bowl teams in the Big XII South despite having tougher academic standards. Guy Morriss did a great job at Kentucky but could not earn a winning year here. Will they ever recover from that strange firing of Reedy? Briles could have a better record in his first year so no category.

PAUL JOHNSON, GEORGIA TECH

Johnson says that he can run any offense in his system and it will be interesting to see how his more option-oriented offense plays out in the ACC. Chan Gailey was never much loved at GT but did manage to take the team to six bowls in six years! I was going to put this under large shoes because that will be tough to duplicate but I could never have imagined the success that Johnson was able to manage at Navy so I will be an interested bystander in his first year.

RICK NEUHEISEL, UCLA

Neuheisel's teams at Colorado and Washington went 38-10 his first two years when using other coaches recruits but were just 28-20 after that and both schools ended up in trouble with the NCAA. He says he is a changed man and does inherit a UCLA team that underachieved last year at 6-7. I can see short term success but they have just 9 starters back (4 off, 5 on def) and QB issues this year.

PAUL WULFF, WASHINGTON ST

Bill Doba took over at Wash St after they had two straight 10 winning seasons and Mike Price left for Alabama. He guided the team to 10 wins in his first year and Wulff will not be able to match that. Wash St has not had a winning season the last 4 years and Wulff should be able to improve upon that. I am not sure this year if they can improve upon last year's 5-win total so no designation.

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NCAA TEAM EXPERIENCE RATINGS

Experience can be a big thing in college football. A player gains valuable experience for every year he plays and becomes a better player because of it. Players also mature physically while they are in college and there is a big difference between a raw 17 or 18 year old true Freshman and a mature and physically stronger 22 year old Senior. Some teams that send their players away on missions like BYU, routinely have Seniors up to 25 years old. There is also a coaching adage that for every Freshman starter you have, you lose one game. With that in mind, we compiled the following chart. It lists the total amount of Senior starters on the team as well as Seniors in the two deep. It also shows all of the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen starters and the total amount in the two deep. I then devised a point system to break down the most experienced teams. I awarded 3 points for every Senior starter, 2.5 for every additional Senior in the two deep, 2 points for every additional Jr starter, 1.5 for every Jr in the two deep, 1 point for an additional Sophomore starter, 0.5 for a Soph in the 2 deep. I then subtracted 1 point for every Frosh starter and .5 for every Frosh in the two deep. The total points column uses that formula to figure out the total points awarded to a team. This page ranks the conference in total points order and the number before the team is where they came up in my overall ranking of all the teams in the NCAA. This list was compiled in April and there have been some changes to the 2 deep in May which might not be accounted for, but it will give you an idea of the most experienced and least experienced teams in the NCAA this year.

NCAA RANK	ACC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
19	MIAMI, FL	9	10	5	7	14	17	5	3	3	2	75
22	DUKE	11	6	7	4	18	10	3	10	1	2	74
23	MARYLAND	13	5	4	7	17	12	4	5	1	5	73
52	WAKE FOREST	11	2	9	7	20	9	2	6	0	7	68
56	FLORIDA STATE	8	5	10	6	18	11	3	5	1	6	67
62	CLEMSON	9	4	9	7	18	11	2	6	2	5	66
71	BOSTON COLLEGE	8	3	9	6	17	9	4	9	1	4	64
75	N CAROLINA	7	3	7	6	14	9	8	10	0	3	63
88	VIRGINIA	10	3	5	5	15	8	7	6	0	8	61
94	NC STATE	9	2	7	6	16	8	5	8	1	6	60
108	VIRGINIA TECH	8	0	8	10	16	10	4	6	2	6	57
112	GEORGIA TECH	6	5	6	3	12	8	10	5	0	9	55

NCAA RANK	BIG TEN	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
40	PENN STATE	11	4	7	5	18	9	4	8	0	5	70
56	IOWA	7	5	6	6	13	11	9	9	0	2	67
62	OHIO STATE	9	4	10	4	19	8	2	9	1	5	66
62	NORTHWESTERN	12	4	7	5	19	9	2	4	1	9	66
71	MICHIGAN STATE	9	3	6	8	15	11	6	6	1	5	64
75	PURDUE	10	2	9	6	19	8	3	5	0	9	63
80	WISCONSIN	11	1	5	8	16	9	6	5	0	8	62
104	ILLINOIS	7	4	8	3	15	7	6	9	1	6	58
104	INDIANA	5	4	12	4	17	8	4	7	1	7	58
108	MICHIGAN	6	5	10	2	16	7	5	7	1	8	57
115	MINNESOTA	4	0	10	12	14	12	7	2	1	8	53

NCAA RANK	BIG XII	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
12	KANSAS STATE	10	3	9	13	19	16	3	3	0	3	78
23	IOWA STATE	10	3	9	8	19	11	3	8	0	3	73
33	NEBRASKA	10	6	6	4	16	10	6	8	0	4	71
33	MISSOURI	13	6	5	5	18	11	4	1	0	10	71
33	KANSAS	12	3	6	6	18	9	4	9	0	4	71
48	OKLAHOMA ST	7	3	13	7	20	10	2	8	0	4	69
48	BAYLOR	8	5	9	7	17	12	4	6	1	4	69
62	OKLAHOMA	10	3	7	8	17	11	4	5	1	6	66
71	TEXAS TECH	7	3	9	7	16	10	6	7	0	5	64
88	TEXAS A&M	8	5	9	5	17	10	3	4	2	8	61
117	COLORADO	9	3	5	4	14	7	5	6	3	9	51
119	TEXAS	8	2	9	1	17	3	4	8	1	11	50

NCAA RANK	BIG EAST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
19	LOUISVILLE	10	4	9	9	19	13	3	5	0	4	75
27	USF	11	5	7	4	18	9	4	9	0	4	72
56	WEST VIRGINIA	11	2	5	8	16	10	6	7	0	5	67
62	CINCINNATI	12	5	5	5	17	10	3	5	2	7	66
75	RUTGERS	10	2	8	6	18	8	3	8	1	6	63
80	PITTSBURGH	8	1	8	10	16	11	6	4	0	7	62
99	SYRACUSE	8	5	6	1	14	6	7	11	1	5	59
112	CONNECTICUT	11	2	7	2	18	4	2	9	2	9	55

NCAA RANK	CONF USA	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
3	MEMPHIS	12	8	9	6	21	14	1	5	0	3	85
6	EAST CAROLINA	10	8	6	10	16	18	6	2	0	2	83
27	HOUSTON	13	5	5	6	18	11	3	5	1	6	72
33	RICE	12	1	5	10	17	11	5	8	0	3	71
40	TULANE	8	5	8	7	16	12	6	6	0	4	70
52	TULSA	8	4	9	7	17	11	4	8	1	3	68
52	SOUTHERN MISS	7	4	9	8	16	12	6	6	0	4	68
56	MARSHALL	8	5	10	5	18	10	3	7	1	5	67
71	UCF	9	2	8	6	17	8	5	9	0	5	64
75	SMU	9	0	9	7	18	7	4	11	0	4	63
99	UTEP	9	0	7	9	16	9	5	7	1	6	59
108	UAB	4	3	7	7	11	10	11	8	0	4	57

NCAA RANK	INDEPENDENTS	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
1	NAVY	14	5	7	12	21	17	1	5	0	0	90
2	ARMY	9	8	9	10	18	18	4	5	0	0	86.5
99	NOTRE DAME	8	0	8	10	16	10	5	6	1	6	59

NCAA RANK	MAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
9	BOWLING GREEN	12	3	7	12	19	15	3	6	0	1	81
10	N ILLINOIS	13	3	7	10	20	13	2	7	0	2	80
15	W MICHIGAN	13	5	5	6	18	11	3	9	1	2	76
19	OHIO	9	4	9	10	18	14	4	5	0	3	75
23	TEMPLE	9	5	5	10	14	15	7	6	1	1	73
40	AKRON	11	3	6	10	17	13	4	4	1	5	70
56	BALL STATE	12	5	6	0	18	5	4	11	0	6	67
62	BUFFALO	10	3	8	5	18	8	4	8	0	6	66
62	KENT STATE	11	3	7	4	18	7	4	9	0	6	66
94	E MICHIGAN	9	3	7	4	16	7	6	7	0	8	60
99	C MICHIGAN	4	5	9	7	13	12	7	6	2	4	59
104	MIAMI, OH	8	3	8	2	16	5	5	12	1	5	58
108	TOLEDO	5	3	11	5	16	8	3	12	3	2	57

NCAA RANK	MT WEST	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
8	AIR FORCE	11	7	7	6	18	13	4	9	0	0	82
15	NEW MEXICO	11	3	7	11	18	14	4	5	0	3	76
15	UTAH	9	6	8	8	17	14	5	5	0	3	76
23	UNLV	9	5	8	7	17	12	5	7	0	3	73
27	TCU	14	2	5	7	19	9	3	8	0	5	72
27	WYOMING	7	7	11	6	18	13	3	5	1	4	72
52	BYU	8	2	11	11	19	13	1	6	2	3	68
80	COLORADO ST	7	6	7	7	14	13	5	4	3	5	62
88	SAN DIEGO ST	9	2	6	9	15	11	5	6	2	5	61

NCAA RANK	PAC-10	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
13	OREGON STATE	11	7	5	7	16	14	5	6	1	2	77
15	WASHINGTON ST	10	8	7	4	17	12	5	6	0	4	76
40	OREGON	12	3	5	6	17	9	4	11	1	2	70
48	ARIZONA STATE	10	4	9	7	19	11	2	5	1	6	69
69	USC	10	2	7	7	17	9	5	7	0	6	65
80	UCLA	7	7	8	5	15	12	4	4	3	6	62
80	ARIZONA	7	4	9	5	16	9	6	6	0	7	62
88	STANFORD	5	4	11	5	16	9	6	7	0	6	61
94	CALIFORNIA	8	4	7	5	15	9	5	8	2	5	60
116	WASHINGTON	6	6	5	3	11	9	9	4	2	9	52

NCAA RANK	SEC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
27	MISSISSIPPI	8	5	10	9	18	14	3	4	1	4	72
40	MISSISSIPPI ST	12	6	6	3	18	9	4	5	0	8	70
40	KENTUCKY	9	4	11	7	20	11	1	6	1	5	70
48	TENNESSEE	9	4	9	6	18	10	4	7	0	5	69
80	LSU	8	3	8	9	16	12	5	2	1	8	62
80	S CAROLINA	8	4	8	4	16	8	6	7	0	7	62
88	AUBURN	4	4	9	5	13	9	9	11	0	2	61
94	GEORGIA	7	4	7	4	14	8	8	8	0	6	60
94	VANDERBILT	4	2	14	10	18	12	2	5	2	5	60
99	ALABAMA	8	3	8	7	16	10	3	7	3	5	59
112	ARKANSAS	9	4	8	1	17	5	3	8	2	9	55
119	FLORIDA	5	1	7	4	12	5	10	11	0	6	50

NCAA RANK	SUN BELT	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
4	TROY	13	5	6	11	19	16	3	4	0	2	84
6	FLA ATLANTIC	13	5	7	7	20	12	2	10	0	0	83
33	ARKANSAS ST	8	2	9	11	17	13	5	7	0	2	71
33	ULM	8	5	11	5	19	10	3	8	0	4	71
40	FLA INT'L	8	6	9	5	17	11	5	6	0	5	70
40	W KENTUCKY	12	4	6	4	18	8	4	9	0	5	70
56	LOUISIANA-LFT	11	3	6	6	17	9	5	7	0	6	67
75	NORTH TEXAS	6	4	7	10	13	14	7	5	2	3	63
88	MIDDLE TENN	5	4	10	5	15	9	6	10	1	3	61

NCAA RANK	WAC	SENIOR ST'S	SENIOR 2 Deep	JUNIOR ST'S	JUNIOR 2 Deep	SR&JR ST'S	SR&JR 2 Deep	SO ST'S	SO 2 Deep	FR ST'S	FR 2 Deep	TOTAL Points
4	HAWAII	13	7	7	8	20	15	2	3	0	4	84
11	SAN JOSE ST	10	5	8	10	18	15	4	5	0	2	79
13	FRESNO ST	8	7	8	6	16	13	6	9	0	0	77
27	UTAH STATE	10	5	7	9	17	14	3	5	2	3	72
33	NEW MEXICO ST	10	3	6	10	16	13	5	7	1	2	71
69	NEVADA	11	2	4	9	15	11	5	8	2	3	65
80	IDAHO	8	5	7	2	15	7	6	11	1	4	62
104	LOUISIANA TECH	8	3	6	5	14	8	7	8	1	6	58
117	BOISE STATE	10	3	3	4	13	7	6	6	3	9	51

TURNOVERS = TURNAROUND

BY PHIL STEELE

Turnovers can have a huge impact on games and on a team's season. They can also lead to many misleading final scores. All of the previous week's misleading final scores will be listed on philsteele.com each week by Tuesday. By reading about them each week you can uncover some underrated and overrated teams for the rest of the season.

Here are a couple of examples from last year. Oregon was -4 in turnovers in a loss to California at home including fumbling the ball into the end zone for a touchback in the last minute. The next week they rebounded to thrash Wash St 53-7.

Nebraska was mauled by Kansas 76-39 but part of the problem was that they were -5 in turnovers. The next week they were even in turnovers and despite being a home underdog to Kansas St they rolled to a 73-31 win.

Middle Tennessee was +5 in TO's vs North Texas and the next week was +4 vs ULM and naturally won both games. They were a big favorite the next week but were upset by ULL 34-24 at home as they did not get the benefit of the TO's.

In 2006 Arkansas RB Darren McFadden got hurt in August and it looked like he would miss the start of the year. Coach Nutt needed to keep his remaining RB's healthy for the opener so he did not allow a lot of contact during August for the RB's. The result were a lot of fumbles vs USC in the opener, and -5 turnovers led to a 50-14 loss to USC. I picked Arkansas, which had finished 4-7 the previous year, #13 in my magazine and took some flak for that prediction. Arkansas recovered from that disappointing performance, WON the SEC West and finished #12 in the final regular season poll. Had they not turned the ball over so often in the 1H vs USC the 2H would have been a much different game.

Vanderbilt whipped Mississippi everywhere but on the scoreboard. Vandy had a 23-7 FD edge and 400-179 yard edge. They held the Rebels to 31 yards passing but thanks to -3 in TO's they somehow lost to Ole Miss by a 17-10 margin for a very misleading final. The next week an underrated Vandy traveled to #16 Georgia and pulled off a huge 24-22 upset.

Kansas lost to a MAC team on the road in Toledo but easily could have won that game as they were -5 in TO's. The next week they took on a USF team that would go on to win the PapaJohns.com Bowl finishing 9-4 including a win over West Virginia in Morgantown. USF was beaten by an underrated Kansas team that was better than its record.

Virginia Tech lost to Boston College 22-3 and their season appeared shot. Coming off that "blowout" loss they had a tough upcoming schedule. In reality they only allowed 264 yds to BC but were done in by -4 in TO's. Not only did they destroy Southern Miss the next week 36-6, they were an underdog at home vs #10 Clemson and beat them 24-7 the following week. They won their last 6 games of the year including a road win at Miami and whipped the ACC champ Wake Forest 27-6 (Wake had just beaten FSU 30-0 the previous week thanks in part to +4 TO's).

In 2004, Indiana was off an extremely misleading final in their upset win over Oregon. Oregon had a 21-12 FD edge and an amazing 495-198 yardage edge but somehow (-5 TO's) LOST, 30-24. Indy not only had a late game on the West Coast and a late trip back to Bloomington, but had to travel the next week to face a Kentucky team that was well rested and coming off a bye. UK got the easy win (one of only two wins all year for the Cats) in a 51-32 throttling of Indy.

Arizona St dominated North Carolina with a 34-19 FD edge in their 2002 game, but due to THREE turnovers, ASU actually lost outright 38-35. The next week NC hosted NCSt and was whipped 34-17 (+6'). The same week that ASU lost to North Carolina, Oregon St was outgained by UCLA 625-353. OSU lost at home only 43-35, thanks in part to a blocked punt for a TD then a 19 yard fumble return for a TD with 2:09 left. With both teams off misleading finals, Arizona St was an underdog at home to Oregon St and bounced back to win outright.

I could list many more examples, but as you can see, turnovers can determine the outcome of a game. Turnovers can not only make a difference in a game but can make the difference between a winning and losing season.

Three bowl teams from 2000 that benefitted from double-digit turnovers all finished with losing records in 2001, without the benefit of the turnovers. Northwestern went from 8-4 to 4-7, Notre Dame from 9-3 to 5-6 and Oregon St went from 11-1 to just 5-6.

The majority of 1999's big turnaround seasons were by Air Force, Arizona, Tulane and UCLA, which all finished with positive double digit turnover margins in 1998. Those 4 were a combined 46-4 for the '98 season!!! In 1999, those 4 were just 19-26!! Wow, turnovers can indeed equal turnaround. The NCAA's largest single season turnaround happened in 1999 when Hawaii went from 0-12 to 9-4. The Warriors made this article that year as they were -10 turnovers in '98 but finished +1 in '99. Next are some more examples.

In 1991, California was 10-2 with a win in the Citrus Bowl. They benefitted that year from a remarkable +17 turnovers. The very next year, with 13 returning starters, the Bears fell to 4-7! Were the turnovers a factor? Indeed they were, as Cal went from +17 in '91 to -13 in '92!

In 1995, Louisville benefitted from +21 in turnovers and had a successful 7-4 year. In 1996, with a more talented squad, they were -17 and had a losing record.

One of the best examples is S Mississippi. In 1991 they were 4-7 and had only 4 returning starters in 1992. What looked to be a tough year turned out surprisingly well as S Mississippi went 7-4! The reason was +14 turnovers! The next year, this 7-4 team had 16 returning starters and a bowl seemed in the works. Their 1993 record was a stunning 2-8-1! How could this be? The Eagles were -11 in turnovers.

In 2006 there were 13 teams that made this article in the "Going Down" box. Of those 13 only 3 managed to improve their record (all very slightly). FOUR of the teams in the box had MAJOR dropoffs going from a winning season to a poor year. Those 4 teams were Iowa St, Louisiana Tech, Miami, Oh and UCF (CUSA Champs) who went from a combined record of 29-18 (62%) in 2005 to just 13-36 (27%) in 2006!

Last year eleven teams made this article in the "Going Down" box. Of those 11 only ONE (Boston College) managed to improve its record and that was from 10-3 to 11-3. Two did finish with the same record as 2006 but eight had weaker records all by 2 games or more. The biggest drop-off was Minnesota which went from a bowl game to just 1-11. Two others went from bowls to losing seasons.

Teams that benefitted from double-digit turnovers the previous year rarely get a repeat of that good fortune. In the last 15 years, 219 teams have had plus double-digit turnovers. Of those 219, 144 have had weaker records the following year (65.8%). Only 49 teams (22.4%) have improved their record and the other 26 had the same record. **Teams with a positive double-digit TO ratio had weaker or the same records 77.6% of the time since 1996.** Listed below are last year's fortunate teams:

GOING DOWN?

Kansas	+21	Missouri	+13
LSU	+20	San Jose St	+13
Florida Atlantic	+18	Clemson	+13
East Carolina	+17	Virginia Tech	+11
Ball St	+17	Middle Tenn	+11
Cincinnati	+16	Utah	+11
Connecticut	+14	Air Force	+10
West Virginia	+13	Memphis	+10

Let's take a look at some teams who had terrible luck (lots of turnovers) in one year then drastically improved the next year without those turnovers.

In 1996, Wash St was -10 in turnovers and they made this article. They went from 5-6 all the way to 10-2, losing in a close Rose Bowl game. Two teams (Missouri and Pittsburgh) went from -10 or more turnovers and poor seasons in 1996, then turned into bowl teams in 1997. In 1998, 8 of the 11 teams in this category had better records and most of them showed significant improvement. BYU, Illinois, Texas, Rutgers and Louisville all improved by anywhere from 3 to 6 games in the win column! In 1999, 10 teams went from double-digit negative turnovers to stronger seasons, including Hawaii which was previously mentioned. Clemson and Illinois also went from losing teams to bowl squads.

Iowa St was a poor 4-7 in 1999 but was actually only outscored by an average of 2 points per game, despite being MINUS 10 in turnovers. Naturally ISU made this article and not only achieved a winning record but went 9-3 with a bowl win. The Cyclones finished +5 in turnovers in 2000. In 2001, 15 teams made this article after having double-digit negative turnovers in 2000. Only 2 of the 15 teams had a weaker record in 2001!!! Teams like Utah, USC, North Carolina and Louisiana Tech all made it to bowl games, after sitting home for the holidays in 2000.

In 2002, California went from -18 and a 1-10 season to a winning record at 7-5 (+18)!! Penn St went from -11 to +12 in turnovers and their record went from 5-6 to 9-4. In 2002 Purdue led the Big 10 in both offense and defense but finished just 7-6, due to -10 in turnovers and 9 missed FG's. They lost a lot of close games. In 2003, the team benefitted from +12 in turnovers and this time most of the close games went their way. Purdue finished 9-3 during the regular season and was a Big Ten contender. Navy was 2-10 in 2002, but -14 in TO's for the year. In 2003 they held onto the ball much better and improved to an 8-win season and a bowl berth. Memphis also went from double-digit TO's and a losing year to a bowl in 2003. North Carolina, UTEP and Texas A&M all had that distinction in 2004.

In '06 ten teams made the "Going Up" box and EIGHT of the ten improved their records with FIVE of them going from a losing season to bowl eligibility. Those 5 teams were Oregon St, Oklahoma St, Rice, Kent St and Wyoming.

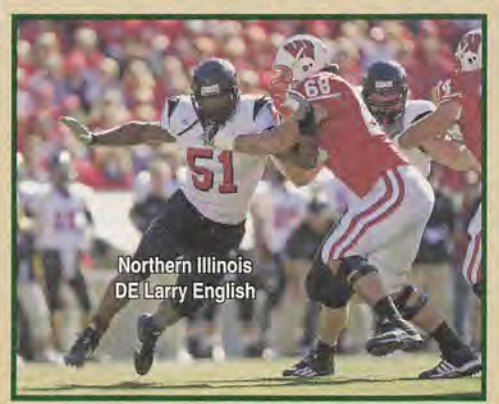
Last year, 11 teams made the "Going Up" Box on this page. I even had a picture of Illinois, the #2 team listed on the page showing that I felt they would make a dramatic change and they went from 2-10 in 2006 to the ROSE BOWL in 2007!!! Of the 11 teams, two had a weaker record including New Mexico St which lost their QB for a few games and went from 4-8 to 4-9. Three of the 11 had the same record and 6 improved their record.

As I previously stated, if a team received bad breaks the year before, they will usually be headed for better fortune the following year. In the past 15 years, there have been 178 teams that have finished the season minus double-digits in turnovers. Of those 178 teams, 121 (68%) have had better records the next year! **Teams with a negative double-digit TO ratio had stronger or the same records 80% of the time since 1996.** Which teams are headed for better fortunes and better seasons?

GOING UP?

Baylor	-18	Florida Int'l	-15
Nebraska	-17	Wyoming	-12
N Illinois	-17	North Texas	-11
NC State	-16	Kent St	-11
New Mexico St	-15	Army	-10
Minnesota	-15	Marshall	-10
		Mississippi	-10

If you like this type of information, you will love the News and Notes section updated weekly at PhilSteele.com. I review such information as "Misleading Final Scores" and much, much more. Keep tabs on all of these teams this year and watch how turnovers WILL EQUAL turnaround in 2008!



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on the teams and analyze the freshmen and JUCO signees. I also read through all of the information from the spring practices. At this time I double check what I wrote to make sure it all still applies after any spring changes. I then write the other 4 positions and go through my individual power ratings on each unit. I once again give myself 3 to 4 hours per team and try to do 3 per day. The next step is to go through what I wrote in the magazine and start cutting out some words because I usually have too much information to fit on the page. While I chop the text down I also go conference-by-conference, to review my power ratings and pick the All-Conference teams. This is another 3 week process. I finalize the 8 sets of power ratings and feed them into my computer which has all the schedules and let the computer play out the season.

I finally wrap-up the magazine in the middle of May. My next month is spent going over each individual game for the upcoming year. I look at all the history between the teams, read the last 2 years of past histories for the matchups and then analyze the matchup to see if there are any mismatches (big, strong O-line vs small, weak DL, etc). In June and July, I go through the NFL for the upcoming year and do my hundreds of radio shows. Before you know it, it's August and time to start watching the games and trying to find value. I pride myself in being the Most Accurate Preseason Magazine over the last 9 years and there is a lot of information on these pages.

To help you out a little bit, I will give you a few guidelines on the best ways to use this magazine. I will go over some of the abbreviations and things that you normally do not see in other magazines.

First of all, let's take a look at the player rankings in the front of the magazine. As mentioned on page 303, I feel that you are also getting an NFL draft guide with my individual position ratings. These ratings do not always match the conference rankings of the players. This year I will go over a couple of things that stand out. First of all if you look at my All-American team it shows Pat White of West Virginia is on the 2nd team yet White is listed as just the #13 QB in my top QB list. As stated on page 303, this is a list of how I feel the players rate for the upcoming draft as well as how productive they are in the NCAA. I feel White will have an All-American type of season and is a terrific college QB, but he is not rated as highly by NFL scouts. In 2006 Troy Smith of Ohio St took home the Heisman trophy and 1st Tm AA honors but was not selected in the draft until the 5th round and was the 9th QB taken overall. During the season I got a lot of flak from Ohio St fans about how I had him rated the 10th best QB. I actually may have had him a little overrated at #10 as 3 of the QB's I had listed before him were coming back in 2007! Another player that is lower in the NFL ranking but listed as an All-American is Jarett Dillard of Rice. He is not currently a 1st day draft selection but he is an All-American that should have great stats once again. Also note that freshmen and sophomores are rated lower than seniors and juniors as they are not eligible for the draft. Sometimes however I feel a frosh is one of the top pro prospects in the country. Some key rFr and true sophs that I have high in the all conference ratings are not high on the front lists as they are not eligible for the NFL rankings. If you compare my top position lists with my 1st, 2nd and 3rd Team All-Conference lists you will also find some exceptions. For the most part my 1st Team All-Conference QB is rated higher than the 2nd in the overall rankings. Deep teams like USC actually have 5 or 6 NFL prospects on my list at a position like RB but do not rate highly on the All-Pac-10 Tm. The reason is that they split the carries with so much talent in the backfield, they are not likely to produce a 1,000 yard back unless someone steps to the forefront this fall and takes over as the feature back.

Sometimes my overall rankings do not coincide with my conference predictions. This is not sloppiness on my part but rather being meticulous. This year in the MAC, I have Central Michigan #1 in the MAC West and Western #2. Central hosts Western and has won their most meaningful MAC games at home recently. Due to that factor CM will likely get to the MAC Title game. Western however could have more overall wins on the season and be ranked higher. Bill Cubit puts a priority on beating BCS non-conference teams and does so with wins over Iowa and Virginia and near misses vs Florida St and Indiana. CM generally puts little effort into non-conf games even losing to 1AA North Dakota St 44-14 and teams like Clemson and Kansas by a combined 122-21 last yr. My conference predictions are based on what each team's record will be in conference play and where they will finish in the final standings. As I mention in the Top 40, my Power Poll ranking is the overall strength of each team. Sometimes teams will be ranked a lot higher or lower in my Top 40 than the Power Poll ranking. This is due to scheduling.

On each conference page I list unit rankings and I feel they are the best set of unit rankings you will find. Each conference was done by me so they will be more consistent than the other magazines. One area that may raise some questions is the coaches' rankings. I take into account years at the program. If you read my coaching changes article on page 309, I explain that it is usually a two to three year process for new head coaches to get up to 100% speed at their new school. As an example let's look at the Big East. Last year I mentioned that I thought Steve Kragthorpe did a TREMENDOUS job at Tulsa and he took a woebegone Hurricane team to 3 bowls in 4 years. I had him rated as the 6th best coach in the Big East, however, as it was his first year at Louisville. He had to learn the players and the players had to learn new schemes on both offense and defense and we saw the results of that last year (UL not invited to bowl).

On the right hand pages for each team I have listed several interesting notes about each series. I have very little space on the two lines provided, so if a specific stat is given that was produced by a player or a team and the year is NOT mentioned then it is about last year's game.

As you can tell by going through the magazine there is very little advertising and as I wrap this article up I found out I needed one more page in the magazine. One of the pages I wanted to add was an article on starters lost during the year. Remember when Oklahoma won the National Title in 2000? Not a single OU starter lost a single start due to injury! My research has shown that teams that benefited from very few injuries, in this case 6 or less, usually have a weaker season the next year. I go into great detail with a lot of numbers backing up my research on www.PhilSteele.com.

The bottom line is that teams that have suffered a lot of injuries the previous year will generally have a better year the next season. A lot of backups were forced to play in the injury-riddled year hence gaining valuable experience and the team figures to not be so injury-prone the next year. In a study over the last 4 years, my research shows that if a team had 32 or more starts lost to injury the prior season, they improved or had the same record the next year on 31 out of 42 occasions for a 74% success rate. How about teams that are really banged up? Well from 2001-2005 12 teams went through seasons of having 40 combined starts lost or more and ALL 12 had the same or better record the next season. Eleven of the 12 had a stronger record. It surprises me that 12 teams met that criteria in 2006 but only 4 had a stronger record the next year and 7 had a weaker record. For space purposes I will just list those with the highest amount of starts lost in 2007 due to injuries or suspension.

1. Utah (51)
2. Stanford (49)
3. UCLA (42)
4. Toledo (42)
5. Pittsburgh (42)
6. Northern Illinois (38)
7. TCU (37)
8. Florida St (37)

Now let's look at the teams that had great fortune with very few injuries. With teams playing a 12 game schedule, I went for the magic number of 6 lost figuring that is less than one half of one starter lost to injury during the year. Over the past 5 years only TEN of the 42 teams (24%) that had this good fortune managed to improve their record the next year! Not as many teams had this good fortune last year but here are the teams whose records will likely drop this year. Last year 5 of the 6 teams listed had weaker records including Notre Dame and its huge drop to 3-9.

1. Vanderbilt (1)
2. Cincinnati (2)
3. Illinois (2)
4. Houston (2)
5. Kansas (3)
6. West Virginia (4)
7. Purdue (4)
8. Utah St (4)
9. Iowa St (4)

As mentioned, www.PhilSteele.com will have a page dedicated to starts lost this year as well as track each team's starts lost for the current 2008 season so you can see the teams who are really banged up and those that have remained very healthy. We may even include start charts for each of the teams and update them weekly!

Finally I told you about most of my Football Only months but my most relaxing months are the summer and those are the months I get to talk to my readers. We will have a list of all the radio shows I will be doing over the summer on www.PhilSteele.com and if you can't talk to me on the radio then you can email me your football questions at the website. I really do appreciate each and every person who buys my magazine and I hope to talk to or chat via email with you in the next couple of months!

THE POWER POLL TOP 120

Once again, I would like to thank EVERYONE who has sent in their questionnaires over the last few years and for taking the time to let me know your feelings about my magazine. Again, I am overwhelmed by the kind comments from those of you who appreciate all the hard work that goes into this magazine each year.

As I clearly point out in the front of the magazine, MY College Top 40 is based solely on where I think each team will finish and NOT how I rate the teams talent-wise. I stress each year that my surprise teams are often teams that have decent talent but a GREAT schedule. One of the prime examples this year is Tennessee which ranks #16 in the Power Poll but just #23 in the Top 40 rankings (pg 27). Tennesse plays Auburn, Georgia, South Carolina and UCLA on the road and also faces my #1 team, Florida at home.

To come up with the order for this article I could have continued on from teams I list in my Top 40 article and extended the list to #120 using that method. However, the weakest teams listed in my Top 40 may be those that faced the toughest schedules, so I did not feel that would be a fair representation. Therefore, I decided to give you my Power Poll Top 120. Let me explain why I call it the Power Poll and how it was derived.

A few years back, before computers became part of the BCS rankings system, there was without a doubt some flaws in the polls. Teams rated #2 or #3 in the country really were not that talented and were maybe the 5th or 6th best team. One internet site decided to produce a poll of some of the top analysts and experts each week and invited me to join. I myself work 365 days a year, especially during magazine time (March, April, May) and throughout the football season (August through January) when there are many 15-18 hour days put in and all of them are spent solely working on FOOTBALL. When they invited me to join the poll, I wanted to give them the best set of power ratings in the country to help make the poll as accurate as possible. The dilemma I had was which set? As I mention throughout the magazine, I have EIGHT different sets of power ratings that are based on different factors. One is based on the individual talent level and performance of each position on each team and those are added up for the rating. Another is based on my Power Plays numbers which include rushing and passing offenses, defenses and special teams. Another is a continually updated power rating based on the score of the games and the strength of opponent.

What I decided to do was combine all eight into one rating which gives me a very solid overall ranking for each team. The rating takes into account EVERY factor, using it as my main set of power ratings. These numbers will differ from my "Plus or Minus" ratings on page 305 as THAT set is just one of the EIGHT used to compile this main number. As mentioned earlier, these numbers will differ from my Top 40 because the Power Poll is concerned ONLY with the strength of the team and does not factor in who they will play for the upcoming season or how many games they should win in 2008. Keep in mind, this is basically MY COMPUTER'S Top 120. Without further adieu and at YOUR REQUEST, here is my 2008 Preseason Power Poll.

Florida QB Tim Tebow

1. Florida
2. Ohio St
3. USC
4. Oklahoma
5. Georgia
6. Missouri
7. Clemson
8. Auburn
9. LSU
10. Texas
11. Texas Tech
12. West Virginia
13. South Florida
14. Penn St
15. South Carolina
16. Tennessee
17. Oregon
18. BYU
19. Wisconsin
20. Virginia Tech
21. Florida St
22. Kansas
23. Utah
24. Notre Dame
25. Alabama
26. TCU
27. California
28. Arizona St
29. Pittsburgh
30. Oklahoma St
31. Nebraska
32. Boise St
33. Wake Forest
34. Arizona
35. Maryland
36. Oregon St
37. Mississippi
38. Iowa
39. Kansas St
40. Rutgers
41. North Carolina
42. Cincinnati
43. Illinois
44. Michigan St
45. Fresno St
46. Miami, Fl
47. UCLA
48. Louisville
49. Connecticut
50. Michigan
51. Northwestern
52. Colorado
53. Purdue
54. Miss St
55. Boston College
56. Tulsa
57. Western Michigan
58. Texas A&M
59. Central Michigan
60. Kentucky
61. East Carolina
62. Florida Atlantic
63. Ball St
64. Washington
65. Nevada
66. Stanford
67. Arkansas
68. Washington St
69. Hawaii
70. UCF
71. Virginia
72. Bowling Green
73. NC State
74. Indiana
75. Minnesota
76. Miami, Oh
77. Georgia Tech
78. Marshall
79. N Illinois
80. New Mexico
81. Iowa St
82. Kent St
83. Wyoming
84. Temple
85. Troy St
86. New Mexico St
87. San Jose St
88. SMU
89. Navy
90. Toledo
91. Duke
92. Buffalo
93. Memphis
94. Air Force
95. Syracuse
96. UTEP
97. UNLV
98. Houston
99. Vanderbilt
100. S Mississippi
101. Baylor
102. Louisiana Tech
103. UL Monroe
104. Eastern Michigan
105. Rice
106. Louisiana-Lft
107. Arkansas St
108. Middle Tennessee
109. San Diego St
110. Ohio
111. Akron
112. Colorado St
113. UAB
114. Idaho
115. Tulane
116. Utah St
117. North Texas
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WHICH TEAM PLAYS THE TOUGHEST SCHEDULE?

The question arises each year, "Who plays the toughest schedule?" At the beginning of the season, the NCAA usually releases a rating of each team's schedule based on their opponents' win/loss record from the previous season. This is a good method but it does have its obvious flaws.

The first flaw is basing the ratings on opponents' records from the previous season. Let's look at a couple of examples from last year. At the start of the year I had Illinois rated as one of the top teams in the Big Ten and they went on to knock off #1 Ohio St and play in the ROSE BOWL. My ratings had them as an above average opponent at the start of the year and they finished the regular season #13 in the country. Using 2006's record as the criteria for determining the strength of an opponents' schedule, however you would count them as a 2-10 team. Connecticut turned out to be one of the top teams in the Big East as they rose to #16 in the polls with an 8-1 record at one point. My power ratings had them as a bowl caliber team prior to the year but once again with a 4-8 record in 2006 the NCAA method would have had them counted as a weakling. Miss St, UCF, Air Force, Fresno St, Memphis, Colorado and Bowling Green all had 4 wins or less in 2006 yet all made it to bowls last year. On the flip side of the coin Notre Dame was in an obvious rebuilding year yet was still counted as a 10-3 team if you based strength of schedule on LAST YEARS's rec ord, and they were far from a January bowl team in 2007 at just 3-9!

The second flaw is basing it on pure overall records. If a team plays a FCS (IAA) school that was 11-1 in 2006, that would count as a MUCH tougher game in the NCAA ratings than facing a team like Florida St, California, South Carolina or Alabama. All of those BCS powers had weak records last year but should be bowl teams this season and are MUCH tougher than a 1AA team. To give you an example from 2002, my ratings foresaw that teams playing Kansas St were facing a Top 10 team based on my preseason ratings. The NCAA strength of schedule ranking rated a game against a power like Kansas St as just a game vs a 6-6 opponent (2001 record). Kansas St finished #7 in the AP poll for 2002 and walloped their opponents by an average score of 45-12, not exactly numbers from a typical middle-of-the-road opponent. In 2005, judging a team based on their previous season's record, teams that drew Notre Dame (6-6) and Alabama (6-6) appeared to be drawing an average team but my ratings had those two as bowl caliber teams and I rated the Tide a darkhorse National Title contender. ND was #5 in the final regular season poll and, at one point, Alabama was 9-0 and #4, but by going by 2004's record, both were supposed to be mediocre foes.

Let me delve a little further into 2003's ratings. Coming into the season, I rated Notre Dame as the team that would face the NCAA's toughest schedule. When the season was over, they did indeed face THE TOUGHEST schedule. The NCAA rankings at the start of the year only had ND's schedule ranked as the 49th toughest, a fairly average slate. Let's take a look at some of their opponents. The Irish faced 10 bowl eligible teams. Their opponents in 2003 finished a combined 97-55. **Once again, my strength of schedule is based on THIS YEAR'S strength of opponents NOT on opponent records from the previous year.** Basing it on their opponents' final records of 2002, it looked like a mediocre slate. They ended up facing teams that were ranked #1, #6, #9, #11 and #18 in the final AP poll, plus bowl squads from Pitt, Navy, Mich St and BC. Hardly a mediocre schedule as they faced 9 teams with winning records, the 2nd highest total in the NCAA that year!

I have many more examples from years past on my website www.philsteele.com for those of you that want a little more in-depth history on strength of schedule. These examples clearly show that basing schedule strength on last year's opponents record is inaccurate.

One chart that I find very helpful is comparing this year's schedule with last year's and I will delve into that more in a bit but here is my list of who ended up playing the toughest schedules in 2007. The 2007 bowl eligible teams are in **boldface**. Four of the teams that played the six toughest schedules did not make it to a bowl and the two that did finished a combined 13-13!

2007'S TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

1.	Washington	41.	**Louisville**	81.	**Connecticut**
2.	**UCLA**	42.	**Arizona St**	82.	**C Michigan**
3.	**Oklahoma St**	43.	UNLV	83.	San Jose St
4.	Nebraska	44.	**Wisconsin**	84.	New Mexico
5.	Arizona	45.	**Mississippi St**	85.	**Fresno St**
6.	Notre Dame	46.	**USC**	86.	Middle Tenn
7.	**Oregon**	47.	Colorado St	87.	**UCF**
8.	**South Carolina**	48.	San Diego St	88.	**Troy**
9.	**Michigan**	49.	Kansas St	89.	Rice
10.	**Florida**	50.	**Virginia Tech**	90.	W Michigan
11.	Stanford	51.	**Ohio St**	91.	**Ball St**
12.	**Oregon St**	52.	**Texas**	92.	Army
13.	NC State	53.	Wyoming	93.	Toledo
14.	**Maryland**	54.	Miami, Fl	94.	Akron
15.	Minnesota	55.	**West Virginia**	95.	UTEP
16.	Iowa St	56.	**Oklahoma**	96.	North Texas
17.	Duke	57.	**Penn St**	97.	**Florida Atl**
18.	**California**	58.	Marshall	98.	**ULM**
19.	Mississippi	59.	**Purdue**	99.	E Michigan
20.	Wash St	60.	**Utah**	100.	**Kansas**
21.	**Kentucky**	61.	**BYU**	101.	Kent St
22.	**Texas A&M**	62.	**Georgia Tech**	102.	Louisiana-Lft
23.	**Illinois**	63.	**Northwestern**	103.	**Nevada**
24.	**USF**	64.	**Wake Forest**	104.	**Tulsa**
25.	**Colorado**	65.	UAB	105.	N Illinois
26.	Pittsburgh	66.	**Virginia**	106.	**Navy**
27.	North Carolina	67.	**Cincinnati**	107.	N Mexico St
28.	Syracuse	68.	**Iowa**	108.	Arkansas St
29.	Baylor	69.	**Texas Tech**	109.	**Southern Miss**
30.	**Alabama**	70.	Utah St	110.	Tulane
31.	**Florida St**	71.	**Rutgers**	111.	Buffalo
32.	**Georgia**	72.	**East Carolina**	112.	**Boise St**
33.	**Missouri**	73.	**Indiana**	113.	**Miami, Oh**
34.	**Tennessee**	74.	**TCU**	114.	**Bowling Green**
35.	**Boston College**	75.	Florida Int'l	115.	Temple
36.	**Vanderbilt**	76.	Louisiana Tech	116.	**Houston**
37.	**Michigan St**	77.	**Arkansas**	117.	**Memphis**
38.	**Auburn**	78.	Idaho	118.	**Ohio**
39.	**Clemson**	79.	**Air Force**	119.	**Hawaii**
40.	**LSU**	80.	SMU	120.	W Kentucky

Now let's turn our attention to 2008. This year I again decided to see what method the NCAA would come up with for toughest opponents faced and compare them to my chart, which I always list in the magazine. Let's first look at the NCAA rankings. In the right hand column is a chart of all 120 teams and the combined 2007 opponents' records from last year. It is ranked in order of highest % of opponent wins (or toughest schedule) to lowest % of opponent wins (or easiest schedule).

On the next page are my rankings for the nation's toughest schedules this year. These rankings take two major factors into account. The first is my 8 sets of Power Ratings. This ensures that a IAA team is rated much lower than South Carolina, which was 6-6 last year but will be an SEC bowl team this year.

The second factor is the amount of home and away games played. As an example, this year some teams will have as many as 8 home games, while others play as many as 8 on the road.

Listed on page 318 are this year's toughest schedules rated from the most difficult to the easiest. The toughest schedule again this year according to my rankings belongs to Washington while the easiest belongs to Tulsa.

Let's pick out some teams to show you the flaws of just using last year's overall opponent records. Based on 2007's opponent records UAB plays the 15th toughest schedule while Vanderbilt takes on a much more manageable #48 slate. Both teams play Tennessee and South Carolina. For UAB those are their ONLY two BCS conference foes on the schedule. Vandy meanwhile plays TEN BCS conference teams, including Florida and Georgia who are both in the Top 5! Do you think

2008'S OPPONENT WINNING %

		Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%			Foe Wins	Foe Loss	Foe Win%
1.	Georgia	98	57	63.2%	61.	Indiana	79	72	52.3%
2.	Florida	94	58	61.8%	61.	NC State	79	72	52.3%
3.	Arkansas	94	59	61.4%	61.	UNLV	79	72	52.3%
4.	UCLA	94	60	61.0%	64.	Northwestern	79	73	52.0%
4.	Alabama	94	60	61.0%	64.	California	79	73	52.0%
6.	Auburn	92	61	60.1%	66.	Florida Int'l	76	71	51.7%
7.	Ohio St	90	60	60.0%	67.	Tennessee	78	73	51.7%
7.	Kentucky	90	60	60.0%	68.	Utah	76	73	51.0%
9.	Colorado	91	62	59.5%	69.	Virginia Tech	76	74	50.7%
9.	Baylor	91	62	59.5%	70.	Purdue	77	75	50.7%
9.	Washington	91	62	59.5%	70.	Notre Dame	77	75	50.7%
9.	Oregon St	91	62	59.5%	70.	Boston College	77	75	50.7%
13.	Mississippi	90	62	59.2%	70.	New Mexico	77	75	50.7%
14.	South Carolina	91	63	59.1%	74.	Iowa St	75	74	50.3%
15.	Maryland	92	64	59.0%	75.	Texas A&M	76	75	50.3%
15.	UAB	92	64	59.0%	76.	N Mexico St	74	74	50.0%
17.	Minnesota	89	62	58.9%	76.	Louisiana Tech	75	75	50.0%
17.	Wyoming	89	62	58.9%	76.	W Kentucky	75	75	50.0%
19.	Virginia	91	64	58.7%	79.	Missouri	74	75	49.7%
20.	Texas	90	65	58.1%	80.	Hawaii	80	82	49.4%
21.	Cincinnati	95	69	57.9%	81.	UCF	74	77	49.0%
22.	Oklahoma St	88	64	57.9%	82.	North Texas	73	76	49.0%
23.	Marshall	89	65	57.8%	83.	San Diego St	72	76	48.6%
24.	Georgia Tech	87	64	57.6%	83.	C Michigan	72	76	48.6%
25.	LSU	88	65	57.5%	85.	BYU	73	78	48.3%
26.	Michigan St	87	65	57.2%	86.	UTEP	73	80	47.7%
27.	Penn St	86	65	57.0%	87.	Wake Forest	72	79	47.7%
27.	Illinois	86	65	57.0%	88.	Boise St	71	79	47.3%
27.	Duke	86	65	57.0%	89.	Idaho	70	78	47.3%
30.	Pittsburgh	85	66	56.3%	90.	Air Force	70	79	47.0%
31.	Texas Tech	86	67	56.2%	91.	Miami, Oh	69	78	46.9%
31.	North Carolina	86	67	56.2%	91.	Troy	69	78	46.9%
33.	Nebraska	86	68	55.8%	93.	Tulane	71	81	46.7%
34.	Syracuse	83	66	55.7%	94.	Temple	70	80	46.7%
35.	Louisville	83	67	55.3%	94.	Fresno St	70	80	46.7%
35.	USF	83	67	55.3%	96.	Iowa	69	80	46.3%
37.	Kansas	83	68	55.0%	96.	Kent St	69	80	46.3%
38.	Miami, Fl	84	69	54.9%	98.	Army	68	80	45.9%
39.	Wash St	90	74	54.9%	98.	Middle Tenn	68	80	45.9%
40.	Wisconsin	82	68	54.7%	100.	TCU	68	81	45.6%
40.	West Virginia	82	68	54.7%	101.	Buffalo	68	82	45.3%
40.	Clemson	82	68	54.7%	102.	San Jose St	67	81	45.3%
43.	Michigan	83	69	54.6%	102.	Ohio	67	81	45.3%
43.	Utah St	83	69	54.6%	104.	Toledo	68	83	45.0%
45.	Rutgers	81	68	54.4%	105.	Akron	66	82	44.6%
46.	Oklahoma	82	69	54.3%	106.	ULM	64	82	43.8%
46.	Kansas St	82	69	54.3%	107.	S Mississippi	65	85	43.3%
48.	Vanderbilt	83	70	54.2%	108.	N Illinois	65	86	43.0%
49.	USC	82	70	53.9%	109.	Louisiana-Lft	63	84	42.9%
49.	Stanford	82	70	53.9%	110.	Rice	64	86	42.7%
49.	Mississippi St	82	70	53.9%	111.	Houston	62	86	41.9%
52.	Colorado St	81	70	53.6%	111.	Ball St	62	86	41.9%
53.	SMU	82	71	53.6%	113.	Arkansas St	61	87	41.2%
54.	Oregon	81	71	53.3%	114.	W Michigan	60	87	40.8%
54.	Florida St	81	71	53.3%	115.	Tulsa	60	88	40.5%
56.	East Carolina	81	72	52.9%	116.	E Michigan	59	90	39.6%
57.	Connecticut	78	70	52.7%	117.	Memphis	58	89	39.5%
58.	Arizona St	79	71	52.7%	118.	Florida Atl	57	89	39.0%
58.	Nevada	79	71	52.7%	119.	Bowling Green	56	90	38.4%
60.	Arizona	80	72	52.6%	120.	Navy	55	92	37.4%

Vandy's HC Bobby Johnson would take the NCAA's #15 toughest schedule over his #48 slate? He would jump at the chance and start lining up bowl invitations instead of going through the tough year they will face this season.

Wyoming faces the 17th toughest schedule based on last year's records. The Cowboys face a grand total of ONE BCS conference team! There are 65 BCS conference schools and ALL 65 would love to trade their schedule for Wyoming's, which my ratings rank as the 65th toughest schedule.

According to the NCAA's method, which is based on winning percentage for opponents, Florida International plays the 66th toughest schedule and NCSt faces the 61st toughest. Florida Int'l has to battle such "powers" as W Kent, N Texas and ULL playing 3 teams from BCS conferences (9 opp non-BCS!). NCSt's "equal" schedule has TEN teams from BCS Conferences and outside of the ACC they face USF (who also faces

FIU), South Carolina and East Carolina which are teams who are all near the top in their leagues. They will likely be an underdog in 8 or 9 of their games. If they played Florida International's schedule they would be favored 9 of the 12 games.

Let me get a little more in depth. According to opponents win %, Tennessee has a very soft slate with their opponents winning % at just 51.7% (78-73) in 2007. The NCAA rates it as the #67. Tennessee's "cupcake" schedule features road trips to UCLA, Auburn, Georgia and South Carolina! They also draw Florida, Alabama, Miss St and Kentucky at home! I rate their schedule as the 16th toughest. According to last year's record Stanford's opponents are only #49. I rate their schedule #14 as they have to play 5 of their 7 road games against teams that were in bowls last year. They also face a much improved Notre Dame team in South Bend and host National Title contender USC who will be out for revenge after last year's upset.

In 2004 on these pages, I looked at Iowa St's schedule and forecast a turnaround season. Of their 11 foes, only 1 ranked in my Top 25 at the start of the year. While teams like N Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska all had great seasons in 2003, they were far from powers in 2004. Based on 2003's records, Iowa St faced the 8th toughest schedule in the country!!!!! My ratings had their schedule at #60 and I felt only 1 of their foes would be in the Top 25 and just 5 or 6 in bowls (which is a low number for a BCS school). When the dust cleared, Iowa St faced only 5 bowl teams and came within a missed FG of winning the then-weak Big XII North, hardly the 8th toughest schedule in the land.

As a comparison, I also said that based on 2003's record, Kentucky had the 105th toughest schedule or 15th easiest in 2004, with their opponents just 63-76 (45%). I looked at their schedule and saw 5 Top 25 contenders, as well as projected 2004 bowl teams like S Carolina and Louisville. I said that Kentucky clearly played a much tougher schedule than Iowa St, yet based strictly on 2004's records, Iowa St played the 8th toughest and Kentucky the 15th easiest. UK's foes finished the year at 72-56 (#20), hardly an easy schedule.

Here are the teams with the biggest discrepancy in the two methods of determining toughest schedule and you can check out each team's schedules to see which method you think is better. I list the difference in rankings between the two in ( )'s. Most UNDERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face a tougher slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. NCSt (51), 2. Tennessee (51), 3. Purdue (50), 4. Vanderbilt (44), 5. Stanford (35), 6. Navy (35), 7. Iowa (30), 7. Ohio (30), 9. Toledo (29), 10. USC (28).

Here are the most OVERRATED schedules (i.e. teams that face an easier slate than NCAA % rankings): 1. Wyoming (48), 2. UAB (39), 3. Marshall (38), 4. East Carolina (33), 5. Clemson (33), 6. N Carolina (32), 7. Utah (31), 8. Florida Int'l (29), 9. SMU (29), 10. Duke (29).

If you go to my website (www.philsteele.com) you will find out that teams that play a top 20 schedule normally do not fare well. I mentioned earlier about the poor records for teams that took on a top 6 schedule last year but of teams that took on a top 20 slate, ELEVEN were not bowl eligible and ZERO were in the Top 10 at the end of the year. Only two of the 20 even managed to be ranked in the Top 20!

Conversely in 1996, Army & Wyoming faced the two easiest schedules and were a combined 20-2 during the regular season. In 1998 (in this article) I pointed out that Tulane had a similarly soft schedule and they simply went UNDEFEATED! In 1999, I asked, "Who will be this year's Tulane?" I answered myself by saying Marshall. The Herd then thundered their way to another UNDEFEATED season!!! TCU had a shot at an undefeated season in 2000 and went 10-1 in the regular season. In 2003, I noted the strongest teams playing the easiest schedules. I said TCU, facing the #96 schedule, was one of my surprise teams and they again flirted with an undefeated season. **In 2004, I listed both Utah and Boise St as non-BCS teams with talent, an easy schedule and a shot to run the table and both finished the regular season unbeaten!!!** In 2005 Ark St played the #119 schedule and made it to a bowl after going 3-8 the previous year! In 2006 Boise St faced the 11th easiest schedule and went undefeated while winning a BCS bowl. **Last year Hawaii faced the 2nd easiest schedule. I called for them to get to a BCS bowl and they played in the Sugar Bowl! This year TULSA draws the #120 slate!**

In 2004 I added a new feature to this article and took a look at the teams who have much easier, or much tougher schedules than the previous year. **I listed the 10 teams who took on the most improved (softer) schedules in 2004 than 2003. Out of the 10 teams, NINE had better records in 2004 than 2003 or 90%!!!!! Overall the 10 teams had a combined record in 2003 of 51-75 40% and improved to 69-50 58% in 2004, including Auburn, which went from 8-5 to a perfect 13-0 and Iowa St which went from 2-10 to a bowl!! In 2005, of the 10 teams in the "Going Up" box, EIGHT had better records in 2005 than in 2004. Four teams went from a losing season to a bowl. In 2006 of the 10 teams in this box, 8 ended up with better records including Wake Forest and Arkansas, who both went from losing seasons to January Bowls!!! Also Hawaii, Purdue and Texas A&M went from losing years to playing in a bowl. Last year I listed 12 teams in the box and 9 had the same or better record than in 2006 with teams like Virginia, Indiana and Memphis going from a losing season to a bowl.**

Here are the 10 teams with easier schedules that should have better success in 2008 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (easier) from last yr's schedule:

PHIL STEELE'S 2008 TOUGHEST SCHEDULES

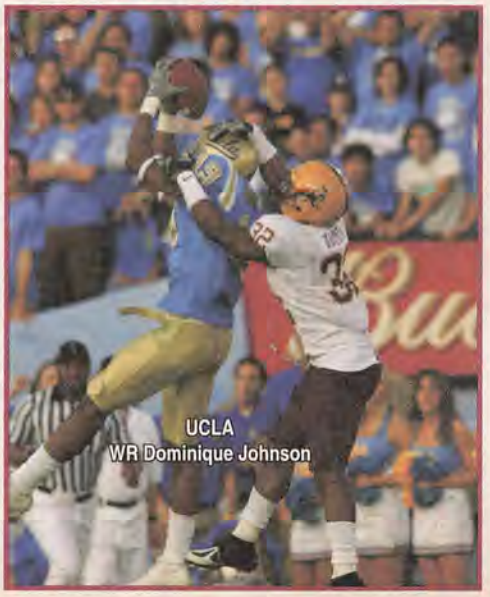
1. Washington	31. Ohio St	61. Marshall	91. E Michigan
2. Arkansas	32. Auburn	62. Mississippi St	92. North Texas
3. Georgia	33. Oregon	63. North Carolina	93. Temple
4. Vanderbilt	34. Kentucky	64. Missouri	94. Idaho
5. Oregon St	35. West Virginia	65. Wyoming	95. Florida Int'l
6. UCLA	36. Maryland	66. Iowa	96. Akron
7. Baylor	37. Georgia Tech	67. Notre Dame	97. UTEP
8. Colorado	38. California	68. Wake Forest	98. New Mexico St
9. Virginia	39. Texas Tech	69. Virginia Tech	99. Utah
10. NC State	40. Arizona St	70. Northwestern	100. Troy
11. Syracuse	41. Minnesota	71. Colorado St	101. Bowling Green
12. Florida	42. Oklahoma St	72. Ohio	102. W Kentucky
13. Michigan St	43. Utah St	73. Clemson	103. Louisiana Tech
14. Stanford	44. Miami, Fl	74. San Diego St	104. Air Force
15. Michigan	45. Connecticut	75. Toledo	105. Miami, Oh
16. Tennessee	46. Wisconsin	76. Hawaii	106. W Michigan
17. Cincinnati	47. Iowa St	77. Nevada	107. Boise St
18. Illinois	48. Penn St	78. UNLV	108. Middle Tenn
19. LSU	49. Boston College	79. Buffalo	109. Louisiana-Lft
20. Purdue	50. Florida St	80. Fresno St	110. Houston
21. USC	51. New Mexico	81. UCF	111. Kent St
22. Nebraska	52. Kansas St	82. SMU	112. Ball St
23. Texas	53. Texas A&M	83. C Michigan	113. Rice
24. Alabama	54. UAB	84. TCU	114. Memphis
25. Kansas	55. Louisville	85. Navy	115. San Jose St
26. South Carolina	56. Duke	86. BYU	116. Army
27. Pittsburgh	57. Arizona	87. Northern Illinois	117. ULM
28. Washington St	58. Rutgers	88. Southern Miss	118. Arkansas St
29. Mississippi	59. Indiana	89. East Carolina	119. Florida Atlantic
30. Oklahoma	60. USF	90. Tulane	120. Tulsa

In 2004, we took a look at the 10 teams that faced a tougher schedule and I said their records may drop because of it. Those ten teams combined for a 72-55 57% mark in 2003 but the same 10 were just 44-67 39.6% in 2004!!!! Once again, 90% of the teams saw their record get weaker and the only team that did not was Vanderbilt, which went from 2-10 to 2-9 because they played one less game!! The most notable dropees that made the list were powerhouses Kansas St and Maryland who were coming off 11 and 10 win seasons respectively and both had losing seasons!! In 2005 only ONE of 10 teams in the "Going Down" box managed to have a better record. In 2006 8 of the 10 teams in the "Going Down?" box had weaker records, including Iowa St and Virginia who went from being in a bowl to a losing record. Last year I had 8 teams in the box and surprisingly only 5 had a weaker record. That means over 4 years 82% of the teams in the "Going Down" box have had a weaker record the next year. Here are the teams with harder schedules that may see some dropoff in 2008 and the number in the parenthesis is the difference (harder) from last year's schedule.

GOING DOWN???

1. Kansas (75)
2. Arkansas (75)
3. Virginia (57)
4. Cincinnati (50)
5. Ohio (46)
6. Hawaii (43)
7. Purdue (39)
8. Connecticut (36)
9. New Mexico (33)
10. Vanderbilt (32)

The computer shows me that there are some other teams with one or more of the sets of Power Ratings which call for them to have undefeated seasons. Naturally, if a team is projected at the top of my Power Ratings, it has a greater chance of going unbeaten. In 2002, three sets of my ratings called for Ohio St to go unbeaten and the Buckeyes were the surprise team of the country. In 2003, 11 teams were rated in two or more sets of my Power Ratings with a perfect record. That included the Top 6 in the final AP poll who all were among the 11 teams I listed on this page. In 2005 USC and Texas made this list. The only unbeaten BCS team prior to the bowls in 2006 was Ohio St who made the list. Last year Hawaii made the list and was the only unbeaten team in the regular season. Here are this year's teams in which one or more sets of my Power Ratings forecast a perfect season as a possibility. This year the teams are Florida, Ohio State, USC, Oklahoma, Georgia, Missouri, West Virginia, USF, Clemson, Utah, BYU, Virginia Tech, Tulsa and Ball St. Keep in mind that good health, a positive turnover ratio and a little luck are needed to go unbeaten. I hope your favorite team has a favorable schedule.


UCLA
WR Dominique Johnson

GOING UP???

1. Notre Dame (61)
2. Arizona (52)
3. Oklahoma St (39)
4. Duke (39)
5. Utah (39)
6. North Carolina (36)
7. USF (36)
8. UNLV (35)
9. Clemson (34)
10. San Jose St (32)

LETTERMEN RETURNING/LOST SYSTEM

BY PHIL STEELE

For the last couple of years I have put an experience chart in the magazine which counts the number of Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors each team has and adds them up with a point system. Last year I went back and looked at percentages of lettermen returning and lost. Using percentages is more reliable than the amount of returning or lost lettermen because schools give out letters in different manners. Some schools hand out a lot of letters and others far fewer. Getting a letter at Syracuse under Paul Pasqualoni was tough, as he handed out just 38 total letters in 2004 and 40 in 2003. This year the low went to Air Force with 48. Nebraska in 2001 handed out 82 letters or over double what Syracuse was giving out, it was also the most given out by any school in the previous 6 years. I checked this year and Ohio broke all records with an amazing 91 letters given out while Hawaii had 90!

The first category I looked at was for teams with a high percentage of lettermen returning. I tossed the numbers into an Excel spreadsheet. Common sense would say teams that had a high percentage of lettermen returning should be much stronger the next year and have a better record. In the last 7 years a total of 77 teams have had 79% or more lettermen returning. That comes out to 11 per year. Of those 77, 58 have had the same or better record the next year or 75%. Of the 77 teams, 50 improved their record the next year which is 65%, which is still a solid number.

I was looking for a higher percentage so I started to eliminate some groups. Naturally, when I limited the group of teams that had 79% of their lettermen returning to those that also had at least 16 starters returning, the percentage went up. Out of the now smaller group of 56 teams, 45 or 80% had the same or better record and 70% or 39 of 56 had an improved record. Those are, once again, nice numbers but I wanted an even higher percentage so I narrowed the group once again.

When I cut the group to just teams that had 79% or better lettermen returning and who had 18 or more starters returning, the numbers shot up to tremendous highs. There were 25 teams that fit this criteria over the past 7 years and of those 25 teams, 22 or 88% had the same or better record the next year and TWENTY of the 25 teams improved their record, which is an 80% rate of success.

Three teams in 2006 that met this criteria had seasons that not many expected. Boise St had 86% lettermen returning from their 2005 team which went 9-4. Of those 86%, 18 were returning starters. It is tough to improve much upon a 9-4 record but Boise St went 12-0 during the regular season, LANDED A BCS BOWL and BEAT Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl!!! That is a great deal of improvement and very impressive. An even bigger gain came from the Arkansas Razorbacks, whom I called the most improved team in the country in 2006. They had 80% lettermen returning (19 starters). The Hogs, who were 4-7 in 2005, vaulted to 10-1 and #5 ranking before a disappointing finish left them at "only" 10-4 (#15) for the year, but were the SEC West Champs and went from 4-7 to a New Year's Day Bowl. Wake Forest was just 4-7 in 2005 but had 83% lettermen returning (19 starters). Wake had low expectations then lost their starting QB and RB to injuries but somehow still managed to improve to an amazing 11-2. They not only got to play in the ACC title game but WON THEIR FIRST ACC TITLE SINCE 1970 (37 years!). They had been picked last in the preseason ACC poll! Last year 5 teams made the list and surprisingly only 3 improved their records, with Buffalo and Florida Atlantic (New Orleans Bowl champs) making the biggest improvement.

Teams that have 79% returning lettermen this year and a 65% chance of improving their record (but less than 16 returning starters) are Pittsburgh, Toledo, Eastern Michigan and Idaho. All 4 had losing records last year so check my most improved list on page 19 and see how many I project for bowls. The 79% lettermen returning with 16 or 17 starters back have a 70% chance of improving their record this year. The only team that qualifies this year is Florida and they should get to the National Title game!

Now, here are the FIVE MEMBERS of the elite 79% and 18+ returning starter club and each is hoping to have the same great success as last year's members. These teams have a 80% chance of having a better record this year and I list them in the following box.

79% Lettermen
18+ Returning Starters

- Temple
- Northern Illinois
- Ohio State
- Texas Tech
- Florida Atlantic

Now, let's look at the opposite end of the spectrum, teams that have a low percentage of lettermen returning. If you look at teams that had 60.5% or less lettermen returning, there are 72 in the last 7 years. As you would expect, 48 of those had a weaker or the same record the next year or 67%. (45 or 63% had a weaker record).

Now if we are looking for inexperienced teams then teams that have over half of their starters back should not count, right? If we take away the teams that are fairly experienced with 12 or more starters returning the numbers improve. There have been 49 teams that had 60.5% or lower lettermen returning and 11 or less starters. They have had a weaker or the same record 73% of the time (34 or 69.3% weaker record). Like above, those are nice numbers but I wanted a higher percentage.

The next and final qualification got me where I wanted to be. Taking a look at teams with 60.5% or less returning lettermen, 11 or less returning starters AND no returning starter at QB, has a team having a worse record the next year 75% of the time and the same or weaker record 82%. It has happened 28 times in the last 7 years and only 5 teams managed to improve their record with two of those being the 2006 Temple team, which went from 0-11 to 1-11 and the Ole Miss team of 2006, which went from 3-8 to 4-8 the next year. That means that only 3 of the 28 had less losses than the previous year or just 11%. The biggest four dropoffs have happened the past four years. In 2004, Kansas St had been a dynasty under Bill Snyder but could not overcome the "60.5%, 11, 0 QB Plan" and went from a very successful 11-4 season to just 4-7, a huge drop of 7 less wins! The next year Florida Atlantic had just 50.8% returning lettermen, 8 returning starters and a new QB. They went from a super 9-3 season in 2004 to just 2-9 in 2005, another 7 game drop. In 2006, Miami, Oh had just 58.9% returning lettermen, 7 returning starters and an inexperienced QB. They not only had a great streak of ELEVEN STRAIGHT WINNING SEASONS snapped but dropped from 7-4 to just 2-10! Last year Notre Dame was one of 3 teams on this list (Florida and Baylor also had weaker records) and the Irish plummeted from a Sugar Bowl berth in 2006 to 3-9 last year!

This year 12 teams fall into the category of returning 60.5% or less lettermen. Eight of those teams have 12 or more returning starters so they are eliminated, leaving us with 4. Of those, 2 (NCSt and Army) have returning starters at QB so they "only" have a 69% chance of a weaker record in 2008.

This year only two teams fall into final category into 60.5% or less lettermen returning, 11 or less returning starters and an inexperienced QB. These teams have a 75% chance of having a weaker record this year and only a 11% chance of improving their record.

60.5% or Less Lettermen Returning
11 or less starters
No returning starter at QB

- Virginia
- Air Force

This year I added a chart which takes the lettermen returning % times 100, plus the total returning starters times 5 plus awards 25 points for a QB returning. Over the last 7 year's there have been 45 teams that earned 190 plus points and of those 45, 40 had the same or better record the next year 89%! Temple, N Illinois, Ohio St, Texas Tech, Florida Atlantic and Buffalo fit the criteria this year.

Taking a look at the lower numbers there were even more choices. Teams with LESS than 127 points had a weaker or the same record 94 out of 119 (79%), 122 points or less 74 out of 92 or 80% and 114.5 or less it was 82%. Teams with 103.5 or less points had a weaker or the same record 18 out of 21 times or 86%. This year the 7 teams whose records will most likely drop are Michigan 116.18, S Mississippi 115.08, Army 113.72, Virginia 113.49, Georgia Tech 112.57, Hawaii 111.11 and Air Force 87.92.

For a complete list of this year's returning and lost lettermen look at the team pages or visit
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AIR FORCE -Fisher DeBerry's ST were known for excellence as well as a lot of blocked kicks. They finished #33 in my ST rankings in '05 but had to replace their top KR, P and K and finished a respectable #68 in his final year in '06. **AKRON -** In 2002, Miquel Irvin set the school record with 53 rec (10.1). Matt Cherry had 66 rec (13.7) in '03. Converted DB Domenik Hixon tied the record in '04 with 66 rec (13.4). He then re-set the record in '05 with 75 (16.1)...The Zips had an outstanding O-line in 2003 with 5 starters back and the unit avg 309 lbs with the avg bench being 460. That group paved the way for 159 ypg rush (4.0). Surprisingly, in 2004 they had 4 starters back but dropped to 2.8 ypc while allowing 40 sacks. They had to replace 4 starters in 2005 but surprisingly improved (21 sk, 3.3 ypc)...They got a miracle LY vs W Mich when trailing by 7, WM took an intentional safety with :15 left and then Akron got an 89 yd KR TD, where some penalties were not called and they got the 39-38 win on the last play. MAC officials later apologized for two blown calls. **ARKANSAS** - The defending SEC West champs had 17 starters back in 2003 but finished 4th in a tough division. They beat #6 Texas and moved as high as #7, their best ranking in 14 years at 4-0. They suffered 3 straight tough losses but went 5-1 down the stretch to finish 9-4. Nutt almost took the job at Nebraska but opted to stay in what was clearly a rebuilding season. They had the fewest amount of returning starters in the country (4) as five juniors left early for the NFL and had benefitted from +11 in turnovers in '03. I said if Nutt got 2004's team above .500 it would be one of his best coaching feats yet. He nearly did so but came up just short at 5-6, despite playing #7 Texas to the wire. The Hogs were outgained by 68.5 ypg in SEC play. **ARIZONA** - Arizona was the only Pac-10 team to be penalized for academics, losing four scholarships in '06 and three in '07. **ARIZONA ST** - In 1971, Woody Green had 117 yds in his debut and went on to become the school's all-time career rushing leader. In 2004, Eugene Germany originally signed at USC and Michigan and has been given a 3rd chance here. The Sun Devils O-line was banged up in each of the final 3 years of Dirk Koetter's regime. As an example, in 2006 they basically had 4 returning starters but 3 players who combined for 14 starts in '05 played in a combined 4 games in '06 and 2 others combined 8 starts with injury. For a few games late in the year they were actually missing 3 starters but surprisingly the unit paved the way for 4.4 ypc rush, which was their best since 1997 but the sacks climbed to 37 (10.6%). **ARMY** - In 2003, Army had to replace 4.5 starters from the front wall and in Todd Berry's pass-reliant offense they finished dead last in the NCAA with a paltry 64 ypg rushing (2.0). In Bobby Ross' first year he had 8 players back with starting experience and they paved the way for 176 ypg rushing (5.1). With one starter back in '05 they dropped to 140 ypg (3.3) with 22 sacks. In 2006 all 5 starters were back but surprisingly they only avg 128 ypg rush (3.7) and allowed 20 sacks (6.8%)... Army actually had a home game scheduled this year for Georgia Tech and while it's tough to land a BCS team at home, they actually cancelled the game as they want a softer schedule. **AUBURN -** Against Tenn Tech, 4 QB's played with Burns and Caudle combining to go 0 for 7 and Field hitting 6 of 11 for 92... Auburn's president, AD and former Lville HC Petrino, had a clandestine meeting and it appeared that Tuberville's days were numbered. He survived and actually had his contract extended for 5 years. **BAYLOR** In 2005, Baylor had 8 of the top 10 back and added Tulane transfer C William Blaylock and VHT JUCO Matt Lott. The unit still only opened holes for 3.1 ypc rush (their best since 1999) and allowed a respectable 26 sacks (6.6%)...2007 was the 4th time they recorded zero Big XII wins... P Daniel Sepulveda took home the Ray Guy Award in 2004 (40.6 net) and it was the 2nd time in 3 years that Nelson had coached a Ray Guy semifinalist. **CALIFORNIA** - Cal has had 7 QB's selected in the NFL draft since 1979, including three 1st rounders. **C MICHIGAN** - Kent Smith (6'5" 215) was CM's starting QB in '05 and was #1 in the MAC in total offense as a senior throwing for 2,799 (60.7%) with a 16-6 ratio (443 net rush) while guiding CM to a then rare winning season... CM won the Div II National Championship in 1974 then moved to the MAC in 1975. Four of their first five years in MAC play they finished #1 or #2 and went on to win MAC Championships in 1990 and 1994 earning 2 bowl bids. In an 18 year streak from '74-'91 they had ZERO losing seasons. In 1994 the team got to its 2nd bowl in five years but over the next 10 years had 9 losing seasons...They also opted to move to the West sideline in Kelly/Shorts Stadium after occupying the East since 1972. **CLEMSON** - Against GT, Spiller had just 2 yards on 9 att's and the 2 RB's combined for 12 carries (12 yd) vs VT. Against BC, Davis had 12 carries for just 12 yards. Third string Sadat Chambers (PS#87) moved from ROV in the preseason had 161 (5.8) and led with 112 in the blowout of CM but only had just 49 additional for the season... Linthicum had TD's in the first two games, becoming the first TE to have TD's in back-to-back games since 1983...K Mark Buchholz had 4 key misses vs GT but did have a great game vs WF with a 52 yard game-winner and also connected from 48 and 46. He had a tough outing vs BC and hit 20 of 32 with a long of 50 and 3 of his misses were from 50+ while also missing 2 in the OT bowl loss... They upset Fla St in the opener and then dominated their next 3 opp's but against GT, missed 4 FG's, suffered a blocked punt that set up GT's only TD, fumbled a KR that set up a FG and they lost. **EAST CAROLINA** - In 2004, the Pirates had to replace 5 players who combined for 44 starts and the OL struggled (2.8 ypc). In Holtz's first year, they had to learn a brand new system but only had to replace two starters. The starters played the vast majority of every game (70-80 snaps) and the ypc improved to 3.8. In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and 2 backups. The group hit the weight room hard with many OL's gaining size and strength, as Holtz felt they could not run the ball when they had wanted to in 2005. Their 3 new starters had just a combined 26 career snaps on the O-line coming into '06 and later true frosh Cory Dowless took over a starting spot. Another true frosh, Sean Allen, started the last 2... In 2004, EC had their worst rush D since 1992 (233, 4.9) thanks to a young D-line (4 career starts return). In 2005, with everyone back, they showed mild improvement (218, 4.8), despite adding NC transfer Marcus Hands (PS#34). He was leading the CUSA in sacks when he was lost in the 8th game. In 2006 they had to replace just 3 players who had a combined 7 starts and allowed just 145 ypg rush (4.0)... Holtz inherited a ST unit that finished #85 in my special teams rating in '04 but despite P Dougherty, KR Williams and JUCO K Robert Lee, who hit 17-19 FG with a long of 51, they were just #72 in '05. The unit returned intact in '06 and moved up to #57. **FLORIDA ATLANTIC** - The Owls had 9 starters back in '04 but were plagued by injuries and averaged the same 3.2 ypc vs a tougher schedule. In '05 they had to replace 3 starters then lost a projected starter to injury. The ypc dropped to 3.0 and they allowed 34 sacks (11.4%). **FLORIDA ST** - In 2005, FSU had to replace three starters, including #1 and #4 DC's, and then the unit was hit hard by injuries and only paved the way for 94 ypg rush (3.3), their worst since 1947. In 2006 they only had to replace two starters and surprisingly there was not much improvement (97 ypg, 3.5) but did allow just 26 sacks (5.9%). **GEORGIA** - UGA's O-line had performed as expected from 2003-2006. In 2003 they had to replace five senior starters and allowed an SEC high 47 sacks (3.4 ypc). With 8 starters back in 2004 they improved to 4.1 ypc (21 sk). In 2005 the entire 2 deep returned and the ypc increased to 4.6, as they allowed the 2nd fewest sacks in the SEC (20). In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters and only had 5 healthy eligible OL ready for the opener (2 susp). Naturally, the rushing numbers dropped to 3.9 ypc (17 sk)... **HAWAII** - Colt Brennan set 9 school records, including ypg passing (358.4) breaking Nick Rolovich's 2001 mark of 336.1...The '03 O-line paved the way for 4.6 ypc rush and allowed just 3.4% sacks. In 2003 they had to replace two starters and C Samson Satele turned down a shot at the NFL. With 3 NFL caliber OL's they opened holes in '06 for 5.5 ypc rush, their best since 1993 and allowed 28 sacks (4.6%). **ILLINOIS** - In 1998 then-coach Ron Turner gave true frosh Kurt Kittner his first start at home vs Iowa and the next week he guided a road upset-win over Northwestern. That Illini team only finished 3-8 but Kittner led the team to a pair of bowls in the next three years, including a Big Ten Title in 2001. HC Zook hopes for the same success from Juice Williams (PS#11). **IOWA** - The Hawks have produced just one 1st Tm Big Ten punter since Reggie Roby in the early 80's and that was Nick Gallory in 1996. Donahue appears on his way there. He avg 41.1 with a net of 36.0. Donahue did break Dave Holsclaw's record for overall punts in season (86). **KENTUCKY** - The UK O-line opened holes for 3.6 ypc rushing (34 sk) in 2005 and three true frosh had to play due to injuries. In 2006 the O-line returned intact, but two of 2005's returning starters combined for just 10 starts in '06. Surprisingly, they only avg 99 ypg rushing (3.1), their lowest total since 1999 and allowed 39 sacks (8.9%). DT Jason Leger moved to the O-line in game 4 and took over the starting RG spot as Fatu Turituri tore his ACL. Leger started 3 and then was injured. They used 8 different OL combinations. **KENT ST** - In 2005, Kent St had to replace record-setter Joshua Cribbs, who has made quite an impact in the NFL as a return man with the Cleveland Browns. KSU was in the spread offense that year and Michael Machen threw for 2,078 (54.8%) with an 11-18 ratio. True frosh Jon Brown (PS#168) who ran a Texas Tech-type offense in HS threw for 474 (61.9%) with a 2-4 ratio. In 2006 both returned but Machen was injured and mobile Julian Edelman who had 1,253 rush and 1,312 passing at JC in '05 won the job. **LSU -** Scott had 7 carries for 91 yards in the 1H vs Kentucky then surprisingly just touched the ball twice in the 2H. In 10 games he had 4 carries or less but did lead with 94 yards vs Kentucky and 66 vs Ole Miss. **MARYLAND** - In the Fridge's first three years the O-line opened holes for 4.5, 4.7 and 4.5 ypc. Surprisingly, in 2004 it slipped to 2.9. In 2005 they had to replace three starters and two backups, then lost starting LT Stephon Heyer (ACL), so they had just one starter returning. MD averaged 3.4 ypc rush and the O-line allowed 31 sacks (8.8%). In 2006 they had to replace one starter and Heyer and Jack Griffin (8 st DT '05) returned. **MEMPHIS** - DeAngelo Williams had a storied 4 year career ('02-'05). He left as the NCAA's career-leader in all-purpose yards (7,573) and finished #4 all-time in rushing. He was CUSA Off POY for 3 straight seasons and his thirty-four 100 yard games topped Archie Griffin (Ohio St) and Tony Dorsett (Pitt) who each had 33. He was the first, 1st round DC from Memphis (CAR) since 1996... Memphis was #64 in my pass D rankings in '05 and in 2006 returned two starters. Injuries hurt the unit and 10 different players started in the secondary. West tinkered with moves between FS and CB all year and the most any player started at the same position was Brandon McDonald with 6 at FS... They only lost 10 lettermen heading into 2004 with 15 starters back, including QB Wimprine and RB Williams. Unfortunately, the defense struggled allowing 31.3 ppg and 417.8 ypg and they lost two games in the final minute (UAB and L'ville) but still had back-to-back 8+ win seasons (first time S/'63). That 2004 team appeared in the AP poll for the first time ever (was #14 in the UPI in '63 but the AP only counted the Top 10 that year). 2005 saw a radical shift in the offense, as they had just 3 starters back and had to replace Wimprine. After throwing for 200+ passing yards 9 times in 2004, they had zero games of 200+ relying on RB DeAngelo Williams. Despite the changes, they had their 3rd consecutive winning-season and knocked off Akron in the bowl, even though they lost their 1st and 2nd string QB's early in the season. They nearly upset Tenn leading 16-14 in the 4Q, despite RB Williams missing the game. They got their first win at S Miss since 1984 and after opening the season 4-5, won their last 3. **MIAMI, OH** - Into 2006 MU was 17-1 in their final 6 regular season games, so they still had hope, but would notch just one more win, finishing with an ugly 2-10 record... Miami has won or shared 14 MAC Titles, more than any other team and won more MAC games than any other MAC member. **MICHIGAN** - UM had a banged up O-line in 2005 and only opened holes for 3.9 ypc rush. Even though they had just 2 starters back in 2006, the unit missed just 1 start to injury and improved to 176 ypg (4.3). They yielded just 14 sacks in the first 11 and 10 in the final 2. The ypc would have been better if not for having just 12 yards (0.4) rushing vs USC.... The Wolves always finish near the top in my pass D rankings. In 2005 they had to replace 1st Tm AA SS and a #1 DC at CB. They then lost their starting FS prior to the year and still finished #18. In 2006 they only had to replace one starter and got back an '05 starter. Surprisingly, they "only" finished #17. **MICHIGAN ST** - In 2006 the Spartans had arguably one of their most talented receiving corps in their history but this unit summed up the Smith era. Despite all of their experience and production, the Spartans probably led the NCAA in dropped passes, a problem that plagued the unit for four straight years. **MINNESOTA** - Thanks to playing 13 games, Bryan Cupito topped Mike Hohensee's 1981 mark of 21 TD passes in a season...They had 20,000 NDSt fans on hand for the 27-21 upset, which came after nearly upsetting the Gophers in 2006. **NAVY** - When Jason Tomlinson was a soph he topped Eric Roberts in receiving after Roberts had led the previous 2 years. Tomlinson became the 1st player to lead the team in receiving for 3 straight years since All-American Ron Beagle (1953-'55). **NEVADA** - In 2007 prior to the spring, Ault runs a grueling "Nevada Run." For the first time in Ault's career, every player made their designated time so he is very pleased with the gains the team made in strength and conditioning. **NEW MEXICO ST** - Jimmy Cottrell who became the first player in school history to lead the team in tackles for four straight years and set the school single season tackle record with 179... Chase Holbrook, who ran the Mumme system at SEL, thrived in his offense. The 2005 QB's combined for a 17-21 ratio and 56.7% while Holbrook threw for 70% completions and a fine 34-9 ratio. .. Ironically playing Fresno, it was just their 2nd rainy home game in 15 years, the other vs Fresno as well. **NORTE DAME** - Even Navy, which came into the ND game with 5 sacks on the season, had 4 vs the Irish OL. **NORTH CAROLINA** - From 1995-2002, NC's best ypc rushing was just 3.6. They've had just 3 OL's drafted since 1990. In 2003, with all 5 starters back, they paved the way for 4.7 ypc rushing. They had two

starters back in 2004 but improved to 4.9 ypc. A mobile QB like Durant helped. In 2005, they only had to replace two starters but still dropped to just 2.8 ypc, while allowing 33 sacks (9.3%). **OHIO** - When OU ran the wishbone offense, they always had great ypc and low sack totals. In 2004 they switched to a pass offense and the line opened holes for just 2.9 ypc, while allowing 52 sacks (15%!!). They had to replace 3 starters and had an injury plagued unit in Solich's first season but still managed to improve to 4.5 ypc rush (19 sacks, 7.1%). **OHIO ST** - The Buckeyes surprisingly did not have a 1,000 yard rusher in 2003 or 2004 (leading rusher in '04 had 475 yards). **OKLAHOMA** - IN 2006 QB Bomar and RG Quinn were dismissed from the team over the summer. They were robbed of a victory at Oregon by some ridiculous ref calls, suffered 5 TO's vs Texas and lost, despite a 333-232 yd edge. They lost star RB Adrian Peterson to injury for over 1/2 the season. **OKLAHOMA ST** - Gundy said that CB Lacey was much improved and was the first player awarded a black jersey in Aug. **OREGON** - RB Jonathan Stewart in '05 led the NCAA in KR (33.7) but was bothered by an ankle injury (188 yd rush). Terrence Whitehead, who had 1,115 (5.6) in '04, led but with just 679 (4.4). In the 5th week they took the RS off of Jeremiah Johnson (PS#68) and he rushed for 147 (6.1). With Whitehead gone in '06 Stewart had 981 (5.4)... The Ducks allowed an avg of 3.2 ypc rush the first five years of the decade. They had to replace two starters in 2005 and surprisingly slipped to 3.9 ypc. In 2006 they had to replace one of the best Duck players of all-time in DT Haloti Ngata (#1DC), as well as their career leader in tfl. Projected starting DT Cole Linehan missed seven with injury and JUCO Ra'Shon Harris was lost for the season with injury. The unit slipped a little more to 4.3 ypc rush, the worst total since 1997. **OREGON ST** - In 2004 Oregon St won the Northwest Championship beating Washington, Washington St and Oregon in the same year for the first time since 1974. The Beavers have turned Reser Stadium into a pit for opposing teams as they are 42-12 at home. In 2005 the stadium underwent a $93 million expansion project, including replacing their old artificial turf with FieldTurf (to cut down on inj). Their streak of 28 consecutive sellouts ended but they did get their first sellout in the expanded stadium vs Oregon in 2006...Ken Simonton left after the '01 season as the Pac-10's #2 all-time leading rusher. In 2002, Steven Jackson (PS#35), a powerful 224 lb back with 4.4 speed, rushed for a school record 1,690 (5.3) and became OSU's 2nd Pac-10 rushing champ in 3 years. He then rushed for 1,545 (4.4) in '03 but left early for the NFL (#1DC STL). In 2004 the top 2 RB's did not COMBINE for 1,000 yards (994). Yvenson Bernard was the top returning rusher in '05 (20 yds). Bernard rushed for 1,321 (4.4), with #2 rusher Nate Wright getting just 10 carries. In 2006 Bernard did not play vs USC and was on the injury list on a weekly basis but still rushed for 1,307 (4.4) with 12 TD's. At 5'9" 202 lbs his strength is his shifty elusiveness. JC transfer Clinton Polk had 100 vs USC and rushed for 248 (3.9). Last year Polk missed the first 3 (acad) so the backup RB was a question mark.... In 2004, OSU, with just 2 returning starters, only paved the way for 71 ypg rushing (2.2), their lowest total in the last 2 decades. In 2005 they brought in OL coach Mike Cavanaugh and despite having to replace two starters, having solid blocking TE Joe Newton injured and having zero senior starters, they improved to 123 ypg (3.2), while allowing 32 sacks (7.0%). **PENN ST** - Due to some off field problems, Paterno had the entire team clean the stadium after their first 5 home games in 2007. After a couple of years of RB by committee, Paterno installed little-used fifth year senior Larry Johnson as the feature back in 2002. He rushed for 2,087 (7.7) and is now one of the NFL's top backs. True frosh PA schoolboy-legend Austin Scott (PS#16) led with 436 (4.4) in '03. Scott was in the doghouse in '04 and Tony Hunt led with 777 (4.6). Hunt was also the #1 receiver with 39 (8.6). Rodney Kinlaw rushed for 93 (4.0) while recovering from a knee injury... Penn St had a mobile QB in 2005 and also had 9 of their top 10 returning and running the spread offense, they avg 213 ypg rush (5.1), while allowing just 14 sacks (4.2%). In 2006 they had to replace six players who combined for 47 starts and still had respectable stats, even with a less-mobile QB with 150 ypg rush (4.3) and 23 sacks (5.4%). **PITTSBURGH** - QB McCoy had a phenomenal year breaking the Big East frosh rushing record. He became the first Pitt freshman to rush for 1,000 yards since 1988 (Curvin Richards, 1,228) and only the third all-time. Tony Dorsett had 1,686 in 1973... In 2006 they had to only replace one starter, LT Charles Spencer (#3DC). Projected starting LT John Bachman missed the year with injury, then returning RG John Simonitis (11 st '05) broke his ankle after 5 starts and their new projected starting LT missed the year with injury. They moved VHT DT Jason Pinkston (PS#24) from DT to OT in Sept and he burned his RS playing in 7. **PURDUE** - Part of the reason for Purdue's excellent rush D in 2002 and 2003 was their LB corps and all 3 starters were NFL DC's in 2004...In 2002 they were much better than their final 7-6 record. They were #1 in the Big Ten in both total offense and defense and their 6 losses came by a combined 26 points. Four of their losses came vs Top 10 teams and they outgained league foes by 144.5 ypg, but were -10 in turnovers and finished 4-4 in the Big Ten. They had 2 OT losses in 2003 and could have easily finished higher than their final #19 ranking. In 2004 they had QB Orton back but they also had a very young D with 8 new starters. They still managed to jump out to 5-0, and were ranked #5 when a fumble was ret'd 40 yards for a TD by Wisconsin with 2:36 left. They also blew late leads vs Michigan, N'wstrn, Iowa and, once again, in their bowl. Their 5 losses were by 2,8 ppg! Despite a 7-5 record, they outscored foes by 14.6 ppg. **RUTGERS** - Ray Rice, who never had more than 113 rush attempts in a season in HS, had 195 in 2005. Rice, who was the first player in school history to have three 1,000 yard rushing seasons, finished as the school's career-rusher (4.9) and TD leader (25). **SAN DIEGO ST** - Three years ago 25 players participated in the summer workout program. In 2007 that number was up to 86. **SOUTH CAROLINA** - Lou Holtz had mostly option-style QB's and the closest fit to HC Spurrier's offense was Blake Mitchell (PS#15). Mitchell won the starting job in '05 and attempted more passes (23) in the opener than he had attempted the previous year (9 of 22, 86 yd). His 330 yards were the most ever for a first time starter at SC. Spurrier worked-in running QB Syvelle Newton (PS#7) who also had six starts at WR. Mitchell threw for 2,370 (59%) with a 17-12 ratio. Mitchell won the starting job in 2006 and threw for 1,789, improving his completion % to just 66.8 with a 10-6 ratio. Newton sparked the team at midseason and threw for 1,316 (58.6%) with a 12-7 ratio and rushed for 451... In 2005 they brought in OL Coach John Hunt and installed new zone pass blocking techniques. Due to injuries and some shuffling, they had six different starting OL lineups in the first six weeks. The unit paved the way for just 3.1 ypc rush, while allowing 30 sacks (8.5%). In 2006 they had to replace 3 starters but had 5 players back with starting experience. Only one player starting all 13 at the same position and nine different players earned starts. Spurrier felt the unit would be stronger and better conditioned and they did improve their ypg rushing by 49 yards increasing the ypc to 4.5 and decreasing the sacks to 24 (8.7%)... The Gamecocks were #32 and #22 in my pass D rankings in 2004 and 2005. In 2006 two starters opted to leave early for the NFL draft and they had to replace one other starter plus four players from the 2 deep missed the season. The less experienced unit dropped to #50. **USF** - EC Coach Skip Holtz said USF was the fastest D they'd played all year. **SYRACUSE** - UW mauled them and the next week vs Iowa they had 1 yard in the 1H but did not get their first FD until 6:00 left in the 3Q. The next week vs Illinois they got a FD in the 2Q but trailed 41-10. **TENNESSEE** - The O-line had unbelievable protection of Ainge and at one point had 294 pass att without a sack. **TEXAS** - They got their 7th straight year of double-digit-wins putting up 52 vs Ariz St in the bowl and finished in the top 10 for the 24th time in their 71 year history of the AP, with 5 of them being accomplished in HC Brown's 10 years. **TEXAS A&M** - The heat was turned up when it was found out Franchione was selling a newsletter for $1,200 a year to boosters providing inside information. **TEXAS TECH** - RB Taurean Henderson was just the 3rd player in NCAA history to have 3,000 yards rushing and 2,000 receiving yards... Tech had an inexperienced secondary in 2003 and finished #80 in my pass D rankings. They had 3 starters back in 2004 and 2005 and improved to #24 and #38. They had to replace three starters in 2006 and dropped to #48...2006 marked the first time they were in the preseason Top 25 (#25) for 2 consecutive years. **TOLEDO** - With Rob Spence as the OC, he had 4 straight years of brand-new QB's and outstanding production. They even produced Bruce Gradkowski, who in his first year as starter threw for 3,518 (70.2%) with a 27-8 ratio in '04 and started in the NFL. **UCF** - If you watched UCF during their 2005 bowl season you had to be impressed with their WR combo of Mike Walker (855) and Brandon Marshall (1,195) who combined for 138 rec. Marshall was a #4DC and Walker overcame a severe knee injury and finished #3 in the NCAA in rec with a school record 90 (13.1)... In 2006 three players who combined for 16 of the DL's 20.5 sacks departed. UCF trimmed their ypc allowed from 4.9 to 4.5 and the sack total rose to 25... UCF usually finishes high in my ST rankings. They were #40 in '02 and #13 in '03 as Matt Prater led the NCAA in punting (47.9). Surprisingly, he was concentrating on FG's in '04 and they dropped to #61. They were back up to #24 in 2005, as true frosh Joe Burnett was CUSA's top PR. Surprisingly with Burnett getting just 11 PR's in '06 they dropped to #73. Last year they had to replace their P but moved all the way up to #14. O'Leary says that all positions are open for competition every week and vs ULL he started a walk-on K and P, despite the fact that his K and P had great years. **UCLA** - Drew Olson (PS#17) had a 33-26 ratio in his first 3 years but had a phenomenal senior season in '05 throwing for 3,196 (64%) with an amazing 34-6 ratio... From 1999-'03 the UCLA O-line allowed a Pac-10 high 190 sacks. They brought in OL coach Tom Cable in 2004 (HC Idaho). He shook up the unit moving three starters and the Bruins started using chop blocks. They went from 2.6 ypc rushing in '03 to 4.8 in 2004, while allowing just 23 sacks. In 2005 they had to replace two starters, plus Cable left for the NFL, and the unit was hit hard by injuries, as only 2 OL's started all 12. The ypc dropped to 4.4 (26 sk). Cowan injured his knee and Bethel-Thompson came in but did not attempt a pass. Olson returned vs Ore St but was injured early vs ND. Bethel-Thompson hit just 12 of 28 with 4 int's. Cowan started the next 2 and they moved Rasshan back to QB. Cowan was ineffective against Arizona and 4 QB's started with injuries and ineffectiveness and Cowan then suffered a collapsed lung and missed 2. Rasshan hit just 3 of 10 vs the Wildcats but started vs Ariz St. Versus Oregon, Rasshan was 0-7 and Olson QB'd the 2H hitting 4 of 10. Cowan got the start vs USC and was 13-24 for 156 and the team had 1 FD in the first 29:00. Olson came in for the 2H but was 0-5. In the bowl Rasshan started (0-1) and was replaced by Bethel-Thompson who was 11 of 27 for 154 (1-1)... **UNLV** - It is the first time since 1995 that they lose both P and K. **UTAH ST** - Darrell Dickey is 48 years old and was a QB at K-St, leading that team to the 1982 Independence Bowl, the school's first-ever bowl. **UTEP** - With the game seemingly won, they sacked EC's QB on the final drive but were called for a face mask, keeping the drive alive. A 31 yd Hail Mary TD pass on the last play sent it to OT and they lost. **VANDERBILT** - Earl Bennett was the first player in SEC history to have 75+ receptions for 3 straight years and his first and last catch as a Commodore were both for TD's. He did have a streak of 22 straight games with at least 4 rec snapped vs UGA (3). **VIRGINIA** - In 2005 Marques Hagans started all 12 at QB, throwing for 2,492 (62.1%) with a 14-12 ratio (#5DC). Notre Dame transfer Chris Olsen (PS#14) won the starting job in 2006. Groh said that he would not have a quick hook, yet both backups, Kevin McCabe and Jameel Sewell played vs Pitt in the opener. McCabe started vs WM but in the 2H Groh went to the future and turned to Sewell (PS#68). **WAKE FOREST** - In Grobe's first two seasons, they used 2 QB's, with one being primarily a passer and the other a runner. Grobe signed Ben Mauk, who set a national record with 6,590 yards passing and 76 TD's as a HS senior. Mauk won the starting job in '06 but was injured and eventually transferred to Cincinnati where he had a fine senior season... In 2005 they only had to replace one starter and had 7 back with starting experience due to an injury plagued '04 season. Surprisingly, they avg just 4.1 ypc rush with 8.9% sacks. In 2006 they returned 4 starters. They had injuries to the backfield and the ypg dropped by 48 to 150 and the 3.9 ypc was the lowest in the Grobe era (9.1% sacks)... Wake started the season 7-1 for the first time since 1979 (3rd time in schl hist), with their only loss being to Clemson, in a game they led by 14 in the 3Q. They swept their Tobacco Road foes for the first time since 1987 and ended a streak of 17 straight losing years in ACC play, the longest in conf history... They did get a miracle win vs Maryland as they trailed 24-3 and MD was at the 3 yd line when WF got a 100 yd IR TD to turn the tide then got a TD with :06 left to force OT. **WASHINGTON** - At OU Michael Braunstein was a finalist for the Lou Groza Award and set the single season record for FG's for the Bobcats, connecting on 20 straight FG's at one point! Braunstein's replacement was Ryan Perkins who did have a good year hitting 15 of 20 with a long of 45. Ironically, one of the reasons Willingham let Braunstein go was kick strength but Braunstein had 7 TB at OU and Ballman had 1 on 73 KO. **W MICHIGAN** - Greg Jennings departed as the school record holder and was 3rd Tm AA ('05), while Scheffler left after setting the WM record twice for rec by a TE in a season, with 53 & 57...After having inexperienced groups in '03 (2.8 ypc) and '04 (3.0 ypc), WM finally had an experienced unit and had their best ypc rushing in 5 years (3.8) in 2005. They allowed just 24 sacks (6.2%) and had 3 frosh, 5 soph and 2 juniors rotate in the 2 deep. **WISCONSIN** - Barry Alvarez guided UW to Rose Bowl wins in 1998 and 1999, with their pinnacle being a #4 finish in 1999. In 2004 I called them one of the premier teams in the Big Ten and they went 9-2, including their 3rd straight win in Columbus. They got as high as #4 (9-0) in the coaches' poll, going undefeated at home for the second time since 1962. Their D allowed just 9.1 ppg in the first 9 but after injuries hurt the D-line, they allowed 34.3 ppg in their last 3 (all losses). They only had 9 starters back in '05, but Alvarez had perhaps his finest coaching performance yet. He took a team that was out-manned along the line of scrimmage, and outgained by an average of 120.4 ypg in Big Ten play, and guided them to a Jan 1 bowl game with an upset of a stronger Auburn team. All of this from a team that was unranked in the preseason for the first time since 1996. In '89 the team's average attendance was just 41,734 but in Alvarez's final season they averaged 82,551. **WYOMING** - Vinnedge hit 13 of 18 FG' and his 57 yarder vs AF was the 2nd best-ever in the MWC. He also avg 42.7 on punts (36.3 net). KR defense was a major problem and at one point they were last in the NCAA, allowing over 30 yards per return. Vinnedge had 6 TB on 49 KO and they trimmed it to 27.8 by year's end.

POWER PLAYS PROJECTED STATS FOR THE 2008 SEASON

My Power Plays Projections take into account the strength of opponent faced. Each week during the season it projects a box score for each upcoming game with yards rushing, passing and points, etc. I thought it would be fun to plug in the Power Plays numbers vs their opponents' ratings and project the entire season. The chart to the left is projected statistics for the 2008 season.

	OFF RUSH	OFF PASS	OFF PTS	DEF RUSH	DEF PASS	DEF PTS	YPG DIFF	PPG DIFF
SEC								
Florida	245	305	43.0	96	185	19.3	269	23.8
Georgia	210	255	33.0	130	170	19.3	165	13.8
LSU	225	230	34.9	115	205	21.1	135	13.8
Auburn	200	215	29.3	130	160	16.8	125	12.5
S Carolina	140	260	28.0	155	170	19.9	75	8.1
Mississippi	165	220	25.5	135	190	21.1	60	4.4
Tennessee	160	250	31.8	140	210	22.4	60	9.4
Alabama	170	235	29.3	145	205	21.8	55	7.5
Mississippi St	145	190	22.4	145	160	19.9	30	2.5
Kentucky	140	205	23.0	160	200	23.6	-15	-0.6
Arkansas	135	230	24.3	170	248	29.9	-53	-5.6
Vanderbilt	100	145	14.3	185	225	28.6	-165	-14.4
BIG TEN								
Ohio St	245	275	39.3	65	145	10.1	310	31.3
Penn St	210	225	30.5	95	195	16.8	145	13.8
Wisconsin	250	215	30.5	145	210	22.4	110	8.1
Iowa	145	260	24.9	140	200	19.3	65	5.6
Northwestern	125	320	27.4	145	245	27.4	55	0.0
Illinois	225	205	26.1	145	235	23.0	50	3.1
Purdue	135	280	28.6	160	240	26.8	15	1.9
Michigan	160	170	19.6	135	195	19.3	-25	-0.3
Michigan St	180	220	29.9	155	245	28.0	0	1.9
Indiana	170	230	30.5	165	255	28.6	-20	1.9
Minnesota	155	250	25.5	185	260	30.5	-40	-5.0
BIG XII								
Texas Tech	100	495	40.5	150	225	26.1	220	14.4
Oklahoma	225	290	42.4	95	220	17.4	200	25.0
Missouri	170	350	41.1	115	220	18.6	185	22.5
Texas	210	285	36.1	85	272	24.3	138	11.9
Kansas	165	265	29.3	105	250	23.0	75	6.3
Kansas St	160	285	34.3	140	250	26.8	55	7.5
Oklahoma St	230	255	32.4	165	265	27.4	55	5.0
Nebraska	205	265	30.5	145	272	29.9	53	0.6
Colorado	150	250	26.8	165	225	27.4	10	-0.6
Texas A&M	185	200	24.3	175	235	24.9	-25	-0.6
Iowa St	170	175	18.6	155	245	28.0	-55	-9.4
Baylor	85	270	18.6	190	275	33.6	-110	-15.0
ACC								
Clemson	200	270	33.6	105	150	13.6	215	20.0
Florida St	155	280	29.3	105	195	17.4	135	11.9
Miami, Fl	175	190	23.0	115	180	19.3	70	3.8
Virginia Tech	160	235	30.5	130	195	18.6	70	11.9
N Carolina	145	255	26.1	140	195	21.1	65	5.0
Boston College	110	275	22.4	100	230	20.5	55	1.9
Maryland	155	250	27.4	140	225	23.0	40	4.4
Wake Forest	155	180	26.1	120	200	19.3	15	6.9
Georgia Tech	220	150	21.8	125	235	23.6	10	-1.9
Virginia	145	200	20.5	160	220	25.5	-35	-5.0
NC State	160	215	23.0	175	250	28.6	-50	-5.6
Duke	95	230	19.3	170	220	28.0	-65	-8.8
PAC-10								
USC	195	265	32.4	95	190	16.8	175	15.6
Oregon	215	220	29.9	115	210	19.9	110	10.0
Arizona St	150	270	31.8	120	220	19.9	80	11.9
California	165	260	27.4	130	215	23.6	80	3.8
Washington St	155	280	26.1	120	240	25.5	75	0.6
Arizona	115	320	32.4	165	230	28.6	40	3.8
Oregon St	140	230	23.6	150	230	26.8	-10	-3.1
UCLA	120	205	24.3	145	260	26.1	-80	-1.9
Stanford	135	210	19.9	165	260	26.8	-80	-6.9
Washington	190	185	24.3	200	260	33.0	-85	-8.8

2008 PROJECTED RUSH OFFENSES

1. West Virginia
2. Navy
3. Louisiana-Lft
4. Wisconsin
5. Ohio St
6. Florida
7. Air Force
8. TCU
9. USF
10. Oklahoma St
11. Oklahoma
12. LSU
13. Tulsa
14. Illinois
15. Nevada

116. Hawaii
117. SMU
118. Ohio
119. New Mexico St
120. Baylor

2008 PROJECTED PASS OFFENSES

1. Texas Tech
2. New Mexico St
3. BYU
4. Missouri
5. SMU
6. Tulsa
7. Hawaii
8. Florida Atlantic
9. Northwestern
10. Arizona
11. Ball St
12. Rice
13. Florida
14. North Texas
15. Louisville

116. Vanderbilt
117. Utah St
118. W Kentucky
119. Air Force
120. Navy

2008 PROJECTED SCORING OFFENSES

1. Florida
2. Oklahoma
3. Tulsa
4. Missouri
5. Texas Tech
6. Ohio St
7. BYU
8. West Virginia
9. USF
10. Boise St
11. Texas
12. C Michigan
13. LSU
14. Florida Atlantic
15. Clemson

116. Iowa St
117. Florida Int'l
118. Baylor
119. Utah St
120. Vanderbilt

2008 PROJECTED RUSH DEFENSES

1. Ohio St
2. TCU
3. Texas
4. Oklahoma
5. USC
6. Penn St
7. Florida
8. Boston College
9. Clemson
10. Florida St
11. Kansas
12. Miami, Oh
13. USF
14. Missouri
15. LSU

116. Colorado St
117. North Texas
118. UAB
119. Louisiana-Lft
120. San Diego St

2008 PROJECTED PASS DEFENSES

1. Ohio St
2. Clemson
3. Utah
4. Auburn
5. Rutgers
6. Mississippi St
7. Georgia
8. S Carolina
9. Notre Dame
10. Miami, Fl
11. Florida
12. USC
13. Pittsburgh
14. Mississippi
15. Penn St

116. Tulsa
117. Baylor
118. C Michigan
119. Tulane
120. North Texas

2008 PROJECTED POINTS DEFENSES

1. Ohio St
2. Clemson
3. Utah
4. USC
5. TCU
6. Penn St
7. Auburn
8. Oklahoma
9. Florida St
10. Boise St
11. Missouri
12. Miami, Oh
13. Virginia Tech
14. Georgia
15. Florida

116. Idaho
117. Baylor
118. C Michigan
119. SMU
120. North Texas

2008 PROJECTED TOTAL OFFENSES

1. Texas Tech
2. Florida
3. Tulsa
4. BYU
5. Missouri
6. Ohio St
7. Oklahoma
8. C Michigan
9. Texas
10. Oklahoma St
11. Nevada
12. USF
13. West Virginia
14. Florida Atlantic
15. New Mexico St

116. San Diego St
117. Ohio
118. Army
119. Utah St
120. Vanderbilt

2008 PROJECTED TOTAL DEFENSES

1. Ohio St
2. Clemson
3. USC
4. Florida
5. Penn St
6. Auburn
7. Miami, Fl
8. TCU
9. Georgia
10. Florida St
11. Utah
12. Mississippi St
13. Miami, Oh
14. Oklahoma
15. USF

116. Utah St
117. Washington
118. Baylor
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BIG EAST	OFF RUSH	OFF PASS	OFF PTS	DEF RUSH	DEF PASS	DEF PTS	YPG DIFF	PPG DIFF
USF	230	255	36.8	115	205	19.9	165	16.9
West Virginia	320	155	37.4	130	220	23.0	125	14.4
Pittsburgh	180	235	29.3	130	190	22.4	95	6.9
Rutgers	140	275	27.4	165	160	21.1	90	6.3
Louisville	160	295	29.9	165	240	29.3	50	0.6
Connecticut	195	205	28.6	140	225	21.1	35	7.5
Cincinnati	140	245	26.8	140	235	23.6	10	3.1
Syracuse	105	230	21.1	190	255	32.4	-110	-11.3
Mountain West								
BYU	175	355	37.4	125	200	21.1	205	16.3
TCU	240	225	32.4	85	215	16.8	165	15.6
Utah	210	250	33.0	145	160	15.5	155	17.5
Wyoming	160	210	21.8	130	220	27.4	20	-5.6
UNLV	150	240	21.8	190	195	26.8	5	-5.0
New Mexico	130	200	20.5	155	220	26.1	-45	-5.6
Air Force	245	110	25.5	155	250	25.5	-50	0.0
Colorado St	160	175	21.1	200	225	30.5	-90	-9.4
San Diego St	100	210	22.4	220	210	28.6	-120	-6.3
CUSA								
Tulsa	225	325	41.8	160	275	30.5	115	11.3
Houston	175	275	28.0	125	230	27.4	95	0.6
Memphis	170	265	28.0	165	215	26.1	55	1.9
Marshall	180	245	26.1	175	230	28.6	20	-2.5
UCF	150	210	26.1	150	200	24.3	10	1.9
East Carolina	145	235	28.0	140	235	25.5	5	2.5
Rice	115	310	31.8	175	265	33.6	-15	-1.9
Southern Miss	190	175	24.3	155	230	26.1	-20	-1.9
UTEP	135	285	32.4	185	270	31.8	-35	0.6
SMU	90	340	29.9	200	270	35.5	-40	-5.6
Tulane	145	215	22.4	145	280	32.4	-65	-10.0
UAB	140	195	23.0	205	240	31.1	-110	-8.1
WAC								
Boise St	190	280	36.8	115	220	18.0	135	18.8
Fresno St	210	260	31.8	165	230	24.9	75	6.9
Nevada	220	265	33.0	145	270	31.1	70	1.9
N Mexico St	85	390	28.0	185	240	33.0	50	-5.0
Hawaii	90	325	30.5	155	250	28.6	10	1.9
San Jose St	135	280	25.5	160	250	26.1	5	-0.6
Louisiana Tech	160	215	22.4	140	245	26.1	-10	-3.8
Idaho	185	200	25.5	155	270	33.6	-40	-8.1
Utah St	115	135	14.9	190	260	29.3	-200	-14.4
INDEPENDENTS								
Notre Dame	135	250	26.1	155	170	23.0	60	3.1
Navy	310	100	29.9	140	260	29.3	10	0.6
Army	135	155	19.3	190	220	30.5	-120	-11.3
MAC								
W Michigan	140	290	29.3	135	200	21.1	95	8.1
Ball St	160	310	33.0	180	210	25.5	80	7.5
Miami, Oh	135	250	23.0	110	200	18.6	75	4.4
Kent St	210	200	26.1	135	225	24.3	50	1.9
C Michigan	205	295	36.1	170	280	34.3	50	1.9
Bowling Green	145	275	29.3	175	210	25.5	35	3.8
N Illinois	185	230	26.8	160	225	25.5	30	1.3
Temple	115	230	20.5	150	195	23.6	0	-3.1
Toledo	170	250	29.3	185	235	31.1	0	-1.9
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Akron	150	190	24.3	175	255	30.5	-90	-6.3
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North Texas	115	300	26.1	205	280	39.3	-70	-13.1
Middle Tenn	130	195	22.4	190	220	28.6	-85	-6.3
Florida Int'l	130	185	18.6	180	235	31.8	-100	-13.1
W Kentucky	180	135	20.5	195	240	29.9	-120	-9.4

MIP OFFENSIVE RUSH

1.	TCU
2.	NC State
3.	Nebraska
4.	Notre Dame
5.	Tulsa
6.	San Jose St
7.	N Illinois
8.	Wisconsin
9.	Ohio St
10.	Army
11.	Iowa St
12.	N Carolina
13.	USF
14.	Florida
15.	Auburn
116.	Ohio
117.	W Kentucky
118.	SMU
119.	UCF
120.	Arkansas

MIP OFFENSIVE PASS

1.	SMU
2.	Notre Dame
3.	Ohio St
4.	Iowa
5.	Arkansas
6.	New Mexico St
7.	Pittsburgh
8.	BYU
9.	Georgia
10.	Fresno St
11.	Florida
12.	Utah
13.	Maryland
14.	Florida St
15.	Auburn
116.	Nebraska
117.	Michigan
118.	San Diego St
119.	Kentucky
120.	Hawaii

MIP OFFENSIVE POINTS

1.	Notre Dame
2.	Ohio St
3.	N Illinois
4.	BYU
5.	Utah
6.	Pittsburgh
7.	Iowa
8.	TCU
9.	Florida St
10.	Mississippi
11.	San Jose St
12.	Auburn
13.	N Carolina
14.	Syracuse
15.	Kent St
116.	W Kentucky
117.	Hawaii
118.	Arkansas
119.	Kansas
120.	Kentucky

MIP DEFENSE RUSH

1.	Nebraska
2.	Mississippi
3.	Miami, Oh
4.	South Carolina
5.	UAB
6.	N Illinois
7.	Minnesota
8.	W Michigan
9.	Army
10.	Washington St
11.	Notre Dame
12.	Memphis
13.	Navy
14.	California
15.	Bowling Green
116.	Colorado
117.	Virginia
118.	Vanderbilt
119.	W Kentucky
120.	Oregon St

MIP DEFENSE PASS

1.	Florida
2.	East Carolina
3.	Florida St
4.	Rice
5.	San Diego St
6.	Georgia
7.	Louisiana Tech
8.	Oregon
9.	Clemson
10.	Missouri
11.	Colorado
12.	Mississippi
13.	UCF
14.	Miami, Fl
15.	UTEP
116.	Hawaii
117.	Texas Tech
118.	NC State
119.	Arkansas
120.	W Kentucky

MIP DEFENSE POINTS

1.	Rice
2.	Toledo
3.	Nebraska
4.	W Michigan
5.	Mississippi
6.	Florida Int'l
7.	Navy
8.	Miami, Oh
9.	Washington St
10.	Miami, Fl
11.	Bowling Green
12.	Florida Atlantic
13.	Florida
14.	Minnesota
15.	Kentucky
116.	Virginia
117.	Vanderbilt
118.	Kansas
119.	New Mexico
120.	W Kentucky

FUN FACTS ABOUT 2008 PROJECTED STATS - In 2006 only one BCS team was in both the Top 10 for MIP Offensive PPG AND Defensive PPG. That was Arkansas and Power Plays had them outscoring their foes by a 31.8-16.1 avg. They came very close as during the regular season they outscored foes 30.2-16.8!!! They went from 4-7 to 10-4 in '06 and at one point were as high as #5 in the country! Last year only ONE BCS school made my top 13 in both the offensive and defensive MIP PPG. Power Plays projected Illinois to outscore their opponents by a 28.4-23.7 margin and in 2006 they were outscored by a 26.8-19.6 avg. Illinois ended up in the ROSE BOWL and outscored foes by a 27.8-21.8 margin! There is ONE BCS team that ranks in my Top TEN in each category this year and that team is (drum roll please) Mississippi! Last year the Rebels were outscored 28.5-20.1, but Power Plays shows them outscoring foes this year by an avg of 25.5-21.1. Can they somehow be the third straight team to go from consecutive losing seasons to a Jan 1 bowl?

In 2006 these pages forecasted Hawaii to be the most potent offense, Virginia Tech to have the #1 total defense, Navy the #1 rush offense and Baylor #119, Hawaii to finish #1 passing (Navy #119) and VT #1 in pass defense and that is where EVERYONE of those groups finished! The forecast had TCU finishing #1 in rush defense but they "only" finished #2. Power Plays had projected them to allow 60 ypg rush and they allowed 60.8! Last year Power Plays did not get as many #1's as the previous year but did very well in the total offense and total defense categories. The top 4 total defenses at the end of 2007 were rated #1, #2, #3 and #7 in my ratings prior to the year. Of the Top 15 total offenses in 2007, my Power Plays had TEN of the teams projected to be in the Top 15 at the start of the year.

With that great track record let's take a look at who should be the nation's leaders in the different categories. Power Plays says that West Virginia, Navy and Louisiana-Lft will battle for the offensive rushing title and Texas Tech, New Mexico St and BYU for the passing offense title. It shows Florida scoring the most points but finishing #2 to Texas Tech in total yards. That makes sense as teams that run the ball effectively have more success in the red zone where the field shrinks than passing teams. Ohio State comes up #1 across the board on defense with Clemson, Florida and USC all contenders for the top spot. It may surprise you that Florida is up there after you watched them give up 25.5 ppg last year including 41 to Michigan in their bowl loss. Keep in mind that the Gators had just 2 starters back on D last year and while VERY talented they were very young and are now a year older.

One last note. In past years I have included forecasts of BCS teams vs non-BCS schedules and vice versa. On my website www.PhilSteele.com, I will give you examples of how Utah, Tulsa and BYU would fare statistically if they played in the SEC and how a team like Mississippi would do vs a WAC or MAC schedule.

WHO WILL WIN THE HEISMAN?

The best college football player of the season receives the Heisman Trophy, the most talked about award in college football. Every week, sports shows list which prospective candidates are rising & falling on the list to win the Trophy.

Predicting who will win the Heisman is a tough task, even with a couple of weeks left in the regular season and there is always plenty of debate. With just a few weeks left in 2002's race, Carson Palmer was not even in the Top 5 but he still ended up winning. Naturally, it is even tougher predicting the winner four months prior to the season.

Florida QB Tim Tebow

In 1998, I listed Ricky Williams of Texas as my Heisman Trophy favorite. Things did not look good for Ricky when the Longhorns were humiliated by UCLA and Kansas St in back-to-back weeks and he had just average games in both. It was said at the time that his Heisman chances were GONE. When the smoke cleared Ricky broke the NCAA career rushing record and was the recipient of the coveted trophy.

In 1999, I listed Ron Dayne of Wisconsin as my Heisman favorite. Much like Ricky, Ron's chances of winning the Heisman appeared to go out the window after Michigan shut him down and then he fumbled late in the Badgers' upset loss to Cincinnati. When the season was over, Wisconsin was in the Rose Bowl and Dayne had broken Williams' career rushing mark and won the Heisman.

In 2000, I had the only preseason publication in the country that called for Chris Weinke to win the Heisman and he was not even on many folks' lists at the start of the year. This long shot simply delivered my THIRD straight winner, despite the big odds. Michael Vick was by far the preseason favorite in 2000 but came up short.

In 2001, I missed with Chris Simms but did have Heisman winner Eric Crouch listed as #3 coming into the year. It would have been tough to pick who was going to win the Heisman that year, even on the morning of the presentation, as the voting was one of the closest ever.

In 2002, NO ONE pegged Carson Palmer to win the Heisman prior to the year and he was about a 100-1 longshot over the summer but I did have him #7 that year on my list of Preseason Heisman Favorites.

In 2003, Jason White was listed at 30-1 odds to win the Heisman with 20 players listed ahead of him so another darkhorse won the award. I missed for the 3rd time in 5 years with Maurice Clarett of Ohio St (but we all know that story). In 2004, White finished 3rd in the voting but one of the favorites, Matt Leinart, took home the trophy.

In 2005, Leinart was my pick but didn't become the 2nd two-time winner with his teammate Reggie Bush beating him out. Had the vote taken place AFTER the bowls, Vince Young would have won it.

In 2006 the QB of the #1 team in the country led from start to finish in the Heisman race as Troy Smith took home the award in a landslide.Last year Tim Tebow became the first soph to win it.

Here are this year's favorites:

MY FAVORITES

1. Tim Tebow, Florida
Tebow had a great year in 2007 becoming the first player in NCAA history to have 20 TD's BOTH rushing and passing. He was among the NCAA leaders in pass efficiency and while he will run less, will still put up big stats. Tim is also the QB for my #1 team in the country and that gives him a great chance to become just the second two time Heisman winner.

2. Chris "Beanie" Wells, Ohio State
This Buckeye is among the favorites for the trophy and he looks like the top RB this year. He was banged up at times in 2007 yet still rushed for 1,609 yards. How ironic would it be if an Ohio St RB preserved Archie Griffin's record of being the ONLY two time Heisman winner (at least for another year).

3. Pat White, West Virginia
If this guy could just stay healthy the entire year, he would have a great shot at the Heisman and could lead his team into the title game. He is the most dangerous running QB in the land and is becoming a better passer each season.

4. Chase Daniel, Missouri
If Missouri had beaten Oklahoma in the Big XII Title game then Daniel probably would have won the Heisman last year. He threw for 4,306 yards (68%) with a 33-11 ratio and rushed for 253. He ran for 598 in '06 and can hurt you both ways and guides a talented Tiger squad.

5. Graham Harrell, Texas Tech
The Red Raiders are one of my surprise teams this year and Harrell is likely to lead the NCAA in passing. If he gets them to the Big XII Title game over Oklahoma and Texas, he will get a lot of attention.

6. Knowshon Moreno, Georgia
Georgia's second half surge to the #2 spot in the polls in '07 was keyed by Moreno taking over as the feature back for the Dogs. He had 1,334 yards splitting the duties with Thomas Brown. Georgia figures to be the AP's preseason #1 team this year.

7. Sam Bradford, Oklahoma
Starting QB's for top rated teams are automatically in the hunt for the trophy (see Troy Smith in 2006) and OU figures to be favored in all 12 games this year. He was #1 in the NCAA in pass efficiency as a rFr and now has experience.

8. Cullen Harper, Clemson
Clemson is my #2 surprise team and Harper led the ACC in pass efficiency as a first time starter in 2007 with a super 27-6 ratio. Bowden will give him more freedom this year now that he is experienced and teams will have to focus on the Davis/Spiller rushing combo.

CONTENDERS

This list is heavy on experienced QB's that could put up big stats for National Title contenders which has been the formula for five of the last seven Heisman Trophy winners.

Todd Boeckman, Ohio State
He had a better than expected year as a first time starter in '07 and the last veteran OSU QB won the Heisman.

Matthew Stafford, Georgia
Alot of people believe he will be the first QB taken in next year's draft. He has 3 years of experience and is the QB for the likely preseason #1 team.

Michael Crabtree, Texas Tech
Harrell threw for 5,705 yards in '07 and didn't it seem like Crabtree caught about 5,000 of them?

Percy Harvin, Florida
He will make a lot of highlight films with receiving, rushing, passing and return yards. Hey, didn't the last returning Heisman winner (Matt Leinart) lose out to a RB in his same backfield (Reggie Bush)?

Dan LeFevour, Central Michigan
I know he has no chance but he was almost a member of the 20/20 TD club like Tebow in '07.

Mark Sanchez, USC
Starting QB's for National Title contenders are always a threat and USC has won 3 of the last 6 Heismans.

DeMarco Murray, Oklahoma
He got injured last year or would have had a bigger impact. Murray is one of the most exciting RB's in the land.

LeSean McCoy, Pitt
He was the Panthers' offense last year as a Freshman and they are a much stronger team this year.

Jimmy Clausen, Notre Dame
He's the QB on my Most Improved Team and Irish QB's always have a shot.

Matt Grothe, USF
A contender if he stays healthy all year. He is the QB of my #1 Surprise Team and a dual threat.

Jeremy Maclin, Missouri
A threat to score every time he touches the ball.

POSSIBILITIES

Here are some quality players that will put up big stats but aren't likely to be playing for a National Title contender or may play for a title contender but could split votes with other prime players.

Curtis Painter, Purdue
Chase Holbrook, N Mexico St
Ian Johnson, Boise St
James Davis, Clemson
Jake Locker, Washington
Darrius Heyward-Bey, Maryland
Sammie Stroughter, Oregon St
Willie Tuitama, Arizona
CJ Spiller, Clemson
Rudy Carpenter, Arizona St
Drew Weatherford, Florida St
Hunter Cantwell, Louisville
Colt McCoy, Texas
Rusty Smith, Florida Atlantic
Max Hall, BYU
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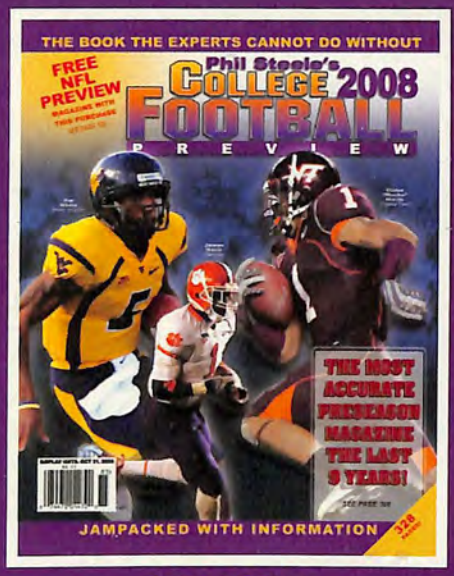
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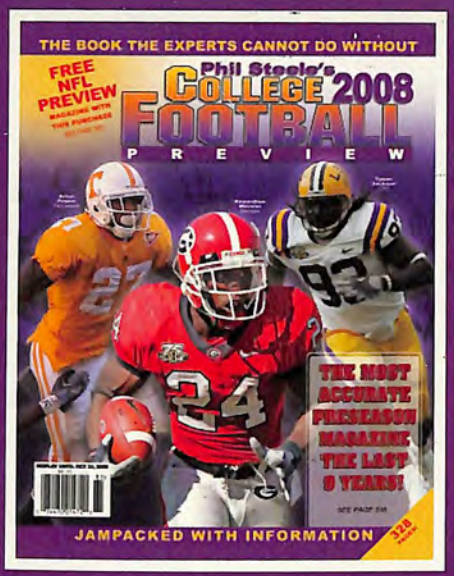
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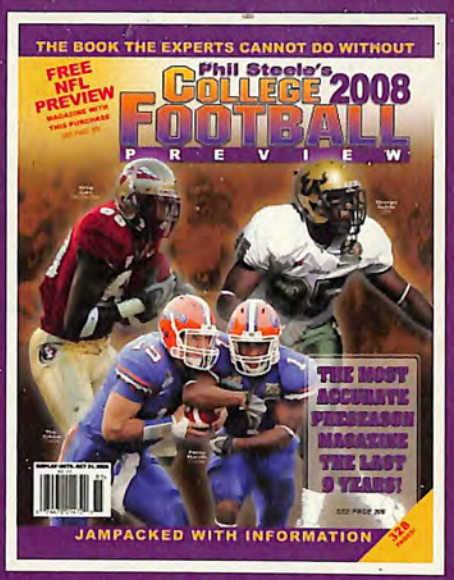
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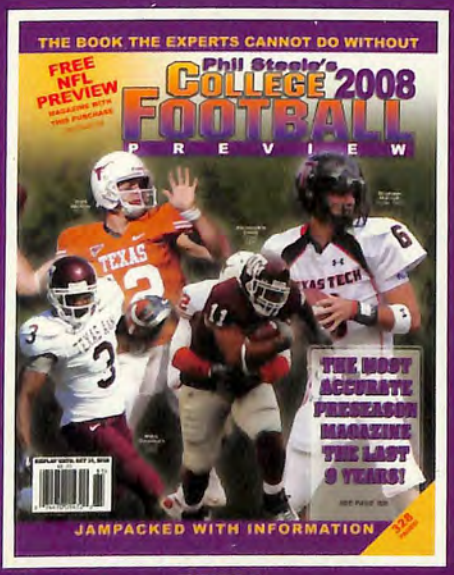
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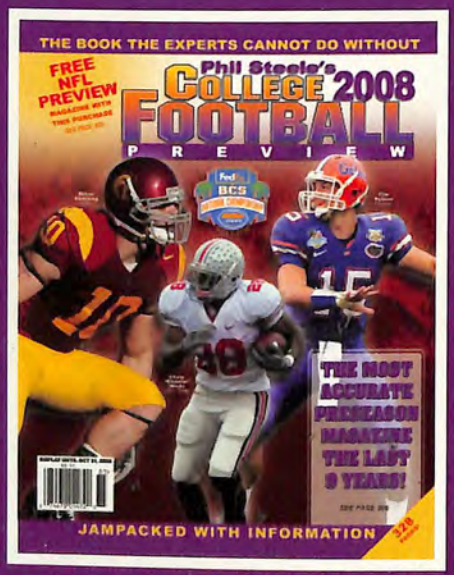
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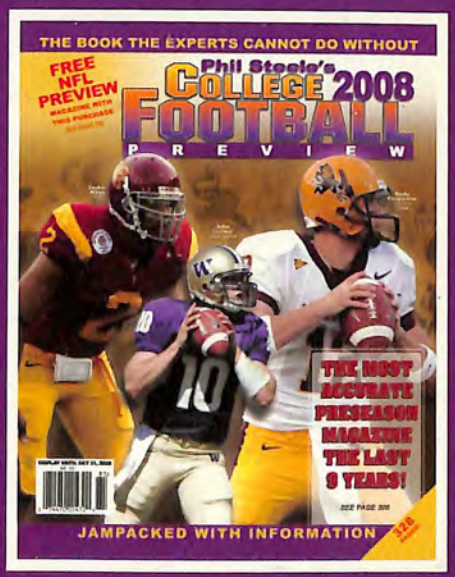
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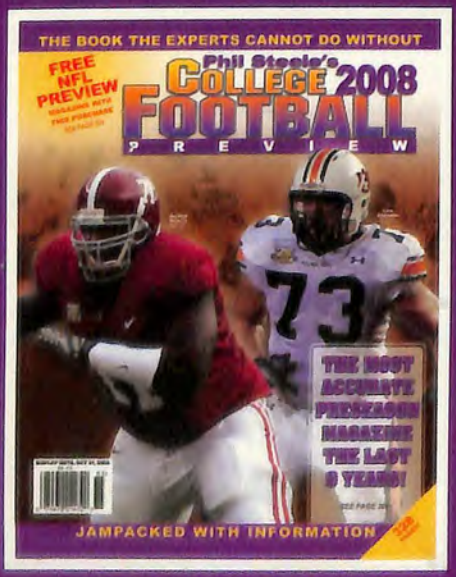
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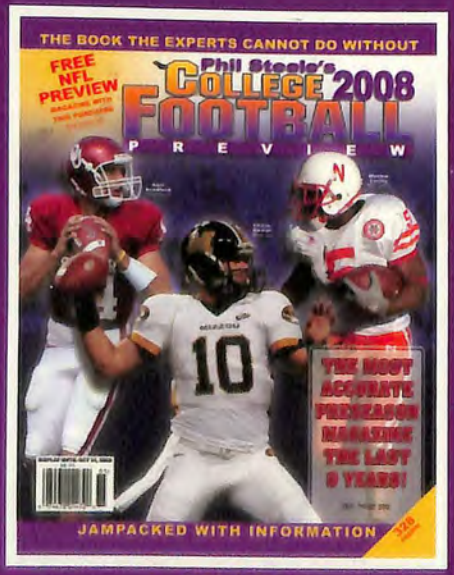
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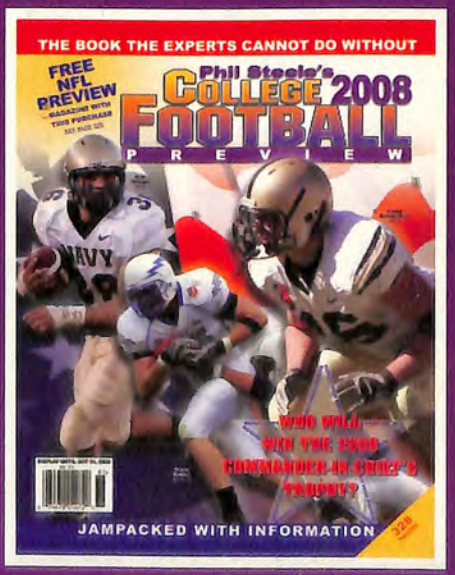
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